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## Plowing Ahead


**W**hen it comes to snow removal, the Town's public works and park operations staff take quick action to clear Vienna's 65 miles of roadways and public walkways. The first snow of 2022 on Jan. 3 presented unusual challenges for the team as snow fell quickly on roads that couldn't be pretreated with brine.

"When possible, we pre-treat roads if it's not raining before the snowfall," said Deputy Public Works Director Christine Horner. "It had been raining a lot prior to the first snowfall this year, and pre-treating would have been futile because the rain would have washed it all away before the snow fell."

Horner says it's all hands on deck during every snowstorm. The Town's emergency management team tracks the forecast, meets regularly and determines the timeline for snow removal response and adjusts the plan as needed. Snow-removal equipment is checked to ensure good working order, 15 plows are deployed for 12-hour shifts, and roads

and sidewalks around Town property are cleared according to priority.

"Plowing begins when the snow reaches a depth of approximately two inches, and primary streets are cleared first," Horner said. "Then we focus on secondary roads and neighborhood streets, while Parks and Recreation operations staff focuses on sidewalks around Town properties."

Horner says residents can help by avoiding traveling during snow and ice storms, parking in a driveway to give plows a clear path on the street, and clearing snow from hydrants so firefighters can respond more quickly in an emergency. You can also stay informed about snow removal and public emergencies by signing up for Vienna Alerts to receive electronic notifications by app, text or email. To sign up, visit [www.viennava.gov/viennaalerts](http://www.viennava.gov/viennaalerts). 



### IN THIS ISSUE



## Moving Forward in 2022

By Mayor Linda Colbert

**T**own residents have so much to look forward to in 2022! We have a lot to do and enjoy, fun events to attend and memories to create as we continue to support our community and our businesses as we did throughout the pandemic. While the COVID-19 virus is still present, we are in a better place than we were a year ago with availability of vaccines, better treatments and greater knowledge about how the illness is spread. As your Mayor, I am encouraging you to be vigilant with proven mitigation strategies such as frequent handwashing, mask-wearing, social distancing, getting vaccinated and staying home if you are ill. This will enable our community to safely re-engage in everything that our unique town has to offer.

There are many exciting things happening in 2022. Our Town's annual events such as ViVa Vienna and the Halloween Parade are expected to take place with appropriate health safety measures in place. Local non-profits have done an amazing job helping the community during the pandemic, and many will need new volunteers to address ongoing needs. If you have some extra time, please consider volunteering. It is a great way to meet new friends and make a difference in your hometown. At the same time, resolve in this new year to try a new restaurant or reconnect with your favorites. Your support will help our local economy thrive now and in the future.

The Town Council has set some important 2022 goals. One is to continue the forward progress on our sidewalk network enabling safe passage for all residents. Several initiatives to improve our commercial corridors will also be considered. The goal with that is to make Vienna attractive to investors and improve the quality of life for Vienna residents. Town properties and parks will also be the focus of environmentally friendly beautification efforts by Town staff and volunteers.

As Mayor of Vienna, my door is always open to each of you. I will strive to listen, communicate and serve the residents of our town while keeping safety a top priority. Together, we will manage the challenges and capitalize on the opportunities. I know that working as one, we can accomplish great things for our wonderful town.  
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## Snowy Season

**L**ove is in the air, and so is snow! This photo taken by Vienna resident Christopher Lande captures memories of the 2021 holiday season and the first snow of 2022 just after New Year's Day. The Vienna LOVE sign is located at Northside Park near the W&OD Trail. Decorations were provided in December by the Vienna Arts Society and members of the community. 🇺🇸





## Vienna Exceeds Glass Recycling Expectations

**W**hen the purple glass recycling bin was placed on Mill Street in October 2019, the expectation was that it would need to be emptied once per week. It turns out the Town of Vienna’s 16,000+ residents were more willing to recycle than first projected – much more willing. In fact, Town residents deposit their empty glass jars and bottles in the Mill Street purple bin so often, it is now being serviced by Fairfax County’s Public Works crews three times per week!

“The purple bins get the greatest amount of use after a holiday, like New Year’s Eve and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July,” said Jason Dirks, Fairfax County’s glass recycling program coordinator. “By separating recyclable glass from single-stream, curbside recycling, we have reduced the cost of hauling the glass, reduced our drivers’ risk of injury from broken glass and made the glass recycling process more efficient.”

It has also increased the usefulness of the discarded glass food and beverage containers. Once they’re picked up, the glass containers are taken to a processing facility in Lorton where they are crushed for use in a variety of projects, such as road construction. Before the bins existed, glass containers in the single-stream program were discarded in the County landfill.

All colors of emptied, clean glass bottles and jars are accepted at 27 drop-off locations throughout Fairfax County. The most convenient



locations for Town of Vienna residents are the bin on Mill Street near the Town property yard, the bin located at the Dunn Loring School at the corner of Idylwood and Gallows roads, and the bin located outside the Providence Community Center on Vaden Drive.

Dirks says there are some glass items that should not go into the purple bins.

“Tempered glass, like windows and doors and aquariums cannot be recycled,” he said. “Neither can lamps, light bulbs, ceramics, porcelain or mirrors.”

The best rule of thumb for the purple bins is if the glass contained food or liquid, it is most likely recyclable. At the current rate, that adds up to 1,000 pounds of glass per month that is getting recycled rather than taking up limited landfill space. ↴

## Why Compost?

*By Craig Burns, Conservation and Sustainability Commission*

**D**id you know that food waste is a major contributor to global warming? When organic waste like food scraps decomposes in traditional landfills, it releases methane gas. Methane is 25 times more efficient at trapping radiation than carbon dioxide and is a major source of global greenhouse gas emissions. Add in the emissions from transportation of food and food waste, and the environmental impact becomes even clearer.

You can help reduce the impact by composting your food waste instead of dumping it in the trash. Composting entails collecting food waste in a container, adding in leaves or other yard waste, allowing microbes to break it down, and returning it to the earth where it adds nutrients to the soil. Proper composting requires four elements – nitrogen, oxygen, water, and

carbon – and results in a dark, crumbled mixture composed of organic decaying material that can be added back to soil for plants and gardens.

Composting does not have to be complicated! All you need to do is collect your food waste in a two-quart container inside your home and add it to an outdoor composting bin. You can buy a compost bin or make one yourself. Then dig a hole in your garden or flower bed and bury the waste. In a few months, you will have a great (and free) soil amendment for your plants and flowers. Your efforts will also reduce global warming and save the Town money by decreasing overall weight and volume in local trash pickups.

To learn more about composting, visit <https://bit.ly/compostfairfax>. ↴



If you would like to see a workable composting system within Vienna, contact [csc@viennava.gov](mailto:csc@viennava.gov). Plus, mark your calendar for the Green Expo on April 28. The event returns in person this year with tips on composting and other sustainability options.

## MEET THE MAYOR

Mayor Linda Colbert offers several opportunities for residents to meet with her each month, both in her office and out and about in the community.

- **Meet the Mayor:** The first Friday of each month, Mayor Colbert sets up “office” in various locations in the community. Residents are encouraged to meet her and share what’s on their mind. From 9–10:30 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 4, she’ll be available at Simply Social Coffee located in the Cedar Park Shopping Center at the Corner of Cedar Lane and Park Street.
- **Business Walkabout:** The mayor and Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou visit various businesses on the second Friday of each month.
- **Mayor’s Walk:** Join Mayor Colbert for a chat and stroll through the Town on the third Friday of each month. Meet at 9:30 a.m. in front of the Town Hall on Center Street.
- **Office Hours:** Feel free to drop in for open office hours 9-11 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available. You can also schedule an appointment to meet with the mayor on Wednesdays. To schedule an appointment, email [mclark@viennava.gov](mailto:mclark@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6304.

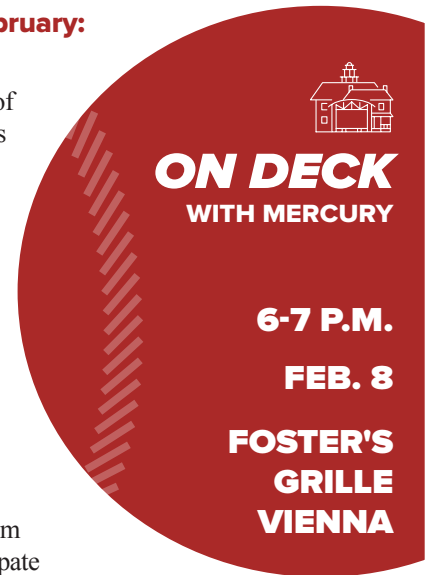
## Topic on deck for February: FY23 Budget

Snow isn’t the only flurry of activity that takes place this time of year. The budget season is also here, and Town staff are planning for the new fiscal year, which begins July 1. What’s the financial forecast for the Town of Vienna? Find out by joining us for On Deck with Mercury!

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum inviting residents to participate in an open discussion about Town accomplishments, initiatives and projects.

Curious about what it takes for Public Works to deal with the other seasonal forecast – snow? You’ll find all the answers in an encore, online presentation of the October “On Deck with Mercury” program. The discussion about the Town’s snow removal efforts is approximately 13 minutes in at this link <https://bit.ly/ViennaSnow>.

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## Insure your Property for Flood Damage

Not all property insurance plans are alike, and in many standard policies, flooding is not covered. Ask your insurance agent if you are covered for flood damage. Renters should buy flood insurance for the contents of their home. Take advantage of a low-cost Preferred Risk Policy. ↴



## Vienna Theatre Company presents...

### The Dinner Party

8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, Feb. 5

2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 6

Vienna Community Center

Ticket cost: \$15

In Neil Simon’s farcical take on love, marriage, divorce and what comes after, six strangers are invited to a mysterious dinner party. They do not know who the other guests will be or why they have been invited. Tossed together in a private dining room, they have a sneaking suspicion that this unorthodox dinner party will forever change their lives. Contains adult situations and language. Buy tickets at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE, or online:

[www.viennava.gov/webtrac](http://www.viennava.gov/webtrac). ↴





## Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

### Spring Registration Opens Soon

Thinking of spring? So are we! In fact, the Vienna Parks and Recreation staff has programmed a world of fun for the whole family. Check out the spring program guide, and start planning your warm-weather adventures now! Registration starts Feb. 7 for Town residents. Registration for those who live outside of the Town limits opens Feb. 14. Program guides are available at the Vienna Community Center and online:

[www.viennava.gov/parkprograms](http://www.viennava.gov/parkprograms)

### Mardi Gras Celebration for Senior Adults

Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022  
Vienna Community Center

Join your friends and get into the spirit of Mardi Gras with an enjoyable afternoon of New Orleans-style festivities including a Cajun cuisine lunch, Mardi Gras mask-making and Dixieland jazz provided by Vienna Community Band members. Wearing traditional purple, green and gold carnival colors adds to the

festive atmosphere, so dress for the event! This celebration is sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation and the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia. To register call 703-281-0538. Registration deadline is Feb. 11. \$15 per person.

### Cancelled – “Something Different”

Out of an abundance of caution given the current public health situation, the Vienna Theatre Company is cancelling all performances of “Something Different,” which was advertised in the January Vienna Voice. The company hopes to reschedule the performance sometime later this year.

### Sign Up for Vienna Happenings E-Newsletter

Want to know what's going on around Town? Sign up for our weekly Vienna Happenings e-newsletter for the latest information on events and fun things to do in Vienna. Sign up online: [www.viennava.gov/happeningssignup](http://www.viennava.gov/happeningssignup).



## Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in December to:

**Sushi Koji**  
Restaurant  
262 Cedar Lane, SE  
703-888-7389

**Tobacco Hut Vienna, Inc.**  
Tobacco Products  
354 Maple Ave., W

**Kiln & Custard, LLC**  
Ice Cream Parlor/  
Pottery Studio  
115 Church St., NE  
703-855-7974

**By Mary Dyann**  
Floral Arrangement Sales/  
Home Business  
103 Yeonas Circle, SE  
Mary@bymarydyann.com

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

20 YEARS  
**PARCEL PLUS**

15 YEARS  
**ACCUPREP TAX & ACCOUNTING, LLC**  
**VIENNA ANIMAL HOSPITAL**

10 YEARS  
**ON THE WAY FITNESS, LLC**  
**STEADFAST CONSTRUCTION, LLC**  
**DRAFTAWAY**

5 YEARS  
**BEIRUT BUTCHERY**  
**BRENDA FITZSIMONS**  
**CABOOSE BREWING COMPANY, LLC**  
**DOUG RICHARDS REAL ESTATE, LLC**  
**KYB PROPERTIES, LLC**  
**NOVO KITCHEN AND BATH, LLC**  
**THE FRAME MARKET CORPORATION**

# HAPPENINGS around town

**Scrapbooking Crop**

**6 p.m.-12 a.m. Friday, Feb. 4**  
**9 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5**

Get creative with the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary during its Scrapbooking Crop in the Fire Department Flame Room, 400 Center Street S, Vienna, Va. Registration fee includes full table cropping space, lunch on Saturday, coffee, tea, lemonade and water, one chance to win the door prize and a goody bag. Dinner will be available for purchase both evenings for a separate \$8 fee or pre-purchase both nights for \$15. Program cost is \$50 if you register by Jan. 15; \$55 if you register between Jan. 16-22; \$65 if you register after Jan 22. \$70 at the door on Feb 4. Proceeds benefit the fire department's fundraising efforts for life-saving fire and rescue equipment. For more information and to reserve your space, call 703-981-4504 or email [lisaemerson3@verizon.net](mailto:lisaemerson3@verizon.net).

**ZOOM Artist Demonstration**

**Thursday, Feb.10**  
**10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Marisela Rumberg finds inspiration in legends of her native Mexico. She'll display images of her work as a fiber artist and also describe how anyone can create Zentangle abstract art. All

ages are invited to join in by clicking on the link at [www.ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://www.ViennaArtsSociety.org)

**The Art of Travel with Joyce Turk**  
**Saturday, Feb. 12**  
**2-3:30 p.m.**

Joyce Turk is a pastelist who has traveled extensively. Her career in livestock science has taken her around the world many times. The result is a portfolio of beautiful paints of animals, people and landscapes. Register for this virtual Patrick Henry Library presentation as the artist shares her work and details about her travel adventures and her work with The Vienna Arts Society. Presented in partnership with the **American Association of University Women Vienna Area Branch**. To register, visit <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/8527049>

**American Legion Breakfast Buffet**  
**Sunday, Feb. 20**  
**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Join the American Legion Auxiliary for a beautiful breakfast buffet at Post 180 featuring omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits, gravy and more! Adults \$10, Children 12 and younger \$4. All breakfast

proceeds will be used to send high school students to the American Legion Girls State program. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N. for more information, call 703-938-6508 or 703-437-7020.

**Optimist Club Virtual Meeting and Awards**  
**Wednesday, Feb. 16**  
**7:30 p.m.**

Looking for some inspiration? Three students from James Madison, George C. Marshall, and Oakton High Schools will read their winning essay entries out loud on the topic of "How Does an Optimistic Mindset Change My Tomorrow?" via Zoom during the Optimist Club of Greater Vienna's February meeting. After reading their essays, the students will learn what they've won. Awards in the amounts of \$1,000, \$600 and \$400 will be granted for first, second and third place. The top essay will move forward to participate in the Optimist Club International District Essay Competition. For meeting information visit [www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org](http://www.optimistclubofgreatervienna.org).

**Teen Volunteer Opportunity**

The Vienna Public Art Commission is looking for a local 11th grade art student who would be

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**Deadline for the March issue is Feb. 10.**



interested in volunteering to become a student board member. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center. If interested or if you have questions, contact Public Art Commission Chairman Mike Cheselka at [Mike.Cheselka@gmail.com](mailto:Mike.Cheselka@gmail.com).

### Original Art around Town

**Gallery in the Village Green**  
**Mondays-Saturdays**  
**9:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.**

Explore the works of local artists featured in the VAS gallery in the Village Green Shopping Center, 530 Maple Avenue W. The exhibit “Near and Far: A look at Landscape” featuring award-winning artist Carolyn Modugno is on display through Feb. 26. Beginning Feb. 28, Jodi Condes, who was awarded First Place in the recent VAS Treasures III exhibition, will be the featured artist.

**Vienna Art Center**  
**Wednesdays-Saturdays**  
**12-4 p.m.**

Enjoy a new collection of Vienna Arts Society members’ original artworks with the theme “On the Horizon. The exhibit is located at 243 Church St., NW.

**The Town of Vienna Community Band** is pleased to announce that it has planned its Spring Concert for March 6, 2022.

We are recruiting enthusiastic new musicians in all sections. *We are especially looking for flutes, clarinets, saxophones, bassoons, oboes, tubas and euphoniums.* If you are interested, please attend any 6 p.m. rehearsal on Sundays at the Vienna Community Center. For more information on the Vienna Community Band, visit [www.viennacommunityband.org](http://www.viennacommunityband.org).

### Webinars for Seniors

The following online programs are free educational opportunities sponsored by AARP Virginia. You do not have to be a member to participate.

**Online Romance Scams**  
**Thursday, February 10**  
**2 p.m.**

Learn how to recognize online relationship scams in this 30-minute webinar. Lots of people meet friends and potential love interests online through dating sites, social media or mobile apps. It can be a great way to meet people, but recognize that not everyone is who they say they are online. These scams aren’t just targeted at people who are looking for a relationship on a dating site or app. They can occur through social media and even through email. Anyone engaging in online relationships will benefit from this program that helps you spot the red flags. Don’t let scammers ruin your Valentine’s Day!

Registration link:  
<https://aarp.cventevents.com/ORS02102022>

**Retirement Planning: Strategies for Today and Tomorrow**  
**Saturday, Feb. 19, 9 a.m.**  
**Tuesday, March 8, 7 p.m.**

Take charge of your financial future. Retirement planning doesn’t have to be daunting. Learn tips for determining if you are on track and learn practical strategies to help you achieve retirement peace of mind. It’s never too late to take charge of your financial future.

**Feb. 19** registration link:  
<https://aarp.cventevents.com/VARetire02192022>

**March 8** registration link:  
<https://aarp.cventevents.com/VARetire03082022>

### Freeman Store Regular Hours on Hiatus

The Freeman Store and Museum, Used Book Cellar and Little Library Museum are open **by appointment only** in January and February so staff members can restock favorite store items, research new merchandise, revise the museum exhibits with new material and restock and reorganize shelves in the used book cellar. To schedule a tour, visit, or to make a purchase by appointment during January or February, email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com) or call 703-994-9054. Used book donations are welcome year-round and can be left on the front porch in boxes or bags in January and February.

### Library Operates on Modified Schedule

Fairfax County Public Library branches, including Vienna’s Patrick Henry Library, are now operating on a modified schedule through the end of March due to staffing shortages. All regional and community Fairfax County Public Library branches will be closed every Sunday and Monday.

Branches will open in keeping with their regularly scheduled hours Tuesday through Saturday. All Patrick Henry Library Monday programs have been moved and some that were scheduled to be in the branch are now scheduled to be on Zoom. To register for Zoom library programs, visit <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov>.



## Inaugural Ornament Back by Popular Demand

Looking for a unique gift for that special someone? A new shipment of the inaugural “Taking Flight” holiday ornament just came in, and it’s sure to warm anyone’s heart this Valentine’s Day. The ornament features an image of the beloved “Taking Flight” sculpture outside the Community Center that commemorates the late Mayor M. Jane Seeman’s extraordinary legacy of public service and volunteerism to the Town of Vienna. Ornament cost is \$25, and if you like public art, you’ll love that the proceeds will support public art projects in Vienna. To reserve your ornament, contact the Town Clerk’s office at 703-255-6304. The first shipment sold out quickly. 📌



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703-255-5730 TDD  
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703-255-6366 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD

**Community Center**  
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TTY Virginia Relay 711  
120 Cherry St. SE  
Vienna, VA 22180

**Vienna Town Hall**  
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# February TOWN CALENDAR

**1** Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.

**4** Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.

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**6** Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.

**6** Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.

**7** Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.

**8** On Deck with Mercury • 6 p.m.

**9** Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.

**10** Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.

**12** Model Railroaders/Caboose Open House • 1-5 p.m.

**14** Town Council Conference Session • 7:30 p.m.

**15** Public Art Commission • 7 p.m.

**16** Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.

**17** Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.

**21** Holiday – Town Offices Closed, Regular Waste Collection

**22** Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.

**23** Planning Commission • 8 p.m.

**24** Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 p.m.

**28** Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.

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