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Strategic plan to provide road map to Town's future

When he talks with local government organizations about strategic planning, former Prince William County Executive Craig Gerhart likes to share a story about a 1960s NASA janitor, who responded to a question about what he does with: "I'm helping put a man on the moon."

Top-to-bottom clarity of purpose, along with necessary competencies, Gerhart notes, are key attributes possessed by high-performing organizations. And to be effective, he adds, organizations have to have a plan. "You have to be able to say here's where we're going, here's how we'll get there, here's what staff needs to do, and here's how staff will be evaluated."

To help the Town of Vienna figure out where it's going and how it's going to get there, Gerhart, now a local government consultant and adjunct faculty member at the University of Virginia's Senior Executive Institute, will lead Town Council and staff through a strategic planning process.

The process kicks off January 16 with a facilitated workshop for Councilmembers. Council will begin to consider the future by articulating what success would look like assuming that all of the Town's efforts succeeded beyond reasonable expectations. Council will identify the major attributes of Vienna

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For Vienna Theatre Company, it's all about relationships, essentially

by Communications Specialist
Adam Kincaid

When its artistic home base, the Vienna Community Center, was being renovated over a two-year period, the Vienna Theatre Company (VTC) underwent an adaptive metamorphosis. As it launches the 2018 production season, VTC plans to hold onto some of those changes it was obliged to embrace while also welcoming fresh opportunities associated with being back home in a new and improved space.

"It's been indescribable to be back home," says VTC Artistic Director Jessie Roberts. "Having new sound and light boards along with the dedicated tech booth will make everything so much easier and better."

Still, VTC isn't turning its back on hard-earned expanded horizons in terms of what kinds of shows it performs, who to cast as directors and actors, and newly formed artistic relationships.

Prepping for its third production of *Eclectic Essentials*, the company's series of one-act plays, Roberts comments: "Eclectic Essentials was a new type of production for us, created specifically to adapt to community center construction. Even though we didn't have our stage at the center, we still wanted to provide patrons with an evening of theatre, so we engineered our script selection

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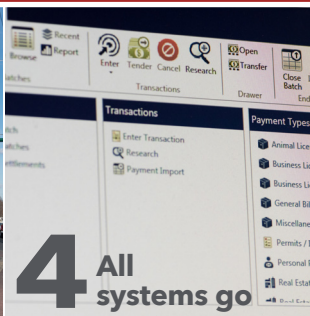
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Taking on winter by the numbers

Here's a by-the-numbers look at the Town's winter weather arsenal.

16

plow trucks

11,000

gallons of brine mixture

6

salt spreaders

1,200

tons of salt

23.3%

ideal salinity of the anti-icing brine mixture

2

each of bobcats, backhoes, and ATVs to help with snow removal

4

walk-behind snowblowers

250

tons of sand

Town prepared for if/when the weather outside gets frightful

The Town of Vienna's public works and parks and recreation departments are well equipped to take on Old Man Winter. Each year, the Town adds to its winter arsenal in order to more effectively fight the snow, ice, and slush that occasionally dump on the Northern Virginia region.

Operations Superintendent Jonathan Wooden is sanguine about dealing with the snow and ice. In a typical Virginia winter storm, which is less than about six inches, the Town strives to have all roads cleared about 12-18 hours after the storm ends.



He asks that residents be patient, especially in a big storm like the 30-plus inches that fell in January 2016. "We work as safely and quickly as we can," he says.

The most difficult part of the process, Wooden notes, is the uncertainty of Mother Nature. No matter what is predicted, he says, she always seems to pack a little of the unexpected.

New to the Town's weather-fighting arsenal this year is a 1,000-gallon salt brine applicator. The Town's homemade brew of salt brine is an anti-icing agent that is applied to roadways pre-storm. Wooden hopes that the larger capacity (last year, the Town had a 250-gallon load capacity) will allow the Town to treat all Vienna roadways, ideally 24-48 hours in advance of predicted winter weather. He anticipates that it will require 3,000-4,000 gallons of brine to treat the entire Town one time.

In addition, plows, spreaders, backhoes, bobcats, snowblowers, salt, and, to a lesser degree, sand as well as a response team of anywhere from 8-60 Town staffers working around the clock in two 12-hour shifts comprise the Town's winter weather response toolbox.

So whatever Mother Nature may have in store this winter, the Town of Vienna is ready. 🇺🇸

Flurry of activity at Patrick Henry Library

Three book clubs, more than a dozen preschool programs, drop-in computer tutoring, an after-school program, and friendly, effective research await you this month at the Patrick Henry Library. Here's just a sampling of some of the programs being offered:

- Get expert insight on how to make one of your New Year's resolutions stick – the one about preparing financially for retirement – at a January 11 workshop at 7:30 p.m.
- STEAM Storytime for preschoolers ages 2-5 returns at 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 24. Help your little ones flex problem-solving and imagination muscles early.
- The Snowflake Symmetry program offers teens a fresh view of math at 1 p.m. Monday, January 29. 🇺🇸



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and the Town government when Vienna is recognized as a “best in class” community and will determine goal areas, suggested actions, and how progress will be measured.

“I’m looking forward to undertaking the strategic planning process and to working with Council to more clearly define realistic goals and objectives for the Town of Vienna,” says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. “I really believe that the process of strategic planning, which is the identification of issues and possible solutions, is going to be as valuable as the plan itself.”

Among the data that Council will consider as it begins strategic planning are 2016 Citizen Survey results as well as input gathered via interviews, surveys, and polling through the recent branding initiative.

With Council’s draft vision, goal statements, and community measures in hand, Town staff, through facilitated workshops and independent research, will throughout the spring conduct analysis of the identified goal areas and ascertain strategies, objectives, and action steps, which ultimately will spell out a multiyear plan of action for the Town. Vienna last engaged in a strategic planning process in 2012-13.

“After Town Council identifies priorities,” says Town Manager Mercury Payton, “staff will incorporate those priorities into planning for future initiatives and will align budget requests moving forward to address those goals as well. It’s important for all Town employees to have an understanding of Council’s vision.”

Gerhart anticipates that the strategic planning process will require about nine months. The Town’s contract with Gerhart Enterprises, Inc. is for \$14,220.

Another quote that Gerhart likes to use when talking about strategic planning is one by David Allen, a productivity consultant and author of *Getting Things Done*: “You can do anything, but not everything.” Vienna’s strategic planning process will be about determining the “anythings” at which it truly wants to be a high-performing, best-in-class community. Stay tuned for strategic plan updates in future issues of *Vienna Voice*. 📌

New signal at Maple and Lawyers/Courthouse Road means more left turns, better traffic flow

Last month the Town of Vienna installed a new left-turn traffic signal on Maple Avenue at the intersection with Lawyers Road/Courthouse Road. This change was made with expectations that traffic flow will be enhanced and congestion on Maple Avenue mitigated.

Drivers traveling in both directions on Maple Avenue who wish to make a left turn at that intersection still receive an advanced protective permission left turn, that is, a solid green arrow signal. As it cycles through, the green arrow turns solid yellow and then solid red, which indicates that no left turns are allowed. After Maple Avenue drivers receive a solid green light to allow them to travel straight, a flashing yellow arrow signals those wishing to turn left that they may do so with caution and after yielding to oncoming traffic.

The change means that Maple Avenue drivers wishing to turn left onto Lawyers or Courthouse no longer are required to wait through the full light cycle. Traffic engineers have found that flashing yellow arrow signals are more intuitive than solid green lights to communicate a permissive left turn and that, after a short learning period, the yellow signals are more easily understood, better obeyed, and safer.

A National Cooperative Highway Research Program study finds that: “The flashing yellow arrow clearly communicates a message of caution and reduces the risk of left turn-related crashes.” Drivers need to continue to be mindful of pedestrians crossing Lawyers and Courthouse roads when making left turns from Maple Avenue. 📌



Steady Red Arrow
Drivers turning left must stop and wait.



Steady Yellow Arrow
Stop, if you can do so safely.



Flashing Yellow Arrow
Proceed with left turn after yielding to oncoming traffic and pedestrians.



Steady Green Arrow
Proceed with left turn.

Town scales financial systems technological summit

Think about a time you've upgraded your phone or bought a new computer or replaced a software system at work. You know, then, that there's a sense of anxiety, a time commitment, and inevitable technological hiccups that accompany those kinds of experiences. Next, consider the anxiety, time, and hiccups that would be required to replace (and add) about 15 financial software systems, and you'll have a sense of what the Town of Vienna has experienced – and achieved.

After three years of module installations, the Town of Vienna has completely transferred all of its financial, or enterprise resource planning, systems to one software system operated by Tyler Munis. Several other modules – for permitting in the planning department, human resources functions, and a customer service request portal – have been implemented as well.

“Thank goodness we all still have our hair,” says Information Technology Director Tony Mull, who has managed the software system implementation in cooperation with the finance department. “It feels great to be able to see the light at

the end of the tunnel. We've accomplished the majority of the work and now are massaging a few residual issues, exploring the system's full capabilities, and training staff to achieve mastery of the new system.”

“The Town's whole financial backbone has been changed,” says Finance Director Marion Serfass. “It's transformed the way we do business.”

All financial functions, including general ledger, accounts payable, purchasing, payroll, and revenue systems (real estate taxes, meals taxes, dog and vehicle licenses, cashing, and, most recently, utility billing) have been converted from two older systems or integrated from manual input. The planning department has computerized the permitting process, which previously had been done manually. Police systems also are in the process of transitioning to Munis, which recently purchased the firm that the police department had used for several years.



photo by Adam Kincaid

Having nearly all Town functions under one system, Serfass says, means most importantly that the Town can serve customers more efficiently. In addition, some functions have been streamlined, and data is more easily extracted and shared between functions.

A customer self-service portal through which residents will be able to view all accounts, review account history, and pay bills online is anticipated to be operational this spring.

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Businesses going green - for the environment and ca\$h

Last spring, the Community Enhancement Commission launched its Sustainability Challenge for businesses and nonprofit organizations, a friendly call to action to protect the environment – and save money. Through the program, businesses tally points on a checklist of green actions or practices they undertake as part of their day-to-day operations. When they earn sufficient points, the businesses are certified as “sustainable.”

Below is a list of the Town of Vienna’s first certified sustainable businesses – along with examples of incorporated green practices. The businesses were recognized by Town Council last month.

Caboose Brewing Company

- donates spent grain to local farms or uses it to bake house-made crackers
- decorated with recycled items
- sources from local farms
- encourages patrons to use the W&OD trail

Caffe Amouri

- added bicycle racks for customers and employees
- bundles deliveries to maximize efficiency
- employs a robust recycling program

Cycle Chi

- provides reusable, rather than single-use, towels throughout the facility
- uses rechargeable batteries
- reduced office paper use

Joanne Ehreth Burke, CPA PLLC

- upgraded insulation in attic and basement crawl space
- uses LED lightbulbs

Purple Onion Catering Co.

- reduced office paper use
- purchases in bulk, rather than buying single products, to reduce packaging and supply costs

Social Burger

- furnished restaurant with recycled wood tables
- uses EcoCraft sustainable packaging

The Sustainability Guys

- looks for affordable, proven solutions
- focuses on areas with greatest return on investment, such as insulation and energy-efficient windows

For more information about the 2018 Sustainability Challenge, go to viennava.gov/sustainability. ↴



photo by Adam Kincaid

Challenge accepted Congratulations to Vienna’s inaugural class of certified sustainable business owners.

Discover a new Town of Vienna business this winter

The Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) encourages residents to remember local merchants this winter, which can typically be a slow time for businesses. Search out some of the unique businesses tucked away on side streets and located upstairs. Try a restaurant that you’ve never tried before. Experience a new service and make an appointment with a new provider. The Town of Vienna boasts many unique and independent businesses. And if you discover a business you particularly like, feel free to share your experience on social media using the hashtag **#DiscoverViennaVA**.

“We all benefit from a strong local business community that keeps the myriad of offerings close to home,” says TBLC member and business owner Carey Williams. ↴

TBLC's year at a glance: An action-packed 2017

by Deepa Chakrapani, Town Business Liaison Committee

The mission of the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) is to support the Town of Vienna in creating an engaging, vibrant, unique, community-enhancing local business landscape. To this end, the TBLC strives to be an easily accessible resource for information relevant to operating a business in Vienna; represents concerns of local businesses to the Town government and community; and encourages initiatives to promote all local businesses.

In each of these areas, TBLC members worked to actively contribute to the Town's vibrant business community in 2017:

Promoted more communication to support local businesses

- Welcomed 44 new businesses in 2017 and organized 18 ribbon-cutting ceremonies.
- Launched a monthly digital newsletter – *Town Business Matters* – to cater to the information needs of local businesses. More than 1,000 Vienna businesses now receive this e-newsletter. If you are a Vienna business and aren't receiving *Town Business Matters*, please email adam.kincaid@viennava.gov to be added to the distribution list.
- Successfully encouraged Town Council to provide funds to print and mail the Town's *Vienna Voice* newsletter to all commercial businesses.

Advised and supported Town Council on matters related to economic development

- Completed a survey of all businesses operating in the Town to better understand their perspectives related to local infrastructure, government processes, and business needs. Survey results were reported to Town Council. To see survey responses, visit viennava.gov/bizsurvey.
- Met with economic development professionals in other jurisdictions to better understand best practices and learn how the Town may further promote local businesses.
- Began review of the Town's published documents, processes, and policies from a user efficiency perspective.

Recognized and promoted local businesses

- Presented the Carole Wolfand Award for Exceptional Community Service to School of Rock.
- Hosted a holiday window-decorating contest to promote Small Business Saturday and #ShopLocal efforts.
- Partnered with the Vienna Business Association and other community groups to promote Town businesses.

The TBLC looks forward to continued excellent partnerships with Town officials and staff, local businesses, and other organizations to promote the Town of Vienna as the location of choice for businesses. Here's to another action-packed year in 2018!



photo by Adam Kincaid

Open for business The Town Business Liaison Committee helps welcome new businesses to Town with ribbon-cutting ceremonies, like this one in October for Grassroots Fitness.



Employee's DIY attitude and skills save Town \$\$ while guarding residents' safety

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

A public works staff member's ingenuity and do-it-yourself work ethic recently saved the Town of Vienna more than \$10,000.

When a deteriorating 10-foot long guide rail, which protects pedestrians from a sizeable drop from the sidewalk at 120 Moore Avenue SE, needed replacement last June, the Town's general maintenance division turned to colleagues in vehicle maintenance for assistance. Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor David Stephens and Mechanic Christopher Tanks visited the site, and with a spark of innovation, determined that they could craft a new and improved guardrail themselves without hiring a contractor.

After ordering the raw steel materials, Tanks performed a bit of wizardry at the Town's Northside Property Yard.

"It was tricky when I was laying out the sheet metal to get it flat for welding," he says. "Our shop floor acted as a makeshift work bench and it's uneven. Also, I had to use our regular tools, which wouldn't be the usual choice for this job, but I was able to bend it into shape while keeping it smooth."

Based on the success of this initial project, Tanks would deliver on two additional requests to use his steelworking magic – creating new guardrails for two sidewalk construction projects. The rails now at 241 Old Courthouse Road NE and on Park

Street SE near the W&OD trail are 39 and 30 feet, respectively, and would have cost the Town a pretty penny to outsource.

The Town's cost to design and create the rails in house totaled \$965. Had the Town hired a contractor, the project would have cost \$8,960 to design and create, along with an installation fee of \$2,470.

"Christopher is a genius," says Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent Craig Schlemmer. "He can look at something he's never seen before, see if it's broken, and repair it. He's a problem-solver. He's just a whiz."

For his ingenuity and adaptive skills, Tanks has been nominated for a Service Recognition Award. 🏆



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Resolutions that benefit families and the environment

by Community Enhancement Commission members

It turns out that the things you do to help the environment almost inevitably benefit you and your family either in terms of health or your pocketbook. With these benefits in mind, members of the Community Enhancement Commission have listed their resolutions for 2018. Happy New Year! Use in good health!

- Walk to any daytime event that is within one mile. Bike to any daytime event that is within three miles. *Bonus: A great start toward achieving 10,000 daily steps.*
- Purchase and install rain barrels to capture rainwater in the spring and summer. *Bonus: Reduces the water bill as well as pollution in the Chesapeake Bay.*
- Contract for conservation landscaping to address erosion and runoff issues at home. *Bonus: Subsidies are available for this work from the Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District.*
- Shut off computers each night. *Bonus: Reduces the electric bill.*
- While walking, take a plastic bag to pick up trash and recycling along the way. *Bonus: Helps keep storm sewers clean and keeps trash out of the Chesapeake Bay.*

- If you like using a straw, purchase reusable drinking straws and take them with you to restaurants. *Bonus: Straws are not recyclable and often wind up in waterways.*
- Bring lunch from home at least three days a week, packed in reusable glass containers. *Bonus: Saves money, and you eat healthier.*
- Replace light bulbs with LED bulbs. *Bonus: Reduces electric bill, and you'll have to change bulbs less often as LED bulbs have a very long life.*
- Install a minimum of three native perennial flowering plants in home landscaping. *Bonus: Benefits pollinator insects. Remember, no pollinators, no food.*
- Plant one native shade tree. *Bonus: Provides habitat for animals and reduces energy use at home as the shade keeps the house cool.*
- Take a reusable mug to the coffee shop. *Bonus: Reduces waste, and you often get a discount on your cup of coffee.* 🏆

Vienna's window wonderlands

The Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) and Vienna Business Association (VBA) tag-teamed the holidays to promote Vienna’s local businesses and help encourage more customers to shop local.

About 15 businesses offered Small Business Saturday specials on November 25, which were promoted for free on the VBA website and its social media platforms.

The TBLC sponsored a holiday-themed window decorating contest as a strategy to encourage Vienna shoppers – as well as those throughout the Northern Virginia area – to patronize Town of Vienna businesses for their holiday needs. Another 15 businesses participated in the competition.

First-place winner was Karin’s Florist at 527 Maple Avenue E. The florist’s elegant star- and wreath-filled, red-and-white display earned it two hours of Mayor Laurie DiRocco’s time “behind the counter” to assist with the holiday rush. School of Rock on Center Street and Social Burger on Maple Avenue came in second and third place, respectively. They won an opportunity to have a booth/table at one of this summer’s Chillin’ on Church events.

The TBLC declared all participating businesses “superlative” in their specially designated categories:

- Caffe Amouri – Most Artistic
- Cycle Chi – Most Peaceful
- Generation Code – Most Nerdy
- Historic Vienna, Inc. – Most Traditional
- Merle Norman – Most Classy
- Potomac River Running – Most Whovilly
- Refind – Most Clever Vienna Cuteness – Oh Deer!
- SourceCore – Most Diversity-Embracing
- Cocoa Vienna – Most Welcoming
- The Consignment Boutique – Whitest Christmas Decoration
- Trousseau – Most Naughty and Nice in the Most Beautiful Way
- Wardrobe Rescue – Most Elegant



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Window winners Karen's Florist, School of Rock, and Social Burger were the top finishers in the Town's holiday window decorating competition. Top right, as the prize for the winner, Mayor Laurie DiRocco, right, helped out with the holiday rush at Karin's Florist.



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around plays that had minimal costumes, could be flexibly rehearsed in different locations, and were shorter in length.”

The 2018 *Eclectic Essentials* production features four plays that focus on relationships:

- *For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls* by Christopher Durang (directed by Haley Murphy)
- *Death Be Not Loud* by Thierry Sagnier (directed by Stuart Fischer)
- *Capsmittment* by Jean Koppen (directed by Juli Blacker)
- *One Click Away* by Dean Fiala (directed by Sue Bevine)

Eclectic, Essential . . . Relationships will be performed at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, January 19-20 and 26-27, as well as at 2 p.m. Sunday, January 28. Tickets are general admission and available for \$14 at the Vienna Community

Center, online at viennava.gov/webtrac, or at the door, if still available. Visit viennatheatrecompany.org or e-mail vtcshows@yahoo.com for more information.

VTC’s new production style shook up how the company gets its band of players together, starting with finding directors. “The one-acts are an incubator for talent,” says Roberts. “Instead of starting traditionally with the script, we identify directors we want first and then see what scripts they bring. It really helps the production because they have a passion for what they want to direct as opposed to assigning them the script. If we like how it goes, then we may ask them to bring along some actors to play their parts. Maybe we even ask both directors and actors to come back and do another show. Not all companies work in reverse in that way.”

In addition to working on its current production of one acts, VTC is exercising

its muscle memory for what it’s like to put on full-blown productions again – with a new space and bag of toys. The company has become accustomed to flexing schedules and spaces, but now they can use the strengths of being tethered to one location – and restarting with an essentially blank canvas.

As they work on the 2018 season, Roberts and other VTC board members are aiming bold and maximizing being back home. “We lost the set inventory at the start of renovation, but now we are free to create from scratch,” she says. “We want to expand on what we had, perhaps build walkways and more dynamic set pieces and have environments that show and make the audience really feel the scale of the scripts.”

VTC’s first full-scale production since returning to the community center will be *Blithe Spirit* by Noel Coward, to be presented in the spring. 📍

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.

November 13

- Held a public hearing and approved amendments related to restaurants in sections 18-72 and 18-4 of the Vienna Town Code.
- Approved a 12-month extension of a performance bond for the Andrew Minor subdivision to November 30, 2018.
- Approved FY18 spending of \$34,000 for yard waste disposal with Freestate Farms of Manassas.
- Approved additional FY18 spending of \$30,000 with Water Works Supply.
- Adopted a Planning Commission-recommended code amendment to section 18-241, Decisions of Board, related to Board of Zoning Appeals voting requirements, in order to be consistent with the Virginia state code.

December 11

- Awarded an engineering design contract for \$341,473 to Amec Foster Wheeler, under RFP 18-02, for Piney Branch stream restoration. This project will be fully funded through a grant from the Stormwater Local Assistance Fund and Fairfax County stormwater fees.
- Approved Marshall Road water main relocation project amendment, under IFB 17-15, for \$200,000 with A&M Concrete Corporation.
- Adopted Planning Commission-recommended code amendments related to permitted uses for restaurants and definitions.
- Adopted a Northern Virginia Transportation Authority resolution approving a grant application for a public parking garage, TransAction Project ID #199 – Vienna Metrorail Access Improvements.
- Authorized the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Intent to Adopt an amendment to designate the Vienna Community Center as the polling location for Town of Vienna elections.
- Awarded a contract for a water and sewer rate study, solicited by RFP 18-04, to Municipal and Financial Services Group in an amount not to exceed \$29,400.

- Authorized funds for Town Attorney supplemental legal services fees for FY2018 in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.

Appointed to serve

Town Council appointed the following individuals to Town boards and commissions at its December 11 meeting:


- Jeanne Specchio Bierkan – Vienna Public Art Commission
- Patty Hanley – Board of Architectural Review
- Rochele Kadish – Community Enhancement Commission
- Rita Monner – Vienna Public Art Commission

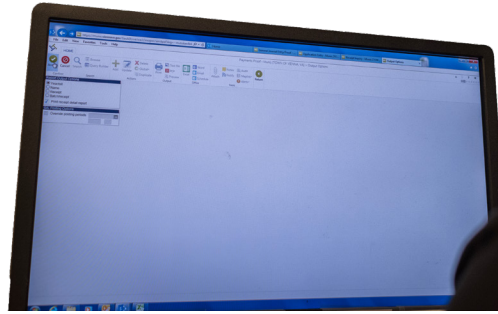
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The Town selected the Tyler Munis system, Serfass says, because its online capabilities are so robust and have allowed the Town's financial services to essentially go paperless. "We have all of our records at our fingertips."

For some staff members, the switch to a totally software-based system was a technological leap, and Munis and IT staff worked jointly to train finance staff members.

"Overall, we are really pleased with Munis's increased functionality," Serfass says. "We're looking forward to learning more efficiencies and really digging in to the system's capabilities."

An added bonus of the new system, notes Mull, is that it has encouraged staff "to think of new ways of doing things. It's invigorated us to think beyond the way that we've always done something. Using the Munis system, staff members are continually working to think of better ways to improve our processes." 



Powerful and paperless Cashier Sabrina Spigner utilizes the Town's Munis financial software to serve residents.



Open for business

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

Charles Street Enterprises
online sales or services
204 Charles Street SE
571-230-4118

Magnolia of Vienna
restaurant
431 Maple Avenue W
571-265-1892

Vienna Kitchen and Bath Design
kitchen design
394 Maple Avenue E
571-236-1979

Yellow Door Day Spa
spa
352 Maple Avenue W
703-895-1540

Zeinab Home Daycare
childcare
305 Jade Court NW
703-707-0970

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

55 YEARS
Sheets Wholesale

45 YEARS
C & C Garage
County Transmissions
Daniel H. Framm
Tommy Beach
Vienna Woods Swim and Tennis Club

35 YEARS
Krystal Maid Corporation
Vienna Hardwoods

30 YEARS
A.J.'s Sport Stop

20 YEARS
CCR Quality Painters
Commonwealth Home Remodelers
Vienna Pediatrics

15 YEARS
Air Treatment Co.
Andre Luis Biauth
Himalayan Therapy
Interword Corporation
Mitchell Eye Institute
Unisoft Corporation

10 YEARS
Center for Persian Classical Music
CFO Services
Chipotle Mexican Grill
Enshin Karate Vienna Learning Center
G2innovative Marketing
Georgen Scarborough Associates
The Jewelry Doctor
MTI Engineering and Testing
Ronald D. Paterson
Rosse Cleaning Services
Vienna Lawnmower Sales & Service

5 YEARS
BCG Enterprises
Celia Blalock
Data Insights
Dunkin' Donuts
Fashion Gift Shop
Heather Etner
Joseph E. Fabiszewski
Organic Nails and Spa
Schnittker Associates
Shenandoah Run
Susan M. Payne
Taco Bell
Turner, Leins & Gold
The Woodstock Company for Antiques
Unicon Equipment Sales
Up-Do's for I Do's
Vienna Florist & Gifts
VIPkids Vienna Immersion Program





HAPPENINGS around town

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm January 2 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).

Vienna Community Band rehearsals resume January 7; rehearsals are at 6:15 pm Sundays at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. The band is recruiting enthusiastic **new musicians** in all sections, especially those who play clarinet, bassoon, oboe, and tuba. For more information, visit [viennacommunityband.org](https://www.viennacommunityband.org).

Put some color into your winter by visiting the **Jazz It Up exhibition** at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW, January 9 through March 3. Exhibition hours are 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday. A reception, with light refreshments, will be held from 4-6 pm Saturday, January 27. The exhibit and reception are free and open to the public. Call 703-319-3971 or visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](https://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) for more information.

The public is invited to the **Vienna Arts Society's first meeting of the new year**, which will feature a demonstration by celebrated watercolor painter **Jacqueline Saunders**. The free meeting/demonstration is at 10 am Thursday, January 11, at the Vienna Arts Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. For more information, visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](https://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

Clear out space in your garage and make a difference in people's lives by donating old bikes to help communities in Africa. The **James Madison High School Students for Environmental Action club** is collaborating with Wheels to Africa to provide **bikes** to people in rural African villages to help them access food, water, health care, jobs, and education. Bikes will be collected

from 10 am-3 pm Saturday, January 13, at the high school. For more information, contact jmhseadclub@gmail.com.

Scott Aker, head of horticulture and education at the National Arboretum will present on the arboretum's recent Friendship Garden installation at the **Five Hills Garden Club** meeting at 10 am Tuesday, January 16, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE. The meeting is free and open to the public.

Celebrated watercolor painter **Jacqueline Saunders** will host a **one-day workshop** from 10 am-4 pm Wednesday, January 17, at the Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant Street NW. For details or to reserve a space, call 703-319-3971 or visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](https://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org).

American Legion Post 180 will serve up a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, January 21, at 330 Center Street N. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, and more are on the menu. The buffet is \$9 for adults and \$3 for children ages 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Pat Martin, a member of the American Truffle Growing Association, will speak on "Truffle Growing in Virginia" at the **Ayr Hill Garden Club** meeting at 1 pm Monday, January 22, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Guests are welcome. For more information, email igennaro289@gmail.com.

The **Freeman Store and Museum and Little Library** are open by appointment only in January and February. To schedule tours and other access or for additional information, contact Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI) at 703-994-9054 or stuntzag@aol.com. HVI is still

collecting **used books**, which may be left in boxes or bags on the Freeman Store front porch at 131 Church Street NE.

Please note that encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, romance novels, and other small paperback books are not accepted.

Enjoy a festive evening with fantastic food and a variety of gaming tables, all while supporting a service organization that makes a difference locally and globally, at the **Rotary Club of Vienna's 3rd annual Taste of the World Casino Night** from 7-11 pm Saturday, February 3, at the Westwood Country Club. For information and tickets, visit [ViennaCasinoNight.com](https://www.ViennaCasinoNight.com) or call 703-981-4911.

Student (elementary and high school) **vocalists and instrumentalists** are invited to compete in the **55th annual James A. Bland contest**, sponsored by the **Vienna (Host) Lions Club**. The competition, in which students are judged by local experts on presentation of a song or musical piece that is no longer than eight minutes, takes place at 1 pm Saturday, February 17, at the Vienna Assembly of God Church, 100 Ayr Hill Avenue. Cash prizes are awarded to first- and second-place winners in each category, and first-place winners move on to the next level of competition. Information and an application may be obtained by contacting Susan Stiles at sandcs89@yahoo.com or 703-409-7083. The deadline for applications is February 12.

Vienna Arts Society (VAS) members are participating in two "away" exhibits this winter. Featured artist Susan Scanlon's photographs from Havana are on display at the Gallery in the Village Green through February 4. VAS members also are participating in the Up Close to Mother Nature exhibit at Green Spring Botanical Gardens, 4603 Green Spring Road in Alexandria, through February 26. An awards reception will be hosted from 1-3 pm Sunday, January 7.

Emmanuel Lutheran Preschool is now enrolling students for its developmental, play-based program for the 2018-19 school year. The program for children 2.5-4 years includes music, science, and creative movement. More information at [elvienna.org/preschool](https://www.elvienna.org/preschool), 703-938-6187, or emmanuelpreschool2@gmail.com.

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The Vienna area branch of the **American Association of University Women** presents **Women at the Helm** at 10:30 am Saturday, January 13, at the Patrick Henry Library; refreshments will be served beginning at 10 am. Mayor Laurie DiRocco and Councilmembers Linda Colbert and Carey Sienicki will share their experiences as leaders in the Town of Vienna as part of this free event. For more information, visit [vienna-va.aauw.net](https://www.vienna-va.aauw.net).

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The Town of Vienna kicked off the new year, according to the January 1993 newsletter, by offering residential curbside recyclables collection for the first time. At that time, trash and recyclables were collected on different days of the week; now the Town provides single-stream sanitation services.

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Keeping with the environmental theme, the January 1988 Town newsletter reports that the Town's new oil recycling program, now called Quarterly Recycling Day, was a hit. More than 250 gallons of waste motor oil was collected in a four-hour period.

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Emergency**
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(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
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127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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January TOWN CALENDAR

1 Holiday: Town Hall Closed/No Refuse Collection

2 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

8 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

10 Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store) • 7:30 pm

10 Planning Commission • 8 pm

11 Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

15 Holiday: Town Hall Closed/Regular Refuse Collection

16 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

17 Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm

18 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

19 Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm

20 Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm

22 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

24 Planning Commission • 8 pm

25 Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm

26 Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm

27 Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm

28 Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 pm

29 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

30 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm

30 Transportation Safety Commission • 8 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.