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## Reshaping Town's zoning code will be a community effort

In the late 1950s, Vienna's zoning code was crafted to create a Town of single-family neighborhoods surrounding a commercial center. And the Town of Vienna developed exactly as it is today because it was zoned that way. But in the more than 60 years since Vienna's zoning code was developed, things have changed: how people live, the kinds of amenities today's homeowners prefer, transportation preferences and alternatives, and new types of commercial activities as well as how residents interact with businesses.

The Town launched in September an approximately 18-month effort to update its zoning and subdivision codes, which have remained largely unchanged over the past six decades except for piecemeal updates here and there. The updated code will better reflect the Town's vision for its commercial center as well as maintain its strong single-family residential character, but with a nod to the needs and desires of 21<sup>st</sup> century residents.

Ultimately, says Planning and Zoning Director Cindy Petkac, the zoning code update will be successful if it results in "a user-friendly document that anyone can pick up and easily understand and that reflects the Town's land-use goals."

To guide Vienna through the zoning code update, which has been branded as CODE CREATE VIENNA, the Town has hired a team led by Cincinnati-based Calfee Zoning, who will make technical recommendations related to updating the code, and YARD and Company, who is

helping the Town make the process an immersive, active, and fun one for residents and other stakeholders. Also on the team are transportation planning firm Nelson Nygaard and land-use attorneys at Venable, LLP.

In a September 23 presentation to a joint work session of Town Council and the Planning Commission, Calfee principal and founder Sean Suder recommended that the Town take a fresh look at Maple Avenue through its zoning update: Rather than continuing to view Maple Avenue as one long commercial corridor, he suggests that it may serve the community better to view the Town's main street as a series of unique places and centers of activity that serve as resources for the surrounding neighborhoods.

"One-size-fits-all zoning for a long and diverse commercial corridor," he said in his presentation, may not serve the highest and best use for the community. "We need to start thinking about how it serves the communities within a quarter- to half-mile walk shed around the [16] intersections.

"Your central business district can't just be a place that people pass through," he added. "It has to be an amenity for the community first and then serve the passers-through second."

After reviewing the Town's existing zoning code, Suder also noted that it:

- is wordy, difficult to navigate, and lacks a variety of ways (graphics and illustrations) to convey regulations
- does not provide for a variety of housing choices
- does not pay sufficient attention to the interaction between public and private spaces

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**Taking the long view** The Town will be taking another look at commercial zoning along Maple Avenue as part of its zoning code update.

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## Gnaw on planning & zoning basics through Lunch and Learn opportunities

As part of the CODE CREATE VIENNA project, planning and zoning staff members are hosting a series of Lunch and Learn Zoom webinars on zoning topics.

“Part of our outreach is also education,” says Planning and Zoning Director Cindy Petkac. “We want to help participants understand what zoning is, what it does, and how it impacts everyday lives. We’re going to start with a big picture and then zoom in on specifics.”

The webinars will be offered at noon on the first and third Friday of the month throughout the project on a variety of commercial and residential zoning topics. Each webinar will provide an approximately 20-minute presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions; the sessions won’t go longer than one hour. The webinars are open to all; sign up to receive the Zoom link or find a link to recordings of previous webinars at [codecreatevienna.com](http://codecreatevienna.com). The next webinars will be presented November 6 and 20.

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- does not promote walkability
- has commercial uses that are out of date and do not reflect current desired uses in the market.

As discussions about desired changes and forthcoming recommendations progress, YARD & Company principal Kevin Wright assured Town Council and Planning Commission members that it would be “an immersive and active community process. People should feel part of that process in a meaningful way” that goes beyond the public meeting, and in a covid-world, beyond the screen.

“We believe meeting people where they are is the most powerful way to get the best results,” Wright said in his September 23 presentation. “Instead of asking people to come to meetings about zoning with our agenda, our location, and our time, we think we should be popping up where they are. That might be at a bus stop, that might be at a grocery store, that might be on the street.”

Among the creative strategies that YARD & Company proposed that the Town may employ through the CODE CREATE VIENNA project are a walk-and-tell box, de-jargon guide, pop-up projects to test ideas in real time, a community cinema slide-cast, bike scavenger hunt, and porch-to-porch conversations. “Our goal is to reach a wide swath of demographic sets online, offline, in their home, and when they’re out running errands,” Wright said.

The first engagement opportunity will be a series of Lunch and Learn webinars with planning and zoning staff; see the Lunch and Learn sidebar to the left for more info.

Documents and information related to the CODE CREATE VIENNA project are available at [codecreatevienna.com](http://codecreatevienna.com). Stakeholders also can sign up for updates to stay informed and join the conversation via the website. 📍

**Building for the future** CODE CREATE VIENNA will focus on commercial zoning with some potential minor tweaks to residential zones.



photo by Adam Kincaid

## The glass is greener on ‘other side’ of recycling process

**P**urple is the new green when it comes to glass recycling. When Fairfax County changed its glass recycling program last year, no longer accepting glass products in curbside recycling, a new program was piloted. This new program features purple bins throughout the county and Northern Virginia region as well as “Big Blue,” a glass-eating machine at the Fairfax County Recycling and Disposal Center that churns out 20 tons of glass pellets an hour. This new process has transformed glass products that were no longer viable in curbside recycling into a 98% recycled product that is used for roadway and other projects.

Robbie Glenn, who manages the county’s I-95 recycling complex, recently provided *Vienna Voice* with a tour of the facility as well as the glass recycling process.

First, contents of the purple containers are literally dumped onto a conveyer belt. The glass, as well as any metal caps, jar tops, or

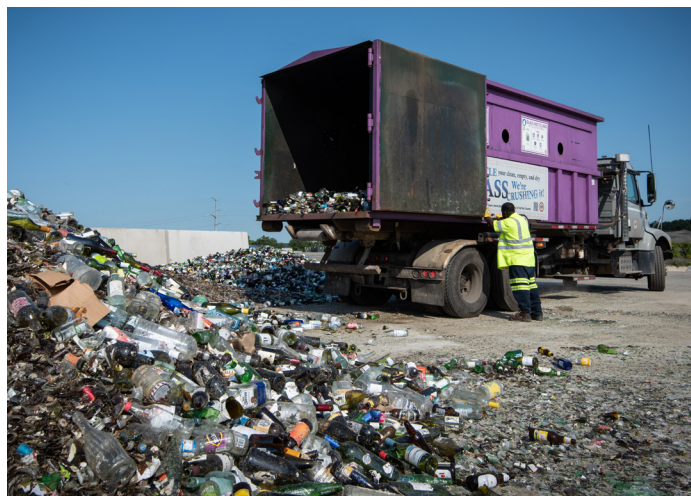


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## Vienna Shop & Stroll

### Explore, support Vienna shopping destinations

To help support Town retail businesses in these unprecedented times, especially as we head into the holiday season and chillier winter months, the Town of Vienna, in partnership with the Town Business Liaison Committee and Vienna Business Association, is hosting Shop & Stroll activities at various shopping destinations from 12-4 pm on select Saturdays throughout the remainder of the year.

Designated shopping centers will host safe-distance activities and offer in-store promotions. Activities may include in-store specials, parking lot entertainment, giveaways, business owner chats, outdoor fitness, and more. The shopping promotion kicked off October 24 at

the Vienna Shopping Center with a pop-up concert performance by the Kennedy Center's Washington National Opera.

"We want to showcase our great shopping centers and encourage shoppers to safely engage with our varied retailers," says Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. "It's so important that we find ways to continue to support our local businesses and find ways to come together in a safe environment."

Many activities will take place outside, and customers will be asked to wear masks and practice social distancing – and also to stay home if they're not feeling well.

The remainder of the Shop & Stroll schedule features:

Danor Plaza.....November 7

Cedar Park.....November 14

Jades Shopping Center & Vienna Plaza .....November 21

Small Business Saturday  
on Church and surrounding streets .....November 28

Village Green..... December 5

Glyndon Plaza ..... December 12

Be sure to check [viennava.gov/shopandstroll](http://viennava.gov/shopandstroll) for updates to the schedule and details about events at each shopping center. 📌

**OCT. 24  
UNTIL  
DEC. 12**

*Take a stroll*

**THROUGH THE CHARMING TOWN OF VIENNA**

Enjoy seasonal activities and in-store promotions!



## Ring in the holiday season - virtually

Join the Town of Vienna and sponsor Navy Federal Credit Union for the

**Church Street Holiday Stroll**  
**November 30 • 6 pm**

[facebook.com/TownofViennaVA/live/](https://facebook.com/TownofViennaVA/live/)  
YouTube Live - @TownofViennaVA

This virtual event promises to put you in the holiday spirit with the traditional tree lighting, a message from Santa and Mayor Linda Colbert, and live holiday music performed by local groups.



## Councilmembers want to know...survey

**T**own Council has identified communication and engagement with citizens as one of its top priorities. The Town's seven Councilmembers want to know what's working for you. What engagement strategy helps you communicate most effectively with Town Councilmembers? Please take the brief survey below to let Councilmembers know.

Surveys may be dropped off or mailed to Town Hall by November 30. Mail surveys to:

Vienna Town Hall

ATTN: Communications & Marketing/Survey

127 Center Street S

Vienna, VA 22180

If you prefer, you may take the survey online through the end of November at [viennava.gov/councilsurvey](https://viennava.gov/councilsurvey). 

When communicating your concerns, requests, or positions on key issues with Town Council and the Town Manager, please rate each of the following engagement strategies on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the least effective for you personally and 5 being the most effective.

### Town Council meetings/public hearings

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Other public meetings

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Mayor @ Your Service

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Talking to Town officials by phone

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Meet the Mayor

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Talking to Town officials in person

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### On Deck with Mercury

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Text or email

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA

### Other

(Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ NA



## Acts of kindness in the covid era

by Councilmember Ed Somers

One of the highlights of my career came when I had the opportunity to meet His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, who was speaking to 200 mayors gathered in June 2016. So many quotes have been attributed to this inspiring leader that picking just one comes with trepidation, but I will offer this: “Kindness is always an option. Choose it.”

I love this particular quote because it makes clear that kindness is an attribute of the highest order and that people are endowed with the ability to make choices. The question usually is what choices will they make?

In the early days of covid-19, we pulled together in countless acts of kindness to help loved ones, neighbors, and even those we did not know. As the pandemic has lingered, though, the willingness to show kindness to others has started to wane.

So many are dealing with loss. Loss of employment. Loss of in-person education. Loss of normalcy. And, of course, loss of life itself. At times when loss becomes too great, the mind often pushes us to move in the wrong direction. We rebel against the loss, and this causes us to rebel against one another and the very acts of kindness that have held us together.

None of us knows when this current crisis will pass. So, I urge us to continue to “choose” acts of kindness that can help protect

the body while lifting the spirit. The mask we wear both inside public buildings and outside in places of mass gatherings – even as we wait for the light to change at the W&OD Trail intersection with Maple Avenue – may save the life of a stranger’s ailing relative being taken care of in a home that we will never visit. The extra meal we purchase from a Vienna restaurant could be the very one that moves a struggling businesses owner to say: “No, today I will not give up, and I will not close down.”

Calls to relatives, waves to strangers, the modeling of selfless behavior, contributions to good causes – these are all acts of kindness. And they are “choices” that we need, now, more than ever, to be making. 🙏



## Town bringing on consultant to conduct market analysis, develop economic development strategy

The Town of Vienna plans next year to conduct a market assessment and create an economic development strategy to take the Town’s economic development vision through approximately the next decade. The Town currently is searching for a consultant to provide these services and is evaluating responses to a request for proposals that was issued last month.

Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou says that she anticipates that the assessment will begin in early spring and take about eight months to complete. Council is expected to approve a consultant in January. In addition to working with Town representatives, the consultant also will work with the Town Business Liaison Committee, Vienna Business Association, and Town businesses.

“This work is foundational to the economic development department and to the Town if we are to, especially after

this global health crisis is over, effectively support our business community,” says Monkou. “We need critical data about what kinds of businesses thrive here and why. We need to figure out what tools and advantages we have compared to the market, build on those, and create additional strategies to support Vienna businesses.”

In considering the proposals received, Monkou says the evaluation team will be looking for firms with experience working with communities, especially those in metropolitan areas, that are approximately Vienna’s size. Strong communication with businesses and residents about the market data and creative ideas about how to stimulate economic development and engage the community in the strategy development process will be critical as well.

Up to \$100,000 has been budgeted for this process, with Fairfax County covering half of the cost. 🙏

## Leaf collection is underway!

Remember:

- Rake leaves to the curb (not the street) so that the Town truck can vacuum them up.
- Residents may bag leaves (in yard waste paper bags) for waste collection.
- Check [viennava.gov/leafmap](http://viennava.gov/leafmap) for crew locations.



photo by Adam Kincaid

## 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, the mayor sets up “office” in various locations in the community and invites residents to come meet her. **Friday, November 6, she’ll be at Meadow Lane Park, 400 Courthouse Road SW, from 9-10:30 am.**
- **Business Walk-About:** The mayor and Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou visit various businesses on the second Friday of each month.
- **Mayor’s Walk:** Join Colbert for a chat and stroll through Town the third Friday of each month. Meet at 9:30 am in front of Town Hall.
- **Office Hours:** Feel free to drop in for open office hours 9-11 am Tuesdays and Thursdays, during which time the mayor will do her best to be available. Or make an appointment to meet with the mayor on Wednesdays; email [mclark@viennava.gov](mailto:mclark@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6304 to schedule an appointment.

## Topic on deck for November

**Sidewalks** – A conversation with Public Works Director Mike Gallagher, Pedestrian Advisory Committee Chair Angela Sorrell, and Mayor Linda Colbert. Please note the time change so that residents also may attend Mayor @ Your Service that evening; see page 7 for more information.

*On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum hosted by Town Manager Mercury Payton. The program provides an opportunity for Town residents to learn about recent projects and accomplishments of the Town, receive a preview of upcoming initiatives, and ask questions and have an open discussion. On Deck with Mercury is recorded for later broadcast on the Town’s cable access channel, channel 27 on Cox and 38 on Verizon Fios, as well as the TownofViennaVA channel on YouTube.*



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**Deadline for the December issue is November 10.**





## Light up Vienna for the holidays

by Bob Leggett, Town Business Liaison Committee, and Events Coordinator Lily Widman

**T**he Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) will host a Town-wide holiday decorating contest this December, inviting both businesses and residents to participate, in order to bring a little shine to Vienna.

The theme for the contest is “Light up Vienna.” In order to participate, a businesses or resident must be located within the Town limits. Decorations must be visible from the street or sidewalk and may be as simple or as elaborate as desired.

Participants may register at [viennava.gov/holiday](http://viennava.gov/holiday). All decorations must be completed and photos of the decorations submitted by December 7.

Town of Vienna residents will determine the business and resident winners via “People’s Choice” awards. Residential applicants will be judged in the following categories: single-family home, townhome, condo, and apartment/patio. First, second, and third place awards will be given to businesses.

For Town of Vienna residents interested in taking in the holiday décor and/or voting on their favorite displays, a self-guided tour route will be provided by December 8 at [viennava.gov/holiday](http://viennava.gov/holiday) along with a link to vote. Be sure to vote for your favorites by midnight December 16.

Winners of the “People’s Choice” awards will be announced December 17 on social media. Mayor Linda Colbert will offer one hour of her time as a guest employee to assist the winning business during the holiday season. Resident winners will receive gift card prizes from local businesses.

The covid-19 pandemic has affected all of us in one way or another. What better way to begin getting back to normal than by participating in this year’s holiday festivities? The TBLC hopes, as well, that we keep in mind our local businesses – who contribute so much to the fabric of our Town – when planning holiday shopping and that we contribute where possible to help those in Town who are in need. 🙏



photo by Adam Kincaid

## Mayor @ Your Service

Recognizing volunteers who have made a big impact on a small town during the covid-19 pandemic

**November 10 • 7:30 pm • Town Hall**

Guests include:

- Lydia Russo, Vienna Foodies Facebook Group
- Michelle Davila, Rustic Hearts
- Karen Covell, Belong!

This program will be recorded for rebroadcast on TVCN and YouTube (@TownofViennaVA)



## Dear Santa...

**V**ienna girls and boys can send holiday wishes directly to Santa – and receive a note back from the jolly ol’ elf – via a special mailbox in the community center lobby that goes straight to the North Pole. To ensure a letter back from Santa, holiday wishes must be received by November 25.

**Moms and Dads:** Please make sure to include your complete address with zip code and clearly print your child’s full name on their letter. Drop off letters in the special mailbox in the community center lobby or mail them to:



## Town webinar offers cold weather tips for restaurants, other businesses

**N**o doubt about it, 2020 has been a challenging year for most Town of Vienna businesses – and with the coming of winter months, things aren't likely to get any easier.

To support local businesses with temporary outdoor space to think creatively, comprehensively, and optimistically, the Town's Economic Development Office hosted a two-part webinar last month focused on sustaining and stimulating dining and entertainment services in a chilly, covid-19 world.

Five regional restaurant and other professionals comprised the first webinar panel on October 5. Clarity owner Jon Krinn served as the panel's moderator. Clarity has been recognized by *Washington Post* food critic Tom Sietsema as one of the region's restaurants that "not only have consistency and good taste in their favor, they shine a light on the way forward."

In an October *Washington Post Magazine* article, "The Goal Is to Make It Through This," Krinn noted that diversification and a willingness to "adjust, adjust" have been keys to his restaurant's survival. For the colder months, he's considering "placing multiple open-sided tents together, fanned out in an onion shape, and erecting heaters."

Other advice offered by webinar panelists included the following:

- "Think about two kinds of heater investments, those for the short-term like

portable heaters and temporary tents, but also think about how your business can profit from long-term investments such as a permanent outdoor heated patio with a more permanent heating system." – Leo Murata, Bromic Heating

- "Air-handling is important. As customers come back inside, there is plenty of recalibrating [to be done]. Adding filters to HVAC systems or even installing ultraviolet ray systems – while expensive – can bring more business back inside. Also, if you are a traditional business who does not offer services via delivery or have an online sales system, you can make that a part of your marketing plan." – Jay Coldren, Streensense
- "Focus on both regions that have cold weather as their norm and still flourish, such as Norway and Sweden, as well as your digital marketing plan. We have increased communications with our customers to adapt, such as what to wear, what to expect, and have even offered blankets to purchase as a part of the outdoor experience." – Michael Biddick, Blend 111
- "Winter can be a 'create your own adventure.' It may sound crazy, but you can create a new customer experience if

you have outdoor seating, have creative to-go concepts. Also, especially when you have the support of your community, like Vienna does, make the community a part of the process and its success. It's very organic." – Kathy Hollinger, Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington

- "Everything has a shelf life. A new dish does well for a short period of time, so it can be beneficial to stick to that [short-term] model to keep excitement and interest high for your clientele. It's good to keep changing the menu." – Jon Krinn, Clarity

If you'd like additional resources to assist your business in navigating the health crisis, contact Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou at [natalie.monkou@viennava.gov](mailto:natalie.monkou@viennava.gov). 📧



## Protecting homes - and ultimately the Chesapeake Bay

**N**ew homes often come with an increase in impervious areas, such as roofs and driveways, that reduce the land's ability to effectively disperse stormwater. Stormwater must go somewhere and, if not managed appropriately, can negatively affect properties.

Thus, stormwater management facilities, or best management practices (BMPs), are installed as part of new home construction to control the quality and quantity of stormwater runoff. Common examples of BMPs include infiltrations trenches, bioretention rain gardens, and planter boxes. For the most part, these systems are worry-free and low maintenance. Proper maintenance helps to extend the life of BMPs; if not properly maintained, BMPs can become overgrown or clogged, leading to failures that may not be noticed, but can impact the surrounding environment.

For this reason, every five years property owners with BMPs are required to submit inspections by a qualified professional engineer,

architect, landscape architect, or land surveyor licensed in Virginia. These inspections, along with photo documentation, certify that a property's stormwater pretreatment facilities are in good working order and comply with the approved plan.

This month, homes that received new occupancy permits in 2016, where owners signed a stormwater maintenance agreement, will receive a notice from the Town of Vienna requesting this maintenance report. If you have questions about the maintenance report or would like to see if your property has a BMP, call 703-319-8630 or email your questions and concerns to [SWInspection@viennava.gov](mailto:SWInspection@viennava.gov).

Proper maintenance and inspections of BMPs are greatly appreciated and help achieve the Town's goal of protecting streams and rivers and, ultimately, the Chesapeake Bay. 📧





## Where does my water come from?

by Desiree Di Mauro, Conservation and Sustainability Commission, and Water Quality Engineer Christine Horner

**Y**ou wake up in the morning, stumble to the sink to brush your teeth, and then jump into the shower. Have you ever wondered, where does all this water come from? Well, if you live in the Town of Vienna, you receive treated water from the Potomac River and Occoquan Reservoir. This water is supplied by the Fairfax County Water Authority (FCWA) via the James J. Corbalis Jr. and Frederick P. Griffith treatment and distribution plants and the Army Corp of Engineers (ACOE) via the McMillan and Dalecarlia plants.

Water goes through several treatment processes, including coagulation, flocculation, chlorination, sedimentation, and filtration. A corrosion inhibitor is added to help prevent leaching of lead and copper, which may be present in household plumbing. Fluoride also is added to protect dental health. The treated water meets state and federal requirements administered by the Virginia Department of Health and is tested for a multitude of heavy metals, chemicals, and naturally occurring substances. More information about the Town's required and voluntary water testing programs can be found in the Town of Vienna Water Quality Report posted at [viennava.gov/waterquality](http://viennava.gov/waterquality).

Once the water is ready for drinking and home use, it's piped to Vienna area residents, as well as nearly 2 million other people in northern Virginia, by Fairfax Water. More than 130 miles of pipes bring drinking water to customers within the Vienna service area.

The assurance of clean drinking water delivered directly to your home alleviates the need for those wasteful single-serving plastic water bottles. Did you know that, according to National Public Radio, it takes 1.39 liters of water to make a one-liter bottle of water? And, according to *Consumer Reports*, "most bottled water sold in the U.S. comes from the same municipal sources that supply tap water – a fact that might be unknown to most consumers."

So, fill up your reusable bottles at one of the Town's filling stations, your kitchen sink, or a TapIt regional partner site (visit [FreeTapWater.org](http://FreeTapWater.org) for more info). TapIt is a water bottle refilling network of more than 750 partners in DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Tap it and help protect the environment! ♻️

### Recycling from page 2

paper that made it into the purple bin, roll under a magnet that lifts out the metal, which is then recycled separately. Then, the glass and paper go through Big Blue's middle compartment, which shreds the glass into two types of aggregate, recyclable glass. The byproducts are glass pebbles, each no bigger than the size of a pea, and a sand-like substance. Both types of glass are then transported away, after the paper that came with the glass is filtered out and burned for energy conversion.

Two companies, Strategic Materials of Wilson, North Carolina, and Carry All Products of Pleasant, Pennsylvania, collect the Fairfax County glass byproducts for use in bedding and backfill on road projects undertaken by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

The recycled glass also is used for bio-soil, erosion, and sediment control in stormwater restoration projects as well as in countertops and other aesthetic uses; the Town uses these materials in its own stream restoration projects.

How can residents best help the county's and Town's glass recycling efforts? Place all glass jars and bottles in the purple bin at 431 Mill Street NE and refrain from putting anything other than glass in there. (That's why the windows to put glass in the bins are so small – to discourage anything other than glass from getting in there). If you don't use the purple bin, please dispose of glass items with your regular trash. ♻️

# 30

years ago...

As part of the Town of Vienna's centennial celebration, the November 1990 Town newsletter announced that Patrick Henry Library staff and volunteers, some in turn-of-the-century costumes, would hold open houses each Sunday in November at the Town's first library, which had been moved in 1970 to the Freeman Store grounds. In an article about the Town's library history, it was noted that the Town had had three libraries:

- The small, square-frame building, which still is on the Freeman Store grounds, was the Town's first library. It was built in 1897 and located on what is now Library Lane. In 1913, the building was moved to a more convenient location at the corner of Maple Avenue and Center Street.
- The second library, opened in April 1962, was located in the Maple Avenue Shopping Center and was Vienna's first Fairfax County Public Library branch.
- The current Patrick Henry Library branch was opened September 7, 1971, after the original library was moved from that location.

## Town Council Actions

*The following items represent recent Town Council actions, but do not constitute official meeting minutes. The most recent approved Town Council minutes, agendas, and meeting videos are available online at [viennava.gov](http://viennava.gov).*

### October 5

- Held a public hearing regarding a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan's future land use plan to designate Town-owned property located as 301 Center Street S as "governmental." Following the public hearing, Town Council adopted the amendment.
- Authorized the mayor to execute a memo of understanding between the Town and Vienna Business Association for the 2020 Halloween Wave Parade.
- Set a public hearing for November 2 regarding the proposed 2021 Town of Vienna legislative agenda.
- Approved expenditure of \$500,000 with Tri-State Utilities for rehabilitation of sanitary sewer on streets identified by staff throughout the Town's service area.
- Approved \$400,000 in funding with Tri-State Utilities for emergency sewer repair at the Wolftrap Creek interceptor.
- Approved proposed amendments to Chapter 11 of the Town Code – Personnel relating to updates in human resources terminology, authorizations for business operations, and holidays. Council further directed the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Adoption.
- Readopted an emergency ordinance, originally adopted September 4 and related to use of institutional outdoor operations by public, semi-public, and private institutions. The emergency ordinance was extended to March 31, 2021. Council further directed the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of Adoption.
- Deferred discussion of proposed amendments to the Town Code (Article 19 of Chapter 18) related to temporary sign regulations to an October 28 work session. Council also referred the matter and results of the October 28 work session to the Planning Commission for further action.
- Directed staff and zoning update consultant Calfee Zoning to adopt land-use goals listed in the Comprehensive Plan, with a revision to the housing goal and incorporating goals listed in the Transportation Chapter and other sections, as applicable, as guiding goals for the subdivision and zoning code update.
- Directed the Town Manager to authorize December 24, 2020 as a full Town holiday.

### Appointed to serve

At its October 5 meeting, Town Council recommended to the Fairfax County Circuit Court that **William Daly, Jr.** be reappointed to the Board of Zoning Appeals.



## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

25 YEARS

**Frederick Photography**

15 YEARS

**Bruce A. Chappell**

5 YEARS

**AT&T**

**Nautilus Aquatics**

**Nonnie Importers**

**Organizational Dynamics**

**Dr. Wonsock Shin**

## Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in September to:

### Banfield Pet Hospital

*veterinarian/pet supplies sales*

414 Maple Avenue E

360-784-5671

### JB Group

*real estate*

144 Church Street NW

703-564-4000

### Lucas Quinn Facilities Management

*management company*

440 Maple Avenue E

703-581-6111

### Medstar Health

*oral surgeon*

425 Maple Avenue W

202-877-7332

### Orawan Kongtat

*massage therapy*

129 Park Street NE

703-288-0862

### Thippawan Briggs

*massage therapy*

129 Park Street NE

202-695-9624





# HAPPENINGS around town

**Historic Vienna, Inc.** will host an "at home" **British Holiday Tea & Talk** at 3 pm Saturday, December 12. Tea packages for the program, including Zoom information, are available only November 1-December 1 at [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org). The English holiday tea includes scones, authentic clotted cream, homemade lemon curd, jam, elegant tea sandwiches, sausage rolls, mince pies, plum pudding, and other traditional treats – all carefully packaged with English tea and Christmas crackers in special boxes available for contactless pickup from 12-2 pm December 12 at the Freeman Store and Museum. Packages are \$40. For more information, email [historicviennava@gmail.com](mailto:historicviennava@gmail.com).

Well-known artist and **Vienna Arts Society** member **Steve Myles** brings you into his studio for a **free virtual workshop series** Tuesdays in November. Myles will help both beginners and experienced artists hone their skills as they create well-composed still lifes and landscapes as well as figures and animals; all you'll need is pencil and paper. Sessions will be offered 11 am-noon Tuesdays, November 3-24, via Zoom. Register and learn more about Myles at [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

**Vienna Host Lions Club** will hold a **fundraiser** from 11 am-9 pm November 3 at Foster's Grille. Simply put your receipt in the Lion's box, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs.

The **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)** thanks the community for donations of grocery cards that helped CHO reach its goal to provide Christmas food for local families. Now, it's time to think about the children..... Please help ensure that about 400 children in families in need have something new on Christmas morning by donating **Walmart or Target gift cards**. You may donate online at [cho-va.com](http://cho-va.com), or gift cards can be mailed to CHO at PO Box 233, Vienna 22183. You also may drop off your donation in the mail slot at the Food/Clothes Closet at 133 Park Street NE. CHO's drive-through Christmas Store pickup will take place on Saturday, December 5.

**Adult English for Speakers of Other Languages classes**, offered via Zoom, are now ongoing through May from 9:45-11:30 am Monday and Wednesday and 7:30-9 pm Tuesday and Thursday. Classes are offered at beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels. Enrollment is open until classes are full. The fee is \$50 for the year, which includes the book. For information, go to [viennapres.org/ESOL](http://viennapres.org/ESOL).

The **Vienna Arts Society** will host an **outdoor holiday pop-up market**, featuring original fine art at special prices, from 12-5 pm Sunday, November 8, in the parking lot in front of the Windover Building, 243 Church Street NW. (Rain date is November 15.) Artists will be joined by an array of Vienna-area vendors offering unique handmade items perfect for gift-giving. In addition, the Hair Fairy will be on hand to weave sparkle into your locks. For a detailed list of vendors, check [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

During the November 8 outdoor holiday market, the **Vienna Art Center**, in suite 100 on the lower level of the Windover Building, will be open, showcasing a **Celebration exhibit**, which will be on display through the end of the year. Masks and social distancing are required. The art center's regular hours are 12-4 pm Wednesday-Saturday. For details, visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org)

The **Vienna Arts Society** invites the public to a virtual art demonstration by award-winning artist and high school art teacher **Elaine Florimonte** from 7-9 pm Thursday, November 12. Join this Zoom event by clicking on the invitation at [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org). Florimonte will share a peek into her studio, demonstrating her collage technique of layering paint and papers to develop rich surfaces.

The **Vienna Arts Society (VAS)** and Mayor **Linda Colbert** will celebrate **International Kindness Day** November 13 with a proclamation outside the Vienna Arts Center, 243 Church Street NW. VAS has celebrated kindness throughout the year with its various Art of Kindness projects. In honor of International Kindness Day, VAS encourages all Vienna residents to embrace an act of kindness; for a list of suggestions, visit <https://7ny.tv/2SV40DG>.

A free **Zoom presentation on Exploring Social Justice in Policing and Education** will be offered at 7 pm Monday, November 16. The Social Justice in Policing segment will feature Hunter Mill District Supervisor **Walter Alcorn**, who will discuss current initiatives being undertaken by the Fairfax County Police Department, and **Shirley Ginwright**, chair of the Fairfax County Communities of Trust, who will discuss the organization's role in improving police relations with the Fairfax County community. The Social Justice in Education segment will be presented by Fairfax County NAACP President **Sean Perryman** and **Leona Smith-Vance**, director of equity and family engagement with Fairfax County Public Schools. They will discuss social justice concerns and initiatives in the county school system. This program is presented by the AAUW Vienna Area Branch, Optimist Club of Greater Vienna, and Alpha Nu chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International. To register, send an email to [ViennaAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:ViennaAAUW@gmail.com) no later than November 12; a Zoom code will be sent to you after November 13.

The **North East Vienna Citizens Association (NEVCA)** will hold a **general membership meeting** via Zoom at 7:30 pm Thursday, November 19. **Mayor Linda Colbert** will be the featured speaker. Visit [nevca.org](http://nevca.org) for a registration link and instructions for how to attend a Zoom meeting.

The **Vienna Turkey Trot** is on – virtually. Lace up your sneakers to run a virtual 5K, 10K, or 1-mile dog walk/ fun run from November 22-28 to support the James Madison High School band and Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. You pick the course, day, and conditions – you could run the 2019 course, do an out-and-back on the W&OD trail, or even take a whirl on your basement treadmill. Top three finishers in various 5K and 10K categories will receive free registration for the 2021 Vienna Turkey Trot. Those who register by November 5 will receive a special edition Vienna Turkey Trot winter beanie (local pickup only), so don't delay – register today at [viennaturkeytrot.org](http://viennaturkeytrot.org).

After Thanksgiving, the **Vienna Host Lions Club** will once again conduct its **annual Christmas tree fundraiser** in the Walgreens parking lot. Fraser firs, wreaths, roping, and related holiday goods will be available until they sell out. Proceeds benefit various local, national, and international Lions sight and hearing preservation activities. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing while on the tree lot. For information about Vienna Lions Club activities, events, and membership, contact [ViennaHostLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:ViennaHostLionsClub@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

The **Shepherd's Center**, serving Oakton, Vienna, Reston, and Herndon, has an ongoing need for volunteer drivers to provide transportation and accompany adults 55+ to medical appointments and errands and to deliver food to seniors who are unable to shop for themselves. If you'd like to help or want more information, contact Volunteer Manager **Erin O'Reilly** at [office@scov.org](mailto:office@scov.org) or 703-281-0538.

The **Freeman Store & Museum** will be open periodically through November and December. Find opening days and hours at [historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org) or check the Freeman Store's Instagram and Facebook pages for updated information.

Covid-19 isn't stopping the **Committee for Helping Others (CHO)** from once again **collecting bikes** to distribute to needy children in our community this holiday season. Bikes of all sizes are needed. Visit [cho-va.com/bikes-2020](http://cho-va.com/bikes-2020) for information about how to donate. Questions? Call 703-281-7614 and leave a message in box #1.

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**Police,  
Fire & Rescue  
Emergency  
911**  
(Voice & TDD)  
**Vienna Police**

703-938-4900 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD  
Non-emergency  
703-255-6366 voice  
703-255-5730 TDD  
**Community Center**  
703-255-6360 voice

TTY Virginia Relay 711  
120 Cherry St. SE  
Vienna, VA 22180  
**Vienna Town Hall**  
703-255-6300 voice  
TTY Virginia Relay 711

127 Center Street South  
Vienna, VA 22180-5179  
Monday-Friday • 8 am-4:30 pm

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# November TOWN CALENDAR

<b>2</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
<b>3</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
<b>4</b>	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>6</b>	Meet the Mayor (Meadow Lane Park) • 9-10:30 am
<b>6</b>	CODE CREATE VIENNA Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
<b>9</b>	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
<b>10</b>	On Deck with Mercury • 5-7 pm
<b>10</b>	Mayor @ Your Service • 7:30 pm
<b>11</b>	Holiday: Town Offices & Community Center Closed/ Regular Waste Collection
<b>12</b>	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
<b>16</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm

<b>17</b>	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
<b>18</b>	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm
<b>19</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm
<b>19</b>	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>20</b>	Mayor's Walk • 9:30 am
<b>20</b>	CODE CREATE VIENNA Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
<b>24</b>	Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee • 7 pm
<b>24</b>	Transportation Safety Commission • 8 pm
<b>26</b>	Holiday: Town Offices & Community Center Closed/ No Waste Collection
<b>27</b>	Holiday: Town Offices & Community Center Closed/ Waste Collection for Thursday & Friday/No brush, bulk, or yard waste
<b>30</b>	Church Street Holiday Stroll (Facebook Live) • 6 pm

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