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## Hands-on community workshops offer 'feel' for proposed MAC design guidelines and amendments

The Town of Vienna is hosting two community workshops at the end of March that will demonstrate how highly rated images from the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) visual preference survey, which was available to the community this past fall, have been translated into proposed MAC design guidelines to reflect the community's vision for Maple Avenue. Associated proposed changes to the MAC ordinance also will be featured.

The workshops are designed to be hands-on so that participants can experience how proposed changes, related to setbacks and sidewalk widths, for example, might actually feel. Residents who attend the family-friendly workshops also will have opportunities to ask questions and provide feedback about the proposed guidelines and ordinance amendments.

The two-hour workshops are "open house" style, which means that residents may drop in and leave at their convenience. No formal presentations are scheduled as part of the community sessions.

The Town's voluntary MAC Zone encourages compact, pedestrian-oriented, mixed-use development and redevelopment along the Maple Avenue corridor to reinforce Maple Avenue's role as the Town's main street. Adopted in 2014, the MAC has been temporarily suspended through June while Town Council, Planning Commission, and Board of Architectural

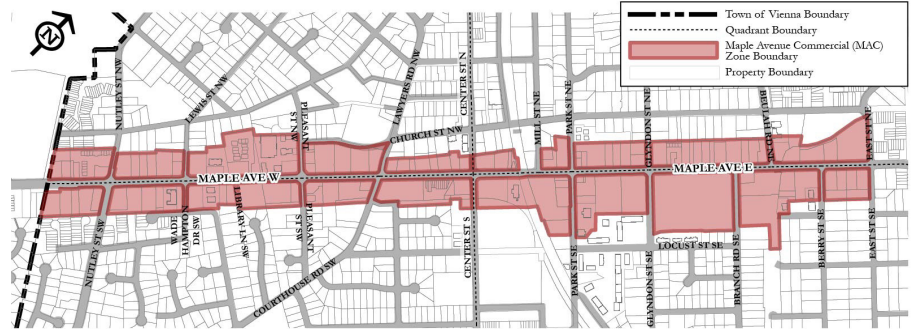
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## Maple Avenue Community Workshops

6 - 8 pm • Fri. March 29  
11 am - 1 pm • Sat. March 30

Vienna Community Center

*family-friendly • hands-on  
feedback welcomed!*



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## Photography Contest and Exhibit

Open to metropolitan area amateur photographers

Vienna Community Center  
10 am-3 pm • March 16  
noon-3 pm • March 17

Entries accepted: 5-8 pm • March 14  
12-3:45 pm • March 15

for more info visit [vienna.gov/photo](http://vienna.gov/photo)



## Nominate a Vienna superhero

**Y**ou don't have to be a genius, rich CEO, or alien capable of shooting lasers out of your eyes to be a superhero. Indeed around Vienna you see everyday superheroes, well, every day.

Nominate your favorite hometown hero to receive community recognition for their good deeds at the Mayor's Volunteer Reception April 23. Nominations for individuals are due April 1. You can find a nomination form at [viennava.gov/volunteers](http://viennava.gov/volunteers). Email completed forms to [mayor@viennava.gov](mailto:mayor@viennava.gov) or drop them off at Town Hall.

To nominate a Town business that consistently steps up to provide service to the community, send an e-mail to Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid at [adam.kincaid@viennava.gov](mailto:adam.kincaid@viennava.gov) by March 10. The Carole Wolfand Award, given each year in recognition of a business's commitment to the community, is presented by the Town Business Liaison Committee at the annual volunteer reception. Please put "Carole Wolfand nomination" in the email subject line. 📧

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Review members, planning staff, and the community work to create design guidelines and consider associated amendments to the MAC ordinance.

The proposed guidelines address building design and form as well as site design and streetscape.

Working drafts of the proposed MAC design guidelines and proposed changes to the ordinance are available on the Town's website at [viennava.gov/mac](http://viennava.gov/mac). Both are currently being reviewed

by the Board of Architectural Review, Planning Commission, and Town Council. Formal public hearings on the proposed guidelines and amendments are expected to be scheduled later this spring.

In addition to providing feedback at the workshops, residents may send comments related to the proposed guidelines and ordinance amendments by March 31 to [dpz@viennava.gov](mailto:dpz@viennava.gov). (Be sure to put "MAC comments" in the subject line.) 📧

## New police station begins to take shape

**T**he final design is still coming together over the next several months, but some basic decisions about the Town's new police station were firmed up at a January Town Council work session.

The current concept design – put together by Dewberry, the Town's architectural and engineering consultant for this project – envisions a newly constructed, two-story, 28,000-square-foot facility with a basement below ground. The building will front Center Street, from which visitor parking will remain accessible; secured, officer parking will continue to be accessed via Locust Street.

"Our experience indicates that teardown and new construction, rather than a renovation, will lead to a smoother construction process and an enhanced final product," says Police Chief Jim Morris. "The price for the two options was nearly equivalent."

The new police station, which will be about 16,000 square feet larger than the current station, will allow the police department to bring all functions under one roof. "We're trying to right-size the department's headquarters," says Morris, who notes that the criminal investigation division, storage, bicycle patrol equipment, and archives are currently housed in several different Town facilities.

A 2013 needs assessment conducted by Moseley Architects identifies space limitations of the current police station, which was constructed in 1994. Moseley's report also identifies several outdated or nonexistent safety and security measures that should be undertaken. In addition, the current building's mechanical systems are failing.

The new station will feature 1,600 square feet of flexible community space to be programmed by the parks and recreation

department. Part of this space will function as an Emergency Operations Center, as needed, as well.

The first floor of the new station is expected to house dispatch, records, a property/evidence room, interview/processing area, the community space, and offices. The second floor will likely include space for patrol roll call, administrative offices, and the criminal investigation division. A firing range, locker rooms, and fitness center will be in the basement.

Schematic design of the new facility will be finalized over the next several months with construction expected to start in 2020. For updated information about this project, visit [viennava.gov/policestation](http://viennava.gov/policestation). 📧



## Town opens temp employment opportunities to federal employees during government shutdown

by Lana Bian

**W**hen Human Resources Director Maggie Kain heard that the Town would be offering extensions for water payments to furloughed federal employees, she thought: “Oh, we can do more than that!”

At the conclusion of the third week of what would become the country’s longest federal government shutdown in history, Kain and her human resources staff, including Connor Duffy and Katie Smith, very quickly put together a program to provide part-time work opportunities to those affected by the shutdown, with preference given to Town of Vienna residents.

Using funds available due to job attrition, ultimately 10 people, eight of whom are Town residents, were hired by the Town of Vienna to work up to 20 hours a week for up to four weeks during the shutdown. (Twenty-one applications were submitted.) The 10 federal employees worked at the community center, in parks maintenance, public works, IT, communications, and the police department during their brief stints with the Town.

Their “real” jobs are with a host of federal agencies, including Department of State, Census Bureau, Agency for International Development, Department of Health and Human Services, U.S. Geological Survey, Small Business Administration, U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as well as with contracted private firms working with federal agencies.

Mylinh Nguyen, who works as a government contractor with Yorktown Systems Group, says she felt “fortunate” to have the opportunity to work part-time with the Town. “I felt that the Town reached out to help us in a difficult situation,” she says.

“The job [with the Town] was not about the money,” says Raymond Lord, who works with the Census Bureau. “It was about having a purpose, about getting up and going to work, about being responsible and doing a good job, and coming home knowing that I had done something productive.... I would like to thank the Town of Vienna for the opportunity and the understanding of the situation and for supporting their residents in a time of need.”

For Norm Bourg, an ecologist with the U.S. Geological Survey, the part-time opportunity “gave me a sense of purpose and usefulness. It also gave me the ability to continue contributing to our household expenses and eased the burden of going without pay for more than a month.”

Community Center Supervisor Nick Jones took on three furloughed workers who for two weeks helped at the front desk greeting visitors, answering phones, and helping people find their classrooms. Jones says: “When I saw the email come out

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Census Bureau

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from HR about what Vienna was doing to help those who were furloughed, I thought, ‘Wow, this is a great place to work!’”

“It was a good experience having someone new on the team,” says Parks Superintendent John King. “It provided us with a different side of government work.”

Another furloughed employee worked in public works checking and correctly identifying street categories and road widths in the Town’s database, information that will be used to develop more accurate estimates for roadway paving costs in the future. This was a project that Deputy Public Works Director David Donahue had been wanting to take on for awhile, but hadn’t found the time.

“It was a win-win opportunity,” he says. “This gave the employee some work to do while they waited for the government to re-open, and it was a project that I needed an experienced person to do. The federal worker was able to quickly take on the task and start producing a product that will be used in management of the Town’s paving program.”

The federal government began reopening January 26 as the Town’s 10 temporary workers returned to their “real” jobs. For the Town, the shutdown provided an opportunity not only to fill in some staffing needs and take on some new projects but also to be a good neighbor and to reflect the caring, supportive community that is Vienna.

**Editor’s note:** Vienna resident Lana Bian is a marketing/communications professional with DRT Strategies, an Arlington-based consulting firm that provides management, information technology, and communications services to government and commercial clients in health care, technology, and financial services industries. Bian, who currently is assigned to the Food and Drug Administration, was hired temporarily on a part-time basis by the Town of Vienna while she was furloughed during the December 22-January 25 federal government shutdown. 🍷

## Exhibits celebrate the 1950s and League of Women Voters

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

**T**he 1950s are remembered for Elvis Presley, *Singin' in the Rain*, hula hoops, hot rods, sock hops, and the introduction of Barbie dolls. But the decade wasn't all happy days: Consider the Korean War, hydrogen bombs, and *Brown v. Board of Education*.

New exhibits at the Freeman Store and Museum, which open March 1, commemorate the 1950s, especially as experienced in Vienna, as well as the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters.

### **The 1950s: They're gr-r-reat!**

In the aftermath of World War II, the United States experienced a culture of conformity and suburban expansion, which played out in Vienna as well.

"Last year we did the 100th anniversary of World War I," says Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI) board member Jon Vrana, "so this year we wanted to do something a little bit lighter, but still something highly relevant to Vienna. We wanted to showcase a time period that a lot of people in the community experienced themselves and that still resonates today."

Following the war, many veterans returned to

the workforce, and the Pentagon became a major employer. The growth of work opportunities in the D.C. metropolitan area had a social impact, too, as interest in the suburban lifestyle exploded.

"It was during this time that people were moving to Vienna and other suburbs," says Vrana. "Kids had other kids to play with, neighborhoods to ride their bikes around in. Communities were developing around schools. Everyone's shared experiences in their suburbs were also part of a national conversation."

He notes that the generation that grew up in the '50s would be familiar with the largely inadequate "duck and cover" drills that schools implemented as a response to potential nuclear strikes during the Cold War era.

"It's experiences socially and, by extension, politically, that create the composite for this exhibit," says Vrana, "and that I think a lot of people will enjoy revisiting."

The exhibit includes information on what was then the latest in nylon stockings for women, a large 1959 map of Vienna, rotary telephone, and Admiral television

set. The most nostalgic and realistic representation of that time will be a recreation of a '50s family room, complete with a chair, TV, and curtains.

Adjacent to the set is a soda and ice cream fountain, which has space for personal stories, photos, postcards, etc. that folks are welcome to submit as part of the growing exhibit.

"We really want people to see everything, and we want them to be a part of the exhibit as well," says Vrana. "We encourage folks to submit their own 1950s stories to continue our unique and diverse engagement."

### **League of Women Voters at 100**

The second exhibit opening March 1 is the fourth installment of the Freeman Store's five-year chronicle of the women's suffrage movement and celebration of the 100th anniversary of ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution granting women the right to vote.

The 2019 exhibit celebrates *Women Creating a More Perfect Democracy: 100 Years of the League of Women Voters* and includes modern-day impacts on women voters, starting with the rise of feminism in the 1980s through the wave of women representatives elected in 2018. ↴



photos by Adam Kincaid



## Mill Street public parking efforts hit speedbump

The agreement between the Town of Vienna and Mill Street Development One, LLC to provide public parking spaces as part of a mixed industrial-commercial project at 223-241 Mill Street NE has been dissolved. In June, Town Council approved purchase of a second-floor condominium to provide 121 public parking spaces for \$4.6 million.

Recently, during the project study period, Mill Street Development One notified the Town that its original proposal was not economically feasible and proposed changes to the project, including removing the retail component, reducing the number of public parking

spaces, and changing the building’s architectural features.

“We’re disappointed that this private-public agreement to provide public parking spaces in Vienna’s central business district has not panned out,” says Town Manager Mercury Payton. “The Town remains committed to providing additional public parking in our commercial core in order to make the area a more convenient and accessible destination.”

Town officials are continuing to explore additional parking partnership opportunities near Church Street and Maple Avenue. ↴



## ’Tis the season to prepare the budget

Town Council and staff members will be working to shape the Town’s fiscal year 2020 budget over the next couple of months. Work sessions are scheduled in March with public hearings in April and adoption anticipated in May. All meetings below are open to the public. Public comment is accepted only at public hearings, not during work sessions.

### Budget Work Sessions

March 16 • 9 am-5 pm  
March 18 • 7:30 pm  
April 22 • 7:30 pm

### Public Hearing – proposed budget, water and sewer rates

April 8 • 8 pm

### Public Hearing – proposed tax rate

April 29 • 8 pm

### Adoption of budget, tax rate, water and sewer rates

May 13 • 8 pm

*You're invited!*

## Freeman Store Exhibit Opening Reception

**2 - 4 pm • Sunday, March 10**

*Enjoy music and refreshments*

## Clean Sweep!

**Street sweeping service scheduled to begin third week of March**

The Town asks that residents refrain from parking on streets during an area’s first scheduled sweeping.

*Check [viennava.gov/sweeping](http://viennava.gov/sweeping) to see approximately when your area will be cleaned. “No Parking” signs will be placed in areas about a week prior to scheduled sweeping.*

## Parks & Rec Sampler

### **March youth programs**

Club Phoenix will offer an array of programs in March for members, ranging from a Fat Tuesday celebration to a St. Patty's Day Party.

### **Fat Tuesday Celebration**

March 5 • 3:30-6 pm

Sample a variety of Bayou favorites and parade around Club Phoenix to New Orleans jazz.

### **Meet with the Mayor**

March 8 • 6-7 pm

Hang out with Mayor Laurie DiRocco.

### **Ladies Night**

March 11 • 12-6:30 pm

Well, it's really a day filled with movies led by strong, powerful women. Young men are welcome to view and nibble on popcorn, too.

### **Parent Discussion: Launching Our Future**

March 13 • 7 pm

Tips to help your adolescent become a self-sufficient, independent, and productive member of the household, school, and community.

### **St. Patty's Day Party**

March 15 • 3-6 pm

No leprechauns allowed! Remember to wear green.

All events take place at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, contact Teen Center Program Coordinator Natalie Duncan at [natalie.duncan@viennava.gov](mailto:natalie.duncan@viennava.gov) or 703-255-5736.

### **A 'wild' presentation**

The Wildlife Rescue League will answer questions about wildlife and share fun facts about our wild neighbors at 10 a.m. March 11, at the Vienna Community Center. The presentation will address questions such as: Does that bird need rescuing or is it just learning to fly? Is that fawn orphaned or is mom staying away to avoid predators? Is it OK for me to take in a baby squirrel and raise it as a pet? The Wildlife Rescue League is an all-volunteer, nonprofit organization dedicated to providing care for sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife with the intent of releasing creatures back into their native habitat. Register for this free program at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) using code #3400079-A1.

### **Rookie's First Feast**

In a March 26 Mighty Voice Liberation Ensemble production, a newbie firefighter faces trial by fire in the kitchen as he prepares to cook for the squad – and a dairy-free captain. This free production includes professional artists working alongside people with disabilities to create and perform original works. Audiences are invited to share in the fun and creativity by participating in songs and movement. So come help the young firefighter, who is visited in his sleep by fruits and vegetables, figure out what to serve. The performance is open to all ages and will take place at noon in the Vienna Community Center auditorium. Registration is requested via [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) using code #341246-A1.

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**Deadline for the April issue is March 11.**



# Economic development does not necessarily equal new construction

by Friderike Butler, Town Business Liaison Committee

**S**mart growth strategies can help small-town communities achieve their goals for growth and development while maintaining their distinctive character.

Researcher David Ivan of Michigan State University studied more than 300 small communities in 22 states in order to ascertain what makes a place thrive. According to his findings, five key elements differentiate small-town communities experiencing economic success.

- 1. Development of the entrepreneurial ecosystem** Successful communities create an environment in which people want to do business. They identify and support entrepreneurs as well as their risk-taking and work to connect them to others in the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Thriving business communities give these entrepreneurs every chance to succeed.
- 2. Human investment drives new economy growth** Successful communities recognize their vitality is dependent on innovation and enhanced educational and trade-training opportunities. These communities identify human capital assets and leverage them for long-term economic success.
- 3. Strong social capital** Successful small communities have cultivated a strong social fabric with relationships that go deep and are durable over the long-term. Ivan’s research finds that successful communities identify and engage residents to help craft and implement a long-term vision. But not everyone likes to go to community meetings. That’s why the community of Marshall, Michigan created a “meeting in a box” for those who have great ideas but don’t want to show up to meetings. Hundreds of people in this community of just 7,000 have participated via the “meeting in a box” mechanism.

- 4. Strong quality of place** Successful communities create vibrant downtown environments, places where people want to be. Ivan reminds us: “This next generation of talent is the first to identify more strongly with their communities than with their employers,” which is why placemaking has become so essential to creating hip, lively cities. Communities that embrace their assets are viewed as authentic places that tend to become regional destinations.
- 5. Dedication to progress** Repeatedly, researchers have found that successful, thriving, “cool” cities are proactive and determined to push their community forward, no matter how small the steps. “Sometimes it starts with the petunias,” says Ivan. Simple, short-term projects can test concepts and build momentum for larger revitalization efforts.

There’s plenty to learn from places that are taking the right steps and approaches to economic vitality. Comprehensive town planning lays out where development should or should not go so that businesses can thrive on walkable main streets and families can live close to daily destinations. Policies protect small-town characteristics, preserve open space, protect air and water quality, provide places for recreation, and create attractions that bring visitors and investments into the local economy. Policies and infrastructures support walking, biking, and public transit connections to help reduce traffic volume and air pollution from vehicles.

Here are some additional resources of interest:

- [epa.gov/smartgrowth/framework-creating-smart-growth-economic-development-strategy](http://epa.gov/smartgrowth/framework-creating-smart-growth-economic-development-strategy)
- [icic.org/blog/5-strategies/](http://icic.org/blog/5-strategies/)
- [recastcity.com/](http://recastcity.com/)
- [smartgrowthamerica.org/resources/made-in-place/](http://smartgrowthamerica.org/resources/made-in-place/) ↴

## Annual Fishing Rodeo

### A different type of ‘on line’ game

**F**or \$3 per person, you can play human vs. fish “on line” Saturday, March 30, at Vienna’s sixth annual Family Fishing Rodeo at Wolftrap Creek. Time slots are available throughout the morning. Pre-registration is required. Tickets may be purchased at [viennava.gov/webtrac](http://viennava.gov/webtrac) or in person at the community center; six-ticket limit per household. In addition, all participants over the age of 16 must possess a fishing license, available through the Virginia Department of Gaming and Inland Fisheries. ↴



photo by Adam Kincaid

## Tough times for Town trees

by Lana Bian

It's been a difficult time for trees in Vienna. As if last year's record rainfall amounts weren't challenging enough, emerald ash borers are decimating ash trees throughout Northern Virginia – and beyond – and something as yet identified has killed about a dozen of the Town's Norway maples as well.

Ash trees in Vienna likely will soon be a thing of the past, says Town Arborist Gary Lawrence. Emerald ash borers have destroyed, or are in the process of destroying, all of the ash trees throughout the Maryland/Northern Virginia region.

Native to Asia, the emerald ash borer was accidentally introduced into the United States through wood packaging material. Original infestations were found in 2002 near Detroit. Since then, the insects have killed tens of millions of trees in North America.

Fortunately, notes Lawrence, ash trees are only a small portion of the total tree canopy in this area. The majority of ash trees are generally found in groups on undeveloped land or individually planted in people's yards.



"Once you see the signs of infestation," Lawrence says, "there is nothing you can do to save a tree because the beetles have already laid their eggs, and the larvae are eating the cambium tissue [which is a tree's circulatory system, located just beneath the bark]."

The larvae literally starve a tree they've infested. "Once a tree is infested," says Lawrence, "it will die quickly."

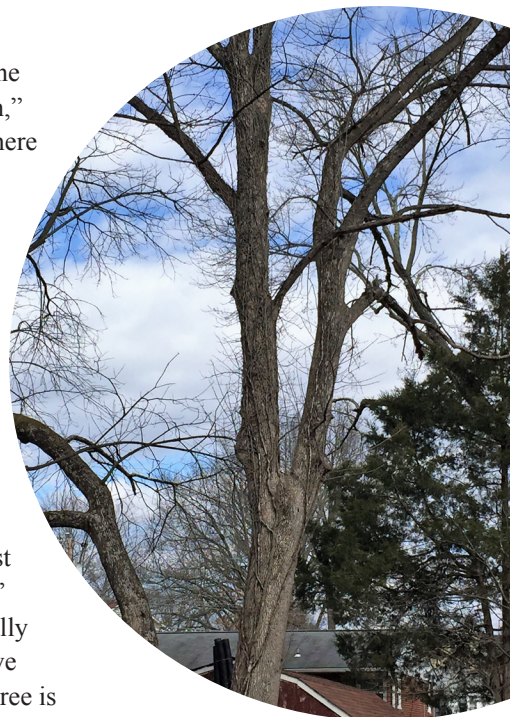
If you have an ash tree in your yard and worry that it is infected, contact a professional tree company to determine the best course of action.

It is through the transportation of infected ash products (firewood, wood chips, nursery stock, etc.) that the borers are spread. Fairfax County urges residents not to transport firewood, but rather to buy firewood where you burn it. Hardwood firewood and ash products may not be moved, without a compliance agreement, outside of a federal emerald ash borer quarantine area, which includes all or parts of more than 30 states.

Something else has killed several Norway maple trees in Town recently. "There's still plenty of healthy Norway maples, but I'm concerned by how quickly [this is happening]. There's a pattern here. It's not random," Lawrence is quoted as saying in a January 8 *Tysons Reporter* article.

While the number of trees impacted is relatively low, Lawrence adds, it's the sudden demise of trees that is somewhat concerning, and he continues to monitor the situation.

If you have concerns about trees on your private property, it's best to contact a professional tree company or private arborist. The Town's arborist is willing, though, to consult with residents about trees of concern. Contact Lawrence at [glawrence@viennava.gov](mailto:glawrence@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6309. For more information about the emerald ash borer, visit [fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/emerald-ash-borer-fairfax-county](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/publicworks/emerald-ash-borer-fairfax-county). 📍







## It's all in the name

by Joanne Burke, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

It's official, the Community Enhancement Commission (CEC) is now the Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC). The change stems from a desire to more closely align the commission's name with our mission and goals. The Council-appointed board was first organized more than 10 years ago as a replacement for the Beautification Committee, which recognized beautiful yards. The CSC's efforts now extend far beyond this original mandate.

The commission is tasked with educating citizens and advising Town Council and Town departments on matters related to conservation, energy, the environment, sustainability, and community appearance.

Here are some highlights of the commission's 2018 accomplishments:

- Managed the Solarize Vienna 2018 campaign (this was the Town's fourth Solarize) and won the friendly competition among Falls Church, City of Fairfax, and Vienna for most sign-ups.
- Organized the annual Vienna Sustainability Challenge to promote sustainable business practices.
- Worked with Town staff to complete a greenhouse gas inventory to quantify the Town's energy consumption and carbon footprint.
- Maintained Vienna's recognition as a National Wildlife Federation-certified Community Habitat by certifying additional homes, businesses, and public spaces.
- Promoted and recognized builders for achieving the Eco-Efficient Home Award.
- Worked with Town arborists to preserve the Town's tree canopy and encouraged builders to install native trees for tree canopy.
- Hosted the Green Expo in conjunction with Walk on the Hill to highlight environmental initiatives and educate residents about electric vehicle options and benefits.
- Hosted a native plant sale; provided guidance to Town staff and residents about increasing native plantings; and planted a pollinator garden at Meadow Lane Park.
- Hosted a joint tree forum with Fairfax County Hunter Mill District representatives.
- Acquired and promoted smart phone infrared cameras that detect airflow leakages in homes.
- Contributed monthly articles to *Vienna Voice*.

For 2019, the Conservation and Sustainability Commission plans to add the following to our extensive list of efforts:

- Work with the police department and contractors on specifications for the new police station to ensure incorporation of long-term sustainable building and energy standards.
- Utilize data acquired through the greenhouse gas inventory to work with Town staff to implement energy- and cost-saving measures.
- Bring a composting service to Town.
- Increase participation of businesses and nonprofits in the Sustainability Challenge.
- Declare Vienna a Bee City USA and participate in the Mayor's Monarch Challenge.
- Update the Eco-Efficient Homes initiative brochure to encourage builders and homeowners to utilize more energy- and cost-efficient construction.
- Continue to investigate sustainability opportunities afforded the Town through the Northern Virginia Regional Commission.
- Work with the Vienna Public Arts Commission to paint "clean water" messages on storm drains.
- Encourage the Town to hire a sustainability coordinator or assign a current Town staff member to implement sustainability strategies that will save the Town money and make Vienna a more sustainable and healthy community. 🍷

### Hunter Mill District

# Town Hall:

## Fairfax County

# FY2020 Budget

8:30 - 11 am | Saturday, March 2  
 Frying Pan Farm Park Visitor Center  
 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon

Join Supervisor Cathy Hudgins, County Executive Bryan Hill, and county and school staff members for presentations on the proposed FY2020 budget plan. Coffee and conversation begins at 8:30 a.m. Presentations start at 9 a.m. followed by Q&A.

## 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](http://viennava.gov).

### January 28

- Approved the name change of the Community Enhancement Commission to Conservation and Sustainability Commission and adopted amendments to code provisions.
- Authorized the police department to purchase an electronic citation module and equipment from Brazos for \$57,020 using e-summons funds.
- Approved an agreement with Fairfax County for pedestrian improvements on the west side of Old Courthouse Road NE.
- Approved a Fairfax County Circuit Court-ordered correction to resubdivision of lots 18, 19B, and 20 of a Malcom Heights subdivision and incorporated the court's ruling creating odd lots.

### Appointed to serve

At its January 28 meeting, Town Council reappointed **Robert Holland** and **Carey Williams** to two-year terms on the Town Business Liaison Committee.



## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS

**Vienna Heart**

35 YEARS

**Michael L. Gannon, DMD**  
**Sharon Baldwin Voice Studio**

25 YEARS

**Howard Viola Studio**  
**Orchids for You**

15 YEARS

**DL Engineering**  
**John Dobricky, LCSW**  
**Kumon of Vienna**  
**Saran Counseling Services**  
**Sweet Ginger**  
**Total Lawn & Yard Care**

10 YEARS

**A Deeper Calm**  
**Geosentia**

5 YEARS

**Ascend Physical Therapy & Wellness**  
**Children's Voice International**  
**Essence of Acupuncture**  
**Hinsdale Design Build**  
**Iron Horse Consulting**  
**Navy Federal Wellness Center**  
**Solaris Laser & Skin Care**  
**UPS Store**

## Open for business

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

### Abelaki Imports

*wine and food products*  
520 Glyndon Street NE  
240-423-2109

### Alya Salon & Spa

*beauty salon*  
139 Park Street SE  
703-281-2592

### Blue Ridge Creamery

*ice cream parlor*  
205 Maple Avenue W  
703-228-9799

### Bruncoclay Management

*contractor*  
440 Maple Avenue E  
703-581-6111

### Chapman Development

*asset management*  
440 Maple Avenue E  
703-581-6111

### Collaborative Family Services

*psychotherapist*  
501 Church Street NE  
571-310-4008

### Cupcakes and More

*cupcakes, bags, cards, etc.*  
527 Maple Avenue W  
703-938-3034

### Don Pollo of Vienna

*restaurant*  
146 Maple Avenue W  
202-528-5710

### Ekana Construction

*builder & developer*  
502 Stephen Circle SW  
703-599-3109

### Elite Tutoring Place in Vienna

*tutoring*  
233 Maple Avenue W  
703-938-1672

### Nail by the Vicky

*nail technician*  
338 Maple Avenue W  
703-314-4416

### Patrice McGiffin

*massage therapy*  
354 Maple Avenue W  
703-242-0609

### ProponetUSA

*consultant*  
288 Windover Avenue NW  
703-277-8405

### Self Analysis

*life coaching*  
140 Courthouse Road SW  
202-409-3002

### Shin Se Kai

*restaurant*  
234 Maple Avenue W  
703-992-3994

### Solution-Focused Therapy Services

*mental health counseling*  
501 Church Street NE  
703-755-0995

### Vienna Heating and Cooling

*contractor*  
605 Tazewell Road NW  
703-296-9579

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years ago...

The Vienna Police Department began distributing “Collect-a-Cop” police officer trading cards to elementary and middle school students in an effort to introduce and enhance acceptance of police officers among Vienna’s children, the March 1999 Town newsletter reports. Each card contained a photo of an officer with his or her name and rank on the front and service history and a message from the officer on the back.



# HAPPENINGS around town

The **Freeman Store & Museum** reopens March 1 with new exhibits and merchandise. The **Book Cellar** is fully stocked and brimming with children's books and new fiction and nonfiction reads. Book donations are always welcome, but no magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, or romance novels please. Boxed or bagged books may be left on Freeman Store benches if the store is not open. The Freeman Store is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Book sale proceeds are used to offer Historic Vienna, Inc. programs, purchase materials for exhibits, offer teas and children's events, and conduct research.

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

**FanQuest**, a Special Olympics basketball tournament at **Lake Braddock Secondary School** March 8, will focus on inclusion and kindness while cheering on peers. Marshall High School will play in the first game at 6:15 pm and Robinson High School in the second game at 7:30. Tailgate at 5 pm with face painting, various games, and yummy food. Admission is free.

**Leigh Kitcher** from **Historic Vienna, Inc.** will speak about women's struggles to obtain the vote at 2 pm March 9 at Patrick Henry Library. This free public program is sponsored by **AAUW** and the **Patrick Henry Library**.

The **Vienna Choral Society** will present the United States premier of "Everyday Wonders: The Girl from Aleppo" as part of its **Us, Together** concert celebrating community at 7:30 pm Saturday, March 9, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike. Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$20 for students and seniors (65+); youth 14 and younger attend for free when accompanied by a paying

ticketholder. More information at [viennachoralsociety.org](http://viennachoralsociety.org).

Join the **Vienna Community Band** for its **free spring concert** at 7 pm Sunday, March 10, at the Vienna Community Center. The band continues to recruit enthusiastic new musicians, especially those who play clarinet, bassoon, oboe, and tuba. If interested, please attend a 6:15 pm rehearsal Sunday evenings at the community center. For more information about the band and spring concert, visit [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org).

Pulitzer Prize-winning **Washington Post** journalist **Colbert King** will speak on civil rights issues of the 1950s as well as current topics at the **Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI)** meeting at 7:30 pm March 12 in Council Chambers at Town Hall. King's presentation is offered in conjunction with HVI's new Freeman Store exhibit "Vienna in the 1950s." The meeting is free and open to the public.

Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and more are being served up by **American Legion Post 180** from 8 am-noon Sunday, March 17. The **breakfast buffet** is \$10 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and younger. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

**Capitol Steps** returns to Vienna for a performance to benefit the **James Madison Crew Boosters**. The performance is at 4 pm Sunday, March 17, at James Madison High School. Tickets are available at [WarhawkCrew.org](http://WarhawkCrew.org).

The **Five Hills Garden Club** program for March is *Garden to Vase*. Learn how to create and appreciate easy, in-home designs from your garden at 10 am March 19 at Vienna Presbyterian Church.

**Phi Beta Psi - Upsilon Gamma Chapter** is holding a sip and shop **Mission Possible** event to raise funds for cancer research at 7 pm Saturday, March 30, at the Townes of Moorefield Community Center, 815 Tapawingo Road. Tickets are \$20 and include two drinks, food, and raffle. Purchase tickets at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com); search "SS-MIF."

An exhibit of **American Landscapes** by **Lassie Corbett** is on display at the **Vienna Arts Society Gallery** in the Village Green Shopping Center, at the corner of Maple Avenue and Nutley Street, through March 30. Artist, teacher, and world traveler, Corbett shares her vision of the country with a special emphasis on works inspired by national parks.

**Epiphany Preschool** is now registering students for the **2019-20 school year**.

Epiphany Preschool is a play-based preschool that puts an emphasis on nature. To schedule a tour or for more information, call the office at 703-938-2391 or email [epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com](mailto:epiphanypreschool@vacoxmail.com).

The **North East Vienna Citizens Association** will host a **Candidates Forum** from 7-9:30 pm Thursday, April 11,

at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. Candidates running for Town Council will be invited to make brief opening remarks to be followed by a structured question-and-answer period and closing remarks from each candidate.


Enjoy a lovely Sunday morning run at the 15th annual **Vienna Elementary 5K and 1-Mile Run for Fun** at 8:10 am April 28. Register at [viennaes5k.racewire.com](http://viennaes5k.racewire.com). Sponsorship opportunities also are available.

Master Gardener **Molly O'Boyle** will present *All About Growing Vegetables and Herbs in Containers* at 12:45 pm March 25 at the **Ayr Hill Garden Club** monthly meeting at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 2589 Chain Bridge Road. O'Boyle will share tips related to best plants to use, container selection, and fertilizer do's and don'ts. The meeting is free and open to the public. For more information, email [emilielarson@rcn.com](mailto:emilielarson@rcn.com).

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submit information to [lynne.coan@viennava.gov](mailto: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.

## Vienna's budget presentation proves exceptional for a quarter century running

For the 25<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, the Town of Vienna has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. This year's award recognizes the Town's 2018-19 budget.

The GFOA award highlights the Town's commitment to creating an effective budgeting document. The Town of Vienna is among more than 1,600 communities nationwide who participate in the budget award program. Each budget recognized demonstrates excellence in utilizing the budget as a model policy document, financial plan, operations guide, and communications device. 



**Budget bosses** From left, Marion Serfass, Michelle Pagano-Dierkes, and Renee Smith are finance department staff members who work on the Town's budget presentation.

photo by Adam Kincaid

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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  
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# March TOWN CALENDAR

**2** Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am – 2 pm  
**4** Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm  
**5** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm  
**6** Joint Work Session:  
Town Council, Planning Commission, BAR • 7:30 pm  
**10** Freeman Store & Museum Exhibit Grand Opening • 2 – 4 pm  
**11** Town Council Meeting • 8 pm  
**13** Planning Commission • 8 pm  
**14** Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm  
**16** Town Council Budget Work Session • 9 am – 4 pm  
**18** Town Council Budget Work Session • 7:30 pm

**19** Public Art Commission • 7 pm  
**20** Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm  
**21** Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm  
**26** Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 8 pm  
**26** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm  
**27** Planning Commission • 8 pm  
**28** Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm  
**29** Maple Avenue Community Workshop (VCC) • 6 – 8 pm  
**30** Family Fishing Rodeo (Wildwood Park) • 8 am – noon  
**30** Maple Avenue Community Workshop (VCC) • 11 am – 1 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings take place at Town Hall, 127 Center Street S. Meeting schedule subject to change; check [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov) for updates.

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years ago...

Retired Norfolk Southern Railroad caboose #557725 arrived at its final destination along Church Street and the W&OD trail on February 16, 1989. The March issue of the Vienna newsletter that year reports how the Town came to acquire the caboose, built in 1948. The Town's application to Norfolk Southern requesting donation of a caboose emphasized its upcoming centennial celebration in 1990, the importance of the railroad to Vienna's history, and the proposed location near the old Vienna railroad station.