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Town truck 'wrapped' in student artwork that promotes recycling

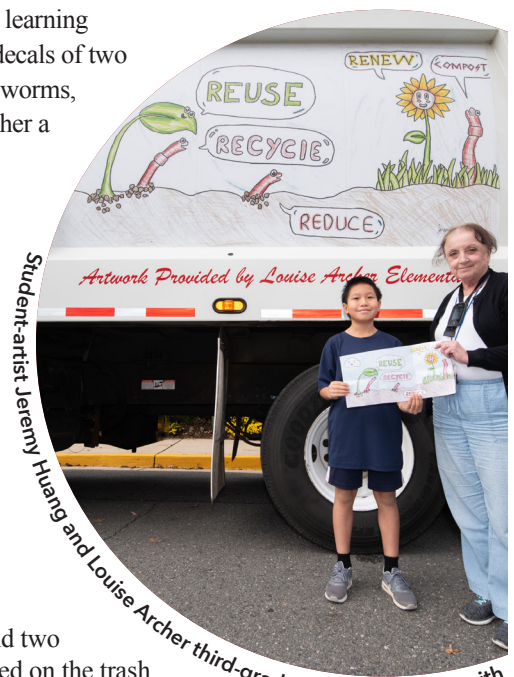
In October, as culmination of a Town of Vienna-Madison pyramid schools project-based learning partnership, the Town “wrapped” one of its recycling/trash trucks with oversized vinyl decals of two elementary students’ artwork. One side of the truck features environmentally conscious worms, created by Jeremy Huang, currently a fourth-grader at Louise Archer Elementary, and the other a rainforest, by Reese Leviyang, currently a third-grader at Marshall Road Elementary.

Huang and Leviyang are among 180 students at the two schools who participated in a project-based learning opportunity last year to “turn a trash truck into a public advertisement that advocates for increased recycling.”

Leviyang, who is 9, says he’s “really excited” and “happy” to have his rainforest drawing on the truck because it was a lot of hard work, requiring a great deal of detail and reworking. As for the meaning of his artwork, Leviyang says: “You should recycle, basically, to make the world more beautiful.”

The Madison pyramid schools’ project-based learning initiative seeks ways to connect what students are learning in the classroom to real-world applications. Six second-grade classes at Marshall Road and two third-grade classes at Louise Archer worked on the trash truck project last academic year to create designs that would encourage recycling.

“Students applied their knowledge of our planet and the environment and their creative and critical thinking skills to their designs to encourage better care of the earth,” says Louise Archer third-grade teacher Jo Ann Smith. “Students were able to apply their learning in an authentic way, which is the focus and heart of project-based learning. Being able to connect with real life in their community has impressed and influenced them in a way that they will not forget.”



Student-artist Jeremy Huang and Louise Archer third-grade teacher Jo Ann Smith



Marshall Road Elementary student Reese Leviyang

photos by Adam Kincaid

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Get merry with Town Council

Annual Holiday Reception

Dec. 14 • 4 - 6 pm

Town Hall

No RSVP necessary

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Marshall Road Principal Jennifer Heiges says that the project “caused students to think deeply about both recycling and their community. Students were very engaged and excited. They would come in each day and ask when it was time for their trash truck activity.”

Huang, who also is 9, confirms that he enjoyed the project. “I liked how it involved learning and art at the same time because I like drawing as you can probably tell.” He adds that he’s “proud and slightly nervous” about seeing his artwork on a truck around Vienna.

The truck with the students’ artwork is utilized daily on the Town’s sanitation routes to collect trash and recyclable materials. 📌

Dewberry to provide design services for new Town police station

At its October 29 meeting, Town Council approved an approximately \$1.6 million contract with Dewberry to provide architectural and engineering services for the Town’s new police station, on which construction is expected to begin in 2020. Dewberry is a design, planning, and engineering firm with more than 2,000 employees in 18 states; the company is headquartered in Fairfax County.

Dewberry will deliver design, mechanical engineering, and site plan services for an estimated \$12 million police facility, which will provide additional needed space for law enforcement programs and personnel, enhance facility security and the Town’s emergency management capabilities, and provide programmable space that can be shared with the community.

“We want a fully functioning, modern police station,” says Chief Jim Morris, “but we also want to create space that can be shared by the police, the community, and the Town.”

The Town received six responses to its request for proposals from architectural firms that had previous experience working with police facilities. Three finalists were interviewed, and Dewberry was selected, says Morris, because of its experience, design ideas, and approach to the project. “Dewberry is very community and client focused,” he notes.

A 2013 needs assessment determined that the Town’s police department needed 30,000 square feet for operations. The current police station, which was constructed in 1994, is 11,000 square feet. The department is currently using an additional 15,000 square feet of space – for investigation personnel, bike equipment storage, property and evidence storage, and archived records – across various Town facilities. “Our goal is to bring all aspects of the department under one house,” Morris says.

The Town is financing the police station design and construction through general obligation bonds, funded by the Town’s 3% meals tax. Vienna’s Capital Improvement Plan calls for \$14 million in bonds to be issued for the police station in 2020, which includes construction as well as additional anticipated expenses. The \$1.6 million contract with Dewberry, which includes a 5% contingency, is funded by general obligation bonds issued earlier this year.

“We’ll be sharing information with the community regularly as we go through this process,” says Morris. “We want to make sure we’re hearing and understanding any community concerns.”

Regular project updates will be posted at viennava.gov/policestation. 📌

You have a message from the North Pole

Before Santa hops down through all of Vienna’s chimneys, he’s got a message “sooted” for all the boys and girls in Town.

Call 703-255-6333 to listen to St. Nick’s message.





Town takes on rainbow of idea to better manage rainfall runoff

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

When it comes to more effectively managing stormwater runoff and adopting best management practices, the Town of Vienna is all in. Eager to model innovative solutions for the community, the Town recently embraced an opportunity to address stormwater issues in the Town Hall parking lot by installing a rain garden along the back edge of the parking lot. Construction, which began in late October, is expected to be finished around December 1, about the time that this newsletter is published.

“Rain garden” is a term for a plant-based alternative to curbs, gutters, and storm sewers, which are traditionally utilized to handle rain and stormwater. Instead of pipes and concrete, a combination of special kinds of plants, soils, and mulches act as a filter for stormwater washing off impervious surfaces, such as roads and parking lots.

A rain garden provides a bevy of benefits. Not only can a rain garden reduce quantity issues related to rainwater runoff, it also addresses water quality

issues. The garden “treats” urban water runoff by cleansing the water of potentially harmful materials, such as phosphorous, sediment, or anything else the water may collect on its way to the garden. As a result, the water that continues to flow through the stormwater system and out into the streams and Chesapeake Bay is cleaner than the water going into the garden.

The Town of Vienna has plans to use these urban bio retention strategies, basically rain gardens for roads, in other locations throughout Town, including the intersections of Kingsley Road and Meadow Lane and Meadow Lane and Tapawingo Road. Curbing will be bumped in to allow for installation of plants and vegetation that will filter water, before it’s sent through piping to the stormwater system. The process is similar to infiltration



trenches on residential lots that act as a sponge for rainwater to go through in order to be cleansed and recirculated. These plant areas slightly narrow the roads, which also encourages slower, safer driving.

“The best rainwater management practices are both inexpensive and highly effective forms of taking care of infrastructure while also treating the Town’s water supply with care,” says Town Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner. “We are always looking for improvements, and we can’t wait to do more.”

MAC survey data available

The Town received a total of 1,400 responses to its MAC Visual Preference Survey, which was made available to the community October 10-November 12. Verified responses (those from residents and business/property owners within Town limits) totaled 1,064; 92% of those were from residents.

The survey asked participants to rate their favorability of photos of mixed-use buildings from around the country in an effort to determine community preferences related to building form, site design and streetscape, and key intersections and gateways.

Data from survey results were presented at the November 15 Board or Architectural Review (BAR) meeting and shared on the Town’s website. The presentation to the BAR shared initial results with cursory analysis, with the understanding that further steps will be undertaken.

The survey was designed to be the Town’s first step in developing visual design guidelines for the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) corridor. The MAC zoning code has been temporarily suspended while the Town works to develop design guidelines for the corridor and considers proposed amendments to the zoning code. To see data from the survey, visit viennava.gov/macsurveyresults.

In another development related to the MAC zone, at its October 29 meeting Town Council approved, with conditions, a rezoning proposal for 430, 440, and 444 Maple Avenue W. The proposed project, submitted by Vienna Development Associates, is for a four-story mixed-use building with 151 multifamily residential units and 20,000 square feet of commercial/retail space. The approved plans may be viewed at viennava.gov/444maple.

Traffic, traffic, traffic

New technology will reduce delays on Maple Avenue

by Councilmember Douglas Noble

One of the routine complaints voiced in our community is how bad traffic is on Maple Avenue, our primary arterial street. Although Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) data shows that average daily traffic on Maple has declined by several thousand vehicles per day over the past several years, the roadway still carries 30,000 vehicles per day and is at or over capacity during rush hour.

Today’s traffic signals on Maple Avenue work with time-based coordination synched to a GPS clock, vehicle-detection cameras for left turns and side streets, and pedestrian-actuated crosswalk signals. The system is timed for morning peak, mid-day, afternoon peak, evening, overnight, and weekend travel. This all works reasonably well until rush hour when everything bogs down with near or over capacity conditions.

Two years ago the Town hired an engineering consultant to update all the signal timing on Maple Avenue, and things improved some, but congestion and recurring delays remain. The Town’s signal technicians, Chad Charles, Jeff Tufano, and Dishon Thomas, are out in the field on a routine basis maintaining the signal hardware and software as well as making small adjustments to signal timing.

The longstanding Capital Improvement Plan project for signal improvements on Maple Avenue is already underway. The project specifies upgrades/new additions for software/hardware at each intersection, new fiber optic communications, and new central traffic management software. This will make the Town’s transportation management capability technologically current.

These upgrades will reduce delays by proactively managing vehicle and pedestrian movement using real-time data to guide traffic-responsive control strategies. The web-enabled software also will monitor systemwide traffic conditions and devices for failures; provide cybersecurity; and support real-time analysis of performance and data validation as well as vehicle, pedestrian, and transit trends.



In talking with Public Works Director Mike Gallagher, he says: “Our technicians do a great job with the day-to-day maintenance of the Town’s traffic signals, but our current system limits our ability to actively manage traffic on Maple Avenue. The new signal management system will give us new tools that will allow us to control the entire system remotely from a computer.”

Money for the \$2.1 million project will come primarily from a combination of VDOT Smart Scale funding and VDOT Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality grants. The current schedule has the system fully implemented by the end of 2021.

These traffic signal system improvements are not a panacea. Past implementation of these systems on arterial streets like Maple Avenue have demonstrated a 10-20% reduction in delays and improved the reliability of travel times so that there is less variability. Vienna is moving forward...📍

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Town saves - and spends - FY18 year-end surplus

The Town of Vienna ended fiscal year 2018, which closed on June 30, about \$400,000 in the black.

Approximately \$178,000 of the surplus was carried forward to complete projects that were planned but not completed in 2018. The majority of these projects are public works efforts that couldn't be completed due to the abundance of rain this past year.

Of the remaining \$222,000, the Town transferred \$113,000 to its unassigned fund balance, or its "savings" account, which is reserved for unexpected needs. "Our goal," says Finance Director Marion Serfass, "is to not have to touch those funds."

The Town's policy, she adds, is to have set aside at least 15% of the current year's budget as unassigned fund balance. For the past five years, the Town has put 18% or more of its budget in this fund.

The \$109,000 that is left from 2018 funds has been designated to purchase snow removal and traffic signal equipment, an irrigation system for Maple Avenue, and contract services for creating programming for TVCN, the Town's community access channel. Council approved these uses at its October 29 meeting.

Since 2011, the Town has ended its fiscal year with a budget surplus. During the economic downturn, from 2008-10, the Town had slight budget deficits. 📉

Quarterly Recycling Day is December 1

Start the month out clean by unloading all your unwanted electronics at the Town's Quarterly Recycling Day. Old computer parts, electronics, and automobile waste products will be accepted from 8 a.m.-2p.m. Saturday, December 1, at the Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill Street NE. Paint, other hazardous materials, and tube TVs will not be accepted.



2019 Town calendar features painting by 100-year-old artist

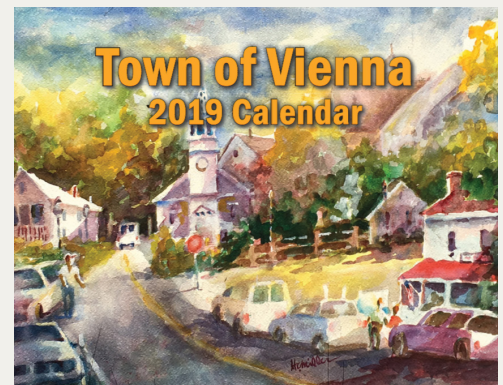
By now, you've likely received your Town of Vienna 2019 Calendar, which will help keep you engaged with the community as it provides dates, times, and places for most of the Town's public meetings and community events in the upcoming year.

Art created by members of the Vienna Arts Society is featured throughout the calendar. The cover artwork, entitled *Church Street*, is a watercolor by Harris Miller. A Vienna resident since 1974, Miller was featured on the *Today* show in July when he celebrated his 100th birthday.

Miller took up painting seriously about 40 years ago, after retiring from government relations work with a chemical company. He creates watercolors and mixed media pieces and enjoys painting seascapes and landscapes. Most of his paintings are created *plein air*, he says.

Miller tries to paint three mornings a week and enjoys "the challenge, vibrancy of colors, and the composition." Sounds like painting may be the secret recipe for eternal youth!

Additional calendars are available, while supplies last, at Town Hall. 📅



Celebrating great cities and Halloween Parade winners

With so many floats, participants, and costumed kiddos feeling the spooky spirit October 24, it felt like the entire world marched its way down Maple Avenue for the Town’s 72nd annual Halloween Parade. And that’s not a far cry from the truth considering that this year’s parade theme was “Celebrating Great Cities of the World.” Congratulations to this year’s “global” award winners.

Best in Show

Vienna School of Rock

Adult performing groups

First: Diablada Urus Virginia
 Second: Bikes@Vienna
 Third: Northern Virginia Firefighters Emerald Pipe Band and Gottaswing Dancers (tie)

Antique and Classic Vehicles

First: Fairfax Virginia Harley Owners Group
 Second: Maggio’s Family Restaurant
 Third: John Nugent & Sons and Bob Geier – 1903 Curved Dash Oldsmobile (tie)

Floats with music

First: Fisher Custom Homes
 Second: Green Hedges School
 Third: Creative Worx/Velocity Dance

Floats without music

First: Flint Hill Elementary School
 Second: Montessori School of Oakton
 Third: Girl Scout Troop #2174

Youth bands

First: Vienna Jammers Percussion Ensemble

Youth performing groups

First: Cuppett Performing Arts Center
 Second: Centro Cultural Bolivia
 Third: Rhythmaya Dance/Girl Scout Troop #50043



photos by Adam Kincaid



Club Phoenix holiday happenings

Area teens can enjoy several holiday happenings at Club Phoenix this month.

Holiday Donation Drive December 3-21

The teen center will be collecting items to contribute to the James Madison High School food pantry this holiday season. The pantry allows students in need to shop discreetly for nonperishable food and personal hygiene items.

Holiday Decorating Soiree December 14 • 12-2 p.m.

Help spruce up the club with ornaments, lights, and holiday cheer.

Ugly Sweater Party December 14 • 6-10 p.m.

Teens are encouraged to wear the tackiest, ugliest sweater in their closet to this annual event. Music, food, games, and prizes will be available.

Brunchin' Phunction Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 1-4 • 12-6:30 p.m.

Chill with friends, grab a bite to eat, and play games over winter break. 🍷

Mulch magic

Leaves go in one end, mulch comes out the other. It's not really magic and Oompa Loompas won't be making mulch deliveries, but the Town of Vienna will. The Town is accepting mulch orders through February 28, while supplies last, for mulch deliveries beginning in mid-January. Mulch may be ordered online at viennava.gov/mulch or via the mulch order line at 703-255-6388. The minimum order is one "load," which equals about 2.5 cubic yards or approximately 33 bags from a retail store. You may pick up any amount of mulch yourself at 442 Beulah Road NE. 🍷

Go local: Serve your community

Local government quietly impacts almost every aspect of a resident's daily life. When you brush your teeth, drive to work, and cross the street to get coffee, you've used the local water supply, driven on locally maintained roads, and taken advantage of traffic signals monitored by Town engineers.

You can be part of local government, too, and help make daily life the best it can be for fellow residents. Consider serving on a Town of Vienna board or commission.

You can apply for open board and commission seats online at viennava.gov/vacancies. For more information about what each of the Town's 10 Council-appointed boards and commissions do, visit viennava.gov/boardsandcommissions. 🍷

Hot technology can help you find cool spots in your house - for free

by Sammy Thompson, Community Enhancement Commission

It is getting colder outside, but it's December so you'd expect that. Inside your home, however, you'd like it warm enough to be comfortable, and, year after year, you don't want to spend any more of your hard-earned money than necessary to achieve that comfort.

If you'd like to know if your home has leaks that make it difficult and expensive to heat in the winter and cool in the summer, the Town of Vienna has a free resource – and this is one of the best times of year to use it. The resource is a FLIR thermal camera that attaches to your smart phone, either iOS or Android platform, and helps you find leaks in your home. Very cool technology made accessible to us all!

The FLIR camera can help in many different ways throughout your home. Among other things, you can:

- check wall insulation
- find gaps around doors and windows that allow outside air in

- determine if your attic access is leaking conditioned air into the attic
- check electrical issues
- find water leakages

After using the FLIR camera, you'll be able to fix identified problems, which will save you money and make your home more comfortable and environmentally friendly.

These thermal cameras are available at the front desk of the Vienna Community Center. A \$300 fully refundable deposit, cash or check, is required for a seven-day loan. For more information on how to use these cameras, visit youtu.be/j3XmDCUItpU to view an informational video produced by Doug Bennett of Deerfoot Media and Vienna's Community Enhancement Commission.

By borrowing and utilizing one of these cameras, not only will you be able to save yourself some money, you'll also be helping our community become more sustainable. 🍷

Kudos for native garden, finance director

The Virginia Conservation Assistance Program (VCAP) will present a 2018 Community Award to Restore Nature – The Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation and the native plant garden at the back of the Vienna Community Center that it installed earlier this year. The foundation and native garden project will be recognized at the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District’s annual meeting December 3 in Roanoke.

More than 300 native plants were planted through the community center garden project, which promotes conservation landscaping as a means to protect clean air and water and support wildlife. Restore Nature – The Morton and Spapperi Family Foundation coordinated the project with the Town and VCAP, which provided a \$3,500 grant to support the more than \$10,000 project.

Kent Morton and Julie Spapperi live in Vienna. Their family foundation was created with the mindset of “thinking globally and acting locally.” Restore Nature has worked to establish small, native gardens in Vienna and elsewhere in order to preserve biodiversity.

Congratulations also to Finance Director Marion Serfass who recently was elected to the executive board of the Virginia Government Finance Officers’ Association (VGFOA). The association fosters financial excellence in government by creating opportunities for professional development. Serfass’s term expires in October 2021. 🍷



Marion Serfass

photo by Adam Kincaid

Despite challenges, nowhere else we’d rather live

by Bob Leggett and Friderike Butler, Town Business Liaison Committee

An interesting question was raised following a recent meeting of the Town Business Liaison Committee, of which we are members: “Why do so many people want to live in Vienna?”

Some people argue that the main corridor of Town consists of unimpressive strip malls, and residential areas are a puzzling mix of homes, from 1950 ramblers to recently built homes that cost in excess of \$1 million. Traffic also is a major issue as the Town is situated between a burgeoning Tysons and rapidly growing communities to the west.

Nonetheless, Vienna continues to be a place where people want to live and raise a family. Indeed, demand for housing is strong as is the demand for upgraded commercial space. What is it then, that continues to attract people to our community?

- Certainly people are attracted to the Town’s desire to keep a small-town atmosphere along the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) zoning district.

- Perhaps it’s that the Town is a well-governed community led by Town Council, a vibrant mayor, and a talented town manager and dedicated staff.
- Many point to the high quality of Fairfax County schools. Well, of course, and perhaps it’s also the Town’s successful youth sports programs, its athletic facilities, and its high school that is a cohesive force in Town with its sports teams, theater, debate, and other programs.
- Perhaps it’s the Town’s community spirit and a sense of togetherness. People care about one another and want to see the Town prosper.

Whatever the reasons, most of us are grateful that we live in Vienna and truly enjoy its small-town pleasures, while also acknowledging that the Town faces a number of challenges in the years ahead.

Among them are:

- helping small businesses to survive, indeed thrive, in Town
- alleviating growing traffic problems
- creating affordable housing options
- continuing to develop in a way that architecturally reflects the small-town character that Vienna is known for while responding to the urgent need to update or replace existing buildings in a very expensive real estate market.

If you want to proactively contribute and be part of shaping the future of Vienna, you might think about applying to join a Town board or committee; several currently have openings. Check the Government/Boards and Commissions page at viennava.gov for more information. Be an active part of Vienna’s future and experience firsthand how rewarding AND challenging it is to help develop a comprehensive and actionable vision for the Town of Vienna in the 21st century. 🍷



Mural in the making

Neither rain, cool temperatures, nor even snow in the middle of November could deter artists Eleanor Doughty and Emily Herr and their team of community volunteers from painting a 200-foot mural along the back wall of the Vienna Shopping Center. As this newsletter is arriving in mailboxes, the mural is expected to have been completed. Be sure to check out the colorful “map” of Vienna’s landscape, which includes several Town landmarks and other outlying points of interest. 📍



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 29

- Approved rezoning for 430, 440, and 444 Maple Ave W from C-1 Local Commercial zone and RS-16 Single-Family Detached Residential zone to Maple Avenue Commercial zone for proposed 444 Maple project, conditioned upon and subject to written proffers submitted by the applicant.
- Awarded contract for architecture and engineering services for construction/renovation of new police facility to Dewberry at a cost not to exceed \$1,625,953.
- Approved \$180,000 in FY19 spending with Double H Locates and Pinpoint Underground for utility marking. Also approved an additional \$1,095 in FY18 spending with Double H Locates.
- Awarded a contract for small-task concrete maintenance to U.S. Concrete and Paving in an amount not to exceed \$617,745.
- Approved \$102,000 in additional FY19 spending with Arthur Construction for additional street mill and overlay projects.
- Approved \$114,000 in FY19 spending with Mid-Atlantic Salt for de-icing salt.
- Approved a supplemental appropriation of \$140,413 from FY2018 general fund encumbrance reserve balance and \$109,250 from FY2018 general fund carryforward reserve balance to FY19 general fund expenditure accounts.
- Awarded a four-year capital lease contract for vehicle and equipment replacement purchases to U.S. Bancorp at an interest rate of 3.206%.
- Set a public hearing November 19 regarding changes to the Community Enhancement Commission's name and related Town code provisions.

Appointed to serve

At its October 29 meeting, Town Council reappointed Sharon Baum to the Planning Commission and Gloria Runyon to Historic Vienna, Inc.

Open for business

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

Aromatherapy and Massage

massage therapy
311 Maple Avenue W
646-288-6427

Bonnie Marie Simpson

massage therapy
129 Park Street NE
703-288-0862

Damselfly Ceramics

consultant
411 Marshall Drive NE
703-635-3698

Field & Gown

rentals
318 Dominion Road NE
703-964-6242

Provost Regulatory Consulting

consultant
205 Moore Avenue SE
703-242-0459

Come in We're
OPEN

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

15 YEARS

Starbucks Coffee

Virginian Restaurant

5 YEARS

Downtown Vienna Dental

I Hair Salon

Inga Sloat, DMD



45
years ago...

The December 1973 Town newsletter reports that in response to the country's energy crisis, the Town of Vienna did not light Christmas street decorations that year, although they were installed. Town Council asked residents and businesses to keep Christmas lighting to a minimum and to decorate with non-lighting outdoor displays. Additional steps the Town took to conserve energy included reducing the temperature at Town Hall to 68 and purchasing compact cars.



HAPPENINGS around town

Santa Claus is coming to the **Freeman Store and Museum** from 12-2 pm Sunday, December 2 and 9. The jolly ol' elf will listen to children's holiday wishes in the beautifully decorated parlor next to the Christmas tree. Free admission; no reservations necessary. Questions? Call 703-938-5187 or visit historicviennainc.org.

Christmas trees – Fraser Firs and Colorado Spruce trees – are available for \$55-\$100 from the **Vienna (Host) Lions Club** through mid-December, or until all trees are sold, in the Walgreen's parking lot on Maple Avenue between Park and Glyndon streets. Tree lot hours are 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. Cash, checks, and credit cards accepted. Visit viennialions.org for more information.

Just in time for your holiday shopping, check out **new items** available at the **Freeman Store**:

- Christmas jam and preserves from Shawnee Springs in Winchester
- coasters featuring original Vienna art
- "I love Vienna" signs and magnets
- handmade ornaments, including the 2018 Rachel Peden handpainted ornament featuring Vienna's first bank.

Vienna (Host) Lions Club will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm December 4 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 Presbyterian Church (VPC), at 123 Park Street, will host its annual **Gifts for Good Haiti Christmas Market** from 9 am-12:30 pm on three consecutive Sundays, December 2, 9, and 16. 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 a gift of livestock (chickens, ducks, goats, etc.) to an impoverished Haitian family; a metal ornament depicting the animal donated (while supplies last) and photo card detailing the benefit of the donation will be provided. All community members are welcome. Proceeds benefit VPC's mission partner Community Coalition for Haiti. For more information, email wvvn@verizon.net.

Green Hedges School, for children age 3 – grade 8, will host an **open house** at 9 am Wednesday, December 5. Tour the campus, see teachers and students in action, and hear from the head of school and faculty panel about what makes Green Hedges such a special, safe, and unique learning environment. Kids are welcome to attend. To register and for more information, visit greenhedges.org. Questions? Contact Katherine Vazquez at 703-938-8323, x228 or KVazquez@greenhedges.org.

Help make someone's Christmas with a new toy for a child, gift card for a teen, or food cards for a family. **Donations** will be accepted from 9:30 am-noon Friday, December 7, at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Stay and help set up the **Committee for Helping Others'** Christmas store. Then, come back at 8:30 am Saturday, December 8, to help staff the store. It's fun – no experience necessary. Call Carolyn Mysel at 703-938-7213 for more information.

Historic Vienna Inc. will host a **traditional English tea** from 3-5 pm Friday, December 7, at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. Enjoy homemade sweets, sandwiches, and a bottomless cup of tea in the store's beautiful parlor. Tickets are \$35 per person. Hurry, tickets for a Saturday tea have already sold out. Call 703-938-5187 for reservations.

Harmonia School of Music's Youth Theater presents **13, the musical**, a hilarious coming-of-age musical about discovering that "cool" is sometimes where we least expect it. Performances are at 7 pm December 7, 3:30 and 7 pm December 8, and 3:30 pm December 9 at Harmonia School, 204 Mill Street. Tickets are \$12 and available via the school's office, 703-938-7301.

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** will host its annual **All-You-Can-Eat Holiday Pancake Breakfast** from 8 am-noon Saturday, December 15, at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, juice, and coffee. Activities include a visit from Santa Claus from 9:30-11 am, free photos and fingerprints for children provided by the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office, and tours of the fire equipment. Tickets are available at the door and \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, and \$6 for children under 12; children under 4 are free.

Vienna Choral Society presents **Sounds of the Season: Wonder** at 7:30 pm Saturday, December 15, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike. Featuring guests from the West Springfield High School Madrigals, the repertoire spans several centuries (from ancient to *Elf!*), faith traditions, and languages to reflect the spirit of the season. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors; youth age 14 and younger are free. Tickets are available at vcs2018wonder.eventbrite.com. More information at viennachoralsociety.org.

American Legion Post 180 will host a **breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, December 16, at 330 Center Street N. On the menu are omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and more. \$10 for adults; \$4 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

Bundle up and join the **Insight Shop** and other friends and neighbors for the **Vienna Holiday Sing-Along** from 5-6 pm Sunday, December 16, on the Town Green. Bring the whole family as Insight Shop singers lead participants in holiday standards from various traditions. The music will warm your heart, and Caffe Amour will warm your body with hot beverages.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** presents its free **holiday concert** at 7 pm Sunday, December 16, at the Vienna Community Center. The band also is looking to add enthusiastic musicians in all sections, especially clarinet, bassoon, oboe, and tuba. If interested, simply attend any 6:15 rehearsal Sunday evenings at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.

Peanut butter and jelly, cooking oil, tomato sauce, canned meats/fish, diapers, shampoo, laundry detergent, dish soap, toothpaste, bar soap, and toilet paper are all on the **North East Vienna Citizens Association's** wish list of items for its food drive to support the Committee for Helping Others. Questions? Contact Mary

Ellen Larkins at melarkins@verizon.net. Through the end of the month, donation drop-off locations are scattered throughout Town at:

- Vienna Town Hall – 127 Center Street S
- Vienna Community Center – 120 Cherry Street SE
- Vienna Arts Society – 243 Church Street NW
- Bikes@Vienna – 128-A Church Street NW
- Evolution Fitness – 216 Dominion Road NE
- Caffe Amouri – 107 Church Street NE
- Rexall Drug Store – 150 Maple Avenue W
- Drs. Covell, Stack, Henon, and Lasaclo – 120 Beulah Road NE
- Drs. Rudolph and Paino – 307 Maple Avenue W, Suite A
- SourceCode Fitness Studio – 901 Glyndon Street SE
- Patrick Henry Library – 101 Maple Avenue.

Since 2014, members of the **Vienna Arts Society** have been visiting patients at Fort Belvoir Community Hospital, bringing art supplies and giant puzzle pieces to troops on the mend. Patients are invited to add their own piece to the growing **Healing Wall**. If you're interested in joining this outreach, email doreskidmore@aol.com. The Healing Wall will be on exhibit through the end of the year at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2705 Hunter Mill Road.

Art books as well as books related to hobbies and collectibles are half price this month at the **Freeman Store Used Book Cellar**. Donated books may be dropped off at the Freeman Store, 131 Church Street NE, during store hours, 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday, or left on the front porch bench if the store is closed. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

A few spots for **pre-K students** remain available at **Epiphany Preschool** for the 2018-19 school year. To schedule a tour or for more information, call 703-938-2391 or email epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com. Epiphany Preschool is an outreach of Epiphany United Methodist Church.

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.

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Emergency**
911
(Voice & TDD)

Vienna Police
703-938-4900 voice
703-255-5730 TDD
Non-emergency
703-255-6366 voice
703-255-5730 TDD

Community Center
703-255-6360 voice
TTY Virginia Relay 711
120 Cherry St. SE
Vienna, VA 22180

Vienna Town Hall
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TTY Virginia Relay 711
127 Center Street South
Vienna, VA 22180-5179
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December TOWN CALENDAR

1	Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside) • 8 am - 2 pm	14	Mayor & Town Council Holiday Reception • 4 - 6 pm
3	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm	18	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
4	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm	19	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm
8	Lunch with Santa (VWFD) • 11:30 am - 1 pm	20	Community Enhancement Commission • 7:30 pm
10	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm	20	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
12	Historic Vienna, Inc. (Freeman Store) • 7:30 pm	24	Holiday: Town Hall Closes at Noon/Regular Refuse Collection
12	Planning Commission • 8 pm	25	Holiday: Town Hall Closed/No Refuse Collection
13	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm	26	Refuse collection for December 25 & 26; no brush, bulk, yard waste

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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The Sons & Daughters Cemetery on Orchard Street became the 20th Vienna property to receive a Historic Designation Marker from the Town, reports the December 2003 Town newsletter. Established in 1893, the cemetery contains more than 200 graves, many belonging to former slaves, freed black citizens and their descendants, and black soldiers who served under Capt. Harmon Salsbury in the Union Army's 26th regiment.