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Citizen input sought as Town crafts MAC design guidelines

Relying on the maxim that “a picture is worth a thousand words,” the Town is working to create design guidelines that will provide visual context for how the voluntary Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zone district will be implemented through future projects.

While the planning and zoning department is managing development of MAC design guidelines, it will be citizen input that paints the pictures. The process will kick off this month with a visual preference survey. The online survey will ask residents to rate on a scale of 1-5 their favorability of a collection of photos of mixed-use buildings, up to four stories tall, from around the country. The selected images demonstrate a range of features, including placemaking and building and site design.

“We’ll be finding out from the community what the look and feel of the Maple Avenue corridor should be,” says Planning Director Cindy Petkac. “The guidelines are the community’s vision for Maple Avenue and will define Vienna’s vernacular, if you will, for the commercial corridor.”

Residents will be able to take the 10-15-minute survey using their personal computers or by stopping in, during designated day and evening hours (still to be determined), to use a computer at Town Hall and receive assistance if needed. The survey will be open for a month to residents, business owners, and property owners. Check the Town’s website at viennava.gov and the Town’s social media pages for the survey link and dates and times when the survey may be taken at Town Hall.

Once the visual preference survey is completed, the planning department will work with the Town’s Board of Architectural Review and an architect to draft design guidelines, providing photos and renderings that define Vienna’s vision for Maple Avenue. These largely visual guidelines, Petkac points out, are different from design standards, which are quantitative measures (numbers and dimensions) of design attributes and requirements that must be followed. Guidelines are more descriptive, subjective, and flexible; easier for laypeople to understand; and provide for a broad range of outcomes.

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National Citizen Survey

It won’t take much of your time to make a big difference

The Town of Vienna wants to know: What do you think? To find out what residents think about community attributes and Town programs and services, Vienna is participating in the National Citizen Survey.

The survey, which asks participants to rate Town qualities and services, will be mailed to 1,600 randomly selected households this month. Those who receive the surveys may complete the printed version and mail it back in the provided postage-paid envelope to the National Research Center, which is conducting the survey for Vienna, or respond online using a website address provided to them. To ensure the scientific validity of the survey, only those who randomly receive it may participate.

“This information is important to us,” says Mayor Laurie DiRocco. “We truly care about our residents’ opinions on Town of Vienna characteristics and services. The results can inform Vienna’s future and help Council and staff members better plan, prioritize, and improve our services and programs. I really appreciate citizens taking a few minutes to complete the survey.”

Those households who are selected will receive a postcard and letter with the mayor’s signature in early October. To hear from a diverse group of residents, it is requested that the adult 18 years or

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“We’re providing guidance on what the community is looking for,” she says, “not prescribing exactly what a building must look like.”

The new visual guidelines, Petkac notes, may result in recommended amendments to the MAC ordinance.

Once design guidelines are crafted, the Town will share the draft with citizens and obtain feedback. The guidelines and any proposed amendments to the MAC will then go through the Board of Architectural Review, Planning Commission, and Town Council for review and public hearings before being adopted. ⤵



Halloween happenings offer spooktacular fun

It’s one of Northern Virginia’s – maybe the country’s? – largest Halloween parades and one of Vienna’s signature events. Don’t you dare miss out on the costumes and floats, the marching bands, the performances, and the sense of camaraderie and community when the 72nd annual Town of Vienna Halloween Parade marches down Maple Avenue.

Costumed children and families who wish to march in the parade should meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of United Bank, 374 Maple Avenue E.

If you’re coming to watch and cheer, please remember that placeholders cannot be set out before noon on the day of the parade, October 24. Also, do not place blankets or chairs on sidewalks, benches, or bus shelters.

Halloween comes early to Town Green

For children ages 2-10 who simply are too excited to wait until the October 24 Halloween Parade, let alone the Halloween holiday itself, to don their costumes, the Town of Vienna has a solution. Costumed kiddos are invited to haunt away at Halloween on the Green from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, October 13, on the Town Green.

The fun includes spooky crafts, games and prizes, storytelling, moon bounces, a petting zoo,



photo by Adam Kincaid

yummy goodies, two Vienna Singing Princesses, and a chance to carve or paint your own pumpkins. This event is free and open to the public. In the event of inclement weather, call 703-255-7842 for event status.

Trick or treat at Town facilities

The pre-K crowd and younger is invited to trick or treat at Town Hall and other Town buildings during the day on Wednesday, October 31. From 10 a.m.-2 p.m., bring your little ghouls and goblins to Town Hall (127 Center Street S), the Vienna Community Center (120 Cherry Street SE), and the Vienna Police Department (215 Center Street S) for some yummy treats. No need to worry about the weather, since it’s all inside – and free! ⤵



photo by Adam Kincaid

Town of Vienna 72nd Annual
Halloween Parade
‘Celebrating Great Cities of the World’

Wednesday, October 24 • 7 p.m.
Maple Avenue



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older in the household who most recently had a birthday complete the survey. All responses are completely anonymous and will be reported in group form only.

The National Citizen Survey is administered by the National Research Center in partnership with the International City/County Management Association. The survey provides a comprehensive and accurate picture of community quality and resident perspectives about local government services, policies, and management. Survey results are compared with results compiled from hundreds of communities from across the country.

Results of Vienna's survey will be available around the first of the year. This is the third time that Vienna has participated in a citizen survey. Previous surveys were conducted in 2014 and 2016. 📌

Director's Vienna Theatre Company debut explores magical realism

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Up-and-coming local director Kathleen Barth makes her Vienna Theatre Company directorial debut October 19 with the Vienna premiere of *Emilie: La Marquise Du Chatelet Defends Her Life Tonight* as an indicting challenge to society, theater, and legacy.

The 2008 play, written by Lauren Gunderson, one of the country's top 20 most-produced playwrights, is about real-life 18th century philosopher, mathematician, and physicist Emilie Du Chatelet. Following her death and employing magical realism, the play's title character retroactively reexamines her life. The script's Dickensian method of storytelling – looking back at choices, people, and motivations in one's life – allows Barth to creatively challenge herself and the production team as well as ideas and concepts inside and outside the theater.

The Vienna Theatre Company will stage *Emilie* the final two weekends of October and the first weekend of November. Friday and Saturday performances are at 8 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center; the performance on Sunday, October 28, is at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$14. Advance tickets may be purchased online at viennava.gov/webtrac or at the community center; if still available, tickets may be purchased at the door on the day of performances.

"I read *Emilie* when I was in the process of receiving my BFA from George Mason University," says Barth, "and I just thought 'Wow! This is such a great female-written

work showcasing the female experience of a woman who went against societal norms and expectations at the time by fulfilling her passions in the arts and sciences.' In her time, female crusaders for the kind of progress she represented were few and far between – I feel the same about female representation in theater and the world today. I wanted to bring her story to today's stage to show what's possible."

Besides her desire to shine a light on a female-driven narrative, Barth also intentionally chose the play to challenge the norms of Western arts. Barth proudly hangs her hat on the play's magical realism style, almost as a rebuttal to the usual paint-by-numbers productions that are often the norm.

"American cinema and even TV seldom deviate from a formulaic plot structure and style of realism or naturalism," she says, "so I wanted to flip the script on what people are used to and give them something more, something to challenge what they view as a 'theatrical experience.' Hopefully they leave the theater having enjoyed something new."

The play involves various shifts in time and juggles set changes, actor blocking, and placement. Several of the play's five actors take on different characters across different periods in Emilie's life. Barth acknowledges that it's a challenge for the performers to get into different characters while the set transforms along with their costumes and props from scene to scene.



Director Kathleen Barth

Barth wants to leave *Emilie*

audiences with the same challenge that the philosopher examined throughout her journey: "What is legacy?"

"The question Emilie is constantly asking herself as she tries to make sense of her life is: 'What legacy am I contributing to?' and that is something everyone asks themselves. Emilie has the opportunity to relive and rediscover the meaning of her life, decisions made in head versus heart, and to reflect on how it all played out. I hope audience members see her struggles, triumphs, and choices and connect on that relatable level." 📌

Lots of ways to get involved with community

by Councilmember Linda Colbert

As I age – gracefully, of course – I have more and more friends who are becoming empty-nesters. Many of them are trying to figure out how to use all of that time that once was spent with their children or volunteering for their children’s schools and events. Whether you’re an empty-nester or not, do you want to help your community, meet new people, and have fun doing it? Vienna is fortunate to have a wealth of organizations that work to make our community stronger in so many ways.

One great way to contribute to your community and make new friends is to get involved with the Town of Vienna. How do all of the fun Vienna events happen successfully? Certainly our Town staff has a lot to do with that, but the events also rely on the time, energy, and, sometimes, muscle of many volunteers. Another way to get involved is to apply to be on a Town commission or board. You may want to attend several different commission meetings to determine which one suits your schedule, interests, and strengths.

The Vienna Business Association encourages the bond between businesses and citizens through community outreach and events such as Oktoberfest. The Town also has at least three active service organizations:

- Among many other things, the Rotary Club of Vienna puts on ViVa! Vienna! and dispenses the profits to charities.
- Optimist Club members run the Farmers Market and are committed to serving youth.
- The Lions sell Christmas trees and aid the blind and vision- and hearing-impaired.

In addition, American Legion Post 180 is a veterans service organization dedicated to mentoring youth and advocating patriotism.

Nonprofit organizations that serve the Town, to name just a few, include the Committee for Helping Others (CHO), Bringing Resources to Aid Women’s Shelters (BRAWS), and the Shepherd’s Center of Oakton-Vienna, which provides transportation and education to mature adults.

If history is your interest, you may wish to join Historic Vienna, Inc. It is a devoted group whose mission is to promote and preserve Vienna’s history. The group operates the Freeman Store and Museum and Little Library and holds community events such as the Old-Fashioned Egg Roll, Santa Claus visits, and Walk on the Hill.

For more information, visit each groups’ website or contact me at linda.colbert@viennava.gov, and I will help steer you in the right direction. 📍



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Prost! It's Oktoberfest in Vienna

Vienna Oktoberfest offers many reasons to cheer and celebrate all things German – in particular beer, food, and cars.

The Vienna Business Association and Town of Vienna's annual fall event, held from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, October 6, along historic Church Street, will feature more than 100 vendors, live entertainment on three stages, an array of multicultural food options, a variety of fun children's activities, and a display of more than 30 German classic cars. And we haven't even gotten to the beer yet!

Title sponsor Caboose Brewing Company will pour four beers, including its Vienna Lager and an IPA, as well as a hard cider from 10 taps. Wine and Budweiser beers also will be available for purchase. Be sure to bring a photo ID no matter what your age.

Entertainment stand-outs include the extraordinarily popular Great Zucchini and Rocknoceros on the Town Green children's stage. Sexton's German Band will kick off the event at the main stage/beer garden at Ayr Hill Road and Mill Street. Ocho de Bastos is back by popular demand while NOMaD, a modern country band, will take the Oktoberfest stage for the first time.

Children's activities include Legos, face painting, inflatables, bounce houses, and games. About 20 food trucks and vendors will be on hand as will more than 30 handcrafters and more than 40 merchants.



New this year is a free shuttle service from parking at James Madison High School and the Vienna Metro North Kiss and Ride area to the festival drop-off location at Ayr Hill and Dominion. The shuttle will operate during festival hours, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Handicapped parking is available in designated spaces adjacent to the beer garden at 204 Mill Street NE. An Uber/Lyft drop-off/pick-up point also has been designated.

Admission to the festival is free. For more information about Oktoberfest, visit viennaoktoberfest.org 🍷



A 'how to' on using Vienna's unique traffic tools

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

The Town utilizes two traffic tools that put Vienna at the forefront of pedestrian safety and traffic mitigation: The HAWK pedestrian light in the 300 block of Maple Avenue W and the mini roundabout at Park and Locust streets.

Both the HAWK signal and mini roundabout are efforts to mitigate traffic bottlenecks and keep Vienna a walkable and pedestrian-friendly community. Sometimes, though, people just aren't sure about "the rules" for effectively utilizing these traffic tools. What exactly do both do and how should people use them?

Walkers, bikers, strollers, unicycling clowns, and anything in between can use the High-Intensity Activated CrossWalk (HAWK), to cross Maple Avenue between Pleasant and Lewis streets in either direction. All a pedestrian has to do is press the button and wait for the walk signal.

What makes Vienna's HAWK signal different from a regular pedestrian crossing signal is that it is located mid-block rather than at an intersection and it is not always "on." If no one presses the button, the light is not active, and vehicles can pass through it as if the signal were not there.

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A generational glimpse at growing up in Vienna

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

Vienna Voice took a look at growing up in Vienna through the lenses of lifelong residents representing five of the past six generations: The Greatest Generation (born 1900-mid 1920s), Baby Boomers (mid 1940s-1964), Generation X (mid 1960s-early 1980s), Millennials (mid 1980s-mid 1990s), and Generation Z (late 1990s-early 2000s).



Greatest Generation: Shirley Martin

Straddling the Greatest Generation and the one that followed, the Silent Generation, Shirley Martin was born in Vienna in 1925 when the Town had only 700 residents. She's seen it all in her 93 years.

"Not only did everyone in Vienna know each other at the time," says Martin, "but everyone in Fairfax County knew each other."

Martin spent her childhood playing outside, journeying down to the train tracks, now the W&OD trail, and catching tadpoles in a stream. At the time there were no parks, but they weren't needed because the surrounding area was one giant adventure.

Martin witnessed Vienna as a blank canvas when there was less than one of everything.

"There was a Sanitary grocery store on Dominion Road," she says, "and you went down there and told them what you wanted, and they got it for you."

"We didn't even really have a restaurant at the time," Martin adds. "During the 1930s everyone was suffering equally during the Great Depression, and no one traveled to eat out anywhere. In a sense, because everyone was in the same boat financially, it brought all of us closer. Today, I still see that kind of closeness in the community."

She finds Vienna to be as tightly knit today as it was before World War II when parents would look after each other's children and word about misbehavior could spread quickly. Martin jokes that if she went out and got "up to no good" that "Mama knew what I did before I got home."



Quasi Baby Boomer: Steve Briglia

For Town Attorney Steve Briglia growing up in Vienna was like having a giant playground in his backyard.

"We rode our bikes everywhere," says Briglia. "Go carts, motor bikes – seemed like everyone had one. Once you rode close to the

Town limits it was all country – huge open parcels with horses, roaming fields all around, and you could brave it all."

Briglia's time growing up in Town is something out of *American Graffiti* or *Dazed and Confused*, even down to the communal meet-up point where everyone would corral to see what parties were going down on a Friday night.

"If it was Friday night in Vienna, anyone and everyone would meet at the Pizza Fair restaurant, which was where the Glyndon Plaza Shopping Center is, and you'd find out what the night's plan was," Briglia says. "During the school day on Friday, you'd just hear 'I'll meet you at The Fair,' and you would get the plan together for the evening."

When the I-495 Beltway was first opened it was sparsely used. A favorite weekend activity was to drive the entire highway in about 45 minutes. "People would say, 'Hey, want to do the Loop? Let's go,'" says Briglia.

Youth didn't always travel afar for fun and adventure. "We used to run our lawns into the ground, so to speak," Briglia recalls. "At our house, we had worn-down patches of dirt where grass should have been, but we made our base paths for playing baseball and just ran and ran. You don't really see that anymore."



Generation X: Ivan Boyd

Ivan Boyd lived and breathed Vienna football from an early age, banding with friends who would be on the same football team together from third grade through high school.

"It really meant a lot to have the same people around me through my entire upbringing," says Boyd. "You get so comfortable in the community when at each stage of your life growing up you have the same people who have witnessed you grow, and they keep backing you up and helping you succeed."

A pivotal moment in Boyd's career and life came when he and his comrades made the jump to freshman football at Madison High School. After having been under Coach Joel Donnelly's wing for almost 10 years through Vienna Youth, Inc. football, Boyd and his teammates were a bit anxious about meeting the new coach. Turns out, Boyd's new coach wasn't so new after all.

"As a team we were all huddled up ready to start the season by gathering in the gymnasium to meet the new coach. We didn't know who or what to expect," says Boyd. "But in walks Coach Donnelly and announces himself as the new Madison freshman football coach, and it was huge. We were all so thrilled, each of us who played under this guy since we were little kids, and now on the big-boy stage we had our coach who had been in our corner and who had seen us all grow up."

Boyd played football throughout his years at Madison, but the field wasn't the only place he encountered familiar mentors. His 11th grade geometry teacher was current Councilmember Linda Colbert.



**Millennial:
William "Wiley" Cole**

Vienna underwent a lot of change in the late 1990s through the early 2000s, and the Millennial generation was the first to capitalize on the new opportunities.

Wiley Cole enjoyed the hours he spent playing catcher on Greater

Vienna Babe Ruth teams and Vienna baseball fields.

"In 2006 Waters [Field] went to turf, and it was a big deal," he says. "We thought it was so cool, being the first artificial turf diamond in the area, and we absolutely took advantage of it. Weather was easier to deal with, and there were weekends when we practically didn't leave the field. From my games to my brothers' games to our friends' games, in the spring and fall, Waters was the place to be."

Cole also witnessed the beginnings of commercial redevelopment as an opportunity for a young adult in a family Town to get out and mix with friends. When Vienna Marketplace, home to Chipotle, Starbucks, and Gamestop, among others, first opened it was a welcome rallying point.

"At the time Noodles & Co. became the meet-up spot during weekends and after school," Cole says. "It was a ritual to walk over, see who was there, and catch up with friends on the latest. It was also so convenient being located practically right next to Jammin' Java – you could grab food, hop over to listen to some music, jump right back to get ice cream from Cold Stone, then walk home, and call it a night."



**Generation Z:
Bailey Bane**

Graduating from James Madison High School earlier this year, Bailey Bane benefitted from vast opportunities presented by well-established and organized community groups.

In 2016 Bane founded the Vienna Singing Princesses, a group of

Madison High School theater performers who sing, dance, and play various characters for children's parties, charities, and many Town events. Utilizing the abundance of social media and the Town's interconnected groups, Bane was able to smoothly establish her business presence while still keeping her high school studies a priority.

"When I first received my business license," she says, "I had no idea where to begin. But very quickly all of Vienna's civic groups and organizations put me on my feet. Whether it's the Rotary Club, the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, the Vienna Business Association, the Town of Vienna – they all want you to succeed. Having access to everyone, especially how engaging these groups and individuals are on social media, made it easier for me to network and take advantage of opportunities. To have groups who were willing to support a teenager running a business showed character."

Bane values her memories of growing up in place with a sense of pride in its school system. "There is so much pride at Madison High School," says Bane. "It was very special to meet others in kindergarten and grow up and age with them to be friends at the end of grade school and then the end of high school. It's a unique upbringing, having friends you've known your whole life, to be able to walk down to the Farmer's Market or Baskin Robbins, and have them see you grow up, too." 📍

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If the button is pressed, yellow lights start to flash, indicating that vehicles traveling along Maple Avenue should slow down and be cautious. The flashing yellow light then turns solid yellow indicating that cars should prepare to stop. When the solid red light appears, vehicles must stop. It is during this period of the signal cycle that pedestrians are free to cross the street. In the final phase of the cycle, the signal flashes red lights: This means that vehicles may proceed AFTER stopping at the flashing red light and being sure that the crosswalk is clear. The flashing red lights should be treated the same as a stop sign. After a few seconds, the signal will go dormant again.

Yielding is the main concept vehicles should keep in mind at the Park Street mini roundabout. Think of it as a constant, slow-moving stream of traffic that rotates counterclockwise.

The mini roundabout works on a "first come, first serve" basis with yield signs at all three entry points. Similar to a three-way stop, the vehicle that arrives first enters the circle first. The beauty of the roundabout is that not every vehicle must come to a complete stop to go through the intersection, and the Town has found that

the roundabout has effectively addressed the traffic backups that used to occur here. It's important to know, though, that cars in the roundabout have the right of way, and vehicles waiting to enter the roundabout must yield to them.

Another crucial rule for maintaining safety and traffic flow: Do not stop in the roundabout. It is meant to be a constant stream of traffic. If a car stops while in the roundabout, then flow from all three directions breaks down.

Whether on foot or in your vehicle, these two traffic tools are helping to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety in the community. 📍



photo by Adam Kincaid

Town of Vienna's window display competition is back

Ring in the holiday season - and sales - again this year

by Deepa Chakrapani, Town Business Liaison Committee

Calling all storefront business owners: Get your creative caps on!

After a successful first year, the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) is proud to sponsor the second annual Holiday Window Decorating Competition. This competition is designed to draw attention to our wonderful local businesses, foster a festive atmosphere during the holidays, attract new visitors, and encourage residents to do their holiday shopping in Vienna and discover our local gems.

The theme for this year's competition is simply *The Holidays – Vienna Style*. Businesses may choose to make their displays as simple or as elaborate as they wish. Pictures of the finalists' window displays will be posted on the Town's social media and featured in the *Town Business Matters* e-newsletter. In addition, Mayor Laurie DiRocco will offer one hour of her time as a guest employee to assist the winning business during the holiday rush, and this, too, will be featured in the Town's social media.

All window displays must be ready by Friday, November 23. Displays will be judged on Small Business Saturday, November 24. Winners will be announced at the Church Street Holiday Stroll Monday, November 26. **If you would like to participate, please send an email by November 9 to adam.kincaid@viennava.gov.**

Vienna residents, as you plan your holiday shopping and excursions, please keep our local businesses in mind. Our Town's small businesses contribute so much to the fabric of our community. They are part of what makes Vienna nurturing, exuberant, and unexpected, making us proud to claim Vienna as our hometown.

A little bit of extra cheer for all! 🎉



photo by Adam Kincaid

And the winner is... Karin's Florist took top honors in the 2017 Holiday Window Decorating Competition. This year, the florist will serve as one of the judges.

Help Town clean up on November 3

Twice a year, the community rolls up its collective sleeves and spends a morning cleaning around Town – at the Town Green and along several creeks. The next Town Clean-Up Day is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, and, as always, volunteers are needed.

Scouts, church and service groups, and schools help Town staff pick up trash, remove invasive plants, and generally spruce up designated areas.

“Community service is alive and well in Vienna,” says John King, the Town's parks maintenance superintendent. “It brings a closeness – volunteers get to know our staff and we get to know them. There's a lot of bonding when you're expending elbow grease together.”

Those interested in volunteering for the November 3 Town Clean-Up Day, should contact King at john.king@viennava.gov. King recommends that volunteers wear pants and long sleeves, no matter how warm the day, and bring along trash pickers if they have them. The Town will supply gloves, trash bags, and other equipment.

Volunteers will meet at 9 a.m. at the Town Green. Clean-Up Day is a rain or shine event. 🌧️

Looking for your Town of Vienna vehicle license fee bill?

It's not coming! But, yes, you do still have to pay the fee.

A friendly reminder that Fairfax County is now collecting Town of Vienna vehicle license fees. The fee is included on your Fairfax County property tax bill. Payment should be made directly to Fairfax County. **And it's due October 5!**



Take the October challenge to forgo single-use plastics

by Susan Stillman, Community Enhancement Commission

You may have heard a lot recently about the estimated 18 BILLION pounds of plastic waste that enters the world's oceans annually from coastal regions. Currently there is a \$20 million effort in the Pacific Ocean to try to remove some of the plastic that has coalesced as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, which is located halfway between Hawaii and California and is the largest of five offshore plastic accumulation zones in the world's oceans.

Plastic washes ashore along our beaches, which makes them unsightly, but it also moves through the food chain and affects humans directly. Here's how: Once in the water, plastics break down and are consumed by marine life. (The plastics provide no nutritional value to the animals who consume them.) The animals who consume the plastic, often fish, wind up at the grocery store and we consume them, plastic and all.

To raise awareness and clean up our environment, localities around the world have been running "a month without single-use plastics" campaigns. Groups in our area working to raise awareness have designated this October as a time to challenge ourselves to go a month without using single-use plastic.

You can sign on to be part of the solution by registering at 350fairfax.org/plastic-free-challenge/. The website provides more information about the problem and ways that we can all participate in the plastic-free challenge. The easy actions include utilizing reusable water bottles and glass food storage containers, forgoing a straw or bringing your own reusable straw, and bringing reusable grocery bags to the store in lieu of single-use plastic bags. Encourage your friends and family to participate as well. I know we're up to the challenge, Vienna! 🍷



For parents: Club Phoenix offers programs that help tackle tricky topics

The Town of Vienna Club Phoenix Teen Center will present a series of discussion topics over the next several weeks that will assist parents in talking with their middle and high schoolers about potentially tough or sensitive topics.

It's Not That Bad Right? Vaping and Juuling – October 3

Brian Maslowski, from the Office of Student Safety and Wellness with Fairfax County Public Schools, and Thoreau Middle School administrators will discuss issues and answer questions related to vaping and juuling.

Be Their First Ally – October 17

Parents can share their feelings in a safe space and learn how to speak with their teen children who identify as LGBTQ. Facilitators from Fairfax PFLAG will lead the discussion and answer questions.

Understanding the Opioid Epidemic – November 14

Parents can learn about opioids, risk factors for using them, how to spot signs of use, and how to start a conversation with their teens.

All programs are at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. October events will be in the Club Phoenix Teen Center; the November event is in the Seeman Auditorium. For more information, contact Teen Center Program Coordinator Natalie Duncan at natalie.duncan@viennava.gov. 🍷

Mayor @ Your Service: November 13

The future of cancer care in NOVA

Oncologist Dr. Donald "Skip" Trump, executive director and chief executive officer of the Inova Schar Cancer Institute in Falls Church, will outline the future of cancer care at the next Mayor @ Your Service event at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 13, at the Vienna Community Center. Look for more details in the November issue of *Vienna Voice*. 🍷

New authors, new programs at library this fall

Not only can you find great reads at the Patrick Henry Library, you also can meet some of the authors. The library will host teen author Kim Ventrella at 1 p.m. Saturday, October 6, as part of Teen Reads Week and romance author Tracey Livesay, sponsored by Fall for the Book, at 7 p.m. Thursday, October 11. Writers in many genres will be available from 3-5 p.m. Saturday, October 13, for Indie Author Day. 🍷

HAPPENINGS around town

The **Vienna Choral Society (VCS)**, with more than 100 singers and under the artistic leadership of Mike Horanski, has begun its **31st season**. This season will include two large-work performances and several partnerships with school choirs, music educators, emerging musicians, and professional musicians from Fairfax County Public Schools and the DC metro region. The Friends of VCS campaign provides financial support for the choir and benefits for patrons, including special seating, season tickets, and discounts at participating vendors. For more information, visit viennachoralsociety.org/support.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** hosts a **support group** for caregivers of adult family members with dementia the first and third Thursday of each month. The free, facilitated meetings are from 10-11:30 am in the Program Building at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. For more information, contact facilitator Jack Tarr at jtarr5@verizon.net.

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

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** and Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department will offer a **CarFit** educational program from 9 am-1 pm Wednesday, October 3, in the parking lot of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. CarFit provides individualized instruction to educate mature drivers how to best position themselves (by adjusting their car's safety features) to maximize a safe driving experience. For a free appointment, call 703-255-7801. More information is available at car-fit.org.

Rare book dealer **Cameron Ritenhouse-Smith** will talk about what makes books valuable in a "Finding Treasures on Your Bookshelves" presentation at the **Historic Vienna, Inc. membership meeting** at 7:30 pm Thursday, October 4, at American Legion Post 180's Patriot Hall, 330 Center Street N. A short membership meeting will be held, and refreshments will be served.

Primary care doctor **Micha Joffee** will host an **open house** at his medical office at 243 Church Street, from 9 am-noon Friday, October 5, and Friday, November 2. The doctor and his staff will answer questions about his unique, independently owned practice and share information about how to get the most value for your health care dollar. For more information, visit drjoffee.com.

Vienna Vintner will host a wine-tasting event to support the **Vienna Arts Society** from 5:30-8:30 pm October 9. Visit ViennaArtsSociety.org for more information.

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department** will host its **annual open house** from 10 am-4 pm Saturday, October 13, at the station at 400 Center Street S. Come learn about fire safety and prevention, take a tour of and your photo with fire department vehicles, and enjoy activities for the kids.

The **Vienna Woman's Club**, a service and civic organization and member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, welcomes visitors to its **general meeting** at 7 pm Wednesday, October 17, at the Vienna Community Center. The speaker will address the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Initiative.

The **Vienna Choral Society** will present **Time After Time**, a repertoire of music for all stages of life, at 7:30 pm Saturday, October 20, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors; admission is free for youth 14 and younger when accompanied by a paying ticketholder. More details at viennachoralsociety.org.

Come hungry and enjoy omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, and biscuits and gravy at **American Legion Post 180's monthly breakfast buffet** 8 am-noon Sunday, October 21. Breakfast is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

The **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna** invites the community to an evening of laughter, singing, and dancing as the center celebrates its **20th anniversary gala** from 5:30-10 pm Sunday, October 21, at the Westwood Country Club. The gala evening includes appetizers and dinner, a silent auction, and entertainment by Bobby McKey's Dueling Pianos in National Harbor. Tickets are available online only at scov.org/fundraiser-anniversary-gala. Call 703-281-0538 with questions.

Master gardener, photographer, and author **Martha Brettschneider**, will present "The Garden as Mindfulness Mentor: How Digging in the Dirt Brings Focus to Mind, Body, and Spirit" at the October 22 meeting of the **Ayr Hill Garden Club**. The monthly meeting is at 12:45 pm at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. Brettschneider will share her botanic photography and passion for gardening while introducing the practice of mindfulness. The meeting is free and open to the public. Email emilielarson@rcn.com for more information.

The fourth annual **Mind Matters luncheon** and presentation, which will benefit Vienna's **Stroke Comeback Center** and its work with survivors of stroke and brain trauma and their families, takes place at 11:30 am Friday, October 26, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles. The Stroke Comeback Center provides a safety net for stroke and other brain trauma survivors when insurance no longer covers professional support services necessary for recovery. For Mind Matters ticket and sponsorship information, visit strokecomebackcenter.org.

Weekly **active aging wellness exercise classes** for older adults, focusing on low-impact aerobics, balance, coordination, and stretching, will continue from 11 am-noon Wednesdays through October 31 at the Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road. For more information about the class and fees, contact Casey Tarr at 703-850-4131 or eileentarr1@verizon.net.

The community is invited to the **Madison Athletic Hall of Fame's 20th induction events** November 2 and 3. Inductees will be recognized at halftime of the Madison-Centerville football game Friday, November 2. A celebration dinner will be held at the Westwood Country Club Saturday, November 3; go to warhawkssports.org to purchase tickets. This year's inductees include Warren Edney (Class of 2006, basketball), Andrea Jounson Kowal (Class of 1993, field hockey, swim and dive, and track), and the 2011 girls' lacrosse state champion team. The Hall of Fame also will honor the 1968 baseball team in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the school's first state championship.

The **Freeman Store** is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday for all your gift-giving needs, including exclusive Vienna-themed items, products made in Virginia, and books on local history. Follow the store on Instagram at [FreemanStore_Museum](https://www.instagram.com/FreemanStore_Museum) or join the Historic Vienna, Inc. Facebook group.

For more information, visit historicviennainc.org or call 703-938-5187.

Adventures in Learning classes, offered by the **Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna**, may be joined at any time during the term, which runs through November 15. Classes take place at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road. Call 703-281-0538 to register or visit scov.org.

Cookbooks are half price during October at the **Freeman Store Used Book Cellar**, which is open 12-4 pm Sunday-Wednesday. Book donations are accepted anytime and may be placed on the store's porch or brought inside when the store is open. No encyclopedias, romance novels, magazines, or textbooks accepted. Proceeds benefit Historic Vienna Inc. programs and activities.

The **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)** will once again host its Christmas Store December 8. You can help by donating new toys as well as food and gift cards and by helping at the event. Plan to bring donations to Vienna Presbyterian Church the morning of December 7. CHO also will collect bikes in good riding condition and lightly used winter clothing; these donations will be accepted next month. Call Carolyn Mysel at 703-938-7213 for more information.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submit information to lynne.coan@viennava.gov by the 10th of the month preceding publication. 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.



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 20

- Held a public hearing on a proposed amendment to the finished lot grade definition and approved that amendment. Council deferred a public hearing on proposed text amendments to the Maple Avenue Commercial zone regulations.
- After applicant waived the deadline and agreed to defer a decision, Council deferred consideration of rezoning of 430, 440, and 444 Maple Avenue W from C-1 and RS-16 to MAC zone for a proposed 444 Maple project. Following the meeting, dates for a Council work session and meeting regarding this item were moved to October 4 and October 29, respectively.
- Referred a motion to temporarily suspend the MAC ordinance while design guidelines are adopted to the Planning Commission for a public hearing.
- Renewed a maintenance and support services contract with Tyler Munis Financial System Software for \$84,096.
- Approved publication of the Town's delinquent real estate property tax list in a newspaper of general circulation and on the Town's website. Council also approved transmittal of the list to Fairfax County for entry into county records and recording of the delinquent real estate property taxes as a tax lien against said properties.
- Awarded a contract to John Milner Associates Preservation for \$31,275 to prepare a feasibility study on a property the Town is considering for acquisition.
- Awarded a contract for purchase and installation of a kitchen exhaust hood and fire suppression system at the Vienna Community Center to Alpha Sheet Metal for \$34,300.
- Awarded a contract for roadway and drainage improvements at the intersection of Ninovan and Talahi roads to Sagres Construction for \$124,000.
- Approved \$146,000 in FY19 spending with Broad Run Recycling.
- Approved \$8,005 in additional FY18 spending with American Recycling.
- Approved additional FY18 spending with Double H Locates for a total year-to-date cost of \$170,000.
- Approved expenditure of \$160,850 for purchase of an asphalt paver.
- Approved expenditure of \$51,538 for purchase of a John Deere 35G mini excavator.
- Approved expenditure of \$182,072 for replacement of five police vehicles.



Open for business

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

Gryphon Global Advisory Services
consultant
416 Druid Hill Road NE
703-862-8849

John Alabaster Watch & Clock Shop
sales/repairs
301 Maple Avenue W
703-938-1942

Moments of Peace Massage Therapy
massage therapy
502 Maple Avenue W
571-494-7349

Vesant Global
consultant
217 Ceret Court SW
703-867-6847

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

50 YEARS
Capitol Building Supply
35 YEARS
Billy Weber Tire Company
Vienna Chiropractic Associates
30 YEARS
Dave Foote Plumbing
25 YEARS
Terra Christa

20 YEARS
Fairfax Radiological Consultants
Financial Management Advisors
General Nutrition Corporation
Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna
Vienna Vintner
Wei-Lea Kao
15 YEARS
New Young's Tailors
Talisman Limited
Venus Hair Salon
VTE

10 YEARS
Lundin Computer Systems Associates
Tooth Town of Vienna
5 YEARS
American Business Development Group
Insight Life Services
Iris Dental Care
Mary East



40 years ago...

The Freeman House was featured in a television documentary that provided a history of working women and an assessment of work conditions of contemporary women in 1978. The segment filmed at the Freeman House recreated a workday of an 1890s postmistress. (The Freeman House was once Vienna's post office.) The program also featured five Northern Virginia women who had jobs traditionally held by men – an air traffic controller, meat cutter, attorney, periodontist, and police officer.

**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

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

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October TOWN CALENDAR

2	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	18	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
4	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm	19	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm
6	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon	20	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon
6	Oktoberfest (Church Street) • 11 am – 7 pm	20	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm
8	Holiday: Town Hall Closed/Regular Refuse Collection	22	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
10	Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store) • 7:30 pm	24	Halloween Parade (Maple Avenue) • 7 pm
10	Planning Commission • 8 pm	25	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
11	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	26	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm
13	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon	27	Vienna Farmers Market (VCC) • 8 am – noon
13	Vienna Volunteer Fire Dept. Open House • 10 am – 4 pm	27	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm
13	Halloween on the Green • 10:30 am – 12:30 pm	28	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 pm
15	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm	29	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
16	Public Art Commission • 7 pm	30	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
17	Board of Zoning Appeals • 8 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.

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years ago...

The Vienna Police Department's cruiser design won the award for best Chevrolet Impala in *Law and Order* magazine's 20th annual police vehicle design contest. Judges commented: "The silver color is sharp, and the combination with the black and yellow goes together well. We like the way the graphics were executed. It is trendy and modern."