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# Newsletter



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## Renovated community center to be bigger – and brighter

When the Town of Vienna’s newly renovated community center opens in the spring of 2017, it not only will be a lot bigger (about 15,000 square feet larger), it’s also going to be a lot brighter. In fact, the new facility is designed to be LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified at the silver level, and as such, much of the new construction features a lot of glass, which will provide natural light.



“There’s going to be a lot more sunlight coming into the rooms and natural light in the building,” says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. “We’re already excited about being able to serve the community in what will seem like a brand new facility.”

Work on this expansion, arguably the first extensive renovation in the center’s nearly 50-year existence, will require all of 2016 to complete. Keller Brothers, Inc. of Mount Airy, Maryland, is the general contractor, and The Lukmire Partnership of Arlington is the architect.

A re-opening celebration is expected to be scheduled sometime in the spring of 2017. Vienna’s parks and recreation staff will offer monthly renovation updates at 6:30 p.m. at Town Hall prior to Council work sessions, which are held the second Monday of each month; photos and updates also will be posted on the “Community Center Renovation” page on the Town website, [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov).

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## Happy Holidays!



Information about holiday events and activities provided on pages 2 and 9-11.

**Community Center Renovation Updates**  
6:30 pm the second Monday of each month through construction (prior to Town Council work sessions) in Council Chambers, Town Hall



**Curious to know what life was like in 1890, the year Vienna was established?**  
Sequoia National Park was established to protect the giant Sequoia trees, amongst the oldest living things on earth. Also, The National Weather Service essentially began on this year when Congress passed an act creating the U.S. Weather Bureau as part of the Department of Agriculture.

# Ho-ho-holiday happenings around Vienna



## Lunch with Santa

Ever wonder what Santa eats for lunch? In Vienna, it's hot dogs and chips. Tickets may still be available for Lunch with Santa on **December 5**, hosted by the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary. Lunch will be from 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. at the Vienna Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Attendees also will enjoy a craft by Kiln & Company and a holiday story presented by the Patrick Henry Library. Tickets, if still available, are \$5; call 703-255-6360 to check availability.

## Sipping and dancing at holiday tea

Adults 55 and older are invited to a Holiday Tea, hosted by Shepherd Center of Oakton-Vienna and Vienna Parks and Recreation, from 2-4 p.m. Friday, **December 11**, at Our Lady of Good Counsel, 8601 Wolfrap Road. The afternoon includes tea, snacks, and dancing to the music of Tallwood Trio. Tickets are \$10 and should be purchased by December 2. Call 703-281-0538 to register.

## December Town Meetings

*Meetings are at 8 p.m. Town Hall, 127 Center Street S, unless otherwise noted.*

**December 1:** Windover Heights Board of Review

**December 7:** Town Council Work Session

**December 9:** Planning Commission

**December 10:** Town/Business Liaison Committee, 7 p.m.

**December 11:** Holiday Reception, Town Hall, 4 to 6 p.m.

**December 14:** Town Council Meeting

**December 16:** Board of Zoning Appeals

**December 17:** Board of Architectural Review

**December 17:** Community Enhancement Commission, 7 p.m.

## You're invited to a holiday bash!

The Mayor and Vienna Town Council invites you to the annual Holiday Reception Friday, **December 11**, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 127 Center Street. No RSVP necessary. Come and enjoy the festivities.

## Vienna's Santa hotline

Vienna children are invited to hear a specially recorded message from the jolly ol' elf himself beginning Monday, **December 14**, through Christmas Day. Whether naughty or nice, call the Vienna Information Line at 703-255-6333 to hear what Santa Claus has to say.

## Caroling on the Green

Celebrate the season through music: Join the Bridges Choir from Cunningham Park Elementary School for some traditional caroling at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, **December 17**, on the Town Green. All ages welcome. Marshmallow-roasting stations will be set up.

## O Tannenbaum

Vienna is one of more than 125 Virginia communities represented this year with a unique handmade ornament on the Governor's Mansion holiday tree in Richmond. Vienna's ornament is a customized Rachel Peden design of Town Hall provided by Historic Vienna Inc. The community ornaments were organized by the Virginia Municipal League (VML), which will continue to use the ornaments in future years.

## Town closings & holiday sanitation schedule

Town Hall will close at noon on Thursday, December 24, and will remain closed December 25. It also will be closed Friday, January 1.

Refuse collection for December 25 will take place on December 26, and sanitation services scheduled for January 1 will take place January 2.

## Sign up for Vienna Alerts!

Click on the green 'Vienna Alerts' button at the bottom of the Vienna homepage to sign up and receive personalized notifications from the Town. Water main breaks, Town closures, and Town events will all be sent to your preferred device.

## Mayor receives Community Builders Award

The Freemason Concord Lodge #307 honored Mayor Laurie DiRocco October 20 with its prestigious Community Builders Award, which recognizes outstanding community accomplishments of those who live and work in cities and towns. The Community Builders Award is the highest honor bestowed to a community leader by the Grand Concord Lodge of Virginia.

James Cudney, leader of the Concord Lodge and Town/ Business Liaison Committee chairman, presided over the ceremony. Outlining DiRocco's numerous accomplishments during her tenure as mayor, and formerly as councilmember, Cudney praised her as "a pillar of the community" with the drive and wisdom to "enrich the lives of residents, businesses, and organizations." He noted the Maple Avenue Vision and inception of a Public Arts Commission as two important

endeavors that DiRocco has helped bring about.

"I am honored to be recognized by the Masons," says DiRocco. "I feel this award is a reflection of the tremendous number of citizens who actively volunteer in the Town and create a strong sense of community."



## Turn over a new leaf with free mulch

The Public Works Department will take orders December 1 through February 29 for leaf mulch to be delivered free of charge to residents who live within the corporate limits of the Town. Delivery will likely begin mid-January. To place your order, call the "Mulch Line" recording at 703-255-6388 and leave your name, address, daytime phone number, and the number of loads to be delivered. You also may order leaf mulch online by visiting [viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164](http://viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=164). One load is approximately 2.5 cubic yards, which roughly equals 30 bags of mulch. Half loads are available upon request.

Please note the following important conditions:

- Deliveries are based on availability of mulch.
- Deliveries will be placed only in the driveway at the end closest to the house.
- Once mulch is delivered, it becomes the property of the homeowner, and the Town will not remove any excess mulch ordered.

Residents may pick up leaf mulch themselves in any amount from 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday (except holidays) from January 2 through March 31, while supplies last. Please call 703-255-6380 to arrange a pick-up time and to ensure a staff member will be on site. The mulch is stored on Town-owned property at 442 Beulah Road NE, near Glyndon Park.

## 'Tis the season to collect leaves

The Town of Vienna will continue leaf collection through the end of the year. The first pass through Town was expected to be completed by the time this newsletter arrives in mailboxes. A second and third sweep are planned. The Town added a third leaf truck to the rotation this year, which has resulted in a faster, more efficient collection process.

In order to help residents plan for collections, the Town regularly updates a colored map online that indicates where crews have been recently and in what direction they are headed. A link to the map can be found at [viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163](http://viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=163). A link to a list of streets that recently have been vacuumed is also provided online.

Information about leaf collection routes also is being broadcast on the Town's public access channel, available on channel 27 for Cox subscribers and channel 38 for Verizon FIOS customers.

In addition, the Public Works Department will put out general street signs with a message like: "Rake Now! Leaf Collection Coming to Your Neighborhood" on main neighborhood streets as crews approach. The signs are expected to be placed at the end of the week in specific areas that are anticipated to be serviced in the coming week.

Residents are welcome to call public works at 703-255-6380 to check on the collection schedule. For safety reasons, please rake leaves just to the curb, and not in the street.

# TOWN COUNCIL ACTIONS

The following items are extracts of recent Town Council actions and are not official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas and meeting videos are available online at [www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567](http://www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=567).

*All votes are unanimous unless noted otherwise.*

## September 28, 2015

- Approved an amount not to exceed an additional \$3,000 for UK Elite Soccer through December 31, 2015.
- Approved an amount not to exceed \$581,691.65 for replacement of synthetic turf field at Waters Field.
- Approved the Capital Improvement Plan through 2034
- Deferred memorandum of understanding between Town of Vienna and Faith Baptist Church to the regular Council meeting of October 19, 2015.
- Approved the language of the proposed ordinance, Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the Town of Vienna, adding a new Article 7 and new

sections 2-69 to 2-71 to Establish Procedures for the Disposition and Disposal of Property Seized by the Police in Accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1719. *(Approved 6-1, with Councilmember Majdi voting nay.)*

- Accepted the Public Infrastructure Manual as guidelines for public improvements in the Town of Vienna.
- Awarded an engineering services contract for Town Hall parking lot alteration in the amount of \$31,500 to Urban, LTD.
- Awarded an additional \$10,000 for the Village Green storm sewer design contract to Urban, LTD under RFP 13-05.
- Awarded IFB 16-05 to CAMCO, LLC of Gaithersburg, MD in the amount of \$23,100

- for janitorial services.
- Changed the public works inspector position from part-time to full-time.
- Award IFB 16-10 On-Call Roadway Maintenance Contract to Sagres Construction.
- Approved \$18,304 in additional spending with Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP, under contract RFP 13-05, for construction management support, bringing the total FY16 expenditure to \$36,604.
- Endorsed an HB-2 grant application for a Maple Avenue and Park Street Traffic Signal Reconstruction project.

## October 19, 2015

- Accepted the 2016 Town Calendar as proposed and directed the clerk to advertise adoption of Town Council's 2016 regular meeting schedule.

- Deferred approval of the memorandum of understanding between the Town of Vienna and Faith Baptist Church to the regular Council meeting of November 2, 2015.
- Endorsed a VDOT Safe Routes to School sidewalk grant application for a sidewalk project on the south side of Melody Lane SW from Lullaby Lane to DeSale Street.
- Endorsed a VDOT Revenue Sharing grant application.
- Awarded a \$99,696 Nutley & West Street NW sidewalk design contract to Rinker Design Associates through RFP 12-01 On-Call Engineering Services.
- Approved FY16 spending with Cargill, Inc., riding Montgomery County Contract #1041647 in an amount not to exceed \$116,900, for salt.
- Replaced vehicle #87, purchasing a Ford Fusion for \$18,040 through Bluefield, Virginia
- Set public

- hearing for Nov, 16 on a proposed bond ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Town of Vienna in an amount up to \$6,750,000 for the purpose of financing, among other things, improvements to the Vienna Community Center, stormwater drainage improvements, water and sewer system improvements and street improvements.
- Approved the proposed ordinance, to amend Chapter 2, Administration, of the Code of the Town of Vienna, Adding a New Article 7 and New Sections 2-69 to 2-71 to Establish Procedures for the Disposition and Disposal of Property Seized by the Police in Accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1719. *(Approved 6-1, with Councilmember Majdi voting nay.)*
- Endorse Solarize 2016, through NVRC.

## TOWN OF VIENNA NEWSLETTER

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**Deadline for the January issue is December 10.**

## First Wednesdays with Supervisor Hudgins

Meet one-on-one with Fairfax County/Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, from 4 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, January 6. Stop in the Patrick Henry Library to share your concerns or just have a conversation with your elected supervisor. No appointment necessary.

## COMMENT FROM THE COUNCIL TABLE

### Four-way stops: Who's turn is it to go?

by Councilmember Tara Voigt

I'm sure that you have noticed that the Town of Vienna has a number of three- and four-way (all-way) stop-sign intersections. All-way stop signs are used throughout the Town of Vienna at intersections where there is a combination of excessive speed, restricted view, and/or serious accident record involving turning traffic. All-way stops also allow traffic flow from busy minor streets (from *The Citizen's Guide to Traffic Calming in Vienna*).

Have you noticed that drivers often are confused as to whose turn it is when coming to an all-way intersection? The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has a handy pdf that illustrates who has the right-of-way in intersections. It can be found at [nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/Article/RightOfWay/RightOfWayRules.pdf](http://nhtsa.gov/DOT/NHTSA/NTI/Article/RightOfWay/RightOfWayRules.pdf)

Here's a brief overview of who has the right-of-way. Remember to please kindly come to a complete stop at all intersections with a stop sign:

- **First to Stop=First to Go.** If you arrive at the intersection first, it is your right to go through the intersection first.
- **Farthest Right Goes First.** If two vehicles arrive at the

intersection at the same time, the vehicle on the right goes first.

- **Straight Traffic Goes First.** When two vehicles are directly across from one another, and one is turning left across the intersection, the one going straight goes first. A perfect reason to use your turn signal.

- **When in Doubt, Bail Out.** Even if you have the right-of-way, if you feel uncomfortable (or your safety is threatened), let the other traffic go ahead of you.

The above rules also apply to cyclists and pedestrians on the roadway or sidewalks as well. Cyclists riding on the road are considered vehicles. When coming to an all-way stop intersection as a cyclist or pedestrian, make eye contact with the drivers of each car to ensure your safety when crossing the roadway. Spread the word to your friends, neighbors, and even your children. Everyone should know who has the right-of-way at an intersection.



## I-66: 'No perfect solution'

The upcoming expansion of I-66, recently named the worst freeway in America by the website Thrillist, was the topic of conversation at the November 10 Mayor @ Your Service presentation. Mayor Laurie DiRocco welcomed Susan Shaw, regional transportation program director with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), to present an update and to answer citizen questions.

The expansion project, on which construction is expected to begin in 2017, will provide three regular lanes and two high-occupancy toll lanes in each direction as well as high-frequency bus service with predictable travel times along a 25-mile stretch from Haymarket to the Capital Beltway. The project, Shaw said, is designed to reduce congestion on the interstate by increasing capacity, provide new and predictable multimodal travel choices, and enhance safety and travel predictability. Construction is expected to take four years.

"There is no perfect solution," Shaw acknowledged. "It's an effective solution, but we're not building ourselves out of the congestion entirely. Some congestion will remain at peak times."

VDOT's preferred plan, she said, makes use of existing structure and makes travel along the I-66 corridor "better – not perfect" by reducing congestion, bottlenecks, and cut-throughs on local roads as well as improving speeds and safety. Once construction is complete, she said, the roadway should be able to move more than 4,000 more people per hour than it currently does.

At the November 16 Town Council meeting, Mayor DiRocco noted that the Town remains concerned about the impact the project may have on Marshall Road Elementary School and Yeonas Park and will continue to monitor the project as plans are finalized.

VDOT's preferred alternative plan, which reflects public input, also includes bicycle and pedestrian facilities. For additional information and updates on the I-66 project, visit [outside.transform66.org](http://outside.transform66.org).

# Single-stream recycling – What goes in the bin?

by Tara Ruszkowski, Community Enhancement Commission

The holidays are a time of family, food, gifts, and an ever-growing mountain of trash. Americans produce 25% more waste between Thanksgiving and New Year's than at other times of the year, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

That makes December a great time to brush up on the Town's single-stream recycling guidelines. Think you know the rules? Careful, they've recently changed. Plastic bags, for example, are no longer permitted in your single-stream recycling bin. While highly recyclable, the bags snarl up the sorting equipment at the processing center. The same is true of coat hangers, whether plastic or metal. Many grocery stores have a receptacle for recycled plastic bags. And, drycleaners generally will accept your hangers.

These items *should* be tossed in your single-stream bin:

- aluminum - cans, bottles, foil, and pie pans
- steel and bimetal - tin or steel cans (including cans with a white lining) and bottle caps made of metal
- plastic containers with numbers 1-7 including food, beverages, and non-hazardous household cleaners (remove lids and caps)
- rigid plastics - crates, buckets with metal handles,

lawn furniture, plastic yard equipment, flower pots, etc.

- paper - brown bags, flattened cardboard, newspaper, magazines, books, dairy and juice cartons (exclude wet or soiled paper items such as pizza boxes, plates, napkins, tissues, or wipes)
- glass – unbroken jars and bottles only (drinking glasses, mirrors, window or auto glass, ceramics, crystal, and light bulbs are not compatible with container glass and will contaminate your recyclables)
- empty aerosol cans - includes hair products, shaving creams, disinfectants and spray paint (ozone-depleting chemicals were banned from U.S. consumer aerosols in 1978).

Remember to rinse food containers. Not only does the county require 5% or less residue in the container but, if your recycled item is clean, there will be fewer scavengers visiting your bin. Motor oil, antifreeze, car batteries and electronics (anything with a plug) may be disposed of at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St. NE on December 5. Check the Town calendar for other recycling dates. For additional recycling questions, check the Town website or call 703-255-6380.

## Vienna Business Anniversaries

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses who will celebrate milestone anniversaries this month:

**25 years**

Debbie's Family Daycare

**5 years**

Carlie Ross, LLC

Pro Feed International, Inc

## Real estate taxes due December 7

The second installment of your 2015 Town of Vienna real estate taxes is due Monday, December 7. If you have not received your bill, please call the Town's Real Estate Office at 703-255-6325 or e-mail [realestate@viennava.gov](mailto:realestate@viennava.gov).

## Waters Field replacement nearly complete

Work to replace the turf at Waters Field is expected to be completed by December 11.

The artificial turf being replaced was installed about 10 years ago, says Vienna Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. The field is used by a variety of community athletic leagues for recreational activities, including football, lacrosse, and baseball.

Installation of the new turf will cost approximately \$580,000 with funding provided by Fairfax County, Town of Vienna, Vienna Youth Inc., and Greater Vienna Babe Ruth.



## Builders Summit addresses construction etiquette

In response to citizen feedback related to concerns about redevelopment/construction and builder practices in established neighborhoods, the Town of Vienna hosted a Builders Summit at Town Hall September 14. The summit allowed citizens to express their concerns and builders to respond in an open forum. The summit was attended by about 40 people, including most of the builders currently working in the Town of Vienna.

The meeting, says Planning and Zoning Director Patrick Mulhern, was designed to promote a “frank, but cordial and considerate conversation” about neighbors’ concerns as well as to generate ideas for how builders can be better neighbors in the community and reduce those complaints moving forward.

Concerns that were violations of the Town’s codes were addressed by zoning enforcement staff. However, Mulhern says, “Many of the complaints were not technically violations, but rather inconsiderate behaviors by builders, subcontractors, and delivery personnel.”

Citizen concerns raised during the meeting included:

- construction vehicles parking too close to street corners and impeding the vision of area drivers
- vehicles blocking driveways
- trucks blocking roadways without providing a flag person to redirect traffic
- failure to clean trash from work sites, which can often blow onto neighbors’ lawns
- dirt and especially nails in the street, making a mess and causing flat tires
- working before or after hours that are permitted by code.

Residents requested that builders place a sign at the entrance of construction sites that would note allowable working hours and provide the owner’s and builder’s contact information.

“We hope,” Mulhern says, “that by hearing residents’ concerns, builders will hold one another accountable and help raise the bar of awareness on how we do business differently in the Town of Vienna.”

Since the September Builders Summit, the Town’s zoning office has noted a drop in citizen complaints. The Town of Vienna has committed to offering a forum for builders and residents to meet each year or as needed.

Have a concern? Please contact:

### Zoning Violations

Town of Vienna Planning & Zoning Department – Frank Simeck or Patrick Mulhern, 703-255-6341 or [dpz@viennava.gov](mailto:dpz@viennava.gov)

### Drainage and Site Concerns

Town of Vienna Department of Public Works – John Sergent or Dennis Johnson, 703-255-6380 or [dpw@viennava.gov](mailto:dpw@viennava.gov)

### Noise Ordinance Violations

Town of Vienna Police Department  
703-255-6366 or [police@viennava.gov](mailto:police@viennava.gov)

### Building Code Violations

Fairfax County Department of Code Compliance - Brian Foley, 703-324-1300 or [codecompliance@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:codecompliance@fairfaxcounty.gov)

## Spook-tacular Halloween Parade winners

The Town of Vienna and the Vienna Business Association have announced the winning entries in the 2015 Vienna Halloween Parade held October 29. Winners were recognized at the November 16 Town Council meeting.

**Best in Show** – Montessori School of Oakton

**Adult Performing Groups** – 1st Place: Bikes @ Vienna; 2nd Place: Mountain Kim School

**Antique Vehicles/Classic Cars** – 1st Place: Maggio’s Family Restaurant; 2nd Place (tie): Historic Vienna Inc and National Capital Region Mustang Club; 3rd Place: Northern Virginia Corvette Club

**Bands** – 1st Place: Vienna Jammers Percussion Ensemble

**Floats (with Music)** – 1st Place: Green Hedges School; 2nd Place: Vienna Youth Girls Soccer U-11 Travel Academy; 3rd Place: Bridges: Harmony through Music

**Floats (without Music)** - 1st Place: Montessori School of Oakton; 2nd Place: Oakcrest School; 3rd Place: Coldwell Banker Residential Realty

**Youth Performing Groups** – 1st Place: Vienna Dance Academy; 2nd Place: Mountain Kim School; 3rd Place: Enshin Karate

## Community center renovation

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The renovated community center will have a new lobby and entrance as well as a new 9,000-square foot high school regulation-sized gym/court at the back of the building. A new patio seating area will be available outside. Lighting, tile, carpet, and ceilings (which are being raised) are being replaced.

The project got underway in early October and work to date includes removal of old ductwork, flooring and ceilings, lights, the moveable partition in the auditorium, and asbestos. Next up are installation of drainage and stormwater pipes.

Several trees on both the north and south sides of the building will be removed to accommodate underground utilities and an enlarged parking area. New tree plantings will be installed near completion of the project.

The gym addition to the community center will require that the W&OD trail be “bumped over”; however, the trail will remain open throughout the renovation process.

Vienna Youth Inc. and the Northern Virginia Park Authority are partnering with the Town to renovate the center. The Town’s budget for the project is about \$10.4 million, and funds will come from the 2014 and 2016 bond issuances as well as donations.

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## FIRST NIGHT CANCELED

*by James Cudney, Town/Business Liaison Committee Chairman*

One of the things that makes Vienna such a terrific Town in which to live, work, play, and raise our kids is the rich variety of community events. From ViVa! Vienna! and 4th of July celebrations to Oktoberfest, the Halloween Parade, and all the other events, we are indeed blessed. Many thanks to the community groups, Town employees, and hundreds of volunteers who make these festivities possible.

So it is with a heavy heart, that I ask you to read the press release below for more information about First Night Vienna 2015.

### **Vienna Business Association to suspend hosting First Night Event 2015, Cites insufficient funds from Oktoberfest**

The Vienna Business Association, along with the Town of Vienna, announces that they will not be hosting First Night Vienna 2015.

First Night Vienna, first launched in 2013, is primarily funded by proceeds raised by Oktoberfest. This year’s event fell short of securing adequate funds due to the inclement weather.

“The VBA reviewed all the options available to us. It basically

boiled down to whether the event as we all know, love, are so proud of, and which has garnered such positive community support, could be scaled back in any way while maintaining its level of excellence,” states Kathy Georgen, chairperson of the Vienna Business Association Board of Directors. She continued, “We, as a board, needed to make the difficult decision to suspend this year’s event. We have to uphold our fiduciary responsibility to our members and recognize that hosting the event would not be a wise financial decision.”

“The Town of Vienna is very appreciative of all the VBA does for the community, and we support them in this decision,” states Mayor Laurie DiRocco.

The Board of Directors will restructure how it funds First Night and has high expectations the event will be re-introduced to the Vienna community in 2016.

### **About the Vienna Business Association**

The Vienna Business Association (VBA) is the voice of the greater Vienna business community. It promotes business opportunities and development through networking and increased interaction between the commercial and residential communities. Its members maintain Vienna’s small-town feel and high quality of life by hosting and supporting community events.

## Open for business

*These businesses received business licenses in October*

### **The Cilician Jeweler LLC**

*Jewelry Appraisals*  
119 Church St NW  
703-772-6903

### **Earthtied Designs, LLC**

*Sales*  
1038 Park St SE

703-347-4833

### **IT Availability LLC**

*Consultant*  
500 Old Courthouse Rd NE  
571-354-0785

### **Luxor Massage Spa**

*Massage*

502 Maple Ave W  
703-255-6349

### **Kara Karnok**

*Massage Therapy*  
421 Church St NE  
256-652-2497

# NEWS FROM VIENNA PARKS & RECREATION

The Parks and Recreation Department can be found at the Cedar Park Shopping Center, 262M Cedar Lane SE 2nd Floor, Units 4 and 7, for the duration of the community center renovation and expansion. Call 703-255-6360 for more information. Register for parks & recreation classes online at [viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545](http://viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=545).

## **Just for Youth**

### **Winter Coding Workshop**

**December 21 @ 9 am**

In this introductory camp for students ages 6-12, you'll learn how to use Blockly, a visual coding language, to solve puzzles, navigate mazes, and design your own computer games! Campers will create, test, and debug algorithms using loops, nested loops, conditionals, and sequences. Laptops and all other materials are provided by Silver Knights.

## **Trips**

### **Virginia Historical Society & Maymont Estate**

**December 2, departs @ 8 am**

Join us as we visit the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond for a traveling exhibition of "Dressing Downton: Changing Fashion for Changing Times." The exhibition will highlight fashion from one of the most widely watched television dramas in the world, *Downton Abbey*. After lunch we will visit Maymont Estate. We will experience all the grandeur of the season with a tour of this 1893 mansion, led by a costumed docent. The bus will pick up

and drop off at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St.

### **Sight and Sound Theatre**

#### **Miracle of Christmas**

**December 9, departs @ 8:30 am**

Go back in time and witness the greatest birth in history when Miracle of Christmas returns to Lancaster County, PA. Visit the bustling village of Bethlehem as camels, horses, donkeys, and villagers pass by. Be transported to the hillside where legions of angels descended upon the shepherds. The bus will pick up and drop off at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St.

### **New York City: Elf The Musical**

**December 19, departs @ 6:30 am**

Join us for a showing of the hilarious musical "Elf." This modern-day Christmas classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner Elf. Fee includes transportation and one ticket to the 2½ hour show. Movies will be shown on the bus, with a stop going up and coming back. The bus will pick up and drop off at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St.

### **The Nutcracker & Bull Run**

#### **Festival of Lights**

**December 21, departs @ 1:30 pm**

Known for its exquisite costumes, choreography, and scenery, Manassas Ballet Theatre's production of *The Nutcracker* is a go-to family tradition. After the production, we will visit the Bull Run Festival of Lights, a 2.5-mile drive-through holiday light show at Bull Run Regional Park. A boxed meal from Panera Bread will be provided on the bus during the light show. The bus will pick up and drop off at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center St.

## **Just for Mature Adults**

### **Pros and Cons of Counting on Your kids to Take Care of You**

**December 7 @ 10 am**

This lecture offers a real conversation about who you want to care for you as you age and why. It discusses what your expectations are and what you should discuss with your children. Robin Jenks-Vanderlip, of Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Pen Fed Realty, will cover expectations and how to begin a dialog.

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## **Is your old fridge running? Dominion Power offers to 'catch it'**

*by Ross Shearer, Community Enhancement Commission*

Looking for a greener option to dispose of an older but still running/working refrigerator or freezer or perhaps a second working unit that you no longer need? Dominion Power and JACO Environmental have teamed up to help out – and to provide a little incentive for upgrading to newer, more efficient models. Through JACO's recycling program, old (but still working) units are removed at no cost, and a rebate of \$50 is offered.

JACO describes its approach to recycling as "deconstruction" of the unit into its basic components. Metals and other materials are recycled, and refrigerant is disposed of properly. JACO emphasizes that it properly disposes of Styrofoam insulation, used until 1995, which also utilized refrigerant CFC-

11, a potent greenhouse gas and ozone-depleting compound. This recycling option is much greener and less expensive than the typical disposal at Fairfax County's I-66 transfer station.

Today's Energy Star top-freezer refrigerators typically save more than 400-kilowatt hours per year compared to pre-2001 units. The older and larger the replaced unit, the greater the savings.

For more information, visit [dom.com/savenowva](http://dom.com/savenowva) and [jaco-inc.net/Home/RecycleNow](http://jaco-inc.net/Home/RecycleNow).

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# HAPPENINGS AROUND TOWN

**CHO needs you!** Our Christmas Store, which helps local families in need, will be set up at Vienna Presbyterian Church the morning of Dec. 11 and will be open the morning of Dec. 12. We need lots of volunteers to sort and display toys and gifts, set up our Clothes Closet, help people shop and clean up. New, unwrapped toys and gifts for children from 0-12, gift cards for teens, and food cards will be accepted on Friday morning, Dec 11, at the church. Can you spare an hour or two to help? The real “fun” part of the Christmas Store is helping mom’s or dad’s choose something new for each one of their children. Their smiles and thanks are your reward for volunteering. Hope to see you there. Questions? Call Carolyn Mysel at 703-281-7614, and leave your message in box #1.

**Our Lady of Good Counsel’s Holly & Ivy:** A Christmas Marketplace with more than 40 vendors and a large variety of items for your holiday gift-giving and decorating will be open from 8 am-5 pm Saturday, Dec. 5, and 9 am-3:30 pm Sunday, Dec. 6. Info: Patrice Roe, [communications@olgcv.org](mailto:communications@olgcv.org) or call 703-896-7412.

**The Vienna Arts Society** invites everyone to a holiday party 7-9 pm Dec. 10 at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. Enjoy light refreshments while mingling with artists and discovering gift items among the paintings, sculpture, pottery, scarves, jewelry, and cards on display. At the same time, you’re invited to enjoy the special exhibition of VAS members’ work, entitled *Magical Moments*. The exhibit is

free and open to the public 10 am-4 pm, Tuesdays-Saturdays through December 23. Also, the VAS Art Center is a collection point for CHO (Community Helping Others) through December. Your donation of non-perishable food items are appreciated and may be dropped off any time the center is open; see hours above. Contact: 703-319-3971 or [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

**Gabriel Riego de Dios** is the featured artist at the Vienna Arts Society Gallery December 8-January 30 (Monday-Saturday). Known as “Gabriego” in the art world, he does almost everything from landscapes, florals, still life, and abstracts to portraits in oil, acrylic, and watercolor. Exhibits free and open to the public. Vienna Arts Society Gallery on the Village Green, 513 Maple Avenue W. Contact: 703-319-3971 or [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

**Vienna Choral Society** invites you to enjoy “Harmony and Light: A Jazz-Inspired Christmas” at 4:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 19, at Vienna Baptist Church. Music by Ola Gjello, Morten Lauridsen, Darmon Meader, and more. We’ll be joined by a jazz combo featuring piano, saxophone, guitar, and drums. It will be a rich, inspiring, and unique pre-Christmas afternoon. Adults - \$25; seniors/students - \$20; youth 14 and younger - free with a paying patron. More information at [viennachoralsociety.org](http://viennachoralsociety.org)

**PFLAG Fairfax**, a community group for Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, and FLY, a social group for Fairfax LGBTQ

youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently from 7:30-9 pm Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. FLY also holds Teen Lounges on the third Friday of each month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues. E-mail [wf.pflag@gmail.com](mailto:wf.pflag@gmail.com) for information about both groups or visit [pflagdc.org](http://pflagdc.org). Visit FLY at [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/](https://facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

**The Town of Vienna Community Band** will perform a free concert at 7 pm Sunday, Dec. 13, at the DeSales Hall of Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road. The band will perform selections including “Wonderful Christmastime,” “White Christmas,” “I’ll be Home For Christmas,” “Rudolph’s Christmas Concert,” and “Sleigh Ride.” No tickets necessary. For more details, visit [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org).

**Countdown to None 5K** Close out 2015 with a 5K to benefit Team Ibbie Lou, which is raising money to cure type one diabetes through the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Race begins at 4:30 pm Dec. 31 and starts and ends at Centennial Park, near the caboose on Church Street. Age-groups awards will be given and 100% of registration goes to the cause. To register or for questions, email [cljackson25@hotmail.com](mailto:cljackson25@hotmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/runmygirl](https://facebook.com/runmygirl).

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**Come visit the Freeman Store** and see all the lovely new gift items we have for this holiday season. For her: meditative coloring books, Blenko glassware, obsidian wind chimes, beeswax candles, and antique salt cellars adorned with unique buttons. For him: wood bottle stoppers, hats, classic games, history books. For youngsters: Silly Sticks!, toys and games, wooden play villages, one-of-a-kind stuffed animals. For everyone: sweatshirt throw blankets, wood cheese boards vases, jams, and gift books. As always, we offer our ever popular Vienna ornaments, pottery, tea towels, books, puzzles, and old-fashioned candy. Shop Local. Shop Vienna. Shop the Freeman Store.

**Santa Claus will visit the Freeman Store** from 12-2 pm Sunday, Dec. 6 and 13. Seated in his special chair next to Historic Vienna's beautifully decorated Christmas tree – courtesy of the Optimist Club and the Ayr Hill Garden Club – he will meet his young visitors and hear their Christmas wishes. Parents (and grandparents) are encouraged to bring their cameras to capture the looks of joy and wonder as little ones talk to Santa. For information, call 703-938-5187 or visit [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org).

**The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** will host its annual All-You-Can-Eat Holiday Pancake Breakfast from 8 am-noon Saturday, Dec. 12, at the Fire

Station, 400 Center Street S. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children under 12, free for children under 4. The price includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, coffee, etc. Santa Claus will arrive at 10:30 am to greet all the children and adults who are kids at heart. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will provide free photos and sets of fingerprints, using quick, clean, inkless technology, for all children present. Photo identification and fingerprints provide authorities with vital information to help locate missing children. Tours of the fire equipment will be offered as well.

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## Appointed to serve

*Council appointed or reappointed several individuals to Town boards during its November 2 meeting.*

**Walter Basnight** was reappointed to a two-year term on the Planning Commission while **James Cudney** was reappointed to a two-year term on the Town/Business Liaison Committee. Both terms expire in December 2017.

Appointments to the Bicycle Advisory Committee/Transportation Safety Commission included **Beth Eachus** as chair and **Andrew Meren** as vice chair. **Sean McCall** was appointed as chair of the Pedestrian Advisory Committee/Transportation Safety Commission and **Julie Hayes** as the vice chair.

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## 2016 Town Calendar on its way

The 2016 Town of Vienna wall calendar will be mailed to every in-town residence during the month of December. One per household. Additional copies will be available while supplies last, for \$1 each at Town Hall. If you do not receive your calendar by January 1, contact the public information office at 703-255-6330.

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**POLICE  
FIRE & RESCUE  
EMERGENCY  
911**  
(Voice & TDD)

**VIENNA POLICE  
DIRECT**  
703-938-4900 (Voice)  
703-255-5730 (TDD)  
**NON-EMERGENCY**  
703-255-6366 (Voice)  
703-255-5730 (TDD)

**COMMUNITY CENTER**  
703-255-6360 (Voice)  
**TTY Virginia Relay 711**  
120 Cherry St., S.E.  
Vienna, Virginia 22180

**VIENNA TOWN HALL**  
703-255-6300 (Voice)  
**TTY Virginia Relay 711**  
127 Carter Street, South  
Vienna, Virginia 22180-5719  
**Business Hours**  
Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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## THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

*From the Vienna Newsletter Archives*

**December 2005:** Sgt. Thomas T. Burt III has been named Police Officer of the Year by the Vienna Woman's Club. The award was established in 1967 to recognize outstanding service to the community. Additionally, Amy-Jo Hendrix, Vienna Parks and Recreation coordinator, received the Best New Special Event Award of 2004 from the Virginia Recreation and Parks Society.

**December 1995:** Vienna has lost one of its leading citizens with the death of Town Councilwoman Martha H. Pruett, who was first elected to Town Council in 1988 after serving on the Vienna Planning Commission for 17 years. She was involved in a wide variety of community service activities as a member of the Vienna Woman's Club, Vienna Presbyterian Church, Southwest Vienna Citizens Association, Marshall Elementary School PTA, Girl Scouts, and many other groups.

**December 1985:** Construction is underway to provide access to the Vienna Metro Station parking lots from the west via Route I-66. As part of the project, Nutley Street will be widened outside the Town limits from four lanes to six and will be relocated westward to line up with Nutley on the southside of Lee Highway.

**December 1975:** Curbside newspaper pickup was a new service recently implemented by the Town of Vienna to supplement the series of other reuse services already available. The new service was not implemented to preserve the Town's present refuse service and provide relief to the environment.

## Recycling at Northside: December 5



The next quarterly recycling day for used motor oil, antifreeze, and car batteries is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, December 5 at Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE (entrance at the dead end of the street) and at 600 Glyndon Street NE. This service provided by the Public Works

Department (DPW) provides citizens a convenient and environmentally responsible way to dispose of vehicle waste products.

DPW also offers recycling of electronics and batteries. Every quarter you can drop off your electronics at the Northside Property Yard with Forever Green Recycle, Inc. at the Town's quarterly recycling events.