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## Stroll into the Holidays!

**U**sher in the holidays with the Church Street Holiday Stroll! The fun begins at 6 p.m. in front of the Freeman Store and Museum on Monday, Nov. 27. New this year is a tree lighting ceremony with a traditional, decorated Christmas tree on the Town Green lawn! That happens around 6:15 p.m., right after Santa makes his grand entrance down Church Street aboard the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's antique fire truck!

After the official ceremony, stroll down historic Church Street, enjoy the festive lights, and explore the holiday shopping specials inside local Church Street businesses. Grab some hot chocolate and warm yourself by a bon fire along the way. Don't forget to stop by the Caboose, the Vienna Train Station and the Little Library for a trip down memory lane! Be sure to check out the participants in the Shine Bright Vienna holiday decorating contest and vote for your favorite display!

For more information: call Historic Vienna at 703-938-5187 or visit [www.viennava.gov/stroll](http://www.viennava.gov/stroll). 📍



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## Reminder: November General Election Ballot Includes Town Council Races

**E**lection day is just around the corner on

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, and early voting ends on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Due to a change in state election laws, Vienna Town

Council races are on the November General Election

ballot as are state Delegate and

Senator races, and County Board of Supervisors, School Board, and Water and Soil Board contests. Because of a 2021 change in state law, all municipal elections, including the Vienna Town Council election, which used to be held in May, were moved to November.

Under the Vienna Town Charter, the mayor and councilmembers must run as non-partisan candidates. After the new state election law was passed, the Mayor and Town Council voted to eliminate their staggered terms and place all seats on a two-year election cycle beginning in 2023. For Vienna Mayor and Town Council biographical information, see the last issue of Vienna Voice online: [www.viennava.gov/SeptVV](http://www.viennava.gov/SeptVV). Please note that Elizabeth Korondy has withdrawn from the race.

### Election Day Polling Places

In the old days of May Town elections, the Community Center was the only polling place on election day. Now, the Community Center is one of four election-day polling places for Mayor and Town Council elections. Vienna residents can vote early at any early-voting location, or on Election Day, Nov. 7, at the precinct where they usually vote for state and national offices. These four precincts/locations are: Cunningham Park Elementary School, Vienna Community Center, Cedar Lane School, and Madison High School. You can confirm your voting location and voter registration status online: [www.viennava.gov/vote](http://www.viennava.gov/vote) or call the Fairfax County Office of Elections at 703-222-0776. 📞



## Town Council Candidates Present their Views

**V**ienna residents turned out in large numbers to hear this year's Town Council candidates' views on many issues at the candidates' forum on Friday, Oct. 13, at the Vienna Community Center. The forum was presented and moderated by the North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA). Each candidate responded to 10 questions, some of which were provided by audience members to the panel moderator.

If you missed the forum, you can still see it on the Town's Youtube channel, <https://bit.ly/viennaforum>, and on the Town of Vienna cable television channel, Cox channel 27 and Verizon channel 38 on the following dates through election day, Tuesday, Nov. 7:

12 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

7 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Thank you, NEVCA, for hosting the event and providing an opportunity for residents to ask questions and hear the candidates' views! 📺



## In-Person Early Voting Locations

Registered voters in Fairfax County may now cast their ballots at several early-voting polling locations.

The two closest to Vienna are:

### McLean Governmental Center

1437 Balls Hill Road  
McLean, VA

### Providence Community Center

3001 Vaden Drive  
Fairfax, VA

### Hours for both locations:

Weekdays: 1-5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4 - 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

For other early-voting locations, visit

[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/early-voting](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/early-voting). 📺



## What's Next for the Annex?

**A**fter an extensive feasibility study and a robust public outreach campaign to gather community input, the Vienna Town Council directed staff to raze the former Faith Baptist Church building and begin planning for future use. With a price tag of more than a million dollars, it was determined to be too costly to bring the existing building, now known as the Annex, up to code for parks and recreation use, and the Council opted instead to start from scratch in accordance with community feedback. Council voted to award a demolition contract at its October 2, 2023, meeting to Berg Corporation.

Before the building can be torn down, the Town's contractor must carefully remove asbestos from the structure's interior. Prior to the 1980s, the material was widely used in building construction. In 1989, The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) imposed a partial ban on some asbestos-containing products. The EPA also banned new uses of asbestos, effectively preventing new asbestos products from entering the marketplace after Aug. 25, 1989. Environmental experts say when left alone, asbestos has little risk to human health. When asbestos is disturbed or damaged, it can release particles and fibers in the air that have the potential to cause lung cancer and other lung diseases if inhaled.

"The interior walls, attic and floor tiles in the Annex contain some level of asbestos," said Vienna public works engineer David Donahue. "The Town's contractor, Berg Corporation, will remove the building's asbestos-containing material, and the work will be monitored by JSK Environmental, to ensure compliance with EPA and Virginia policy and health safety protocols."

The Annex asbestos removal is expected to take place in November. Once it has been safely removed, the contractor can then proceed with the process to obtain permits to demolish the building. If all goes as planned, Donahue says the building will be torn down by early February, and the ground will be seeded to grow grass by spring. The property's short- and long-term use will be determined later by the Vienna Town Council. 📌



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## Community Survey Now Open Online

**H**ere's your chance to rate the services you receive from the Town of Vienna government! Thousands of Town households selected in a random sample received an invitation in the mail to respond to this year's National Community Survey in October. Residents who did not receive the anonymous questionnaire in the mail are now invited to participate online at <https://polco.us/vienna23>. The link will remain open from Monday, Oct. 30 through Sunday, Nov. 13.

The purpose of the community survey is to gauge satisfaction levels on a variety of topics ranging from specific Town services to the overall quality of life. The comprehensive questionnaire is effectively a snapshot of how residents feel about The Town of Vienna and the quality of specific services including public safety, transportation, utilities, education, culture, arts, parks and recreation, and community engagement.

The statistically valid survey was last conducted in Vienna in 2018 and is usually conducted every two years. However, the Town of Vienna's 2020 survey was canceled for pandemic-related reasons. The results of this year's survey will be shared publicly in January and will help the Town Council identify future priorities for the community. 📌



## Vienna Streets and Roads Show Improvement

This time last year, a study of Vienna's streets and roads showed that the that only 42 percent met the standard for a satisfactory or good rating using the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Pavement Condition Index (PCI). Thanks to an infusion of federal and capital improvement funding, the Town was able to step up milling and paving efforts over the past six months. By the end of this year, 55 percent will be rated satisfactory or good, and plans are in the works to prioritize projects involving the remainder of roads, 16 percent of which are in fair condition, and 29 percent of which are in poor or very poor condition.

"Thanks to American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds, the Town's budget for paving was increased by approximately \$500,000 this year," said Vienna public works engineer Dave Donahue. "The funding and the availability of qualified contractors has enabled the Town to improve its roads more quickly."

The Town prioritizes repaving projects based on the PCI scale and the timing of other maintenance projects that have an impact on roads, like water main, sewer and other utility replacements. Donahue says it is easier and less costly to bring roads in fair condition up to high standards than roads that have deteriorated to poor condition.

"If we can get to the roads before the PCI rating drops to poor, the new surface will last approximately 20 years," Donahue said. "Roads that are in poor or very poor condition can still be paved or patched, but because the foundations are in rough shape, they are less likely to stand the test of time."

In lean fiscal years, Donahue says paving budgets are often at risk because the impact of deferred maintenance is not seen right away. Over time, as roads deteriorate, it sometimes becomes necessary to dig up the entire road and start from scratch, as the Town recently did on Lynn Street, SW. Nearly two dozen roads including Ayr Hill Avenue, NE; Yeonas Drive, SW; and Follin Lane were milled and paved in the summer and fall, bringing them up to high standards. As this year's projects wrap up, the Vienna Public Works Department will reevaluate Vienna's roads to determine which streets should get priority next year and beyond. 📍





## Picture it!

Vienna, 1949. Lions Club meetings sure have changed since this Vienna gathering 74 years ago. Recognize anyone? The original photo doesn't list a location other than Vienna, but the names are there, including some surnames that are still listed in Vienna: Whitmore, Winn, Copp, Shaffer, McPhail, Ellison, Shaffer, O'Sullivan, Hammer, Baker, Price. There's no record of what they were singing, either, but Perry Como's recording of "Some Enchanted Evening" was a number 1 hit that year. 🎵

## Shine Bright Vienna Holiday Decorating Contest

Spread holiday cheer and join our Town-wide holiday decorating contest by decorating the exterior of your home or business for the holidays! Contest details and registration information are available online at [www.viennava.gov/holiday](http://www.viennava.gov/holiday), or call 703-255-5738. Check out the website now and be inspired by last year's winners! The annual contest is sponsored by the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC), the Town Economic Development Department and Vienna Parks and Recreation. 🎵



## Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in September to:

**Café de Vienna**  
*Bakery/Carryout*  
131 Church St., NW #111

**Coach Advance Services, LLC**  
*Coaching and Training*  
806 Plum St.

**Advanced Networking Strategies, LLC**  
*Consultant*  
1003 Delilah Drive, SW

**Starfit Studio**  
*Fitness Instructor*  
266 Cedar Lane, SE

**Clarity**  
*Restaurant*  
420 Maple Ave., E.

**Vienna Boxing**  
*Fitness Instructor*  
501 Church St., NE, #111

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

40 YEARS  
**MOUNTAIN KIM MARTIAL ARTS, LLC**

30 YEARS  
**EDWARD D. JONES & CO, L.P.**  
**EMERALD DESIGN CONCEPTS, INC.**

15 YEARS  
**STAHL HOMES, LLC.**

10 YEARS  
**AZ DIABETIC SUPPLY, INC.**  
**NISHA PATEL, MD, PC**  
**PITCHERS EDGE, LLC**  
**VIENNA NAIL SPA CORPORATION**  
**VIET AROMA ASIAN CUISINE**

5 YEARS  
**ALEJANDRO BECK-SOSA**  
**IPS ENERGY ADVISORS, LLC**  
**JDR ASSOCIATES, LLC**  
**MEGUMI SPA, LLC**  
**NOTHING BUNDT CAKES**  
**PERIODONTICS AND IMPLANT CENTER OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

## Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation

### Winter Registration Opens Soon!

It's almost time to sign up for winter classes, camps and programs at the Vienna Community Center! Check out the offerings online at [www.viennava.gov/parkguide](http://www.viennava.gov/parkguide) and be ready for registration when it opens on Nov. 6 for residents; Nov. 13 for those who live outside town limits. Register at the Community Center or via webtrac: [www.viennava.gov/webtrac](http://www.viennava.gov/webtrac).

### Bowman House Pottery Show and Sale

**Saturday, Nov. 4**  
**10 a.m.–3 p.m.**  
**Bowman House Arts and  
Craft Center**



Here's a Town tradition that's sure to delight those in search of great gifts for the holiday season! The Bowman House Pottery Show and Sale features outstanding, handmade pottery created by students and teachers. Shop early for the best selection. Bowman House is located at 211 Center St. S. Cash or checks only.

### Cookies With Santa Saturday, Dec. 2

**Vienna Community Center**  
Enjoy music, crafts, a cookie bar and of course, a visit with Santa in this popular family event that will fill quickly! Registration is required for one-hour sessions: 9 a.m.–10 a.m.



10 a.m.–11 a.m.  
11 a.m.–12 p.m.  
Cost is \$5 per person. A maximum of 8 people per household may register online beginning at 8 a.m. Nov. 6 for Town residents and beginning Nov. 13 for those who live outside Town limits. Register online at [www.viennava.gov/webtrac](http://www.viennava.gov/webtrac) or at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE.

### Count Your Blessings Thanksgiving Lunch Wednesday, Nov. 15 12–2 p.m.

**Vienna Community Center**  
Seniors ages 55+ are invited to celebrate the season with a turkey luncheon provided by the Davis Career Center at Marshall High School. Entertainment will be provided by Rising Phoenix Performers. Come celebrate all you are thankful for. Cost is \$20 per person, due by Nov. 9. This event is sponsored by Vienna Parks and Recreation, the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia and Providence Fairfax. To register, call the Shepherd's Center at 703-281-0538.

**Vienna Theatre  
Company Presents:  
On Golden Pond  
Friday and Saturday  
Nov. 3-4  
8 p.m.  
Sunday  
Nov. 5  
2 p.m.**

Only one weekend left to catch the Vienna Theatre Company's fall production, "On Golden Pond." In this poignant love story by Earnest Thompson, Ethel and Norman Thayer, return to their summer home on Golden Pond for the 48th year. He is a retired professor, nearing 80, with heart palpitations and a failing memory, although he is still as tart-tongued, observant and eager for life as ever. Ethel, 10 years younger, is the perfect foil for Norman and delights in all the small things that continue to enrich their long life together. Their summer adventure begins when their divorced, middle-aged daughter and her dentist fiancé take off for Europe and leave his teenage son behind. The boy quickly becomes the "grandchild" the elderly couple has always longed for, and Norman revels in taking his ward fishing and thrusting good books at him. In return, Norman learns some lessons about modern teenage



awareness—and slang. As the summer wanes, so does their brief idyll, and in the final, deeply moving moments of the play, Norman and Ethel are brought even closer together by the incidence of a mild heart attack. Time, they know, is now against them, but the years have been good and, perhaps, another summer on Golden Pond still awaits. All tickets are \$16. "On Golden Pond" tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at the Vienna Community Center or online at [www.viennava.gov/webtrac](http://www.viennava.gov/webtrac).



### Town Clean Up Day Saturday, Nov. 4 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Vienna Town Green**  
Need service hours for school? Volunteer to help spruce up the town by pitching in to help with Town Clean Up Day. Join Parks and Recreation staff at the Vienna Town Green, pick up supplies and head out to your assigned town location that needs a little attention. Town staff members will be available throughout the morning to provide assistance. Pre-registration via email is recommended, not required. To register email Brian Harrington at [bharrington@viennava.gov](mailto:bharrington@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-5755.

### 77th Annual Vienna Halloween Parade a Success!

Approximately 105 floats, walking groups, antique vehicles and more marched down Maple Avenue in their 'Cartoons and Comics' themed Halloween get up for Vienna's Annual Halloween Parade held on Wednesday, Oct. 25. A big thanks to all the volunteers and sponsors who





## Town of Vienna Holiday Hours

Please note Town offices will be closed on the following days in November:  
Veterans Day (Observed) – Friday, Nov. 10  
Thanksgiving Break – Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-24

The Vienna Community Center will operate on an adjusted schedule, which can be found online: [www.viennava.gov/hours](http://www.viennava.gov/hours). 📍

made this year's parade possible, with a special thanks to the parade's title sponsor, Virginia Tire & Auto. Stay tuned for the announcement of this year's parade winners, including Best-in-Parade Monday, Nov. 13 at 8 p.m. as part of that evening's Town Council Meeting at Vienna Town Hall. A news release and social media announcement will follow.

### New Pickleball Hours Glyndon Park

Starting Dec. 1, Glyndon Park pickleball hours will be as follows:  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday  
10 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Saturday  
10 a.m.–1 p.m.  
No restrooms or lights will be available Dec. 1 through Feb. 29. For more details and full schedule, visit [www.viennava.gov/courts](http://www.viennava.gov/courts).

### Stay Up to Date with Vienna Happenings!

For weekly updates on events and fun things to do around town, sign up for the Town's weekly e-newsletter, "Vienna Happenings." To sign up, visit [www.viennava.gov/happenings](http://www.viennava.gov/happenings). For quick updates, follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @TownofViennaVa.



## Mayor and Chief at Your Service - Holiday Safety

You may love the holiday season for its spirit of giving, merriment, and the quest to purchase the perfect gifts for loved ones. You know who else loves the holidays? Scammers and thieves looking for opportunities to target you and your home. From online shopping to in-store buying to those perfectly wrapped presents under the tree, the winter holidays ring in crime time during what is supposed to be the season of good will.

Find out how you can avoid becoming a victim at the next Mayor & Chief at Your Service forum on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 7 p.m. at the Vienna Police Department Community Room. Mayor Linda Colbert and Police Chief Jim Morris will provide tips on how you and your family can stay safe this holiday season. The Mayor and Chief will also be available to answer questions about any matter in Vienna. Refreshments will be served. The Vienna Police Department is located at 215 Center St. S., Vienna. 📍



## New Safety Signs Prompt Pedestrians to Look



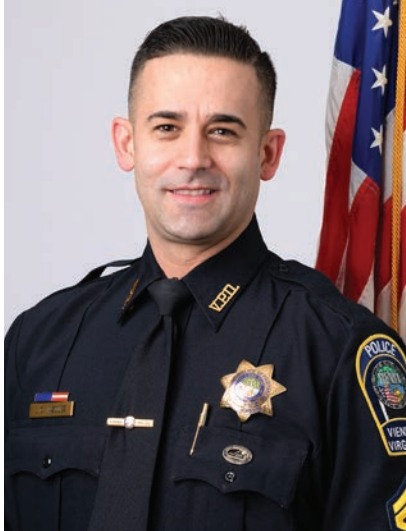
Look around Vienna, and you might see some new "Look" signs reminding pedestrians to make eye contact with drivers before stepping into a crosswalk. The bright yellow signs were put up by volunteers recently as part of an "eye-to-eye" safety campaign sponsored by Vienna's Pedestrian Advisory Committee and Transportation Safety Commission.

The campaign comes on the heels of a new Virginia law requiring drivers to fully stop, not just yield, when pedestrians are crossing. In Virginia, pedestrians were involved in 1,476 traffic crashes last year, including 166 pedestrian deaths. In Fairfax County, 23 pedestrians were killed in vehicle crashes last year, the highest number since statistics started to be regularly collected in 2010.

None of the pedestrian deaths occurred in the Town of Vienna. The campaign aims to keep walkers from becoming a statistic by making eye-to-eye contact with drivers when crossing the street to be sure drivers see them and stop. 📍

## Word from Juan

### For Safety – Establish a 9 p.m. Routine



**M**ost burglaries happen because an opportunity presents itself. For example, you're working in the yard all day, you take a break for dinner, and you decide to turn in for the night – forgetting you left the garage door open. An open door is an open opportunity for thieves to steal your car and anything in your garage.

To reduce your risk of becoming a target, experts recommend implementing a 9 p.m. safety routine every night. The routine entails removing valuable items from

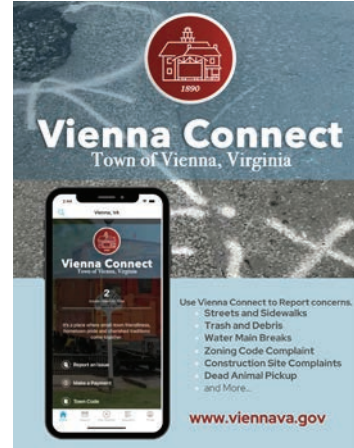
your vehicle and locking the doors, and making sure residential doors, windows, garages, gates and sheds are closed and locked. Also, be sure to secure any valuable items like tools, bikes, and keys to prevent theft, and activate all alarms and security systems and cameras, if you have them. Finally, remember to turn on exterior porch lights to further help deter potential burglars from targeting your property.

A 9 p.m. routine is time well spent. It will not only keep your property and belongings safe; it will also give you peace of mind. 📌

Juan Vazquez is the Vienna Police Department Public Information Officer. He conducts community outreach and public safety programs for area schools and community groups. To contact him, email [Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov](mailto:Juan.Vazquez@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-7845.

## Report Non-Emergencies via Vienna Connect

**I**t's easier than ever to report non-emergency concerns to the Town of Vienna through a new mobile phone app called Vienna Connect! Since the new app launched in July, residents have commented on the ease of using the new tool to report everything from downed trees to zoning complaints quickly and efficiently. The platform also enables users to upload a supporting photo, if they wish, and those who report a problem can expect email responses or check the status of their concern via the app.



Please note: Vienna Connect is only for should be used only for non-emergency problems that do not require an immediate response. For time-sensitive non-emergency issues such as noise complaints, please call the Vienna Police Department non-emergency number: 703-255-6366.

Vienna Connect is available for download for both Android and iPhones. You can also access Vienna Connect from a traditional computer via the Town website. Just log on to [www.viennava.gov](http://www.viennava.gov), click on the “report a problem” button on the homepage and start reporting. 📌

## Vienna's Banner Lottery

**H**ere's a gamble that almost everyone can appreciate – the Maple Avenue Banner Lottery! The odds of winning are much better than a traditional lottery, and the opportunity helps support charitable organizations.

Each year, nonprofit and charitable organizations can apply to display a banner over the coveted Maple Avenue spot for up to two weeks. Specific display dates are assigned through a lottery managed by the Department of Public Works and Town Manager's office, and priority is given to Vienna-based organizations or for banners promoting Town-sponsored events.

Applications for 2024 opportunities will be accepted from Nov. 1 through Nov. 30, 2023. To enter the lottery, complete and submit a banner application with a \$150 refundable deposit paid in cash or by a check made payable to the Town of Vienna. Banner requirements and specifications are included in the banner application, which is available online: [www.viennava.gov/bannerlottery](http://www.viennava.gov/bannerlottery). 📌







## Leave the Leaves: Your Yard Will Thank You

By Patricia Mertz Esswein, Conservation & Sustainability Commission

It won't be long before the trees begin to drop their leaves. You can rake them curbside for pickup by Town Public Works crews. But why waste your fallen leaves by sending them away? Instead, you can mow over the leaves or compost them to create a rich, natural compost that will nourish your lawn and enrich your soil. You'll reduce the need for leaf-blowers and avoid having to haul leaves to the curb.

Mowing over the leaves, or mulch-mowing, chops them into small pieces that fall into the grass and decompose quickly without suffocating your lawn. The process is easy, and you or your lawn service can do it.

To start, set your mower at its highest setting and take off the grass catcher. Mow over the leaves to reduce them to dime-size pieces. You'll know you're done when you can see about half an inch of grass through the mulched leaf layer. You generally can mow over leaves up to 6 inches in depth. The job is easiest when leaves are dry. If they're moist, you may need to mow a second time at a right angle to your first pass to get small-enough pieces.

The nutrients that trees moved into the leaves during the summer will return to the soil in winter. Your grass will green up faster in the spring, and you'll need less fertilizer, which will reduce polluting nutrients in stormwater runoff. After a few years, your lawn will sprout fewer dandelions and less crabgrass, because the leaf bits will cover any bare or thin spots in the lawn where weed seeds would otherwise germinate. Mulch-mowing builds better soil, which will keep more moisture and promote better root development. It won't increase thatch or disease in your lawn, and it has no effect on soil pH.

You can also leave whole leaves under trees, around shrubs and in garden beds, or where space allows, pile them up and let them compost. Many creatures use undisturbed leaf litter for protective habitat and as a place to forage. If leaves haven't broken down in garden beds by spring, move them so that any tender perennials can emerge without difficulty.

So leave the leaves this fall. Your yard will thank you! To learn more about mulch-mowing, visit: <https://bit.ly/viennaleaves>. 📌



## MEET THE MAYOR



Mayor Linda Colbert offers several opportunities for residents to meet with her each month:

**Meet the Mayor:** Periodically Mayor Colbert sets up "office" in various Vienna locations. The next "Meet the Mayor" is on Friday, Nov. 3, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Tango Pastry, 380 Maple Ave., W. Stop by, grab some coffee, and share your thoughts.

**Business Walkabout:** The mayor and Economic Development Director 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 most months. Meet in front of Vienna Town Hall on Friday, Nov. 17, at 9:30 a.m.

**Office Hours:** Drop in for open office hours 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available or schedule a Wednesday meeting. To make an appointment, email [mclark@viennava.gov](mailto:mclark@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6304.

Mayor Colbert also does a weekly Facebook video highlighting upcoming events and Town Council business. You can catch it each Wednesday on the Town Facebook page [@TownofViennaVA](https://www.facebook.com/TownofViennaVA). 📌

# HAPPENINGS

## around town

### Truckin' to Fight Hunger Fundraiser

**Thursday, Nov. 2**  
**6-10 p.m.**

Help food-insecure families in Vienna and the region by participating in this inaugural event at Westwood Country Club. Enjoy live entertainment, bar, seated dinner at 7 p.m., dancing and the chance to bid on some incredible experiences in live and silent auctions. Proceeds support the Great American Community Kitchen in feeding communities in need. For more information and for tickets, visit <https://bit.ly/GAKfundraiser>.

### VAS Painted Bench Auction

**Saturday, Nov. 11**  
**6 p.m.**

Get set for one final display at the Vienna Community Center Field House as 40 beautiful, cypress wood benches, created by Vienna furniture maker Ralph Reinecke, and painted by Vienna Arts Society (VAS) artists, go up for sale. Take one last look at the "Take a Seat Vienna" benches that have been displayed throughout town this summer and consider placing a bid for



one of them. Space is limited, so buy your tickets now at [www.viennaartsociety.org](http://www.viennaartsociety.org). Tickets are \$20 each and cover drinks and delicious dishes from local establishments. No charge for children ages 12 and younger.

### Dining for Dollars Fundraiser

**Tuesday, Nov. 14**  
**11 a.m.-9 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious meal and support the Lions Club Dining for Dollars fundraiser by dining at Foster's Grille Vienna the second Tuesday of each month. Simply ask the cashier to put your receipt in the Lions' box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. If you have used eyeglasses and hearing aids that you would like to donate to the cause, please bring them with you. For more information contact Lion Tom at [golfertom1943@gmail.com](mailto:golfertom1943@gmail.com).

### Vienna Turkey Trot 5k/10k/Kids Fun Run

**Sunday, Nov. 19**  
**8-9:30 a.m.**

Get some pre-Thanksgiving exercise and support two worthy causes by participating in the 21st annual Turkey Trot hosted by the James Madison High School Band. All proceeds benefit the JMHS "Pride of Vienna" Band and the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. The event features a great run, super music, fun prizes, post-race refreshments and the Finish Line Festival! For

more details and to register, visit: [www.viennaturkeytrot.org](http://www.viennaturkeytrot.org).

### American Legion Breakfast Buffet

**Nov. 19**  
**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Celebrate the Thanksgiving season with American Legion Post 180's Legendary Breakfast Buffet. Enjoy Joe's excellent omelets, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Shirley's legendary sausage gravy & biscuits, Post 180 cake and the special November cake. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children younger than 12. Proceeds will be used for American Legion youth activities and to send local high school students to Girls State. American Legion Post 180 is located at 330 Center St. N. For more information, call 703-409-3564.

### Lions Club Annual Citrus Fruit

**November and December 2023**

Lions will be selling fresh Florida oranges, mandarins, and grapefruit, Vermont maple syrup, and Virginia peanuts to raise money for several charity programs for the community. For more information and to sign up for notification, visit [www.fairfaxlions.org/citrus-sale-notification](http://www.fairfaxlions.org/citrus-sale-notification).

### CHO Holiday Bike Drive

**Now through Nov. 25**  
The Committee for Helping Others (CHO) is collecting bikes

to distribute to families in need in our community. We are most in need of bikes for teenagers and adults. Drop your bikes off in the parking lot of Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, or in the driveways of 317 Church St. NE; 218 Elmar Dr. SE; or 9807 Wintercress Court. The collection ends Thanksgiving weekend (Nov. 25).

### CHO Christmas Store Drive

**Now through Dec. 9**

Consider helping struggling families in our community by supporting CHO's Christmas Store on Dec. 9. Needs include new toys for children ages 1-8, gift cards for children ages 9-18 and gift cards for food and gifts for the families. For more information, email [cho@cho-va.com](mailto:cho@cho-va.com). Donations may be dropped off at Vienna Presbyterian Church on Friday, Dec. 8 from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. To make other arrangements, please call 703-281-7614, Box #1.

### Kindergarten Information Meeting

**Tuesday, Dec. 5**  
**9 a.m.**

Join Holy Comforter Episcopal Preschool & Kindergarten for a Kindergarten information meeting for the 2024-2025 school year. An outreach of the Church of the Holy Comforter, the curriculum includes a strong reading/writing and math curriculum, character development, computers, Spanish, art, science and music. For more information and to RSVP to attend



the informational session, please email [lmeyers@holycomforter.com](mailto:lmeyers@holycomforter.com) or call 703-938-3704.

### Community Christmas Concert

**Friday, Dec. 8  
7 p.m.**

Please bring your friends, neighbors, and coworkers for this special community event held at Vienna Assembly God, 100 Ayr Hill Ave., NE. Melanie Penn will be joining us from Nashville, presenting her highly acclaimed IMMANUEL concert - an original telling of the Christmas story through songs. Presented by Vienna Assembly of God, Faith Encounters Community Church, Christ Church Vienna, and Iglesia Cristo Es Mi Refugio. For more information, visit [www.viennaag.com/immanuel](http://www.viennaag.com/immanuel).

### Children’s Christmas Party

**Saturday, Dec. 16  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Children ranging age from infant through 12 years old are invited to register to attend this holiday party at American Legion Post 180 located at 330 Center St., N. The fun will feature music, crafts games and a present from a special visitor, Santa Claus! Children must be accompanied by an adult family member, and lunch will be provided to all attendees. The event sponsored by Post 180 and the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 180 is free, but pre-registration is required for children and adults. Registration is open from Nov. 5-30 or until the event reaches capacity. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/Post180party>.

### Boston Tea Party Commemoration

**Saturday, Dec. 16  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.**

Join local leaders and historic groups for a special commemoration ceremony at the Freeman Store honoring the bravery of the Sons and Daughters of Liberty who rallied against British Parliament with the event known as the Boston Tea Party, which ultimately led to the American Revolution for independence. Activities will include a color guard presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution, a proclamation read by Vienna Mayor Linda Colbert, guest speakers, photo opportunities with historic figures, and period refreshments served at the Freeman House Store and Museum. This educational and historical event is free and open to the public.



### Freeman Store & Museum November-December

Support small business in a beautiful historic setting this holiday season by purchasing holiday gifts at the Freeman Store, 131 Church St. NE. You’ll find unique gifts, ornaments, pottery, toys, books and more at the shop – and don’t forget the bargains in the store’s Used Book Cellar! Be sure to check the website for special events including visits from Santa and holiday teas: [www.historicviennainc.org](http://www.historicviennainc.org). Store hours: Wednesday through Sunday 12-4 p.m.

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(Voice & TDD)

**Vienna Police**  
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703-255-5730 TDD  
Non-emergency  
703-255-6366 voice  
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**Community Center**  
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120 Cherry St. SE  
Vienna, VA 22180

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# November TOWN CALENDAR

<b>3</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.	<b>14</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.
<b>4</b>	Town Cleanup Day (Town Green) • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.	<b>15</b>	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
<b>4</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 8 p.m.	<b>16</b>	CSC Meeting (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Daylight Saving Time Ends	<b>16</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.	<b>18</b>	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Vienna Theatre Company (VCC) • 2 p.m.	<b>21</b>	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.
<b>7</b>	Election Day - Includes Town Council • 6 a.m.-7 p.m.	<b>23</b>	Thanksgiving Day Town Offices and Community Center Closed (No waste collection)
<b>8</b>	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.	<b>24</b>	Town Offices Closed (Regular waste collection; no brush, bulk or yard waste)
<b>9</b>	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.	<b>25</b>	Small Business Saturday-Shop Local!
<b>10</b>	Town Offices Closed (Veterans Day Observed)	<b>27</b>	Church Street Holiday Stroll • 6-8:30 p.m.
<b>11</b>	Veterans Day	<b>27</b>	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 6-9 p.m.
<b>12</b>	Diwali	<b>28</b>	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 p.m.
<b>13</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.	<b>28</b>	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 p.m.
<b>14</b>	Mayor & Chief @ Your Service (VPD) • 7 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/calendar](http://www.viennava.gov/calendar) for updates.  
VPD, Vienna Police Department Community Room, 215 Center St. S.  
VCC, Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St., SE