

Maple Avenue Commercial Zone: Vienna's vision for the future

MAC zoning changes being considered



Maple Avenue's future? This generic architectural rendering represents what Maple Avenue redevelopment could look like.

The purpose of the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone is to encourage compact, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development and redevelopment along the Maple Avenue corridor to reinforce Maple Avenue's role as the Town's main street. The zone is intended to ensure that development along the corridor promotes Vienna's small-town character and does not compromise the character of residential neighborhoods abutting the corridor.

– Statement of Purpose and Intent, Maple Avenue Commercial Zone Ordinance, Sept. 22, 2014

by communities around the country who want to retain “a small-town feel.” The Comprehensive Plan update, which was adopted by Council in May, reinforces this vision for Maple Avenue.

Recently, two MAC proposals were considered by Town Council. A proposal to build a Chick-fil-A/carwash at the current Flagship Carwash site at 540 Maple Avenue West was approved by Council in May. After receiving comments from residents, a proposal to build a mixed-use commercial/residential

project where the current Marco Polo building is located at 245 Maple Avenue West was voted down in June due to a supermajority requirement resulting from a petition from adjacent neighbors. (Even though a majority of Council voted in favor (5-2) of the project, the petition meant that a vote of six or seven was required for approval.)

Planning Director Patrick Mulhern anticipates that the Town will receive additional MAC proposals for

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Two years ago, Town Council adopted the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone, a vision for redevelopment of Vienna's main commercial corridor that encourages pedestrian movement and reduces the focus on vehicles; promotes a vibrant, mixed-use main street; allows for a bit more height and density; and embraces smart-growth strategies that are being adopted

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Halloween Parade: A tradition that cheats time

by Adam Kincaid, Communications Specialist

The Vienna Halloween Parade, an annual October ritual that has become a touchstone of the Town's identity, turns 70 this year.

After speaking with a few parade veterans, it became clear that the parade itself has always been the same, more or less, by purposeful design. It's the participants and their parents, their children, and their own lives that have changed around a nostalgic tradition that cheats time.

Councilmember Linda Colbert has seen the parade through the lenses of three different generations. "When I was a kid, it was fun to try to catch the candy that the adults would toss to the crowds, and all the judges used to dress up in their own troupe ideas." (Please note that tossing candy from the parade route is no longer permitted.)

Decades later, Colbert's new favorite parade memories relate to seeing her own girls ride in the Town Council float with her mother and their grandmother, former Mayor Jane Seeman.

"It's just all to be expected," she says. "Cars, costumed kids waving, people on stilts, flashing lights. We may change and time goes by, but the parade is still synonymous with Vienna every year."

Shirley Martin attended her first parade in 1946 and hasn't missed one since. Her mother worked with the Vienna Businessmen's Association and helped bring the parade to life. Martin notes the growth in the scope of the parade and its "snowballing" attendance, describing how "more and more people, not necessarily part of



photo by Adam Kincaid

the Town, wanted to experience the celebration, and it just got bigger and bigger."

Councilmember Pasha Majdi recalls the excitement with which he anticipated the parade as a child in the 1980s. He watched the parade with his parents and grandparents through the years, and especially remembers the thrill when the Budweiser Clydesdales made an appearance.

"The parade connects everyone and reminds us that we're still a small town at heart," says Majdi. "Things may be changing all around us, but if you walked down Maple as a kid and today you're taking your own kids, it's still Vienna."

The Vienna Halloween Parade's living history is tied to residents' memories and stories – and what they do with them.

More floats, ensembles, and fanfare add to the experience each year, but it's undeniably, the strong tradition that ratchets up the anticipation and excitement.

This year's Halloween Parade, with a theme of "Jivin' Back to the 1940s" starts at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 26. Children are encouraged to wear their costumes and march in the parade with their parents. If you'd prefer to watch the parade make its way down Maple Avenue, please don't place any blankets or other items out on Maple Avenue before noon on the day of the parade and keep items off sidewalks, benches, and out of bus shelters. Also, secure all items to ensure that they're not blown into the roadway or sidewalk. 🍀



Prost!

Join Vienna's honorary bürgermeister, Vienna Business Association, Town of Vienna, and your friends for

Oktoberfest

11 am-7 pm • October 1 • Historic Church Street

viennaoktoberfest.org



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redevelopment over the coming year. In anticipation of future proposals, some changes to MAC zoning are being considered as a result of lessons learned from the first two proposals.

“The MAC is intended to be a dynamic ordinance that may be periodically updated,” Mulhern says, noting that Council asked the Planning Commission this summer to review and recommend changes to the zoning ordinance. Among changes being considered are adding street tree requirements to side streets and increasing setbacks as well as required open space from 10% to 15%.

The Planning Commission is expected to discuss possible changes, hold public hearings, and forward its recommendations to Town Council this fall. Check the calendar and/or public notices page at viennava.gov for scheduled public hearings before the Planning Commission and Town Council.

Whatever changes are adopted, Mulhern is confident that the heart of the MAC will remain unchanged and that it will continue to be an effective tool for promoting smart growth and a pedestrian-friendly, vibrant commercial corridor in Vienna.

Not only can the MAC help create an attractive and vibrant physical sense of place for Vienna, mixed-use developments in other communities have generated increased sales tax and real estate revenue in comparison to that generated by traditional

strip mall commercial development.

“The MAC is an important economic development tool, too,” says Mulhern. “If commercial property values can be increased through redevelopment, this could help reduce the Town’s dependency on residential property taxes,” which currently account for 82% of the Town’s real estate tax revenue.

“We want people to come to and stop in Vienna, not to simply drive through Vienna,” says Councilmember Douglas Noble, who was chair of the Maple Avenue Vision steering committee that developed the MAC ordinance over a two-year period.

“What we heard that Vienna residents are looking for and what the MAC is designed to help create,” says Noble, “is a small-town Main Street community. The committee very clearly stated that we do not want to become Falls Church, Merrifield, or Arlington, but more like Leesburg or a traditional town center in a Midwest county seat or commuter rail suburb outside Chicago or Philadelphia. The architecture of prospective developments is important, but small-town doesn’t mean one-story buildings. And, to be frank, we’re in competition with other places in Northern Virginia who have or are creating this kind of vibrant, walkable community.”

Noble says that although many residents and businesses are supportive of redevelopment, he does hear concerns from some

residents that the MAC allows too much density, that additional residential development equates to more traffic, and that this kind of redevelopment will change the character of Vienna. Noble, whose professional background is in transportation planning and engineering, notes that what some may not appreciate is that vehicular

trips generated by residents in a mixed-use area are less than those generated by commercial businesses, where vehicles travel in and out continuously throughout the day.

He adds that in order to provide an incentive for developers to embrace MAC amenities rather than traditional strip mall development, which is largely allowed by-right, a money-making incentive had to be provided to developers, and that is the one additional floor to what is already permitted on Maple Avenue.

While Vienna will definitely continue to be characterized largely as a single-family residential community, the MAC encourages new living options that may be particularly attractive for young people and empty-nesters.

“No matter what you do, even if we just stand still, change will happen to Vienna,” says Noble. “The most important thing is how we as a community address change in a positive manner. The MAC offers the Town a tool to manage that change in smart, effective ways that retain Vienna’s small-town charm.”

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Will you have a carwash with that sandwich? The first project approved under the MAC zone combines a Chick-fil-A and carwash at 540 Maple Avenue W.

CONVERSATIONS WITH COUNCIL

Math helps explain lot coverage misperceptions

by Councilmember Linda Colbert



As I knocked on doors during my reelection campaign this spring, I heard many residents express concern that some houses in Vienna do not comply with our Town code that permits a maximum of 25% lot coverage. I must admit, when I look at some lots, it does seem that the house covers more area. But, that is just a visual deception – not a code violation.

Since I am a math teacher, I will provide an easy example to show why it may appear that a home is covering more than 25%, but in reality is not. Take a 100 X 100 unit lot. The house can be up to 50 X 50 units. The house is half the length of each side of the lot, yet only a quarter of the total area.

100 X 100 = 10,000 x .25 = 2500 = 50 x 50

In the example above, the house takes up the entire 25%. Homeowners and builders need to be aware that impervious items also generally count toward the 25% lot coverage maximum: patios, driveways, sport courts, and sheds are impervious and count. Decks aren't included in lot coverage calculations, but can only take up to 5% of the entire lot area. Walkways and stairs do not count because they are used for accessibility and are considered a necessity. Pools do not count because they hold water.

Another visual deception is cantilevered parts of houses. A bay window or a bump out of the kitchen that does not touch the ground, for example, does not count toward the 25%.

Many of the original houses in Vienna do not take up the full 25% lot coverage. Our eyes have gotten used to seeing these smaller homes so when we see a new house that takes up almost the full 25%, it appears to be violating code.

If you have a question or concern about a house or would like to see the certified plat, contact the Town's Department of Planning and Zoning at 703-255-6341 or dpz@viennava.gov.

Patio permits now required

As Councilmember Linda Colbert explains in her Conversations with Council article, the maximum allowable residential lot coverage in the Town of Vienna is 25%. This regulation ensures that the Town's residential neighborhoods maintain the open, small-town feel that helps make Vienna such a desirable place to live.

Lot coverage calculations include the footprint of the house, driveway, shed, and patios. Open decks and walkways less than five feet in width do not count toward lot coverage.

In recent years, the Town has noted an increase in incidents in which homeowners dedicate time and resources to constructing patios only to discover after the fact that they now exceed lot coverage allowances.

In an effort to avoid such incidents, the Department of Planning and Zoning now requires, effective October 1, that residents obtain a patio permit before undertaking patio construction. Any patio, including those made of gravel, brick, stone, concrete, asphalt, paver material, etc., must first be approved by the Planning and Zoning Department.

The patio permit is available in the Planning and Zoning section of the Town website and shall be submitted along with a copy of your plat with the proposed patio drawn to scale. If you have any questions, please call 703-255-6341.

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Get the spooks early at Halloween on the Green

Parks and Recreation and Vienna Moms, Inc. present every kid's dream: a bonus Halloween. Kids can don their costumes early at Halloween on the Green from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 15.

"Since we moved this event outdoors, it has really grown in popularity," says Kathy Blevins, recreation program coordinator. "We are so excited to be partnering this year with Vienna Moms, Inc. to provide more exciting activities and entertainment for all the little goblins."

The fright-less affair includes free popcorn and cotton candy, an appearance by the Vienna Singing Princesses, a petting zoo, pumpkin carving, story-telling, face painting, balloon animals, and more.

This event is free and open to the public. ♻️



When they open the package, they'll scream – with delight

The best surprise in the world is getting a package in the mail – filled with candy. Now imagine that you're receiving that package while serving overseas in the military.

If you want to make a military service person's day, share some of your Halloween treats. Club Phoenix Teen Council is sponsoring Operation Gratitude, a program through which donated Halloween candy is sent to troops overseas.

All goodies must be donated by November 11. You can drop them off at Club Phoenix in the Parks and Recreation Department's temporary headquarters at 262M Cedar Lane. There's only one caveat – please no pixie sticks. ♻️



photo by Adam Kincaid

Way to go, Vienna!

by Bob Robinson, Community Enhancement Commission Member



Once again Vienna has achieved positive national recognition. On August 24, the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) certified Vienna as a community wildlife habitat! While the process usually takes 2-5 years, Vienna met – in fact, exceeded – certification requirements in less than 10 months.

More than 120 homes, 12 common areas (parks, businesses, churches), and nine schools attested that they had made their properties wildlife-friendly habitats by providing food, water, shelter, and places for wildlife to raise young. Certification also required that the Town engage in a host of wildlife-related education and habitat-enhancement activities. Through efforts such as removing invasive species from Town properties, restoring local streams, operating the Town's Learning Garden, and conducting native plant sales the Town was able to meet requirements.

On behalf of the Community Enhancement Commission (CEC)-sponsored team (including Maureen Alonso, Liz DiFrancisco, Desiree DiMauro, Anne Stuntz, and myself), we extend our enormous gratitude to the homeowners, businesses, and schools who made the commitment to certify their properties. Success could not have been achieved without the contributions of our partners – Town of Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation and the historic Ayr Hill Garden Club. Liz's DiFrancisco's Vienna Plant Swap Facebook page also was vital to our success in that it spread word of our project and generated numerous property certifications. These efforts are a testament to the extraordinary community spirit that makes Vienna such a wonderful place to live.

As with any stewardship activity, ensuring that the Town remains a healthy and inviting environment for its residents as well as birds, pollinators, and other wildlife will require continuous effort. All certified communities must continue their stewardship on behalf of wildlife as part of an annual recertification process. The CEC and the certification project team plan to continue habitat-enhancement efforts and to provide the community with additional educational information on the importance of wildlife to our food supply and quality of life. Hundreds of additional properties in Vienna are candidates for certification under NWF's Gardening for Wildlife program. We urge homeowners, businesses, churches, and schools who have not already done so to join their neighbors in getting their properties certified. Simply go to nwf.org/gardenforwildlife to learn how. ♻️

A TBLC primer

by Deepa Chakrapani, Town/Business Liaison Committee member

What is the TBLC?

The Town/Business Liaison Committee facilitates interactions between Town of Vienna businesses and Town Council and staff. TBLC supports the Town's economic development efforts. The committee studies, analyzes, evaluates, and offers recommendations to Town Council on public policy issues that affect the Town's business community or the relationship of the business community with other segments of Town.

In addition, the TBLC welcomes new businesses to Town by hosting ribbon cuttings, offering a platform for policy dialogue, and recognizing businesses for green practices and community service. The TBLC also helps promote Town events that may be of interest to the local business community.

Who are we?

The TBLC has seven members, four representatives of the business community and three who are Town residents. Members are appointed by Town Council. This year, the TBLC is chaired by Friderike Butler with Greg Bernhard serving as vice chair. For more information about the committee, visit viennava.gov/tblc.

What are we doing?

This year, the TBLC has three goals. First, the committee will develop a more structured and formal feedback mechanism for the business community. Second, the TBLC will seek wider business representation by encouraging input from home-based businesses/solo-entrepreneurs operating in Town. And third, the TBLC will continue to recognize the many and significant contributions of Town businesses to our community through green business and community service awards. ♻️



VIENNA HAPPENINGS

Stay in the know

The Town of Vienna employs many strategies to communicate with residents, including this newsletter, the Town website, weekly email blasts, and texted or emailed alerts when things aren't going along as planned.

Vienna Happenings is the name of the Town's weekly email blasts, which provide up-to-date information about upcoming events and initiatives. The "mini newsletters" arrive in email boxes typically on Thursday afternoons. To sign up for the emails, simply provide the requested information (your name and email address) at viennava.gov/happenings. Should you decide you no longer wish to receive these emails, you

may unsubscribe simply by clicking on the "opt out" link at the bottom of the most recent Vienna Happenings email.

Vienna Alerts are issued by the Town typically when something hasn't gone as planned, something needs to be repaired, or something is going to be closed. For example, alerts are sent out when significant water main breaks occur, a road is closed due to an accident or improvement project, an event is canceled or Town Hall is closed due to weather conditions. The Town's alert system also allows subscribers to sign up for weather alerts generated by the National Weather Service and the Vienna Police Department's weekly highlights report.

Visit viennava.gov/alerts to sign up – you'll choose what kinds of information you'd like to receive as well as how'd you'd like to receive it, via email and/or text. To receive the weekly police updates, sign up for "police media releases."

In an effort to streamline the sign-up process and make it more clear what kind of information is provided through each subscription category, the Town recently made some changes to alert category titles. You can always sign into the Vienna Alerts system with the username and password you created to check or modify your subscriptions or to unsubscribe. If you have any difficulties, you can email pio@viennava.gov. ♻️

Vienna's bibliographic time capsule

In a town that prides itself on preserving tradition and that has on its local historic register 22 structures, sites, and places within its 4.4-square mile boundary, perhaps Vienna's most authentically preserved structure is the Little Library, currently located on Mill Street behind the Freeman House. Originally constructed in 1897, the



library still houses more than 5,000 books and serves, say historic enthusiasts, as a “time capsule” of the first half of the 20th century and of what people were reading through the middle of the last century.

“If you just picked up what was there in 1897 and plunked it down where it is today,” says longtime Vienna resident and former Councilmember Maud Robinson, “not much at all has changed. The fascinating thing about the library is that the building is totally, completely original. The only things not there on day one are the front steps and railings.” The white frame and clapboard building’s craftsmanship, she adds, is “beautiful” and she encourages visitors to look up and take note of the ceiling that follows the external contours of the hipped roof.

Constructed at Maple Avenue and Library Lane (where the Jades Shopping Center stands today), Vienna’s Little Library is the first building in Fairfax County to be constructed for use solely as a library, Robinson says. By 1969, just a couple of years before a permanent Fairfax County library branch would open in Vienna, the Little Library was the oldest continuously used library building in Fairfax County.

“It’s truly an authentic part of Vienna’s history,” Robinson says. “It’s perfectly preserved and a testimony to the caring, commitment, and enlightenment of our citizens who really put their shoulder to the wheel” to maintain the library on a volunteer basis over nearly seven decades.

Around 1913, the library was moved

about a half-mile east along Maple Avenue to the intersection with Center Street, probably, it is believed, to make it more convenient and accessible to citizens. The library was moved again to its current location on Mill Street in 1970 to make way for the current Patrick Henry Branch of the Fairfax County Public Library.

Throughout its long history, staffed largely by volunteers and funded through community donations of money and books as well as overdue fees, the library was opened only a few hours each week. The Town of Vienna donated \$150 annually to the library’s operation, upping its commitment to \$350 in the 1950s.

Today, Historic Vienna Inc., with support from the Town, maintains the Little Library, which is open 1-4 p.m. the first Sunday of the month March-December and during special events.

Over the past year, Vienna resident Dr. Robert Amsler, a retired computational linguist, has been working to create a bibliography of the books in the Little Library’s collection. He describes the library’s handwritten card catalog files and shelving system as unique and created by “folk librarians” – it does not follow the widely used Dewey Decimal System.

While Amsler has discovered some interesting information about the books currently inhabiting the library’s 24 bookcases, he says that individual books are not of significant monetary value because of their status as library books and often worn and weathered conditions.

About 60% through his bibliographic



Check out Vienna's bibliographic time capsule

The Little Library will be open during Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 1, and again

1-4 pm on Sunday, October 2. Stop in for a visit back in time!



project, Amsler has discovered among the Little Library’s collection that:

- the oldest book is *St. Pierre’s Study of Nature* by J.J. Woodward (1835)
- *All True: The Record of Actual Adventures that Have Happened to Ten Women of Today* (1931) includes chapters written by Margaret Mead and Amelia Earhart
- several books appear to be donated by notable people, including actress Helen Hayes and Edith Bolling Wilson, second wife of President Woodrow Wilson
- about 10% of books were donated/funded by the Town of Vienna
- five men from Vienna are listed in the 1914 edition of *Who’s Who in America*
- 20% of the books were donated by Mrs. Gilman Hall, who was president (1940-46) and trustee of the Vienna Library Association.

“The value of these books,” he says, “is in the collection as a whole – its authenticity. I hope that people are able to see the collection in terms of what books are in it and appreciate that time period in which their grandparents or great-grandparents lived. It’s marvelous to have such a quaint building – the books alone would not be nearly as special.” 🍷

A taste of small-plates theatre

The Vienna Theatre Company will put on a second edition of its one-act play series, entitled *Eclectic Essentials II*, at 8 pm October 28 and 29 and November 4 and 5 at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW. *Eclectic Essentials II* features four one-acts under the direction of Beth Carpenter, Tom Epps, and Jessie Roberts.

General admission tickets are \$14. For more information about the show and how to purchase tickets, visit viennatheatrecompany.com or call the Vienna Department of Parks and Recreation at 703-255-6360. 📞

Trail detour ahead

Work will continue for several weeks on a NOVA Parks improvement project along the W&OD Trail near Northside Park. The steep embankment along Piney Branch Creek is being restored and armored. The existing gravel path that parallels the paved trail to the south has been improved and is being used as a detour around the approximately 1,000-foot long work area. When practical and safe during the construction period, NOVA Parks will open the paved trail on weekends.

Questions? Contact NOVA Project Manager Tim Geisler at tgeisler@nvrpa.org or 703-352-5900. 📞

If it's got a motor, it's that time of year

The October 5 deadline for vehicle license fees is in sight. The fee for owned or stored vehicles in the Town of Vienna is:

- \$33 for cars and trucks
- \$18 for motorcycles

For payment information, visit viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=261. 📞

No leaf left behind



The Town of Vienna's annual leaf collection service is slated to begin sometime during the second half of October, as soon as enough leaves have left their limb-y perches to make collection efforts worthwhile. Each year, the Town makes a minimum of three passes through Town to vacuum up leaves that have been raked to the edge of the street by residents.

This year's services will start on the south side of Town and continue through the end of the calendar year. The Town will post notices on its Facebook and Twitter pages when service begins. Also "coming to your neighborhood" leaf collection signs will be posted on major streets a couple of days in advance of when the Town expects to be in your area. Nasty weather can delay leaf collection services.

The Town provides up-to-date information about where leaf collection has taken place via an online interactive map, available at viennava.gov/leafmap; a link to the map will be provided on the Town's homepage once collection begins. It's difficult to say exactly what streets will be serviced by crews on which specific days, but the map, which is updated daily, indicates where crews have been and thus if they're close to your area.

Residents can assist not only by raking their leaves as close to the street as possible, but also by ensuring that no limbs and other brush or debris are in the leaf pile.

If you miss collection the first time around, the Town will be back at least two more times. A pass throughout the entire Town typically takes about 2.5-3 weeks.

For questions related to leaf collection, call 703-255-6380 or email dpw@viennava.gov.

An alternative to raking leaves for vacuuming is to bag your leaves and set them out on your regular trash collection day. Please note that this is likely the last fall that leaves can be placed in plastic bags; it's expected that beginning in July 2017, Fairfax County, and thus the Town of Vienna, will no longer pick up leaves and yard debris in plastic bags. Reusable plastic containers or kraft paper bags will be required.

The leaves vacuumed by the Town are turned into mulch, which is available for free to residents beginning as early as mid-January. Mulch orders will be accepted December 1-February 28. Call 703-255-6388 to order mulch or complete a mulch order form online. 📞

Community Center Renovation and Expansion Update

Despite some contractor workforce issues, due to the need to complete projects at schools, the following has been achieved, according to the most recent construction progress reports:

- opened the widened and moved section of W&OD trail and held ribbon-cutting ceremony September 9
- installed interior building enclosure to prevent access to building while exterior walls are being removed
- installation of new gym roof trusses completed
- firewall in corridor 166 completed (adjacent to new gym)
- CMU wall around restrooms installed
- floor slab in kitchen completed
- concrete roof slab poured over corridor 166
- exterior stairs and landing on west side of gym poured
- electrical and control boxes for scoreboards installed in new gym concrete floor
- installed brick around restrooms in corridors 162 & 166



photo by Adam Kincaid

- installed air barrier on exterior of CMU walls at restrooms and base of north wall
- installed vents in kitchen
- framed and poured concrete piers along north wall – one pier remaining
- installed electrical conduit and boxes in masonry walls and in ceiling area of new storage room.

Looking ahead, next steps include:

- installation of masonry piers on the east wall of the administrative area to support the wall; the foundation will be grouted solid between the piers at each location
- installation of CMU north wall in the new gymnasium once restrooms are complete
- installation of steel framing, joists, and decking along north side of building after north wall is complete
- installation of conduit and wire for new gym light fixtures; awaiting detail from architect
- begin taking measurements for windows
- begin rough-in of roof drains
- installation of second “Storm Tech” system for water retention
- installation of roof blocking on new gym and corridor 166
- installation of support steel for roof top units above corridor 166 and new gym corridor.

A community center renovation update is presented each month at 6:30 p.m. prior to the Town Council work session. The public is encouraged to attend these updates in Council Chambers at Town Hall. The next update will be presented October 17.

Vienna businesses with staying power

Congratulations to the following Vienna businesses celebrating milestone anniversaries this month.

50 YEARS

The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company

20 YEARS

**Breakthrough Achievements
PCS Heating and AC
Westwood Tennis**

15 YEARS

**Allegiance Financial Group
Jammin' Java
Shillelagh Travel Club**

10 YEARS

**Connell's Valet
Maple Dental Care
Oriental Rug Weavers
Seddigheh Feisee, MD, PC
Z-TECH**

5 YEARS

**Karen A. Hedlund
Life Gallery Studio
Megan E. Fellows, LPC
Thoughtful Solutions
Wardrobe Rescue**

The Town of Vienna issued business licenses in August to:

Advanced Laparoscopic and General Surgery
general surgeon
301 Maple Avenue W
703-778-6000

Allure Nails
nail salon
117 Church Street NW
703-242-3973

Cava Mezze Grill
restaurant
176 Maple Avenue W
202-400-2920

Dream of Goodies
wholesale and baked goods
310 Dominion Road NE
703-407-2443

Great Harvest Bread Company
bread company
136 Church Street NW
703-471-4031

Kim A. Tenhor
social worker
409 Maple Avenue W
703-462-4901



Lightmotifs Computer Services
computer consultant
210 Ross Drive SW

Sharifi Estate Sales
estate sales
132 Maple Avenue E
703-919-9711

20 years ago...

The October 1996 newsletter reports the August arrest of eight members of the Aerosol Outlaws (AOL). Two adults and six juveniles were charged in connection with more than 50 incidents in which the group spray-painted their name and other graffiti on Vienna businesses, traffic signs, bridges, and park facilities. The vandalism cost taxpayers tens of thousands of dollars for clean-up.

Parks and Rec sampler

Programs for teens

Club Phoenix is hosting several organizational meetings and events this month for teens in grades 6-12. In addition to the first teen council and improv troupe meetings of the year as well as a parent discussion group on helping teens create healthy relationships, a fun game of flashlight tag and a scary movie-a-thon are planned. Find more information about teen events beginning on page 11 at viennava.gov/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/3211 or by calling 703-255-5736.

Buying a retirement home

There's a lot to think about when considering a retirement home: Buy or build? Bigger or smaller? Location, location, location. This free presentation by Robin Jenks-Vanderlip, senior real estate specialist with Berkshire Hathaway Penfed Realty, covers these topics as well as turning an investment in vacation property into a retirement home, taking care of parents or children, and calculating taxes when you sell your home. The lecture is from 7-8 p.m. Thursday, October 13, in room 10 at 262M Cedar Lane.

Civil War – Northern Virginia 1861

Award-winning author William S. Connery will offer new insights into this important time in American history as he shares his book, *Civil War – Northern Virginia 1861*. This free presentation will take place from 10-11 a.m. Monday, October 24, in room 10 at 262M Cedar Lane.

Registration is preferred for both of the above programs. Register via WebTrac at viennava.gov or by calling 703-255-7801.

Town Council Actions

The following items represent recent Town Council actions but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at viennava.gov.

August 22

- At request of Fairfax County Public Schools, approved continued use of temporary classroom trailers at Louise Archer Elementary School.
- Approved expenditures of up to \$1,500 for replacement of carpeting in Town Hall elevator and deferred purchase and installation of flooring materials for first- and second-floor lobbies.
- Increased funds for the Follin Lane construction contract with Jeffery Stack, Inc. by \$310,000. Funding to come from VDOT revenue sharing and NVTA local allocation.
- Increased funding by \$48,443.80 with Sagres Construction for a train station sidewalk installation project along Dominion Road NE and Ayr Hill Avenue NE. Project is funded by a VDOT Transportation Enhancement Grant that is 80% federally reimbursed.
- Increased funding with Ardent Construction by \$15,932.09 for traffic signal replacement projects at Maple and Center and Maple and Lawyers. This project is 100% funded through federal grants.
- Awarded an engineering services contract to Urban Ltd. in the amount of \$47,000 for design of drainage improvements along the 600 block on Ninovan Road and 400 block of Talahi Road.

- Awarded an on-call water main and appurtenances improvement contract to E.E. Lyons Construction Co. for \$350,000.
- Renewed annual financial audit contract with Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.
- Renewed contract with Tyler Technologies for Munis financial software maintenance for \$48,737.19

Town Council also approved:

- Intent to adopt proposed amendments to the Town Code increasing planning and zoning development review fees.
- A revised memo of understanding with the Vienna Business Association for Oktoberfest as well as a memo of understanding for First Night Vienna 2016-17.
- Purchase of a bobcat with a snow blower for \$23,970 for removal of snow from sidewalks.
- Expenditures of \$22,179 for a 2017 Ford Escape for the public works department as part of the Town's vehicle replacement program.
- Publication of annual report of delinquent real estate properties on the Town website.
- An expenditure in an amount not to exceed

\$52,000 with Robert Half/Accountemps Company for experienced temporary accounting staff.

- An additional \$87,285 in funding with Tyler Technologies to address corrections and modifications with Munis software.

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- Approved a contract with Springsted Incorporated not to exceed \$30,000 for a classification and compensation study.
- Approved vehicle purchases within the vehicle replacement program totaling \$224,635.96 for an air compressor, asphalt zipper, skid steer loader, and police department vehicle.
- Awarded IFB 17-09 to Broad Run Recycling in the amount of \$237,500 for disposal of waste generated by Town roadway and building maintenance projects.
- Awarded a contract for \$305,000, to be largely funded through VDOT, to Sagres Construction for construction of sidewalk from 352 Church Street to Beulah Road.
- Awarded a capital lease contract to TD Equipment Financing at an interest rate of 1.232% to finance the FY16-17 vehicle and equipment replacement program.

Appointed to serve

The following individuals were recently appointed or re-appointed to Town boards and commissions:

Sandra Allen – Pedestrian Advisory Committee
Deepa Chakrapani – Town/Business Liaison Committee

HAPPENINGS around town

Board Chairman **Wayne Hanson** with Wreaths Across America will be the guest speaker at the October meeting of the Fairfax County Chapter of the **National Daughters of the American Revolution**. The meeting, which is open to guests, is at 10 am Saturday, October 1, at Penderbrook Community Center, 3704 Golf Trail Lane. Contact Amy Cartwright at a.cartwrightDAR@yahoo.com or 703-507-0023.

Historic Vienna, Inc. will offer a large selection of **used books** for sale beginning October 1 at the Freeman Store & Museum. Books will be available at very reasonable prices during regular store hours, 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday.

Friends of Patrick Henry Library will host a **mega book sale** October 1 and 2. Thousands of top-quality used books, CDs, DVDs, and books on CD will be available. Sale hours are 10 am-4 pm Saturday, and 11 am-2 pm Sunday, when you can fill a shopping bag for only \$5. All proceeds will benefit the community library. Questions? Email sharon-bohlmán@msn.com or call 703-281-3831.

PFLAG Fairfax, a community group for parents, families, and friends of lesbians and gays, and **FLY**, a social group for LGBTQ youth and allies ages 12 (with parental permission) to 19, will meet concurrently at 7:30 pm Tuesday, October 4, in the program building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax (UUCF), 2709 Hunter Mill Road. FLY also holds teen lounges the third Friday of each month, alternating between movie and pizza nights at UUCF and outside venues.

Irene Abdou, whose photo company helps organizations around the globe make a difference by telling visual stories of extraordinary people in extraordinary places, will speak at 7:30 pm Wednesday, October 5, at the **Vienna Photographic Society (VPS)** meeting in the auditorium at Oakton Elementary School, 3000 Chain Bridge Road. A Q&A session about the club will begin at 6:45. Find out more about Abdou at ireneabdouphotography.com or about VPS at vpsva.org.

Ambassador Girl Scout Mackenzie Liu needs **volunteer assistance** as she works to earn the Girl Scout Gold Award. Liu will be building bat houses to support and enhance the local bat population as a natural, environmentally friendly way to help control spread of the Zika virus by mosquitos. She needs assistance prepping and cutting wood from 12-4 pm Sunday, October 9, and building the bat houses on Sunday, October 16. Volunteers must be at least 9

years old, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Please send your name, phone number, and email address to mackenzie.liu@verizon.net if interested in helping out.

The October exhibit at the **Vienna Arts Center** is entitled *Bits and Pieces*. The exhibit is October 4-29 with an artists' reception from 4-6 pm Saturday, October 15. The Vienna Art Center, at 115 Pleasant Street NW, is open 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday.

American Legion Post 180 will host a breakfast buffet from 8 am-noon Sunday, October 16, at 300 Center Street N. The buffet includes omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, and bacon. \$9 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and younger.

Fun outdoor activities, delicious food, door prizes, and attractions for the whole family will be available at the **Fall Carnival** from 12-4 pm Sunday, October 16, at **Vienna Adventist Academy**, 340 Courthouse Road SW. The school is seeking donations for door prizes. Call 703-938-6200 or email handsatvaa@gmail.com.

Enjoy tea – and finger sandwiches and dessert – with “**Elizabeth Cady Stanton**” at 3 pm Sunday, October 16, in the parlor of the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. Stanton (1815-1902), an American suffragist, social activist, and leading figure in the early women's rights movement, will be portrayed by Leigh Kitcher. Reservations are required; tickets are \$30 per person. historicviennainc.org or 703-938-5187.

Two speakers will present timely information on **Virginia's election processes** at the October 18 meeting of

the **Vienna Branch of the American Association of University Women**. The meeting will take place 7-9 pm at the Oakton Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place. For more information, email ViennaAAUW@yahoo.com.

Historic Vienna, Inc. will host a celebration of collecting at its **fall membership meeting** at 7:30 pm Tuesday, October 18, in Patriot Hall at American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N. Area residents are invited to show off their collection of anything – anything, that is, that can be displayed on a six-foot table or smaller. Reserve your table or half table by contacting Anne Stuntz at 703-938-1894 or stuntzag@aol.com.

Vietnam War veteran **Bill Shugarts** will discuss outreach efforts and a recent visit to a Vietnamese orphanage at the next meeting of the **Vietnam**

Veterans of America Chapter 227 at 7:30 pm Thursday, October 20, at Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane. In addition, the chapter will celebrate its 31st anniversary by distributing Vietnam War Anniversary Commemoration buttons. For more information, call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or visit vva227.org.

You're invited to the **Vienna Choral Society's** first performance, *The Call of Music*, under its new artistic director, Mike Horanski, at 7:30 pm Saturday, October 22, at Vienna Baptist Church, 541 Marshall Road SW. Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$20 for students (ages 15-18) and seniors (65+); children 14 and under are free when accompanied by a paying patron. Season tickets are available. For more information, info@viennachoralsociety.org or 703-349-7150.

The Capitol Steps will stage a benefit performance of *What to Expect When You're Electing* for the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** at 3 pm Sunday, October 23, at Oakton High School, 2900 Sutton Road. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door (if available). Purchase tickets at scov.org or call 703-281-0538 for more information.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** will perform a **free concert** for all ages at 7 pm Sunday, October 23, in DeSales Hall at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 8601 Wolftrap Road. No tickets necessary. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

Get an **inside look at the Foreign Service**, from Ben Franklin to Benghazi, when *America's Diplomats*, a documentary produced by the Foreign Policy Association, is presented from 1:30-3 pm Tuesday, October 25, at the Patrick Henry Library. This free event is co-presented by the library and Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna. Registration is recommended; call the library at 703-938-0405 or register online at va.evanced.info/fairfaxcounty/lib/eventsignup.asp?ID=402831.

A Passages DivorceCare series is currently being offered from 6:45-9 pm Tuesdays at **Vienna Presbyterian Church**. Cost to cover materials is \$20; scholarships are available. To register or for more information, call 703-938-9050, visit viennapres.org, or email passages@viennapres.org.

The Auxiliary to the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department will host a **Fall Bazaar and Craft Show** from 10 am-4 pm Saturday, November 12. The event will be held in the Flame Room of the VVFD at 400 Center Street S. To reserve vendor space, call 703-309-3468 or email dancers1023@aol.com.

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Emergency**
911
(Voice & TDD)

Vienna Police
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. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

Vienna Town Hall
703-255-6300 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
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OCTOBER TOWN CALENDAR

1	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) 8 am-noon	19	Board of Zoning and Appeals • 8 pm
3	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm	20	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
4	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	22	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon
5	Vehicle License Fee Due	24	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
8	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	25	Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Committees • 7 pm
10	Holiday: Town Hall Closed – Regular Refuse Collection	25	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
12	Planning Commission • 8 pm	26	Annual Halloween Parade (Maple Avenue) • 7 pm
13	Town/Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	27	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
14	Teen Park Takeover: Flashlight Tag (Glyndon Park) • 7 pm	28 & 29	Vienna Theatre Company: Eclectic Essentials II • 8 pm (Vienna Baptist Church)
15	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon	29	Vienna Farmers Market (301 Center Street S) • 8 am-noon
15	Halloween on the Green • 11 am-12:30 pm	29	Scary Movie-a-Thon (Club Phoenix) • 2:30-10 pm
17	Town Council Work Session • 8 pm		
18	Public Art Commission • 7 pm		

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check viennava.gov for updates.