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## Students create dreamy drains in downtown Vienna

Thanks to the Vienna Public Art Commission, the artistic talent of four Madison High School students (with assistance from a few of their friends), and the generosity of Vienna Paint, we dare say that three of Vienna’s storm drains are among the most beautiful in the state – hmmm, make that the country.

Over the second weekend in September, Madison students Katherine Helmicki, Lilly Jacobs, Kaitlyn Lotspeich, and Allie Mann spent some 14 hours over two days painting three storm drains on Church Street near the Freeman Store and Museum and Posh! building. The whimsical designs are intended to remind people that putting litter and other materials down storm drains endangers the idyllic environment depicted in the paintings, says Mann, who is the student representative on the Vienna Public Art Commission (VPAC).

Mann, 17 and a senior, takes art classes outside of school and spends a lot of her free time painting acrylics and watercolors. This was the first time, though, that she had painted storm drains. The final product, she says, turned out even better than she expected.

“It pops so much more than I thought it would,” she says. The best part, she adds, is that she gets to pass the drains daily as she lives on Church Street. “I get to see my work every day. That’s really cool because I’m proud of it.”

Response to the Town’s September 21 Facebook post about the paintings was very enthusiastic. “So beautiful!” commented Tanya Nave. “So wonderful to see high school students doing this amazing work in their community.”

“What I love about them,” says VPAC Chair Midge Biles, “is just how colorful and lively they are. It just makes you feel happy when you see one of these drains. It’s kind of a fun surprise – you’re walking down the street and suddenly there’s this beautiful drawing on the ground.”

A fun surprise! Lilly Jacobs was one of four Madison students to take a lead role in the drain-painting public art project.

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## **Church Street Holiday Stroll is December 2 Santa Claus is coming to Town**

**T**here's nothing ho-ho-ho-hum about the Town of Vienna's annual welcome of the the merriest season of the year and the jolly ol' elf himself. Join the Town of Vienna, Historic Vienna, Inc., and Church Street merchants as Santa arrives in Vienna aboard a 1946 fire engine at the Church Street Holiday Stroll Monday, December 2. Festivities will take place from 6-8:30 pm with Santa arriving to help Mayor Laurie DiRocco light the Town's holiday tree about 6:15 pm.

Local school choruses and other local bands and groups will get everyone in a jolly mood with performances of favorite holiday tunes. Performances will take place on a stage set up on Church Street, while other carolers will stroll throughout the historic commercial area.

After lighting the Town tree, Santa will greet youngsters at the Freeman Store and Museum, which is putting up small aluminum trees this year in honor of the museum's 1950s exhibit as well as decorating the fresh parlor tree with handmade ornaments made from recycled items. Parents, bring your phones or cameras to snap a free and priceless photo.

Enjoy roasted marshmallows, provided by the Town of Vienna, as well as warm beverages served up by several Church Street businesses. Plan to find great gifts for those on your holiday list at the many Church Street businesses that will



Photo by Adam Kincaid

remain open throughout the evening. In addition, several Town businesses are expected to participate in the Town Business Liaison Committee's annual window decorating contest, the theme of which this year is "Home for the Holidays." The 2019 window decorating champ will be announced at the Church Street Stroll. (See page 8 for more details.)

In addition, several historic structures will be open throughout the evening, including the Little Library, caboose, train station, Knights of Columbus (formerly First Baptist Church), and Vienna Presbyterian's historic chapel. Vienna Presbyterian will host an array of fun, holiday activities.

Church Street, from Mill Street to Lawyers, will be closed to vehicular traffic from 4-9 pm; a portion of Mill Street also may be closed for event activities. Traffic will be rerouted around the event. 📍



### **Dear Santa...**

**U**tilizing a special mailbox that goes straight to the North Pole, elves in the Town of Vienna's Parks and Recreation Department can help make sure that children's letters get through to Santa.

Moms and dads, to ensure that your child receives a letter back from Santa, drop off or mail your child's holiday wishes/letter by November 22 to:

Vienna Parks and Recreation  
120 Cherry Street SE  
Vienna VA 22180 📍

## **Town Green gets clean and musically mean November 2**

**T**he Town Green is staged to be a rally point for two events Saturday, November 2.

The Town is hosting its final Town Clean-Up Day of 2019. Volunteers should meet at 9 am at the Town Green to divide and conquer cleaning responsibilities. To volunteer, please contact [john.king@viennava.gov](mailto:john.king@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6360; it's OK to just show up to help out, too.

On the heels of Town Clean-Up Day comes a teen invasion of the Town Green. At Teens on the Green, from 1-4 pm, Vienna youth will squeeze in one last round of outdoor musical fun before the seasonal Ice Age hits. Performance groups include Adrenaline Dance, Bach to Rock, Club Phoenix Improv, School of Rock, Velocity Dance, and more. 📍



photo by Sharon Baum



## Options for disposing of/recycling glass New global realities shatter glass recycling

Your recycling bin remains a key sustainability tool even though recent global policy changes related to recycling have had rippling effects and have left a lot of residents – in the Town of Vienna and across the country – wondering just how best to dispose of empty jars and bottles.

While Fairfax County stopped accepting glass as part of its single-stream recycling collection October 1, the Town of Vienna, for a variety of reasons, encourages residents to continue to utilize recycling collection for glass – at least until further notice.

Alternatively, residents may wish to consider disposing of all colors of clean glass bottles and jars in one of Fairfax County’s 21 purple glass recycling containers. The closest purple bin near Vienna is located at the Providence Community Center, 3001 Vaden Drive. The Town of Vienna currently is working with Fairfax County to see if it’s possible to locate a glass recycling container within Town limits.

Whether disposed of in the trash or with other single-stream recycling materials, Town of Vienna residents’ glass products are currently ending up in landfills. However, because of the way that the Town’s current contract with its waste and recycling vendor is structured, it costs the Town thousands less a year to have glass collected with recyclable materials and sorted out than it does to haul it away with other waste. Secondly, the Town believes that the situation related to glass recycling remains in flux and, at this time, doesn’t want to encourage residents to break good recycling habits.

Glass collected in designated purple containers through Fairfax County is delivered to the only glass processing plant in the region, located in Lorton, where it’s crushed for reuse as a substitute for stone in county projects. (As a reminder, lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain, mirrors, windows, and sheet glass are not accepted in recycling containers.)

So what’s driving this conundrum about if and how to recycle glass? Two years ago, China, the world’s largest consumer of recycled materials, imposed strict “contamination” standards on

recycled materials it will accept, setting the standard at 0.5%, when the previous industry standard for contamination typically ranged from 3-4%.

In a December 2018 online Public Radio International article, Susan Collins, president of the Container Recycling Institute in Southern California, says: “A quarter of what we put in those recycling bins doesn’t get recycled, either because it was improperly placed in the bin in the first place or because it cross-contaminates other materials in the bin.” Glass, especially broken glass, can be a primary source of contamination in recyclables.

To help improve the chances that your single-stream recyclable materials actually get recycled, consider these tips:

- Keep recyclables loose, clean, and dry. Rinse containers thoroughly.
- Never place non-recyclable materials, **including plastic bags of any kind**, diapers, shredded paper, broken glass, and clothing, in the recycle bin.
- DO include plastic bottles and jugs (with lids on), metal food and beverage cans, cartons, and mixed paper and cardboard in recycle bins. See a more extensive list of “do” and “don’t” recycle items at [viennava.gov/recyclableitems](http://viennava.gov/recyclableitems).
- Separate glass and dispose of it in one of Fairfax County’s purple glass recycling bins.

The Town of Vienna does not pick up, as part of its curbside trash and recycling service, hazardous waste materials such as paint, used motor oil, insecticides, or fuel tanks. Some hard-to-recycle items, such as automobile waste products, scrap metal, and electronics are accepted during the Town’s Quarterly Recycling Day events. Find more information at [viennava.gov/quarterlyrecycling](http://viennava.gov/quarterlyrecycling).

Hazardous waste materials must be disposed of at Fairfax County’s I-66 Citizens’ Recycling and Disposal Facility, located at 4618 West Ox Rd. ↴



## A walking tour of Vienna favorites

by Councilmember Nisha Patel

I love that Vienna is such a family-friendly Town! Many of us appreciate the conveniences offered in our community when trying to plan a healthy meal or entertainment for our family. Busy lifestyles can impact the time we have for meals – and meal preparation. Thankfully, Vienna has numerous dining options for families to enjoy after soccer practice or before a school event. Vienna offers great options whether your family is in the mood for pizza, a healthy sandwich or salad, sushi, a little Asian flair, or even Indian spice.

Vienna is proud to be home to several regionally noteworthy restaurants such as Maple Ave Restaurant, Clarity, and Blend 111. I recently was at Clarity with my husband when I asked the couple next to me, who happened to be trying the tasting menu, where they were from. I was pleasantly surprised when they told me they were from Merrifield. I proceeded to ask them why they had chosen to come Vienna to dine and specifically to Clarity. They said that they didn't have anything as unique as Clarity in Merrifield!

If you're in the mood for wine tasting, Vienna Vintner, a rustic wine store with an owner who loves to share wine tips with customers, offers wine tastings on Fridays and Saturdays. You also can hop on the trail and head to Caboose for an array of specialty beers and small plates.

Church Street provides plenty of afternoon entertainment. I recommend Cocoa Vienna for some fine chocolates or Kiln and

Co. for frozen treats. Then stroll to Wardrobe Rescue to look at some designer clothes or to Bard's Alley for a good read. You can grab a quick lunch or afternoon drink at the sandwich shop.

The Town Green offers many events throughout the year, including live music on Friday and Sunday nights throughout the summer.

Rainy-day activities may include painting and frozen custard at Kiln and Co. or a trip to the Freeman Store and Museum as well as the historic railroad station, both of which offer a bit of Vienna history.

Supporting Vienna businesses not only helps our local economy, it also bolsters one's sense of community. There's something for everyone in the Town of Vienna, which is why I love this Town. I have named only a few of the wonderful places to visit in downtown Vienna; if I were to mention every establishment, this article would be the length of the entire publication. Nonetheless, I encourage you to enjoy your own walking tour of Vienna and sample all of its dining and entertainment options. Support our Vienna businesses. 📌



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## 'Dreamy drains' from page 1

Over the past couple of years, VPAC has coordinated two permanent art projects for the Town: the brass statue celebrating late Mayor Jane Seeman and all Town volunteers and the mural on the back of the Vienna Shopping Center. Temporary art projects, like these drains, Biles says, allow the committee to implement projects more quickly and with a little more whimsy.

Biles notes that the location of the painted drains was strategically determined as a means of capitalizing on the draw of the W&OD trail. VPAC hopes to paint a couple more drains near the community center this fall before the weather turns too cold and perhaps again in the spring.

VPAC expects that the drain paintings will last about six months. The committee has promised to power wash the drains when the paintings begin to show any signs of fading or chipping.

Students who are interested in participating in future public art projects, may contact VPAC at [viennapac@gmail.com](mailto:viennapac@gmail.com).

Vienna Paint donated 10 gallons of environmentally friendly, outdoor, latex paint for the project. And VPAC members prepped the drains by power washing them and then afterward, sealing the paintings. 📌



## Leaf collection coming to your neighborhood

**G**rab a rake. Leaf collection season has arrived. Town of Vienna workers already have begun the first of at least three passes through Town, starting this year in the northern quadrants. They're using a giant, mobile vacuum to suck up leaves that have been raked to the edge of the curb. They'll be swallowing leaves throughout the rest of 2019.

To view where the leaf collection crew was working most recently and in which direction they're headed next, go to [viennava.gov/leafcollectionmap](http://viennava.gov/leafcollectionmap). Also look for small printed signs, announcing that collection is "coming soon," to pop up in your neighborhood.

Leaf piles should be free of limbs, large sticks, and other debris that may clog the vacuum hose. The Town asks that residents refrain from raking leaves into the street as this can be dangerous. Cars parked atop of leaves may cause them to catch fire, and children playing in leaf piles could be struck by a passing vehicle. In addition, leaves may prevent rainwater from reaching storm drain inlets.

As an alternative to piling leaves for pickup, residents may opt to bag leaves for regular trash collection. Please place leaves in paper yard waste bags or in a loose can, both of which are available at garden and home supply stores. 📌



## Vienna zip code rises to top for solar installations in Northern Virginia

Since 2014 the 22180 zip code has accounted for more residential solar energy system installations through the Solarize NOVA program than any other zip code in the region. Twenty-nine homes in the 22180 zip code, comprised almost exclusively of Town of Vienna residents, have installed solar over the past five years. Throughout Northern Virginia, 305 solar contracts have been implemented, meaning that solar system installation in Vienna's zip code accounts for almost 10% of the region.

"We've put a lot of effort into this," says Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) Chair Susan Stillman of the commission's efforts to promote the regional Solarize program in Vienna through community forums and marketing materials. "I'm really pleased to see that we've risen above."

Solarize NOVA, which is sponsored by the Northern Virginia Regional Commission (NVRC) and managed by the Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), is a community-based outreach initiative to bring solar power to homes and businesses throughout Northern Virginia. NVRC and LEAP partner with local governments and others to bring well negotiated contracts with vetted vendors to regional residents each spring.

"Local governments have long led the way in innovation in Virginia," says NVRC Executive Director Bob Lazaro. "This is just another shining example of how regionalism



and localities working together make a positive difference.

"Our thanks to the Town of Vienna team and a super group of citizen volunteers," he adds. "It does make a difference. It is something to be proud of."

Stillman reports that interest in solar energy appears to be gaining momentum as prices continue to drop and a federal tax credit, while less than it once was, remains available. "There's more interest in solar all the time," she says, adding: "Solarize NOVA really simplifies the process of going solar as they do the hard work of vetting installers and negotiating prices, which effectively garners a group discount."

The next Solarize NOVA program will kick off in the spring. 📌

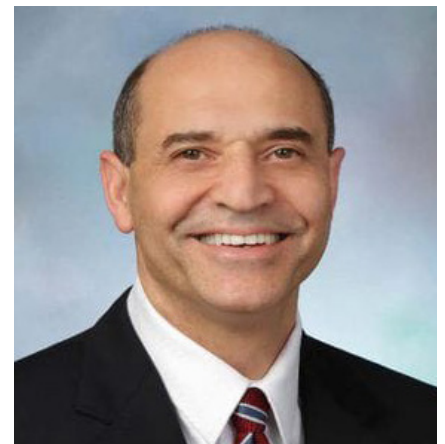
### Mayor @ Your Service Nov. 12

## The future of economic development in Fairfax

Mayor Laurie DiRocco will welcome Victor Hoskins, president and CEO of the Fairfax County Economic Development Authority, at the next Mayor @ Your Service community forum. The mayor and recently appointed county economic development guru will have a "fireside chat" about the future of Fairfax County economic development at 7:30 pm Tuesday, November 12, at Town Hall.

Hoskins, who took over the reins in Fairfax County in August, has 23 years of economic development experience, most recently with Arlington County. Hoskins and his staff hope to capitalize on rich opportunities in Fairfax to create and enhance strong educational programs and jobs as well as desirable destinations, particularly near Metro stations, that offer attractive areas to live, shop, and eat.

Hoskins and DiRocco's one-on-one conversation will be followed by a brief Q & A. 📌







## Meet the new face of sustainability in Fairfax County

by Sean Casey, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

**F**airfax County is increasing its commitment to sustainability. In July, the county created a new Office of Environmental and Energy Coordination (OEEC) and appointed Dr. Kambiz Agazi as the office's director. Agazi is leading OEEC's cross-organizational implementation of effective environmental and energy policies, goals, programs, and projects and is engaging county departments, authorities, businesses, and residents to advance environmental and energy priorities.

Vienna's Conservation and Sustainability Commission had a chance to chat with Agazi about the new sustainability initiatives his office will bring to Fairfax County and, by extension, the Town of Vienna.

### What was your position prior to becoming director of the OEEC?

I was Fairfax County's energy and environmental coordinator for more than 20 years with a wide range of responsibilities across environmental and energy fields. Before appointing me as director, the Board of Supervisors had key decision points, which influenced the structure of the office.

### What are OEEC's sustainability priorities?

OEEC's top sustainability priorities are:

- developing a Communitywide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP)
- setting a goal to offset county energy use through locally generated green energy sources, such as solar photovoltaics
- exploring new policies to encourage environmentally sustainable development, including in the areas of land use and green buildings.

### What's next on the horizon for OEEC?

The Board of Supervisors' Environmental Committee endorsed a timeline and structure for a Communitywide Energy and Climate Action Plan (CECAP) at its June 18 meeting. Part of that endorsement

included formation of a focus group in each supervisor's district. Focus groups will be composed of subject matter experts, representatives from businesses and organizations, and other individuals who have a high degree of interest in and understanding of energy and climate issues. These members will ensure that district-level environmental concerns are reflected in the CECAP decision-making process. Focus groups will meet this fall and will hold introductory meetings for each district through December.

Have more questions or want to get involved? Agazi and the Office of Energy and Environmental Coordination can be reached via email at [energyactionfairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:energyactionfairfax@fairfaxcounty.gov).

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## An attitude of gratitude at Bountiful Harvest event

**T**he Town of Vienna and Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna will celebrate the season of thankfulness with a Bountiful Harvest Thanksgiving Lunch from 12-2 pm Tuesday, November 12, at the Vienna Community Center.

Adults 55+ are welcome to enjoy turkey and all the festive fixings that come with it, to be followed by holiday entertainment. Registration is \$15 per person and due by November 8. Call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538 to register.



photo by Adam Kincaid



## Stay 'Home for the Holidays' and shop local

by Deepa Chakrapani, Town Business Liaison Committee

**T**he Town of Vienna's holiday window display competition is back! Local businesses are invited to outdo one another in a friendly competition that brings holiday cheer to the community and encourages residents to remain "Home for the Holidays" when it comes to shopping.

The Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) is proud to sponsor this third annual competition, which draws attention to our wonderful local businesses, fosters a festive atmosphere that attracts visitors, and encourages residents to discover local gems as they tackle their holiday shopping in person – and in Vienna. So, storefront business owners, get your creative caps on!

The theme for this year's window decorating competition is simply "Home for the Holidays." Businesses may choose to make their displays as simple or as elaborate as they wish. Photos of finalists' window displays will be posted on the Town's social media accounts and featured in the *Vienna Voice* newsletter as well as *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 up and ready by Friday, November 29. Displays will be judged by a TBLC panel on Small Business Saturday, November 30. This year window displays will be rated based on criteria from the Town's brand, which describes the Vienna community as nurturing, exuberant, and unexpected. Winners will be announced at the Church Street Holiday Stroll Monday, December 2.

Businesses that wish to participate in the competition must register at [2019-vienna-holiday-windows.eventbrite.com](https://2019-vienna-holiday-windows.eventbrite.com) by Friday, November 22.

We appreciate the extra effort that business owners make to bring holiday cheer and a welcoming warmth to the community. Please help show your appreciation, Vienna residents, by sharing a little bit of extra holiday cheer – and dollars – with local businesses. Our Town's small businesses contribute so much to the fabric of our community, making us proud to claim Vienna as our hometown. 🍷



photo by Adam Kincaid







## Handcrafted for home: Bowman House Pottery Show

The Town of Vienna's pottery program celebrates both its students and their work by offering student-created pieces for sale at the annual Bowman House Pottery Show from 10 am-3 pm Saturday, November 9. The Bowman House is located at 211 Center Street S. Payment will be accepted in cash or check only. 🍷



**20**  
years ago...

The November 1999 Town newsletter reports that the Community Enhancement Commission, now the Conservation and Sustainability Commission, was giving away some 2,000 tree seedlings to residents in celebration of the new millennium. The 10- to 20-inch seedlings included eastern red cedar, willow oak, green ash, bald cypress, white oak, sawtooth oak, black walnut, and sweet gum.

### Vienna businesses with staying power

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

30 YEARS

**Carpet Dynamics**

20 YEARS

**Advanced Design & Construction Co.**

**Joanne Ehreth Burke, CPA**

**Karla Colletto Swimwear**

15 YEARS

**Christine Wang & Associates**

**Veterinary Surgical Centers**

10 YEARS

**Jane Hanson**

**Posh!**



5 YEARS

**Big Chicken Peruvian**

**Red Vacuums**

### Open for business

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

**Alfa Shoe Repair**

*shoe repair store*  
105 Park Street SE  
703-255-6458

**Boxwood & Bloom Events**

*event planning*  
418 Center Street N  
202-539-6336

**Clutter Cure Organizing**

*personal organizer*  
501 Kramer Drive SE  
571-245-3184

**Coocouvaya**

*wholesale general merchandise*  
520 Glyndon Street NE  
240-423-2109

**Just Cubes**

*ice distribution*  
316 Patrick Street SW  
703-965-8152

**Linda Colbert**

*tutoring*  
851 Shady Drive SE  
703-409-5183

**My Gym Vienna**

*classes & birthday parties*  
133 Park Street SE  
571-327-5671

**Napsack Stories**

*film production*  
520 Glyndon Street NE  
240-423-2109

**Soleil Nail Spa**

*nail technician*  
515 Maple Avenue W  
571-484-2363

**Wardrobe Rescue**

*consignment shop*  
134 Church Street NW  
202-550-8401



**40**  
years ago...

The November 1979 newsletter announced that a jitney bus system serving the south half of Town was expected to be operational in February 1980. Funded by the state and Fairfax County, the system was expected to make trips up and down Maple Avenue between Oakton and Tysons.

# HAPPENINGS around town

The **Vienna Arts Society's Take A Seat, Vienna** public art project has concluded. Your last chance to see all the benches in one place – and to claim one as your own! – is at the November 2 **live auction**. Enjoy food and drink and the opportunity to bid on your favorite benches at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. Doors open at 6 pm; bidding will begin at 7. Tickets are \$12 and available at the door or in advance at [TakeASeatVienna.brownpapertickets.com](http://TakeASeatVienna.brownpapertickets.com).

The **North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** is sponsoring a **Town-wide food drive** through December 28 to support the Committee for Helping Others. CHO has been assisting families in and around Vienna for 50 years. All nonperishable food items are accepted, but items of special request include laundry detergent, cooking oil, tomato sauce, canned beef stew, dish soap, grape jelly, canned chili, pancake mix, and syrup. Drop-off boxes are located at:

- Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE
- Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue E – co-sponsored by Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins
- Ben & Jerry's, 136 Maple Avenue W
- Bikes@Vienna, 128A Church Street NW
- Caffe Amouri, 107 Church Street NE
- Drs. Covell, Stack & Henon, 120 Beulah Road NE
- Drs. Rudolph & Paino, 307 Maple Avenue W
- Evolution Fitness, 216 Dominion Road NE
- SourceCore Fitness Studio, 901 Glyndon Street SE
- Vienna Rexall Drug Center, 150 Maple Avenue W
- Vienna Arts Society, 243 Church Street NW

**Vienna (Host) Lions Club** will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm November 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://facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

Does your child fall apart after losing a game or freak out when things don't go his/her way? **Parent Coach Rachel Bailey** will present **Raising Resilience: Teaching Kids to Handle Life's Inevitable Obstacles** from 7-8:30 pm Wednesday, November 6, at the Vienna Community Center. The program is presented by the Eric Monday Foundation and provides parents with tips to guide their children through challenges and help them build resiliency, a critical tool that

contributes to healthy development and success. Register at [bit.ly/RaisingResilience](http://bit.ly/RaisingResilience).

**Green Hedges School** will host a **fall open house** at 10 am Saturday, November 9.

Interested parents are invited to hear from the head of school, faculty, parents, and students about what makes Green Hedges a unique learning environment. Campus tours will be offered as well. Children are welcome to attend. For more information or to register, visit [greenhedges.org](http://greenhedges.org). Questions? Contact Katherine Vazquez at 703-938-8323, x228 or [kvazquez@greenhedges.org](mailto:kvazquez@greenhedges.org).

If you have a gently used bike in good riding condition that you no longer need, you can help make Christmas a little better for a less fortunate child in the community. The **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)** is accepting **bicycle donations** from 10 am-noon Saturday, November 9 and 23, at Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park Street NE, and Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road. The bikes will be distributed to families in need by CHO's Christmas store in December. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to collect or clean bikes, contact Dan Larkins at [danlarkins@verizon.net](mailto:danlarkins@verizon.net).

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** will host its popular **Fall Bazaar and Craft Show** from 10 am-4 pm Saturday, November 9, in the Flame Room at the fire station, located at 400 Center Street S. In addition to crafts and holiday decorations, home décor, clothing, and that perfect gift for someone special will be available. Lunch and baked goods also will be available for purchase. Admission is free. For more information, contact 703-309-3468 or [dancers1023@aol.com](mailto:dancers1023@aol.com).

Help **take back the forest** – while learning how to identify and remove invasive plants – at Cunningham Park from 1-3 pm Sunday, November 10, and Saturday, December 14. Students and scouts can earn community service and environmental project hours. Wear long sleeves, long pants, boots or sturdy shoes, and

heavy gloves. Bring a hat and water bottle, too, as well as long-neck clippers if you have them; otherwise clippers and trash bags will be provided. Park at Cunningham Elementary School, walk toward the tennis courts, and follow the path into the woods. For more information, call or text 703-801-4956 or email [julie@ablesfamily.com](mailto:julie@ablesfamily.com).

Browse and shop with local artisans and vendors offering unique and handmade items when the **Vienna Woman's Club** hosts its **57th Holiday Bazaar** from 9:30 am-4 pm Saturday, November 9, at the Vienna Community Center. Admission is \$3. For more information, visit [viennawomansclub.org](http://viennawomansclub.org).

**Artist Roni Jolles** will demonstrate how she layers cut and ripped paper gathered from around the world to create colorful "paintings" during a 7-9:30 pm event Thursday, November 14, at the Vienna Art Center, 243 Church Street NW. This **free demonstration** is open to the public. For more information, call

703-319-3971 or visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

Get ready for some Shakespearean magic and laughs when **MAD Drama** stages **A Midsummer Night's Dream** at 7:30 pm November 14-16 at James Madison High School. On Saturday, November 16, there will be an additional 2:30 pm performance. Tickets are \$10 in advance at [madisondrama.com](http://madisondrama.com) or \$15 at the door. Doors open 30 minutes prior to show time.

Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and more – that's what you'll find on the menu at **American Legion Post 180's monthly breakfast buffet** from 8 am-noon Sunday, November 17, at 330 Center Street N. \$10 for adults; \$4 for children 12 and under. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

**Briana Sewell** of the **Virginia Campaign for a Family-Friendly Economy** will discuss the campaign for paid leave and other proposed family-friendly legislation at a free program hosted by the Vienna area branch of the **AAUW (American Association of University Women)** at 7 pm Thursday, November 21, at the Patrick Henry Library. For more information, contact Aimee Martin at 703-389-2310 or [amartin2@verizon.net](mailto:amartin2@verizon.net).

*Sun Gazette* Senior Staff Writer Brian Trompeter will be the featured speaker when the **North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** holds a **general membership meeting** at 7:30 pm Thursday, November 21, at the Vienna Community





## 'Happenings' continued

Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. All are welcome. Door prizes will be awarded courtesy of Great Harvest Bread Company.

Dust off your saddle shoes! **Historic Vienna, Inc.** will host a **1950s sock hop** from 7-9 pm Saturday, November 23, in the auxiliary gym at the Vienna Community Center. The evening starts with a short dance lesson at 7 before a DJ cranks up the classic tunes. Light refreshments included. Admission is \$5; children 5 and younger get in free. Tickets are available at the door or in advance at the Freeman Store and Museum, 131 Church Street NE. For more information, visit [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org) or contact 703-938-5187 or [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

Support the James Madison High School Band and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department by running in the **17th annual Turkey Trot 5K/10K and Kids' Fun Run** Sunday, November 24. The Turkey Trot is Vienna's only race featuring entertainment by the JMHS jazz band and drumline, and you'll love the convenient location and indoor finish line festival at the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, 400 Center Street S. The Fun Run kicks off at 8 am with the 5K and 10K starting at 8:30. Runners, walkers, and

strollers are welcome; for more information and to register, go to [viennaturkeytrot.org](http://viennaturkeytrot.org). Awards go three deep in each age group, and overall and masters winners will take home a free turkey courtesy of Whole Foods.

**Vienna Arts Society** will host a reception from 3-6 pm Sunday, November 24, in celebration of its **Anything Goes!** exhibit as well as **Artist of the Year Dore Skidmore**, who will be exhibiting a retrospective of her works. Meet the artists while enjoying refreshments at the Vienna Art Center at 243 Church Street NW. The exhibition will be open from 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday through the end of December. For more information, call 703-319-3971 or visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

Find used books in great condition for gift-giving at the **Freeman Store Used Book Cellar**. Reasonably priced books are available in a variety of categories. Cleaning out your book shelves, downsizing, or moving? Bagged or boxed donations are always welcome, and proceeds benefit Historic Vienna, Inc. programs, exhibits, teas, and special events. The Book Cellar is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday at 131 Church Street NE. For more information, contact 703-938-5187 or [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

As you gear up for holiday shopping, the **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)** requests that you buy an extra toy or two and/or a gift card for a teen or holiday meal for those in the community who need a little help. CHO will accept donations as it sets up its **Christmas Store** at Vienna Presbyterian Church the morning of December 6. Volunteers are needed on both December 6 and 7. Gently used bikes and winter clothing are being collected now. Call Carolyn Mysel at 703-938-7213 for more information or to sign up to help.

The **Vienna Community Band** will perform at the Church Street Holiday Stroll December 2 and will stage its **holiday concert** at 7 pm Sunday, December 15, at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE. For more information, visit [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org). Interested in being part of the band? Attend any 6:15 pm rehearsal on Sundays at the community center.

Children are welcome to **visit with Santa** for free from 12-2 pm Sunday, December 8 and 15, at the **Freeman Store**, 131 Church Street NE. Parents, don't forget cameras and phones in order to capture a family photograph. For more information, call 703-938-5187.

*Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submit information by the 10<sup>th</sup> 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](http://viennava.gov).*

### September 30

- Adopted changes related to Town Code Section 1.9.1 – Fee Charged for Passing Bad Checks to the Town, which will allow the Town to charge up to \$50. (At this time, the Town will charge \$25 for returned checks.) Council also directed the Town Clerk to publish a notice of adoption.

- Adopted changes related to Town Code Chapter 6, Article 8, Section 6-74.1 – Small Purchase Procedures, raising the thresholds for purchase order and quote requirements. Council also directed the Town Clerk to publish a notice of adoption.
- Extended by an additional 18 months, to April 30, 2021, the public improvement bond for the Mashie Drive subdivision.
- Awarded a contract to Broad Run Recycling, LLC (primary) and Waste Management of Virginia (secondary) for construction and demolition debris disposal and approved \$195,000 in FY20 spending, including \$49,675.05 spent year-to-date with Broad Run.

- Council received a report from staff on microtransit options and possible grant funding sources. Council will further consider microtransit options as part of upcoming discussions related to multimodal transportation study concept options.

**Appointed to serve**

- At its September 30 meeting, Town Council appointed **Brian Land** to the Pedestrian Advisory Committee and **David Patariu** to the Planning Commission.

**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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# November TOWN CALENDAR

<b>1</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm
<b>2</b>	Town Clean-Up Day (Town Green) • 9 am - noon
<b>2</b>	Teens on the Green • 1-4 pm
<b>2</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 pm
<b>3</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 pm
<b>4</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
<b>5</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
<b>9</b>	Bowman House Pottery Show • 10 am-3 pm
<b>11</b>	Holiday: Town Offices Closed/Regular Waste Collection
<b>12</b>	Bountiful Harvest (VCC) • 12-2 pm
<b>12</b>	Mayor @ Your Service • 7:30 pm
<b>13</b>	Planning Commission • 8 pm

<b>14</b>	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
<b>18</b>	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
<b>19</b>	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
<b>20</b>	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm
<b>21</b>	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>21</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm
<b>26</b>	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
<b>26</b>	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
<b>28</b>	Holiday: Town Offices & Community Center Closed/ No Waste Collection
<b>29</b>	Holiday: Town Offices Closed/Waste Collection for Thursday and Friday (No brush, bulk, or yard waste)

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.