

VIENNA VOICE

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE TOWN OF VIENNA, VIRGINIA • VIENNA.VA.GOV



Public art takes flight in Vienna

With the November 4 unveiling of the “Taking Flight” sculpture, installed in front of the Vienna Community Center, Vienna’s public art program has officially launched. More than 100 Town residents as well as the Texas-based artists were on hand to celebrate installation of the statue, which was commissioned in memory of late Mayor Jane Seeman and in honor of Vienna volunteers.

Standing more than 7 feet tall and weighing about 900 pounds, the bronze sculpture features a boy and girl playing atop a stack of books.

“I think the piece looks great and ‘at home’ in its new setting,” says artist Seth Vandable, who created the sculpture with his wife, Missy; they both traveled to Vienna for the installation and unveiling. “Vienna feels like a very family-oriented community with strong values and heart. I can’t think of a more fitting piece to reflect those values, with the goal of nurturing the dreams of the next generation of community members.”

Funded entirely through private donations, the sculpture represents the first permanent project undertaken by the Vienna Public Art Commission. Nearly 60 individuals and groups provided about \$45,000 in contributions for the statue and its base through the Mayor Jane Seeman Memorial Committee, Movers and Shakers (Friends of Public Art) fundraiser, and Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC).



see *Public art* page 3

Holiday happenings

Santa’s got a message for you

We all know that Santa Claus is extremely busy this time of year. Still, he’s managed to find time to leave a special telephone message for Vienna boys and girls. Call 703-255-6333 to listen to the jolly ol’ elf’s recorded message.



*Celebrate the season with
Town Council*

You are invited to Town Council’s annual holiday reception! Enjoy holiday tunes, nibble on refreshments, and share season’s greetings with Councilmembers and other friends from 4-6 p.m. Friday, December 8, in Council Chambers at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. No RSVP is necessary.

2018 Town Calendar coming soon to a mailbox near you

The Town’s annual calendar is expected to be delivered to Town of Vienna residences and businesses by the middle of December. The 2018 calendar features photography of the Vienna Photographic Society, Images for Good, Laura Goyer Photography, and Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid.

IN THIS ISSUE



2 Rooted in community



5 Vienna’s hurricane heroes



7 No place like home

Community collaboration sows VCC garden

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid



The newly installed landscaping in front of and surrounding the Vienna Community Center, including a memorial garden, has its roots in community collaboration. The Town partnered with The Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation and James Madison High School students to create the native plant-based landscaping.

A local foundation that strives to preserve, enhance, and restore land to greater ecological value and supports education in the sciences and engineering, the Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation has worked with Town officials for more than a year to plot how to bring native vegetation to the community center environment. The foundation welcomed the participation of Madison students in creating a memorial garden as part of the larger landscaped environment and an experiential learning opportunity.

The garden project is one of the first to be taken on by Madison students participating in project-based learning opportunities, which are designed to allow students to put classroom skills to practical use. A concept supported by Madison Principal Gregory Hood, this brand of cooperative learning is designed to provide real-world learning and experience for students.

“While we knew that the garden project would be a challenge for our geometry students,” says teacher Kristine Gordon, “everyone involved was enthusiastic about the opportunity for students to gain

hands-on experience and the chance to benefit the community with a project in the heart of Vienna.”

The school’s geometry students were tasked with coming up with scaled models for their proposed garden design. Of the 150 submissions received, which included textured printouts as well as 3-D models, five finalist concepts were selected and ultimately a composite design was created as the final product.

“No, we never thought we’d use geometry to plan a garden,” says Madison student Kyra Sanders with a laugh. “Maintaining the measurements and pre-project pictures of various elements in line with the models was definitely the most challenging part.”

“Everyone put so much passion into their own unique design,” adds Mary Sottong, another Madison student, “so it was a learning process, too, on compromising on what the one-and-only final model would look like.”

When community center renovations began two years ago, all memorial plaques, benches, and stones were removed and kept at the Town’s Nutley Property Yard. Students visited the property yard and made measurements of these components. When these elements were brought back to the center, they were placed according to the students’ garden plan to await the next phase of the project: the plants.

As the vast majority of vegetation around the community center was removed

during the renovation project, the Morton and Spapperi Foundation partnered with Janet Davis from Hill House Nursery, who farms native plants, to bring green back to the site. The foundation selected and covered the cost for the native plants, which the community helped install in October in front of the community center as well as along the auxiliary gym and at the corner of Park and Cherry streets.

“Native plants are an important part of an environmental ecosystem,” says Amy English, director of initiatives and strategy with the foundation. “They are a natural cleaner to our water; enhance pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and birds; and once they mature they are almost drought-proof.”

“It takes a while for the plantings to take hold,” she adds, “but we are confident that in time the community and Town will have something beautiful to look at.”

Madison educators also are confident that this project has benefits for its students, who continue to partner with the Town and other community organizations to find experiential, project-based learning opportunities.

As for the Town, the beneficiary of garden design and native plants, some advantages are intangible. “Although we are still settling in to the community center,” says Parks and Recreation Director Leslie Herman, “it’s a great peace of mind knowing that the community has had our backs.”





Public art from page 1

photo by Adam Kincaid



VPAC Chair Midge Biles adds that fundraising efforts remain a little short of the total cost of the artwork and base. To make a donation, visit viennava.gov/donations.

Vice Mayor Linda Colbert

believes that her mother, Jane Seeman, who served as mayor for 14 years before passing away in 2014, would be humbled to be honored, along with other community volunteers, with a piece of public art. “Mom loved seeing people out and about and gathering,” she says. “She loved to see the community gather,

and a piece of public art does that – it attracts people to it. She would be so excited and delighted to see Vienna’s first piece of public art.”

Vandable, too, feels honored to have been selected to create Vienna’s inaugural public art piece, especially as the sculpture now sits in proximity to so many historical art pieces in Washington, D.C. “I think it’s very important to help young people embrace public art as being for and about them,” he says, “that they see themselves and be inspired by the images around them. Art isn’t just monuments to incredible historical figures, it should be contemporary and resonate on a personal level with the community and its current life experiences.”

Look for Vienna’s second piece of public art to come next year. Town Council has approved acceptance of a donated LOVE artwork sign, which fits with the Virginia is for Lovers tourism theme. Donated by Melanie and Nathan Rothstein, the sign is to be installed at the Northside Park entrance near the W&OD trail. 📍

Nature recycles, let's help her out with mulch

Turning lemons into lemonade isn’t just grandma’s specialty, it’s Mother Nature’s, too – and this lady has some thirsty millions of kids. Last year, public works turned out 492 loads of “plant lemonade” – or mulch – from collected leaves to serve as a natural fertilizer.

Residents may now place orders for mulch, to be delivered beginning in January. Call the mulch order line at 703-255-6388 or the Public Works Department at 703-255-6380. Online orders may be completed at viennava.gov/ordermulch. Mulch is available on a first-come first-served basis so be sure to get your order in early.

The Town will continue to collect lemons, er leaves, through the end of the year. 📍

Delightful doings at the library

While the weather outside may be frightful, you’ll find delightful activities at the Patrick Henry Library.

Speakers this month:

- Martha Bodyfelt will speak about “suddenly single” challenges at 7:30 p.m. December 12.
- Jeff Thomas will share insights from his book *Virginia Politics and the Government in the New Century* at 7:30 p.m. December 14.

In addition to preschool programs, the library will offer these programs for children:

- Hour of Code at 4:30 p.m. December 5
- Drop-in Playdate Zones at 10:30 a.m. December 6 and 30

- Exercise program at 10:30 a.m. December 18
- Movies: *Cars* at 2 p.m. December 19 and *Wonder Woman* at 5 p.m. December 26.

Adults can join a book club discussion:

- *Go Tell It on the Mountain* by James Baldwin at 1 p.m. December 14
- Lindsey Leavitt’s *Going Vintage* at 7 p.m. December 18
- *The Fault in Our Stars* by John Green at 1 p.m. December 28. 📍

Mission accomplished: Wolf Trap Creek restoration complete

The Town of Vienna continues to flow in its efforts to rejuvenate streambeds, healthy waterways, and wildlife habitats. After six months of construction, the second phase of the Wolf Trap Creek and Wildwood Park restoration project is complete.

Wolf Trap’s restoration comes on the heels of the successful reinvention of Hunter’s Branch stream last year. Wolf Trap’s previously decayed, stagnant, and clogged stream has been transformed as well, by the Town’s contractor, Environmental Quality Resources, into a wonderful destination. A nearby multipurpose trail has been repaved.

“We are happy to continue our investment in protecting Vienna’s waterways and the ecosystems and wildlife that they support,” says Public Works Director Michael Gallagher. “It’s great that improving and protecting the Town’s waterways and the Chesapeake Bay results in bonuses: providing healthy habitats for wildlife and enhancing the beauty of our community.”

The Wolf Trap improvements include 1,100 linear feet of stabilized stream banks, more than 700 newly planted trees, and a repaired asphalt trail at Wildwood Park. The stabilized stream bank, shored up in part through use of trees, helps prevent harmful flooding and enhances wildlife habitat. The project was funded through

a Department of Environmental Quality grant and Fairfax County stormwater fees.

“The Town utilizes stream restoration projects, such as Wolftrap Creek and Hunter’s Branch, to help reduce the number of harmful pollutants going into the Chesapeake Bay,” says Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner. “Paying it forward also has immediate rewards the Town.”

The next restoration project will be Piney Branch in Northside Park, for which the design process is scheduled to begin next month. For more information on streams, restoration, and volunteers opportunities, visit

viennava.gov/stormwater. 



Photo by Adam Kincaid

CONTACT Vienna

**TOWN HALL
MAIN PHONE
703-255-6300**

**PUBLIC
INFORMATION
OFFICE
703-255-6330**

**VIENNA TOWN
COUNCIL**

Mayor Laurie A. DiRocco
ldirocco@viennava.gov
703-255-6310

Tara L. Bloch
tara.bloch@viennava.gov

Linda Jane Colbert
linda.colbert@viennava.gov

Pasha M. Majdi
pasha.majdi@viennava.gov

Douglas Noble
douglas.noble@viennava.gov

Carey J. Sienicki
csienicki@viennava.gov

Howard J. Springsteen
hspringsteen@viennava.gov

TOWN STAFF

Town Manager.....	Mercury T. Payton.....	703-255-6371
Town Attorney.....	Steven D. Briglia.....	703-255-6305
Town Clerk.....	Melanie J. Clark.....	703-255-6304
Communications & Marketing Manager.....	Lynne DeWilde.....	703-255-6330
Finance Director.....	Marion Serfass.....	703-255-6322
Human Resources Director.....	Maggie Kain.....	703-255-6351
Information Technology Director.....	Tony Mull.....	703-255-6364
Parks & Recreation Director.....	Leslie Herman.....	703-255-6356
Planning & Zoning Director.....	Patrick Mulhern.....	703-255-6340
Police Chief.....	Col. James Morris.....	703-255-6390
Public Works Director.....	Michael Gallagher.....	703-255-6380

Send community news and high-resolution photographs to lynne.dewilde@viennava.gov. All material provided is subject to editorial review and revision and will be used as space allows. **Deadline for the January issue is December 10.**



Hometown hurricane heroes help out in Houston, Puerto Rico

The Town of Vienna is proud of its reputation as a caring community. Recently at least two current and former residents, a Town business, and two community organizations extended Vienna’s brand of hometown care to those in other communities dealing with the devastating effects of hurricanes.

Peter Tabash with Team Rubicon in Houston

As a former combat engineer and infantry officer in the U.S. Marine Corps, 12 years active duty and 22 years in the Reserves, Peter Tabash is accustomed to being deployed. As a volunteer with Team Rubicon since 2013, Tabash’s deployments these days tend to be closer to home and only a week in duration, but they’re arguably as impactful as those he undertook in the Marines.

Begun in 2010 by two Marine veterans in response to a 7.8-magnitude earthquake in Haiti, Team Rubicon now has more than 45,000 volunteers throughout the United States – and the world – who provide disaster relief to those affected by natural disasters. Approximately 70% of Team Rubicon’s volunteers are veterans, and they often focus on populations sometimes overlooked or underserved by traditional aid organizations.

In September, about three weeks after Hurricane Harvey drenched the Houston area, Tabash led a “strike team” of six other Team Rubicon Region III volunteers

to Wharton, Texas, a small town of about 9,000 located nearly 60 miles southwest of Houston. The team provided direct recovery support to homeowners impacted by flooding and other hurricane-related damage, assessing homes and taking on debris removal, chainsaw operations, mucking and gutting, and demolition services for homeowners who couldn’t otherwise afford to rebuild their homes.

“Wharton is a very small, poor to lower-middle class town,” says Tabash, who, until a couple of months ago, had lived in the Town of Vienna for 22 years. “The area we worked in was a flood zone. You wonder why people would live in a flood zone, but it’s all that they can afford. The homes were mildewed and everything was saturated in water. There were bugs. Those of us living in Northern Virginia don’t see these things. We think that this kind of poverty only exists in other countries, but it’s right here in our country.”

Many of the nine homeowners that Tabash and his team assisted were elderly and/or didn’t have family members who could help out.

Through Team Rubicon, 73,150 volunteer hours were provided in six locations throughout the Houston area in response to Hurricane Harvey. More than 1,380 homes were assessed with 606 homes serviced for a total savings of \$2 million for the state of Texas.

“Seeing these people lose everything, to see all their belongings get trashed and hauled to the curb,” says Tabash, “there’s a lot of emotion.” At the same time, he adds, “it’s nice to hang out with veterans again. There’s a lot of camaraderie.”

Tabash has also deployed with Team Rubicon to



Teamwork Peter Tabash, left in photo above, and a ‘strike force’ from Team Rubicon spent a week helping hurricane victims in Wharton, Texas.

Pennsylvania following an ice storm and to Michigan and West Virginia to assist with flooding damage. His trip to the Houston area was his fourth deployment with Team Rubicon.

“I’ve always believed in giving back to the community,” says Tabash, who was formerly a leader with Vienna’s Boy Scout Troop 976 and a member of Historic Vienna, Inc. “I encourage others to do so, too. Everyone needs to do something to give back.”

Michael Whitehead with the Red Cross in Puerto Rico

Hurricane Maria, which struck Puerto Rico September 20, is the 21st hurricane for which Michael Whitehead has provided emergency management services, but its devastation was unlike any other hurricane’s aftermath he’s dealt with.

Currently a government operations manager with the American Red Cross, a position for which he moved to Vienna two years ago, Whitehead was an emergency manager with the state of Florida for 20 years before retiring with 28 years of service with the state. He retired from the U.S. Army Reserves in 2005, after eight years of active duty service and 22 years in the Reserves. With that kind of background, Whitehead has seen some things, but he says, “Maria in Puerto Rico was different.”

Not only was it a challenge to get supplies to Puerto Rico, he says, but the devastation of the island’s electrical network made daily life as well as coordinating emergency services efforts difficult, to say the least.



see **Hometown heroes** page 8

Halloween Parade's monster winners

Of the 90 organizations who dared enter the Town of Vienna's 71st Annual Halloween Parade, 18 scared off the competition and came out monster winners.

Best in Show

Creativeworx and the Vienna Singing Princesses

Antique and Classic Vehicles

First: Fairfax Virginia Harley Owners Group

Second: Northern Virginia Corvette Club

Third: Maggio's Family Restaurant

Youth Bands

First: Vienna Jammers Percussion Ensemble

Youth Performing Groups

First: Vienna Dance Academy

Second: Cuppett Performing Arts Center

Third: Fundacion Socio Cultural Diablada Bolivian

Floats With Music

First: Vienna School of Rock

Second: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic School

Third: Boy Scout Troop #987

Adult Performing Groups

First: Gottaswing Dancers

Second: Bikes@Vienna

Third: Money & King Funeral Home

Floats Without Music

First: Flint Hill Elementary School

Second: Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

Third: Montessori School of Oakton

Adult Bands

First: Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Society Pipe Band



Photo by Adam Kim

I-66 changes coming inside the Beltway this month

As part of the Virginia Department of Transportation's Transform 66 megaproject, tolling and usage changes are coming inside the Beltway, from I-495 to Rosslyn, beginning this month.

Toll lanes on I-66 inside the Beltway will be opened to single-occupancy vehicles during peak usage, or restricted times. (As this newsletter was being printed, VDOT had not yet specified an exact date for these changes.) While carpools with two or more people may continue to use the interstate during restricted hours for free, single-occupancy vehicles will be allowed and assessed a toll based on road-usage demand and distance traveled.

Restricted periods will be extended from 5:30-9:30 in the morning and 3-7 in afternoons. All vehicles using I-66 during restricted periods will be required to have an E-Z Pass or E-Z Pass Flex transponder.

Inside the Beltway, construction of an additional eastbound lane will begin next year and is expected to open to traffic in late 2020.

Outside the Beltway, 22.5 miles of tolled express lanes, from I-495 to University Boulevard in Gainesville, will be added over the next few years. Significant construction is expected to begin in the spring, but some work will begin this winter, including around the I-66/I-495 interchange, I-66 eastbound near Jermantown Road, and the Route 123 interchange. Activity in these areas will include clearing and grubbing, utility relocation, erosion and sediment control, grading, and preparing pavement markings and lane shifts.

For more information about these projects, visit transform66.org or 66expresslanes.org.



Resolve to take care of the environment

The Town's final 2017 Quarterly Recycling Day will be held from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, December 2, at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street. Waste vehicle products, including oil, antifreeze, and batteries, will be accepted as will most electronics, basically anything with a plug except CRT-style or "big backside" television and computer screens.

To date, through 2017, the Town has collected and recycled:

- 275 gallons of waste oil
- 32 gallons of antifreeze
- 9 car batteries
- 14 tons of electronics.

Hazardous waste products such as insecticides, paint, and other chemicals are not accepted.



There's no place like home

photos by Adam Kincaid

Residents as well as parks and recreation staff members are excited to be back home in the Vienna Community Center. While several construction items remain and finishing touches are still underway, the building is once again humming with classes and activities. As a picture's worth a thousand words, *Vienna Voice* is sharing this pictorial story in celebration of the center's re-opening.

To view current classes, programs, events, and lectures being offered through the parks and recreation program, visit viennava.gov/winterprograms. 📍



Hometown heroes from page 5

“The big difference is that normally after two-three days, supplies come in and electricity starts getting restored,” Whitehead says. “We start getting back to normal. In Puerto Rico, it’s like we’re stuck on day two of the response. The power is not coming back on for a significant number of people for months.”

Initially, following the storm, 95% of Puerto Ricans were without power. That impact had been whittled down to about 60% of the population before a line fell in early November.

The task of restoring electricity to the mountainous island is enormous, says Whitehead, noting that approximately 60,000 poles need to be found, loaded, shipped, trucked on roads that still need to be cleared, and installed after removing the old poles.

“I don’t think that the response, the inadequate response,” he says, “was due to negligence by anybody or incompetence. It was a very rare, catastrophic event that’s very difficult. No one plans for two category 4 hurricanes to hit Puerto Rico within two weeks. [Hurricane Irma skirted Puerto Rico on September 7.] It’s an extremely unfortunate event.”

One of 500 Red Cross responders and volunteers on the ground in Puerto Rico, Whitehead worked 58 out of 60 days, from August to October, responding to hurricanes first in Texas and then in Florida before deploying for three weeks to Puerto Rico. There he worked on the third floor of the San Juan Convention Center, coordinating response efforts with federal, state, and non-governmental agencies.

“The most amazingly different thing was not having access to the Internet, cell phones, or electricity. Nobody did. I had difficulty contacting someone on the second floor of the convention center. We ended up using our phones almost like fax machines.” Responders would use their cell phones to take photos of documents or computer screens so that they’d have needed information at their workstations.

“There were a lot of desperate people, a lot of need,” he says. “We were all trying as best as we could, the demand was so great.”

He credits Puerto Rican volunteers with doing a great job in helping the island respond. “I worked with a lot of Puerto Ricans



Orchestrating aid The San Juan Convention Center served as the relief response command center in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria.

who did heroic, super jobs.”

For those who wish to help but don’t necessarily have the skills to be on the ground, Whitehead recommends donating to a volunteer agency.

Among those he worked with

in Puerto Rico – in addition to the Red Cross, of course – were Salvation Army, Feeding America, Save the Children, and the Southern Baptist Convention. “Volunteer agencies are going to be down there working for years,” he says. “It’s not too late to help out in Puerto Rico.”

Vienna organizations reach out, too

At least two community organizations and one business coordinated Vienna-based efforts this fall to assist hurricane victims.

Washington Cares, a nonprofit organization associated with Architectural Ceramics, deployed four employees and two trucks with relief supplies to Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas. The company also shipped seven crates of supplies (food, water, first aid kits, blankets, and more) to San German, Puerto Rico, an area that remains without power and was cut off from assistance for several weeks.

Wesley United Methodist Church members collected cleaning buckets and supplies and donated those to the United Methodist Committee on Relief, who sent them to Texas. In addition, says Pastor Kyungsuk Cho, the congregation raised more than \$5,000, which was sent to a church in the Virgin Islands that Wesley UMC is assisting as well as to people in Texas and Florida.

Students at Green Hedges School were saddened that the school year for children in Houston was not getting off to the same enthusiastic, hopeful start as in Vienna, says Katherine Vazquez, director of admissions and financial aid. So the Montessori students made fresh-squeezed lemonade and sold glasses to parents during afternoon pickup. The money raised was used to purchase school supplies for Houston-area schools. Middle school students also helped by collecting school supplies and mailing three boxes full of pens, paper, folders, and more to Houston.

“Understanding that there are others in this country who need a helping hand, Green Hedges students put two ideas into action in just one week,” says Vazquez. “Sometimes we wonder how young is too young to show children the impacts of natural disasters, but it can often be a start of a conversation about how to help those in need.”



Making lemonade, literally Green Hedges students sold handmade lemonade to help students in Houston.



'Tis the season for...too much paper!

by Christina Caplan, Community Enhancement Commission

December brings light and joy, along with an endless stream of packages, holiday cards, wrapping paper, and retail catalogs. So much paper is produced and wasted at holiday time. The card waste alone is staggering: CalRecycle estimates that almost 2 billion cards are mailed in the United States between Thanksgiving and New Year's, enough to fill a football field 10 stories high.

Most paper products can be recycled, but remember that recycling is not entirely cost-free. Recycling trucks use fuel to collect and transport materials to transfer stations. More fuel and energy is spent sorting, preparing, and shipping materials for remanufacturing into new products. The more eco-friendly strategy is to reduce and reuse as much as possible.

Boxes

- Donate boxes to neighbors with "for sale" signs in their yards.
- Give churches and synagogues boxes to transport items to homeless shelters and meals to soup kitchens.
- U-Haul's *Take a Box, Leave a Box* program allows customers to pick up and drop off used boxes for free at U-Haul locations. The company estimates that nearly one million boxes are reused each year through this program, with huge savings in energy and raw materials consumption.
- Participate in the Give Back Box program, which lets you fill online shipping and other boxes with clothes and household items to ship to charities for free. Prepaid shipping labels are available at GiveBackBox.com.

Cards and wrapping paper

- Choose cards and wrapping paper made from recycled paper; avoid products with shiny or foil coatings, which cannot be recycled.
- Donate old cards to daycare centers or elementary schools to be used for art projects.
- Use old cards as gift tags.
- Reuse wrapping paper and gift bags.

Catalogs

One online purchase should not relegate you to receiving four catalogs from a retailer every month for eternity!

- Ask to be removed from catalog mailing lists by calling the company's toll-free number or selecting a "no mail" option when you complete online orders.
- Register at DMAchoice.org (note the \$2 processing fee for this service) or CatalogChoice.org to cancel catalogs and opt out of marketing mailings. 📌

Parks & Rec sampler

'Tis the season to enjoy recreational and learning opportunities. Don't miss these upcoming programs:

Christmas in DC

Join the ghosts of Christmas past, present, and future as they lead miserly Ebenezer Scrooge on a journey of transformation and redemption in the Ford Theatre's production of Charles Dickens' yuletide classic. Following this performance of *A Christmas Carol*, trip participants will visit the National Christmas Tree and walk through the Pathway to Peace, featuring one-of-a-kind ornaments symbolizing U.S. history, heritage, and culture. This bus trip is from 12:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, December 13. The cost is \$80 for Town of Vienna residents and \$100 for others. Register at the Vienna Community Center or online via WebTrac using activity #351564-A1.

Community commitment

This workshop will match your skills, hobbies, and passion with volunteer opportunities in the community. Participants will also learn about GrandInvolve, a unique volunteer experience designed to help students succeed in school. This free workshop is from 11 a.m.-noon Thursday, December 7, at the Vienna Community Center. Please register in advance at the community center or online via WebTrac using activity #340073-A1.

Vein vitality

The Center for Vein Restoration will discuss signs, symptoms, and treatment options related to unhealthy leg veins, a serious issue that often is underdiagnosed, in a free workshop from 10-11 a.m. Monday, December 11, at the community center. Learn how to keep your leg veins healthy and to avoid bulging leg veins, leg swelling, lower leg ulcers, and tired, heavy, achy legs. Register in advance at the community center or online via WebTrac using activity #242524-A1.

Holiday hours

Winter Break Teen Center hours are 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. December 18-21 and 26-29.

Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in October to these companies:

Karen A. Hedlund
massage therapy
129 Park Street NE
703-288-0862

Nobles Nail Spa
facials
303 Maple Avenue W
571-659-3285

Metropolitan Microblading
microblading
163 Maple Avenue E
571-982-6679



Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS
Amphora Restaurant

25 YEARS
Cenan's Bakery

15 YEARS
DocTalker Family Medicine
Sally Beauty Supply

10 YEARS
Shafian Tax & Accounting Services

5 YEARS
Eyecare Center Group
Main Street Home Improvement Company
Pure Performance



Nonprofit donation requests due Dec. 8

Each year as part of its budgeting process, the Town of Vienna allocates limited funds to support nonprofit organizations. If your community organization wishes to request funding from the Town, submit a donation request by December 8.

Requests may be submitted via a letter to Town Manager Mercury Payton. Required information includes:

- name of the organization and names and addresses of its officers
- purpose of organization and a description of programs and activities
- percentage of members or participants who live in the Town of Vienna or own or are employed by a Town business
- organization's budget showing anticipated income and expenses for the year in which the donation will be used
- funding amount requested
- purpose for which the donation will be used
- synopsis of fundraising activities conducted throughout the current year

- statement, signed by the principal officer, that membership or participation is open to all residents and businesspeople in the Town of Vienna without regard to race, national origin, religion, or sex.

Letters may be dropped off at Town Hall or mailed to:
Town of Vienna, Attn: Mercury Payton, 127 Center Street S,
Vienna, VA 22181

Decisions related to funding requests will be made as part of the Town's fiscal year 2018-19 budgeting process. Beginning in March, Town Council will hold work sessions related to the FY19 budget (which will be effective July 1, 2018). These and all Council work sessions are open to the public. Check the printed 2018 Town Calendar or the online calendar at viennava.gov for specific dates.

For more information about the Town's budget, visit viennava.gov/index.aspx?NID=242. 

HAPPENINGS around town

Epiphany United Methodist Church will host its **55th annual Christmas Bazaar** from 9 am-2 pm December 2. The bazaar will feature a silent auction, handmade wreaths, See's candy, baked goods, jewelry, crafts, centerpieces, poinsettias, and Whitley's Virginia peanuts. A special section where items are priced \$1-5 will be open for children to shop. Lunch is available from 11 am-2 pm. Santa will visit the bazaar from noon-1 pm. Proceeds from the auction help fund the church, which is located at 1104 Country Club Drive NE.

Vienna's Little Library will be open to visitors from noon-4 pm Sunday, December 3. A children's craft will be available; plan to stop in before or after your visit with Santa at the Freeman Store. The Little Library will be closed in January and February. To arrange a private tour, call 703-938-5187.

Santa Claus is coming to the **Freeman Store and Museum**, 131 Church Street NE, from noon-2 pm Sunday, December 3 and 10. Seated in his special chair next to Historic Vienna's beautifully decorated Christmas tree, courtesy of the Optimist and Ayr Hill Garden clubs, Santa will meet with and listen to the wishes of young visitors. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to bring cameras. The visit with Santa is free. For more information, visit historicviennainc.org or call 703-938-5187.

Vienna Presbyterian Church, 123 Park Street NW, will host its annual **Gifts for Good Haiti Christmas** market from 9 am-12:30 pm on three consecutive Sundays, December 3, 10, and 17. Beautiful, handmade

Haitian artwork, including metal art, jewelry, Christmas ornaments, and notecards, will be available. To honor a loved one in a unique way this holiday season, consider making a gift of livestock (chickens, ducks, goats, etc.) to an impoverished Haitian family. A free metal ornament depicting the animal donated (while supplies last) as well as a photo card detailing the benefit of this donation will be provided. All Vienna community members are welcome. Proceeds benefit Vienna Presbyterian mission partner Community Coalition for Haiti (cchaiti.org). For more information, email wevn@verizon.net.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm December 5 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lions box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. For more information, call Tom Comi at 703-281-4575 or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://www.facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

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, December 5, 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. For more information about both groups, email wf.pflag@gmail.com or visit pflagdc.org and [facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/fly.pflag/).

A collection of photographs of Havana, Cuba, by Vienna Arts Society photographer **Susan Scanlon**, will be on exhibit from December 6-February 4 at the gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center, 513 Maple Avenue W.

Fairfax County Supervisor Cathy Hudgins invites residents to join her for nibbles and libations in celebration of the season at her annual **Hunter Mill District Holiday Open House** from 4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, December 6, at the North County Governmental Center, 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston. Please RSVP to huntermillRSVP@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703-478-0283.

You can assist the **Committee for Helping Others** in putting smiles on local children's faces and providing food for families this holiday season. If you can provide new toys, gift cards for teens, or grocery cards or can assist with **Christmas Store** setup on December 8 or distribution on December 9, call 703-938-7614, box #1, or 703-938-7213. Donations may be delivered to Vienna Presbyterian Church.

Beginning December 8, **Joe Phillips** will offer **watercolor workshops** from 11 am-2 pm Fridays through the end of the year at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. All levels of painters, beginners to advanced, are welcomed. Each session is \$50; bring your own paints and a palette. Call 703-319-3971 to confirm availability.

The **Vienna (Host) Lions Club** is selling **Christmas trees** through December 10, or until all trees are



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.

October 16

- Extended the professional services contract with Urban, LTD for management of the community center renovation and expansion project through anticipated project closeout period for an additional cost of \$24,500.
- Approved a memorandum of understanding with VDOT and the Virginia State Police for incident management and traffic operations support related to I-66 construction.
- Adopted a VDOT resolution to add a Metrorail project for installation of sidewalks at Kingsley and Marshall roads to VDOT's Urban Program.
- Approved a funding agreement with Fairfax County for the Northside Piney Branch stream restoration project. This \$1.32 million project will be funded through the state Department of Environmental Quality's Stormwater Local Assistance Fund and Fairfax County stormwater funds.

- Awarded a contract for engineering services for Glyndon Street drainage and roadway improvements to Urban, LTD, for \$91,500.
- Awarded a contract for on-call engineering services for state and federal projects to Whitman, Requardt & Associates.
- Approved purchase of a 12-foot 5000 Series snowblade from James River Equipment for \$9,360.
- Set a public hearing for October 30 to consider Planning Commission-recommended changes to Board of Zoning Appeals voting requirements in order to be consistent with Virginia state code.
- Set a public hearing for November 13, 2017 to consider the Planning Commission's recommendations on proposed amendments to permitted restaurant uses and definitions in the Vienna Town code.

October 30

- Held a public hearing on and approved Planning Commission-recommended changes to Board of Zoning Appeals voting requirements in order to be consistent with Virginia state code.
- Accepted donation of a LOVE artwork sign and approved its installation on Town property at the entrance to Northside Park near the W&OD trail.

- Approved purchase of nine vehicles and radios for six police vehicles for \$321,609.28 through the Vehicle Replacement Program.
- Extended the public improvement bond for Onondio Cove subdivision for an additional 18 months through April 2019.
- Approved appropriation of an additional \$3,000 to Day & Night Printing for printing and mail preparation of approximately 900 additional *Vienna Voice* monthly newsletters for Town businesses.

Appointed to serve

At its October meetings, Town Council appointed or re-appointed the following individuals to serve two-year terms on Town boards and commissions:

- Lu Cousins – Vienna Public Art Commission
- Julie Hays – Transportation Safety Commission and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Jessica Plowgian – Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- Jason Somensato – Bicycle Advisory Committee

sold. The tree lot is located in the Walgreen's parking lot on Maple Avenue. Fraser fir and Colorado spruce trees are available for \$40-90 from 2-8 pm Monday-Friday, 9 am-8 pm Saturday, and 10 am-8 pm Sunday. Roping, wreaths, coloring books, and Virginia peanuts also are available.

Meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments at the **Vienna Arts Society's holiday reception**, which begins at 7:30 pm Thursday, December 14, at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW.

The **Vienna Choral Society**, along with special guests from Oakton High School, will present **Sounds of the Season: Rutter's Gloria** at 4:30 pm Saturday, December 16, at Annandale United Methodist Church, 6935 Columbia Pike. Tickets are \$25 for adults; \$20 for students and seniors; and free for youth 14 and younger accompanied by a paying ticketholder. For tickets or more information, visit viennachoralsociety.org.

American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N, will offer a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, December 17. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, and more will be served. \$9 for adults; \$3 for children 12 and younger. Call 703-938-6580 for more information.

Browse the **Freeman Store & Museum gift shop** for all of your holiday needs. Made-in-Virginia, hand-painted ornaments of many of Vienna's iconic, historic buildings make great gifts! The shop also features a

selection of exclusive Vienna-specific items. The store is open noon-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday.

A concert of **Christmas music**, including classical works, contemporary songs, and familiar Christmas carols, will be presented at 7 pm December 28 at **Emmanuel Lutheran Church**, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. The concert is free; an offering will be taken to support Hypothermia Prevention Week efforts and the ministry of the Caroline Furnace Lutheran Camp & Retreat Center.

The **Used Book Cellar at the Freeman Store** is offering **special pricing** through December: 20% off cookbooks and children's chapter books for 25 cents each. Used books – excluding magazines, textbooks, and encyclopedias – may be donated anytime. Deliver bagged or boxed books to the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street; if the store is not open, books may be left on the front porch. To volunteer, call 703-938-5187.

Through the end of the year, a **Textures exhibit** will be on display at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant

Street NW. Also, beginning December 18 and running through February 26, **Vienna Arts Society** artists will participate in an **Up**

Close to Mother Nature exhibit at Green Spring Botanical Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria.

The **Little Library** is offering amnesty. If you have a book borrowed from Vienna's original 1897 library, Historic Vienna Inc. will waive the fine for returned books.

Instead of paying a fine, which could be in excess of \$250 seeing as the library closed its doors and stopped lending books

in 1970, you will receive a Vienna Little Library 120th anniversary button. Return books to the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE.

Over the next few months, **Historic Vienna Inc.** will be working on an exhibit to commemorate the centennial of World War I. If you can lend Great War items or want to help with the exhibit, call 703-938-5187 or email smberg@erols.com.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** will perform a **free holiday concert** at 7 pm Sunday, December 10, at the Vienna Community Center. After that, the band will be on break until rehearsals resume on January 7. The band is recruiting enthusiastic new musicians in all sections and is especially looking for those who play clarinet, bassoon, oboe, and tuba. If interested, please attend any 6:15 pm rehearsal Sundays at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submissions may be edited. Listings do not constitute an endorsement of content nor necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna, Town Council, or employees.

**Police,
Fire & Rescue
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
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

PRSR STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Vienna, VA
Permit No. 36

VIENNA
VOICE

December **TOWN CALENDAR**

2	Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am-2 pm
2	Lunch with Santa (VWFD) – <i>tickets required</i> • 11:30 am
4	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
5	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
8	Town Council Holiday Reception • 4-6 pm
11	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
13	Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store) • 7:30 pm
13	Planning Commission • 8 pm

14	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
19	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
20	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm
21	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
21	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
22	Holiday: Town Hall Closes at Noon/Regular Refuse Collection
25	Holiday: Town Hall Closed/No Refuse Collection

40
years ago...

Retiring Town Manager C. Clay Harrell expounded for two pages in the December 1977 newsletter on “the most serious problem faced by the Vienna Police Department”: juvenile vandalism. In the first 10 months of 1977, he reported, vandalism had resulted in \$23,000 in repair and replacement costs to its victims. He charged the police and parks and recreation departments to work together to develop programs to help reduce incidents of vandalism. He also asked residents to acknowledge “the seriousness of the problem” and to commit to being part of the solution.