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New police station design taking shape

Working with architects at Dewberry, the Town of Vienna is finalizing conceptual design for its new police station. While still in preliminary design stage, it is becoming much more clear what the new 29,000-square foot station will look like, both inside and out.

The station will be a three-story structure, with one level underground, connected to a glass-enclosed multipurpose area that is anticipated to be used as community space as well as an emergency operations center as needed. The new station will provide appropriate space for police operations, allowing the department to bring all functions back under one roof and providing controlled public access and security measures that meet best practices standards.

Materials to be used with the new station include brick, glass, fiber cement panels, and masonry.

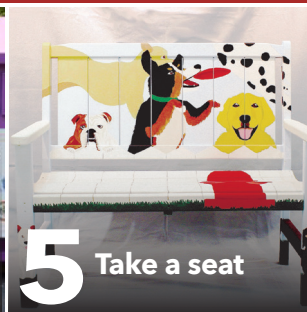
Dewberry and the police department are working to ensure that the new facility “fits into the surrounding community,” says Chief Jim Morris. “We want to be sure that the station doesn’t look too big or bulky and that it incorporates materials similar to those used in the area and in other Town facilities. The new department should blend in with what’s already here.”

As part of the design process, police officials and Dewberry architects have met twice with the Board of Architectural Review as well as with Conservation and Sustainability Commission members to ensure that the current design provides for implementation, when funds become available, of future sustainability features, such as installation of photovoltaic panels and electric vehicle charging stations. The building currently is designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver standards.



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Season's greetings from St. Nick

Before Santa leaves his numbing 907 area code in the North Pole for the recently not-much-warmer 703, he's got a message for all the boys and girls of Vienna.

CALL 703-255-6333
to hear the jolly ol' elf's special message.



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Over the next several months, Dewberry will be working to finalize design and creating detailed construction documents. Early next year, a request for qualifications will be issued in order to pre-qualify construction contractors. A request for proposals for construction bids is expected to be issued late next summer with construction beginning in late 2020. The police department's investigation and patrol divisions will likely move this summer to temporary offices at 440 Beulah Road while police administration personnel will temporarily move into Town Hall.

The new facility is expected to open late in 2022 or early in 2023. 📌

2020 Capital Improvement Plan funds new police station, water infrastructure, more

At its October 21 meeting, Town Council adopted a \$28.2 million 2020-36 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) that allocates \$14.9 million in 2020 funds for construction and project management of a new police station, on which the Town anticipates breaking ground late next year. At its November 4 meeting, Council set a public hearing for December 9 regarding the issuance of up to \$35 million in CIP bonds. (Additional funding may be considered for property acquisition purposes.)

The Town of Vienna typically issues 15-year general obligation bonds every two years to fund capital projects outside of the Town's day-to-day general funds. Due to its distinguished AAA bond rating, the Town of Vienna is able to secure favorable interest rates on its debt. The Town anticipates issuing 2020 bonds in the first half of next year and expects to obtain a 20-year debt schedule, which is the industry standard.

Bond funds are repaid using meals tax revenue and water and sewer fees, with additional project funding coming from stormwater funds and grants secured from other agencies.

In addition to the police station, the 2020 CIP provides \$7.9 million for water and sewer system infrastructure improvements (including \$2.5 million for Fairfax County improvements to sewer treatment facilities); \$700,000 for asphalt and mill overlay projects, \$215,000 for implementing recommendations from the Maple Avenue Multimodal Transportation and Land Use Study, and \$100,000 for a parks master plan. The 2020 CIP also includes funding for potential public parking facilities, drainage improvement projects, Nutley Street trail, generators, stream restoration, and facility refurbishments.

In future years, the CIP provides funding for park opportunities and sets aside reserves for undergrounding power lines. 📌

Big purple bin offers best way to recycle glass

If you want to ensure that your glass products get recycled, the best option is to dispose of clean jars and bottles in the new, large, purple dumpster on Mill Street NE next to Capitol Building Supply. The bin is provided by Fairfax County, who will pick up the glass and recycle it for use as a substitute for stone in county projects.

Due to changes in the recycling industry and new standards, communities around the country are finding it more difficult to include glass in single-stream recycling – and have it actually be recycled.

In Vienna, residents who choose not to recycle glass products via the purple bin are encouraged to continue to place clean jars and bottles with other recyclable items for curbside pick-up. These glass items will be separated from other materials at the recycling center and disposed of. Because of the way that the Town's waste/recycling contracts are currently structured, it's much less expensive for the Town for glass products to be included with recycling materials rather than regular household waste. 📌





Town’s new economic development manager plans ‘listening tour’ to shape vision for vitality and viability

Natalie Monkou has just joined the Town of Vienna as its first economic development manager, but it may be a challenge to find her in her office on the second floor of Town Hall. You’re more likely to find her on Maple Avenue or Church Street visiting Town of Vienna businesses as Monkou undertakes a “thorough listening tour” as one of her initial priorities.

“I need to understand what has come before me and what expectations, needs, and concerns are out there,” she says. “I plan to get feedback from as many community stakeholder groups as possible.

“There is so much change happening in Vienna and around the region right now,” Monkou adds. “Because the area is transforming, it’s definitely an opportunity to think strategically and creatively about what economic development and viability will mean for our community and how we can remain competitive and be inclusive and strong.”

Monkou’s listening tour fits in with Town Manager Mercury Payton’s initial goal for the new position, which is to connect with existing Town businesses – “all of them” – to learn how the Town can, as much possible, better serve businesses’ needs. He also sees Monkou’s role as a relationship-builder, helping to connect property owners with prospective businesses and business managers with assistive resources as well as collaborating with Fairfax County’s economic development office.

“This is an exciting time for the Town,” says Payton. “Having a strong person in this new and critical function may be a catalyst to achieving levels of success that the Town hasn’t yet experienced.”

Monkou stood out amongst a very competitive pool, says Payton. He wanted a candidate who would not be intimidated by the pressures of the Northern Virginia region and who

could be effective almost immediately. He was impressed by Monkou’s economic development experience in Prince George’s County and Arlington, where she was part of a team that, he says, had “headline-grabbing economic development wins.”

In Arlington County, where she worked for four years, Monkou served as a liaison between the county and three business improvement districts, strengthening good governance practices, and served on the teams that landed Amazon’s HQ2 in Arlington as well as attracted the March of Dimes and Nestle to the region. Prior to working in Arlington, Monkou was the special assistant to Prince George’s County’s deputy chief of economic development. She has an undergraduate degree in English and a master’s degree in public administration, both from the University of Maryland.

An Annandale resident, Monkou enjoys traveling outside of the country at least once a year, spicy food, and brunch. She says that she’s excited to be Vienna’s first economic development manager. “It is truly a blank canvas. And more than that, I have a fresh start in a place that people already really love.” 🍷



photo by Adam Kincaid



It’s your lucky day!

You’re invited to ring in the holiday season at the

MAYOR & TOWN COUNCIL HOLIDAY RECEPTION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 • 4-6 PM
TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
NO RSVP REQUIRED



Vienna: A small town with a big heart

by Councilmember Steve Potter

At 4.4 square miles and approximately 16,500 citizens, the Town of Vienna is an anomaly in Northern Virginia’s increasing hustle and bustle. Many see it as a great place to live, raise families, and age in place. Why?

Vienna cares about its history

The Freeman Store and Museum, train depot, and red caboose next to the historic W&OD trail are kept in pristine condition and remain accessible for the community to enjoy.

Vienna likes to have fun

Locals enjoy warm summer evenings with live music on the Town Green and refreshing drinks and happy crowds at Chillin' on Church. Thousands come to ViVa! Vienna! and Oktoberfest, and the Halloween Parade is a perennial favorite.

Vienna provides opportunities for all age groups

With its newly renovated community center and a dozen parks, there’s something here for everybody – bicycling, walking, baseball, softball, football, basketball, tennis, pickleball, birdwatching, hiking, exercise for all levels, and more.

Vienna is a Town of opportunity

Vienna is home to approximately 1,300 registered businesses – from doctors, dentists, and accountants to national brand retail chains and small local niche stores as

well as some of the best restaurants in the area.

Vienna has a big heart

Let’s not forget the most important factor of all – volunteers and citizen groups who donate their time and energy to making Vienna a better place to live: local artists sharing their talents to beautify the Town; Boy and Girl Scouts dedicating time for community projects; civic, veteran, and business organizations raising monies for philanthropic purposes; our volunteer fire department putting on safety events, bingo games, and a pancake breakfast with Santa; and citizens who serve unselfishly on Town committees, commissions, boards, and Town Council to achieve a solid future for Vienna.

It’s easy to take these things for granted, but we can’t allow ourselves to be complacent. Vienna is what it is because of the caring actions of our citizens. Please, when you put your New Year’s resolutions together for 2020, include “Get more involved.” You *can* make a difference in our small town. 📌



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Take a seat, still, Vienna

Thanks to the generosity of several community members, many of the Vienna Arts Society's *Take a Seat, Vienna* benches will remain in the public domain. Forty-one of the custom-painted benches, which were created by Vienna Arts Society artists and displayed around the community in celebration of the organization's 50th anniversary, were auctioned at a November 2 gala attended by more than 400 people. At least eight of the benches purchased will be placed in public locations.

The Vienna Arts Society (VAS) raised more than \$50,000 at the auction. "It was a fabulous event," says VAS Executive Director Lu Cousins. "Everyone was happy and having a good time, whether they ended up with a bench or not.

"It was really amazing how people embraced the *Take a Seat* program," Cousins adds, "from our business sponsors to the artists to the community at large. It really caught on, this notion of making Vienna a destination for artsy things."

Over the course of the six months that the benches were on display throughout Town, Cousins says that she's aware of people from Amherst, Massachusetts stopping in Vienna to see the benches and a group of eight women from Gettysburg who made the trip to Vienna specifically to see the public art initiative.

All of the benches were live-auctioned at the November 2 event, going for between \$300 and \$5,000 each. VAS plans to use the funds raised to enhance its art outreach efforts with veterans and disabled adults; in addition, VAS is donating \$1,100 to Hopecam, an organization that works to overcome the social isolation experienced by children being treated for cancer.

Of the benches purchased, at least eight will be placed in public areas:

- Three benches will be placed at the Vienna Dog Park, including *Sit*, donated by Alan Chickinsky; *Play*



Vienna gets benched These Vienna Arts Society-created benches are among the eight that will remain on display in public locations following a November 2 live auction.

Time, donated by Sylvia Spengler; and another similar to *Sit*, utilizing real dog prints, that will be created by artist Deborah Kennedy in the spring and was made possible through community fund-raising.

- Sylvia Spengler also donated *Creative Kids* for display at Cunningham Elementary.
- *Pleasures of Vienna*, purchased by the Vienna Business Association, will be placed near the fountain at the Town Green.
- The Vienna Community Center will be home to *Kaleidoscope Cats*, donated by Peggy James.
- *Church Street, Vienna VA USA* will find a home at the Freeman Store and Museum, thanks to Mayor Laurie DiRocco and her husband, Rob.
- *Unlock the Cosmos* will make its way to the Patrick Henry Library, courtesy of Lamar Collier and Friends of the Patrick Henry Library.

Collier purchased the book-themed *Unlock the Cosmos* bench in memory of her dog, Abby, who passed away this year after serving for several years in the Read to a Dog, Woof and Paws program.

"The *Take a Seat, Vienna* project really generated a lot of buzz, conversation, and pride in the community," says Parks

and Recreation Director Leslie Herman. "We're so grateful to the Vienna Arts Society for sharing its cumulative talent with the community, and we're thrilled that several of the benches will remain in the public domain. Our sincere thanks to the generous donors." 🐾

Mark your calendars!

The Town of Vienna 2020 calendar will arrive in Vienna mailboxes in early December. Featuring photos shared by Vienna Photographic Society members, the calendar lays out the 2020 schedule for most Town of Vienna events and meetings. The calendar is mailed to all residences and businesses in the Town of Vienna. Additional copies (in limited supplies) may be requested at Town Hall.



Winterize your stormwater pollution prevention efforts

In wintertime when the ground freezes, it loses its ability to act as a natural filter and instead acts as another impervious surface, like asphalt or concrete, conducting melted snow and ice as well as grime, grit, dirt, road salt, and other pollutants into stormwater systems and through local watersheds, eventually contributing significant amounts of pollutants to the Chesapeake Bay. The Town of Vienna encourages homeowners and others to take a few simple steps to help reduce wintertime pollutants.

Late fall is last call for fertilizers

To avoid fertilized runoff, it's critical to time the final fall fertilizer application correctly. Never fertilize after the ground freezes or before anticipated heavy rain or snow events.

The final application should be made when grass has stopped growing or has slowed down to the point that it no longer needs to be mowed, which is about two to three weeks before the ground freezes. If fertilizer is applied too early, while grass or garden plants are still vigorously growing, it can invite winter injury and snow mold the following spring.

Be stingy with salt applications and consider alternative de-icing methods

Road salt can be harmful to plants, aquatic life, and drinking water supplies. Salt alternatives such as potassium acetate (KA) or calcium magnesium acetate (CMA) are less damaging to homes and landscaping. You might even consider using birdseed! If you do apply salt, shovel first and apply as little as possible.

Rethink rinsing off your car and garage floor

While it is tempting on a mild winter day to take out the hose and wash that ugly, gray sludge and salt off your car and



out of your garage – please stop! Runoff from your rinse-off likely drains into a storm drain or ditch, and thus residue from salt, oil, gas, and other road pollutants are indirectly flushed into streams and, eventually, into the Chesapeake Bay. An alternative is to take your vehicles to a commercial carwash where drains flow to waste water treatment facilities.

Cover bare soil

If you are undertaking earthwork in the winter, remember to maintain erosion and sediment control practices to keep soil and other pollutants on your site and out of local stormwater inlets and streams. Consider planting winter ground cover on areas with bare soil to prevent erosion.

Contractors, please calibrate equipment

Contractors and road crews should correctly calibrate road salt application equipment. Not only will this benefit the environment by preventing over-application, it also saves communities and businesses thousands of dollars in road salt allocations. 📌

CSC to host seed swap Dec. 5

Join the Town's Conservation and Sustainability Commission (CSC) at 7:30 pm Thursday, December 5, at the Vienna Community Center for an informal talk about propagating native plants from seed, followed by a seed swap. There's still time to plant seeds that will bloom in the spring!

Jay Lechtman, an enthusiastic amateur botanist for more than 30 years, will lead the conversation. Lechtman has experience propagating rare and often endangered carnivorous plants and has written a number of articles on botanical topics in both local and international publications, including *Grandiflora MidAtlantic Gardening Magazine*.

If you have native plant seeds to swap, please bring them; if you don't, it's OK, there will be plenty to go around. 📌

Load up your sleigh with recycling

Hear sleigh bells? Something's coming... It's...the Town of Vienna's final Quarterly Recycling Day of 2019!

Fill your sleigh full of electronics, used motor oil, antifreeze, and discarded car batteries to bring to the Northside Property Yard from 8 am-2 pm Saturday, December 7. Televisions and hazardous waste products, such as insecticides, paint, and other chemicals, are not accepted. 📌



Greening the holidays

by Joanne Burke, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

The holiday season is upon us. As we contemplate how best to give to others this season, please consider greening the holidays, not just by decorating with aromatic wreaths and garland but also by reducing our carbon footprint in the giving process. Buying less and shopping locally will significantly reduce your carbon footprint. Here are some other ways to celebrate the season while caring for our planet.

- For animal lovers in the family, think about adoption. Many organizations, including the National Zoo’s “Adopt a Species,” National Wildlife Federation’s Adoption Center, and World Wildlife Fund’s Species Adoptions, encourage patrons to symbolically “adopt” an animal. Young children get a plush toy, and the wildlife organization receives badly needed financial support.
- For cooks on your list, consider a set of non-Teflon coated cookware or utensils. In trading up for pots and pans that are not coated in Teflon, you’ll provide a gift that reduces your loved ones’ exposure to harmful chemicals.
- For avid or aspiring gardeners on your list, consider helping them gear up to establish a successful butterfly or vegetable garden in the spring. Garden tools, seeds, composting equipment, even rain barrels are gifts that your loved ones can enjoy throughout the year. Birdfeeders and birdbaths are a nice addition to any garden as well.
- For nature lovers, consider camping gear so that your gift recipient can enjoy the great outdoors.
- For consummate students, consider gift certificates for classes, such as cooking, arts and crafts, photography, and so much more. These are waste-free gifts that can be enjoyed throughout the year.
- Consider purchasing tickets to plays, shows, and other programs in the area for culture lovers. We are fortunate to have access to the Vienna Theatre Company as well as 1st Stage Theater in Tysons. An easy Metro trip to DC opens up a world of programs at the Smithsonian, National Geographic, and many other museums and theaters.
- For energy-conscious folks, consider solar toys, iPad cases, bike lights, spark lighters, charging bags, and even solar-powered music systems. You can find these and other solar gifts at greenamerica.org/go-green-holidays/10-solar-gifts-keep-giving.

The Conservation and Sustainability Commission wishes you a great, green holiday season! ♻️

Slow down to get around trash trucks - it’s the law

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) has cited “refuse and recycling materials collector” as the fifth most dangerous occupation. Virginia is one of 40 states that has adopted legislation to help protect refuse and recycling workers.

The “Slow Down to Get Around” law, passed in 2015, requires drivers to change lanes if possible or to slow down to at least 10 miles per hour below the posted speed limit and pass at least two feet to the left of stationary vehicles that are in the process of collecting trash or recycling. Failure to do so can result in a fine of up to \$250.

“We wanted to get word out to folks in Town,” says Human Resources Assistant Connor Duffy. “Some people may never have even thought about how dangerous it is to be on the back of a truck or may be unaware of the law about passing sanitation vehicles. We’d really appreciate citizens’ assistance in protecting the safety of our workers.”

A 2014 poll commissioned by the National Waste & Recycling Association concluded that although most Americans encounter garbage trucks on the road each week, only one-third of people slow down near them, while nearly 40 percent are actually tempted to speed around the trucks. The survey also found that most Americans believe that police officers and firefighters have deadlier jobs; in reality, according to BLS data, waste and recycling collectors have higher fatality rates than those in other public service professions. ♻️



photo by Adam Kincaid

Spook-tacular winners

During the November 4 Town Council meeting, 15 organizations were awarded for their efforts to bring fairy tales to life in the Town's 73rd annual Halloween Parade, held October 23. Cuppett's Performing Arts Center was named Best in Parade. Congratulations to all of the winners and thanks to the nearly 100 groups that participated in this year's parade.



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Best in Parade

Cuppett's Performing Arts Center

Youth Bands

Vienna Jammers
Percussion Ensemble

Floats with Music

1. Green Hedges School
2. School of Rock
3. Alya Salon and Spa

Floats without Music

1. Montessori School of Oakton
2. Flint Hill Elementary School
3. Bard's Alley Bookstore

Youth Performing Groups

1. Cuppett's Performing Arts Center
2. Spotlight Dance Company
3. Vienna Dance Academy

Adult Performing Groups

1. Bikes @ Vienna
2. Fairfax 4 Horses

Antique and Classic Vehicles

1. Northern Virginia Corvette Club
2. Kena Shriners
3. Merrifield Garden Center



Happy holidays - and farewell

Hunter Mill District Supervisor Cathy Hudgins will host a (final) holiday open house from 4:30-6:30 pm Wednesday, December 4, at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods, 2310 Colts Neck Road. Come enjoy light refreshments and desserts and share your best wishes as Hudgins concludes 20 years of service with Fairfax County as Hunter Mill district supervisor. Please RSVP to 703-478-0283 or huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov. 🍷



The Town of Vienna 2019 Window Decorating Competition celebrates 'Home for the Holidays'!

Check out participating businesses and their locations on this map: bit.ly//2019ViennaHolidays. Then go check out the window decorations - and holiday offerings - of each business in person.

The Town Business Liaison Committee thanks those businesses participating in the window design competition and invites you to shop local this holiday season - and all year long!

20
years ago...

Town residents were invited to a once-in-a-millennium event as the Town of Vienna and Committee 2000 hosted a family-friendly Year 2000 Celebration from 9:30 pm-1:30 am at the Vienna Community Center. The December 1999 newsletter also noted that Y2K celebration souvenirs, including watches, glass mugs, porcelain ornaments, and commemorative clocks, were available for purchase.

Vienna businesses with staying power

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

20 YEARS
Bowman Gaskins Financial Group

15 YEARS
Vienna Gas & Auto Care
Vocelli Pizza

10 YEARS
Inga Erickson
Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography
Ying Mai Specialized IT Services

5 YEARS
Cloud 9 Vape
Natural Wellness 360
Polish Market
Rodney S. Mayberry



Open for business

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

Athletic Edge Sports and Massage
massage therapy
226 Maple Avenue W
301-524-9432

Electrolysis Partners
electrolysis
421 Church Street NE
703-255-7237

BWT Tire and Auto Repair
tire sales and service
303 Mill Street NE
703-678-6800

Jennifer's Massage Studio
massage therapy
352 Maple Avenue W
703-678-6800



55
years ago...

In a story outlining highlights from 1964, the Town newsletter noted that Lt. Gov. Mills Godwin Jr. was the principal speaker at the dedication of the new Town Hall on May 31 of that year.

HAPPENINGS around town

Find original art and hand-crafted holiday gift items, including jewelry, silk scarves, pottery, and fused glass, through December 22 at the **Vienna Arts Society's POP-UP art gallery** at 101 Church Street NW in the former Refind shop. The gallery will be open four days a week: 12-8 pm Thursday, 12-7 pm Friday, 11 am-6 pm Saturday, and 12-6 pm Sunday. The gallery also will be open during the Church Street Holiday Stroll December 2. Call the Vienna Art Center at 703-319-3971 for details.

The **North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** is sponsoring a **Townwide food drive** to support the Committee for Helping Others through December 28. 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

The **James Madison High School band's 40th annual Tiny Tots holiday concerts** will feature a wide spectrum of seasonal music, costumed performers, old friends, and very special surprise guests. Concerts are 10 am and 7 pm Thursday, December 5, and 10 am Friday, December 6, at the high school, located at 2500 James Madison Drive. Please allow 30 minutes for parking and seating. Tickets are \$9 per person in advance (plus processing fee) and may be purchased online at jmhsband.org or \$10 at the door if still available. Advance purchase is highly recommended to ensure admission. Questions? Email tinytots@jmhsband.org.

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas by donating new toys for children ages 1-12, gift cards for teens, and food cards to families to the

Community for Helping Others. Donations will be accepted December 6 at Vienna Presbyterian Church. Volunteers are needed beginning at 9:30 am December 6 to help set up the Christmas Store and beginning at 8:30 am the next day, Saturday, December 7, to escort families through the store. Call Carolyn Mysel at 703-938-7213 with questions.

The **Madison High School choir and orchestra** will present ***The Snowman in Concert*** from 10:30 am-noon Saturday, December 7, in the high school's auditorium. Enjoy a new family holiday event featuring a screening of Raymond Briggs' animated winter classic *The Snowman* with live music. Following the concert, families can enjoy light refreshments, crafts, and an opportunity to meet the Snowman and take a photo with Santa. Tickets are available in advance online, under the Features tab, at madisonhs.fcps.edu or at the door on the day of the performance.

Santa Claus is coming to the **Freeman Store and Museum** from 12-2 pm Sunday, December 8 and 15. The jolly ol' elf will listen to children's holiday wishes next to the Christmas tree in the beautifully decorated parlor. Free admission; no reservations required. Bring your phones and cameras. Questions? Call 703-938-5187, email historicviennava@gmail.com, or visit historicviennainc.org.

The **Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary** will host its annual all-you-can-eat **Holiday Pancake Breakfast** from 8 am-noon Saturday, December 14, at the fire station at 400 Center Street S. In addition to pancakes, the menu includes sausage, bacon, juice, and coffee. Santa Claus will greet all of the children and adults who are kids at heart from 9-11 am. The Fairfax County Sheriff's Office will provide a free photo of your child and a set of his/her fingerprints, using quick, clean, inkless technology. Tours of the fire equipment will be offered at 9:30, 10:30, and 11:30. The

cost is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children ages 5-12, and free for children 4 and younger. For more information, contact joanie@vafd.org.

This month you can stop in at the **Vienna Art Center**, 243 Church Street NW, to view the latest exhibit and to drop off canned and dry foods for the Community for Helping Others collection bin. Center hours are 10 am-4 pm Tuesday-Saturday. Also drop in to enjoy **holiday refreshments and mingle with artists** from 7-9 pm Thursday, December 12; this event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit ViennaArtsSociety.org or call 703-319-3971.

Harmonia School of Music and Art, 204-F Mill Street NE, presents its fall main stage production ***Bring It On: The Musical*** at 7 pm December 6, 3:30 and 7 pm December 7, and 3:30 pm December 8. General admission tickets to this production featuring Vienna teens and pre-teens are \$12 and available at harmoniaschool.org or in the school's main office.

Enjoy a harmonious annual holiday tradition when **Vienna Choral Society** presents ***Sounds of the Season*** at 7:30 pm Saturday, December 14, at Providence Presbyterian Church, 9019 Little River Turnpike. From the peaceful hush of Eric Whitacre's *Glow* and the warmth of *Eight Days of Light* to the familiar bells and sleigh rides of *Jingle Bells*, this is an evening for all ages featuring a brass quintet and guests from Robinson Secondary School's chorus program. Tickets are \$25/adults, \$20 for seniors (65+) and students (ages 15-18); youth who are 14 or younger are free. Season tickets also are available. More information at viennachoralsociety.org.

Take a break from the hectic pace of the holidays and let the **Vienna American Legion Post 180** serve you breakfast December 15. Post 180's **monthly breakfast buffet** will be served up from 8 am-noon at 330 Center Street N. \$10 for adults; \$4 for children ages 12 and under. The menu includes omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and gravy, and more. For more information, call 703-938-6580.

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** will perform its **free holiday concert** at 7 pm Sunday, December 15, at the Vienna Community Center. For more information, visit viennacommunityband.org.



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The **Optimist Christmas Tree Lot**, at the intersection of Maple Avenue and Branch next to the PNC Bank, will be open through December 22 or until all trees have been sold. The lot is open 2-8 pm Monday-Friday and 9am-8 pm Saturday and Sunday.

Check out **Vienna-themed and other unique gifts** at the **Freeman Store**, open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday. Among the items available are beautifully fragrant soy candles made in North Carolina and colorful tea towels with adorable holiday scenes – both Vienna custom labeled.

St. Mark's Catholic Church offers **English and citizenship classes** from 7-9:30 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays. Classes, offered at all

skill levels, are \$25. Volunteers are needed. Visit stmarkesl.org or email stmarkesl@gmail.com.

Cookbooks are half price throughout December at the **Freeman Store Used Book Cellar**. The cellar offers books for reading pleasure as well as for interior design. Did you know that books have become quite the trendy interior design items on both sides of the pond? Stop in from 12-4 pm Wednesday-Sunday for books on a variety of topics and in a variety of décor colors. Book donations are always welcome; no textbooks, magazines, romance novels, or small pocketbooks please. Proceeds support Historic Vienna Inc.'s programs, exhibits, teas, and historical presentations.

Harmonia School of Music and Art is accepting registrations for its spring main stage

production of *The Lion King Jr.* and its musical theater performance class, which is staging *Seussical: The Musical KIDS!* Registration also is open for private and group classes in theater, voice, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, guitar, violin, viola, and piano. Check the school's website at harmoniaschool.org. Questions? Email harmonia@harmoniaschool.org or call 703-938-7301.

Happenings Around Town notices are printed as a community service, and items are included as space allows. Submit information by the 10th of the month preceding publication. Submissions may be edited. Listings do not constitute an endorsement of content nor necessarily reflect any policy or position of the Town of Vienna, Town Council, or employees.

Town Council Actions

The following items represent recent Town Council actions, but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at viennava.gov.

October 31

- Held a public hearing on an appeal of the Board of Architectural Review's September 19 approval for the Vienna Market project, located at 245 Maple Avenue W. Following the public hearing, Council directed the Board of Architectural Review to work with the appellant and applicant to modify, in consultation with Council, the rear facades of townhomes parallel to Pleasant Street and the Bank of America property facing Market Square.
- Approved expenditure of \$590,010.39 in fiscal year 2020 funds to replace vehicles within the Vehicle Replacement Program, including a street sweeper, knuckle boom truck, general maintenance vehicles, and two police department vehicles.
- Approved spending \$741,859.25 for an Echols Street SE paving project that includes rebuilding the roadway and replacing curb, sidewalk, and gutter from Delano Drive to Follin Lane. Funding will come from VDOT Revenue Sharing monies and 2018 bonds.
- Approved \$28,922.56 in additional funding for a Park Street NE sidewalk improvement project. Funding will be provided through VDOT and NVTVA grants.

- Approved \$117,000 in FY20 spending for de-icing salt from Eastern Salt.
- Approved the 2020-36 Capital Improvement Plan.

November 4

- Held a public hearing on the Town's 2020 Legislative Agenda. Following the public hearing, Council approved the 2020 Town of Vienna Legislative Agenda with additions presented.
- Held a public hearing regarding extension of the temporary suspension of the Maple Avenue Commercial (MAC) Zone to June 30, 2020. The temporary suspension was previously set to expire November 15. Following the public hearing, Council approved extension of the temporary suspension to June 30.
- Adopted an NVTVA resolution to approve grant applications for a Patrick Henry Library parking garage, Vienna Metrorail access improvements, and bikeshare stations.
- Awarded a contract for on-call environmental services to Wood Environment and Infrastructure Solutions.
- Approved \$990 in additional spending with American Tennis Courts to paint pickle ball lines at Meadow Lane Park.
- Approved a supplemental appropriation of \$54,320 in the FY2019 general fund encumbrance reserve balance and \$116,430 from the FY19 general fund carryforward reserve balance to FY20 general fund expenditure accounts.

- Set a public hearing for December 9 regarding a proposed bond ordinance authorizing issuance of general obligation bonds up to \$35 million in one or more series for the purpose of financing, among other things, acquisition, renovation, and improvements related to a new Vienna police station; sidewalks, roads, parks, and recreational facilities; stormwater facilities; parking facilities; real property; and the Town's water and sewer system.
- Modified decisions of the Board of Architectural Review made September 19 and August 15 by approving October 25 revised elevations for Vienna Market, 245 Maple Avenue W, specifically modifications to four rear townhouse facades parallel to Pleasant Street and the Bank of America property facing Market Square.
- Following a closed session regarding possible property acquisitions, authorized the Town Manager to negotiate and/or proceed with real property acquisition not to exceed prices discussed in closed session.

Appointed to serve

At recent meetings, Town Council made the following appointments or re-appointments to boards and commissions:

- **Lu Cousins** – Vienna Public Art Commission
- **Sarah Foote** – Pedestrian Advisory Committee
- **Paul Layer** – Board of Architectural Review

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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December TOWN CALENDAR

2 Church Street Holiday Stroll • 6 – 8:30 pm

3 Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm

4 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

5 CSC Seed Swap (VCC) • 7:30 pm

7 Quarterly Recycling Day (Northside Property Yard) • 8 am – 2 pm

7 Lunch With Santa (WVFD; tickets required) • 11:30 am – 1:30 pm

9 Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

11 Town Council Parliamentary Procedures Training (VCC) • 7:30 pm

11 Planning Commission • 8 pm

12 Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm

13 Mayor & Town Council Holiday Reception • 4 – 6 pm

16 Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm

17 Public Art Commission • 7 pm

18 Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 8 pm

19 Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm

19 Board of Architectural Review • 8 pm

24 Holiday: Community Center Closed/Town Offices Close at Noon/
Regular Waste Collection

25 Holiday: Town Offices & Community Center Closed/
No Waste Collection

26 Waste Collection for Wednesday and Thursday
(No brush, bulk, or yard waste)
