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## Police facility contract awarded to Hoar Construction

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

At its October 26 meeting, Town Council awarded the contract to build a new police facility to Hoar Construction. A national company with 80 years of construction experience, Hoar is headquartered in Birmingham and has offices throughout the country, including one just outside the Town of Vienna limits.

Construction will begin in early 2021 with the project expected to take 18-24 months to complete. The approved contract price with Hoar is \$13,237,514. Deemed the lowest responsible bidder, Hoar Construction was one of five pre-qualified companies to submit a bid to construct the new police station.

“After doing background research on the company and learning who is on their team, we found that not only does Hoar have a depth of construction experience, their team members also are part of this community,” says Vienna Police Chief Jim Morris. “They have experience in this area and are involved in and around Vienna.”

When completed, the almost 29,000-square foot police facility will provide enhanced security and sufficient space for equipment and personnel that is required of modern police departments. The new facility will have space for adequate property and evidence storage,

training, sufficient men’s and women’s locker rooms, and information and technology needs. Like the current police station, the new facility will have a firing range.

The building also will feature 1,500 square feet of flexible space that will have multiple internal and community uses.

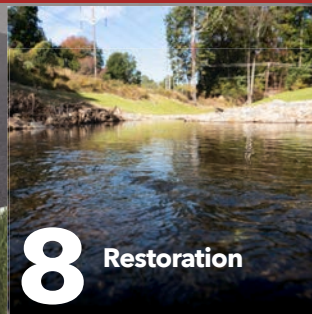
The police department will utilize the space for:

- classroom training for officers
- a Town of Vienna Emergency Operations Center when needed
- police-led community training opportunities, such as Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) classes
- an area for Police Department presentations to groups
- space for police officers to interact with the community within the police facility.

The Town will use the flexible space for non-police activities as well, including for cable broadcasting, overflow for public meetings, staff meetings, various community gatherings, and a potential voting location. 📍



### IN THIS ISSUE



### It's a date!

The 2021 Town of Vienna calendar is expected to be delivered to residential and business mailboxes the first or second week of December. Filled with artwork created by Vienna Arts Society members, the calendar provides information about 2021 Town meetings, events, and services. Best wishes for a healthy, less chaotic, more normal 2021!

## Holiday happenings feature munchies, messages, and more



### Dial in for Santa's message of safety and celebration

Santa has a special 2020 holiday message for all Vienna boys and girls. Call **703-255-6333** and put your phone on speaker to hear and share his words of wisdom about kindness, caring, and safely being there for one another during the holiday season and into the coming year.



### #WhereIsSanta Scavenger Hunt

Santa Claus is coming to Vienna! Where he'll be exactly, well, that's for you to figure out. Join in the #WhereIsSanta Scavenger Hunt through December 22. Use clues provided on the Town's Facebook page (@townofvienna) to determine where you can find Santa each week.

Clues on Santa's location will be posted at noon each Tuesday through Christmas week. You also may call the Vienna Community Center at 703-255-6360 to receive the clue. Santa will be on the move to a new #WhereIsSanta location each Tuesday morning.

Be sure to take your phone or camera to get a picture with Santa at each location. Share a photo of yourself with Santa at the scavenger hunt location on social media and tag Vienna, using the #WhereIsSanta hashtag, to be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Amazon gift card. One raffle ticket will be awarded per family at each Santa location. A maximum total of four raffle tickets per family will be issued.

A special thank you to Vienna Arts Society elves for sponsoring this event. For more information, contact Javonta Campbell at 703-255-6352.

### Sweaters and tea for holiday glee

Looking for a relaxing, safe, free way to get into the holiday spirit? Those ages 55+ can put on the kettle, wrap themselves in their favorite holiday hoodie, and join friends via Zoom for a Virtual Holiday Tea from 2-3 pm Friday, December 4.

To sign up, go to [viennava.gov/registration](https://viennava.gov/registration) and put in activity code #610702. Questions? Call Kathy Blevins at 703-255-7801.



### Cookies with Santa

Santa will visit the Vienna Community Center from 11 am-5 pm Saturday, December 5, to listen, from a safe social distance, to holiday wishes. Mrs. Claus, along with event sponsor Wawa, will make sure that there are yummy cookies for each and every child.

Masks are required for participants at all times, even for Santa and his elves. Scheduled time slots will allow Santa to limit the number of families in the building at one time, and elves will help with gentle reminders to social distance.

Tickets for this event are \$5 (one ticket admits a family of four). A maximum of two tickets may be purchased per family. At least one parent/guardian must accompany children. If still available, tickets may be reserved at [viennava.gov/registration](https://viennava.gov/registration).





### **Zoom with Santa**

Children are welcome to sit on Santa’s virtual knee and share their 2020 Christmas wishes via Zoom from 3-5 pm Wednesday, December 9, and Thursday, December 10.

Registration is required and free. One ticket may be reserved per family. Each family will have a five-minute Zoom session with Santa. Reserve tickets at [viennava.gov/registration](https://viennava.gov/registration) (search “Zoom with Santa”) or at the Vienna Community Center. At least one parent/guardian must accompany children on the Zoom call.

**Note: If you plan to attend Cookies with Santa, please allow others an opportunity to participate in this Zoom event with Santa.**

The Zoom link will be emailed to registrants prior to the Zoom event date. Please save the link and do not share with friends or family. Be sure that the name on your Zoom session matches the name used to register for the event. You will be admitted to the Zoom meeting by Santa’s elves once he is ready.

Required Zoom etiquette:

- Input your first and last names as registered.
- No profanity is allowed while on the Zoom session. (Otherwise Santa may place you on the naughty list, and your Zoom session will be ended.)
- Appropriate attire is required; no pajamas allowed.
- No eating, drinking, or smoking while on Zoom.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the Zoom platform prior to the event. If you have technical difficulties, call 703-255-6352.



### **Light up, Vienna**

This year’s holiday window decorating contest is expanding beyond windows and beyond businesses. Both businesses and residents may participate in this year’s competition, which is themed “Light Up Vienna.” Participants must reside or have a business within Town limits, and decorations must be visible from the street.

Sign up to participate by December 7 at [viennava.gov/contest](https://viennava.gov/contest). Participants also must submit photos of their decorated home or business, which may be submitted with their online application or emailed to [lily.widman@viennava.gov](mailto:lily.widman@viennava.gov).

A “porch parade” of participating homes and businesses will be published on the Town’s social media accounts after December 8. Residents may vote for their favorite holiday displays until December 16, and winners will be announced December 17 via social media. The winning business will receive one hour of Mayor Linda Colbert’s time as a guest employee, and winning residents will receive a gift card from a local business, to be presented by Colbert.



## Town celebrates, champions new holiday

**T**his summer, against the backdrop of the loss of Black lives in encounters with law enforcement, the resulting unrest, and our nation’s overall atmosphere of divisiveness, Vienna Town Manager Mercury Payton had an idea, an idea, he believed, would help unite us in celebration of four Constitutional amendments that, together, make good on the founders’ original promise to provide liberty and freedom “for all.”

As Virginia and other states contemplated adopting Juneteenth as a recognized holiday, Payton felt that there was a better alternative. A commemoration of the end of slavery, Juneteenth recognizes the date, June 19, 1865, when slaves in Galveston, Texas, were finally notified that they had been freed more than two years earlier through the Emancipation Proclamation.

“As I began to deeply consider what Juneteenth represents,” says Payton, “it became clear to me that it was the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution [ratified in December 1865] that actually and finally prohibited slavery in our nation.

“Juneteenth is very symbolic and important to the African-American community for good reason,” he adds. “Juneteenth is a really good idea. Liberty Amendments Day is a great idea, an idea that reflects on events of greater, more lasting impact.”

Not only is Payton suggesting Liberty Amendments Day as a recognized holiday in celebration of the 13<sup>th</sup> as well as 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> amendments to the U.S. Constitution, he’s also recommending that

there be a month-long commemoration that begins on Juneteenth (June 19) and ends on the third Monday in July in recognition of Liberty Amendments Day. Payton has worked with Town Councilmembers, state representatives, and municipal colleagues across the region to promote the idea that Liberty Amendments Day be adopted as an official or unofficial holiday in the Commonwealth of Virginia and that Liberty Amendments Month be recognized.

While the General Assembly adopted Juneteenth as an official state holiday during its October special session, Payton remains hopeful that there is a place for Liberty Amendments Day/Month on the commonwealth’s calendar, perhaps initially as an unofficial holiday. Both the Town of Vienna and Virginia Municipal League have included adopting Liberty Amendments Day as a holiday on their 2021 legislative agendas.

In September, Vienna Town Council adopted Liberty Amendments Day, to be celebrated on July 19 in 2021, as an official Town holiday and a paid day off for staff members.

“Town Council and I are champions of Town Manager Mercury Payton’s creation of Liberty Amendments Day/Month,” says Mayor Linda Colbert. “It celebrates the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 19<sup>th</sup> amendments to the U.S. Constitution, which embody the freedoms and rights of all citizens regardless of their race or sex. Vienna strives to be an inclusive and welcoming Town, and we believe that these amendments deserve to be remembered, honored, and reflected upon. Vienna will



celebrate these amendments, and we hope to inspire other jurisdictions, the state, and nation to do the same.”

The Town is reaching out to various Vienna community organizations to request their participation in communitywide events next summer to commemorate Liberty Amendments Month.

“Our nation is deeply divided along a lot of different lines,” Payton says. “We need to consider things that we can all celebrate and be encouraged by. These four amendments – it doesn’t matter where you live, what your political affiliation is, or what your ethnicity is – these four amendments grant freedoms and liberties to all of us.”

The 14<sup>th</sup> amendment, ratified in 1868, grants citizenship to all those born or naturalized in the United States, including former slaves, and provides for equal protection under the law and due process. The 15<sup>th</sup> amendment provides the right to vote to all “citizens” regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude; it was ratified in 1870. In 1920, the 19<sup>th</sup> amendment extended the right to vote to women. 📌

## Happy holidays from Town Council

A statement from Mayor Linda Colbert:

*We are so disappointed to have to cancel the Mayor and Council Holiday Reception this year. Councilmembers and I desperately want to wish you happy holidays in person - but it is just not safe to do so this year as coronavirus cases are increasing in our region. Our hope is to gather in the spring for a special outdoor celebration.*

*I am so grateful to live in a Town where we continue to support one another and our businesses in such an unprecedented time. May you enjoy your family and friends and may the spirit of the season fill your heart with joy. Council and I wish you health and happiness, and we look forward to the new year when we will gather once again.* 📌



## Business survey: Help Town understand Vienna experiences, trends, and strategies

The Town of Vienna’s economic development office is conducting a survey of Town businesses – both storefront and home-based – to create an accurate, data-driven picture of how, nine months in, the coronavirus pandemic has impacted Vienna businesses. The Town seeks to clearly understand the experiences, trends, strategies, and patterns of the business community as well as to identify and celebrate business champions, collaborators, and innovators.

The survey is available at [viennava.gov/hearyourvoice](http://viennava.gov/hearyourvoice) through December 4. “We want to know how our businesses are coping with the challenges of covid,” says Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. “How are things looking for our businesses and their operations? How have they prepared? How optimistic are they about next year?”

The economic development office is working with Town Business Liaison Committee members and the Vienna Business Association to reach out to businesses, including those that are home-based, and to expand on responses received in an initial survey the Town conducted in the spring. “We want to get as diverse a response as possible,” says Monkou. “To be able to assist our businesses effectively, the Town has to have a clear understanding of their experience.”



## Vienna CARES Fund grants to assist Town residents, employees of Town businesses

At its November 2 meeting, Town Council approved appropriation of \$105,000 in CARES Act funding for a grant program that will provide assistance with housing and utility payments for eligible Town residents and employees at Town of Vienna businesses who have been financially impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. The Vienna CARES Fund will be administered through Fairfax County.

“As the health crisis continues to linger, some families are finding it increasingly difficult to hold on financially,” says Economic Development Manager Natalie Monkou. “The Town has been fortunate to have received CARES Act funding through Fairfax County, which has helped us weather, to some degree, the financial impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, and we want to share what we’ve received with those most in need and provide assistance to those who live and work in Vienna.”

Through the Vienna CARES Fund, \$100,000 in assistance will be provided via direct payments for housing expenses and gas and electric bills. This assistance does not need to be repaid by recipients.

Interested Town of Vienna residents and business employees must contact Fairfax County Coordinated Services Planning at 703-222-0880 to be screened for eligibility. Recipients may not earn more than 60% of the area median income and must provide proof of income, mortgage/rental agreement, and utility billing. Employees at Town of Vienna businesses must live in Fairfax County and be employed by a Town of Vienna business with a valid business license.

For more information about this program, email [natalie.monkou@viennava.gov](mailto:natalie.monkou@viennava.gov).



OCT. 24 UNTIL DEC. 12 *Take a stroll* THROUGH THE CHARMING TOWN OF VIENNA  
Enjoy seasonal activities and in-store promotions!

## Two more opportunities to Shop & Stroll

Special deals, safe festivities, and free stuff 12-4 pm

**Dec. 5** Village Green      **Dec. 12** Glyndon Plaza

Stay safe and support local businesses!

## 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, December 4, from 9-10:30 am, she’ll be available at Town Hall, either in the back courtyard if the weather is accommodating or in Council Chambers if it’s too chilly or wet.**
- **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 December: Coronavirus pandemic

Town Manager Mercury Payton’s guest December 8 will be Dr. Gloria Addo-Ayensu, director of the Fairfax County Health Department. As the coronavirus pandemic continues to impact daily lives and businesses throughout Fairfax County, Addo-Ayensu will address the most recent county data, key strategies to protecting health, questions related to a vaccine, and other topics.

The December On Deck with Mercury event is open to a limited number of in-person attendees. The conversation also may be accessed via Zoom (register at [viennava.gov/decondeck](http://viennava.gov/decondeck)) and will be recorded for later broadcast.

*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 January issue is December 10.**



## ACT: Assist, connect & thank

by Councilmember Ray Brill

**A**s 2020 comes to a close, we reflect on the past year, and what a year it has been! The covid-19 virus changed our lives – and our work and school routines. We look to the future with hope that an effective vaccine can lead to a sustained recovery, both socially and economically.

We are fortunate to live and work in Vienna. It is gratifying to see how our Town has met the challenge and tried to support our local businesses and assist those in need. One common comment from everyone we meet and greet is that Vienna is so welcoming, caring, and giving.

Our Town has exceptional volunteer groups that give back to the community. Examples include Belong!, CHO, Rustic Love, Scouting for Food, Shepherd’s Center, ViennaVAFoodies, and Vienna Woman’s Club as well as local civic clubs such as the Lions, Optimist, and Rotary clubs and coat drives by churches and other religious groups.

But the question remains: What can you and I give this December and each month to come? It is not an idle question. The University of British Columbia conducted an experiment to find out if spending money on others could lower blood pressure. The results, published in the journal *Health Psychology*, show that generous giving significantly reduced the giver’s blood pressure.

We can improve our health and make a difference by:

- assisting someone in need – food, clothes, or even raking their yard
- buying take-out meals from Vienna restaurants and giving them to a family who does not have enough food
- buying a gift card from a local restaurant or business now and using it after March 15, 2021 to support our businesses during the slower winter months
- calling, texting, sending a card, or visiting neighbors and friends
- giving to a charity of our choice
- supporting our local businesses by purchasing items locally
- thanking a person for something he or she did. (Thank a police officer, fire fighter, Town staff member, teacher, or business/restaurant owner. They make our lives easier, more pleasant, and safer.)



Come to think of it – when we assist, connect, and thank, we *act* in the Vienna caring and giving way. 🍷

## Interact with Code Create Vienna

- **Lunch & Learn webinars** First and third Fridays each month with presentations and opportunities for attendee questions. Register or watch previous webinars at [codecreatevienna.com/lunch-learn](https://codecreatevienna.com/lunch-learn).
- **Walk (or Bike) and Tell Field Notes** Field note booklets are available for citizens to document observations of both familiar and new places around Town. Booklets are available at Town Hall, Vienna Community Center, and Caffe Amouri.
- **Share your two cents** Visit [codecreatevienna.com](https://codecreatevienna.com) and take a brief five-question survey.
- **Zoning trivia** Test your Town Code knowledge at [codecreatevienna.com](https://codecreatevienna.com); new quizzes are created each month.



**Vienna Holiday Pop-Up Market**

**December 17-20**

**Vienna Shopping Center**  
(in the former Tuesday Morning space)

Enjoy a winter wonderland holiday market featuring a variety of curated local artisans. More details available soon at [viennava.gov](https://viennava.gov).

Questions? Contact the Town’s economic development manager at [natalie.monkou@viennava.gov](mailto:natalie.monkou@viennava.gov).

## A clean, restored stream of water quality

by Communications Specialist Adam Kincaid

**T**he Town has completed its fourth stream restoration project in seven years. The most recent stream restoration project was at Piney Branch, which runs along the W&OD Trail through the Town's Northside Property Yard.

Construction on the project began in March and was completed last month. The project cost \$1.6 million, which was covered through a Virginia Department of Environmental Quality grant and Fairfax County stormwater management funds.

Not only do stream restoration projects provide a nice facelift to the Town's countenance, they invite a bevy of environmental, recreational, and social benefits as well as positive economic impacts.

"Stream restorations reduce the impact of pollutants such as sediment and phosphorus by stabilizing the banks and preventing erosion," says Town Stormwater Engineer Christine Horner. "The rock and wood structures installed in the restored stream help dissipate energy, reconnect the stream to the floodplain, and create an improved habitat."

Horner adds that before restoration, a stream's "baggage" of trash, harmful pollutants, and other unwanted materials changes the water's chemistry, affecting wildlife at the micro level and working its way up the food chain, causing a ripple effect that harms the entire ecosystem.

As for other benefits of stream restoration, Horner notes how outdoor activities and many businesses rely on a healthy Chesapeake Bay. "The Chesapeake Bay is a big economic driver in our region," she says. "Keeping the bay clean for recreational purposes, such as fishing and boating, as well as for food sources, such as seafood products, means that keeping the streams that eventually feed to it healthy is essential as well."

The Piney Branch project capped off with plantings of 900 native trees surrounded by 4,000 live stakes, which are a collection of locally sourced brush and foliage that help sieve out harmful materials in the stream and provide additional stabilization.

The Town plans to begin designing its fifth stream restoration project at Bear Branch, which runs along I-66, before the end of the year. 📍







## Can we be 'green' during a pandemic? Yes!

by Christina Caplan and Desiree Di Mauro, Conservation and Sustainability Commission

**T**he cupboards are bare, so it's time to buy some groceries. You grab your face mask and hand sanitizer and off you go. Much of how we conduct everyday life has changed since we started dealing with covid-19, but with a little awareness, at least one thing can remain the same: You still can be environmentally sustainable.

Here are a few ideas for staying green while staying safe:

- **Masks are a must** We know that masks are important to protect everyone from the spread of covid-19. The first step to making masks more sustainable is a simple one – don't litter! If you use a disposable mask, be sure to find a trash can for disposal. Masks and other PPE are not recyclable, so do not throw them into your recycling bin. Another option is a reusable mask. Many are made of thick material or allow for the insertion of filters. You can wash these masks frequently and avoid the waste.
- **Eating out** We all enjoy a break from cooking, and we want to support local restaurants. Unfortunately, eating out now means a drastic increase in use of plastic bags, utensils, bottles, and straws. According to *The Economist*, single-use plastic consumption has increased 250-300% in the United States since the pandemic began. If you order a take-out meal, forego the plastic utensils and packets of condiments and use your own. Ask your favorite restaurants to provide these items by request only – it saves them money and reduces waste.

- **Transportation options** Are you driving less or working from home more? Note ways that you've changed how you get around during the pandemic and continue walking or riding your bike for local trips once things get back to normal. Your body will thank you for the increased exercise and improved air quality.
- **You can still reuse and recycle** Most grocery stores allow you to use reusable shopping bags brought from home. If you use disposable plastic bags, drop them off to be recycled at stores with plastic bag collection bins (e.g., Giant, Wegmans, and Moms). Do not include plastic bags in your weekly recycling collection because they destroy the machinery at the recycling plant.
- **Take advantage of Vienna's recycling services** Solid waste has increased by 50% in Vienna since the beginning of the pandemic, so recycling is as important as ever. Bring clean, dry glass containers to the purple recycling bin on Mill Street so that they can be recycled into glass pellets used for roadway and stream restoration projects (including in Vienna). Continue to recycle plastic, metal, cardboard, and paper on your regular trash day. And don't put your recyclables in a plastic bag – just clean, loose, and dry in the recycling bin, please. ♻️

## Winner, winner pumpkin dinner

**T**he people of Vienna have spoken, or should we say "roared," with their votes for the people's choice winners in the most creative costumes and best pumpkin carving Halloween 2020 contests.

Congratulations to the Ford Family, right, for their "Lions, Tigers, and Bears – Oh My!" costume theme. They received a gift card to Skorprios Maggios Greek Family Restaurant.

Twelve-year-old Baiteli Aibek's pumpkin-carving creativity, in photo on the left, earned a gift card to Nothing Bundt Cakes.

Thank you to the Vienna Business Association for sponsoring these contests. ♻️



## 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 26

- Authorized the Town of Vienna to invite restaurant lenders, owners, landlords, and tenants to meet November 12 at the Vienna Community Center gymnasium to discuss challenges that the Vienna business community continues to face during the ongoing covid-19 crisis as well as private-sector initiatives to help alleviate the situation. This gathering was not to be an official function of the Town of Vienna. The Town does not anticipate proposing any specific legislative action as a result of this gathering.
- Awarded a contract for construction of the new police facility to Hoar Construction for an amount not to exceed \$13,899,389.
- Adopted the FY2020-21 Capital Improvement Plan.
- Approved a bond reduction for improvements at a Mashie Drive subdivision to a surety amount of \$100,108 to be held until the remainder of public improvements are completed; at that time, the bond will be reduced to a two-year maintenance bond.

- Set a public hearing for February 1 to receive Planning Commission recommendations as well as public input on proposed amendments to Chapter 18 related to family day homes.

### November 2

- Authorized the Police Department to ride a state contract for construction and observation and testing services provided by ECS Mid-Atlantic for the new police facility for an amount not to exceed \$78,276.40.
- Approved a federal sub-award agreement with Fairfax County to allocate up to \$105,000 in CARES Act funds for supplemental basic needs grants specifically to assist Town of Vienna residents and employees of Town of Vienna businesses.
- Upon receipt of recommendations from the Planning Commission and a finding that requests for site modifications for property located at 435 Maple Avenue W do not impair the health, safety, and morals of the Town, Council approved requested site plan modifications of requirements for off-street parking and tree canopy coverage as shown on the proposed site plan for the property.
- Approved the proposed final plat for a two-lot subdivision located at 311 Ayito Road SE.
- Held a public hearing on the 2021 legislative agenda. Prioritized and approved the 2021 Town of Vienna legislative agenda.

### November 16

- Approved an agreement among the Town of Vienna, VDOT, and Shirley Contracting to rehabilitate trunk sewers that cross Route 7 at Difficult Run and authorized the mayor to execute the agreement, pending final legal review by the town attorney. The Town's total cost for this project is \$472,668.60, which will be funded through the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Postponed to its December 7 meeting consideration of demolition of the residential structure, detached garage, and outbuildings on Town-owned property at 124 Courthouse Road SW.

### Appointed to serve

At its November 16 meeting, Town Council appointed or reappointed the following individuals to boards and commissions:

- **Keith Aimone**  
Planning Commission
- **Colby Bruno**  
Vienna Public Art Commission
- **Desiree Di Mauro**  
Conservation and Sustainability Commission
- **Joe Lowther**  
Transportation Safety Commission
- **Gloria Runyon**  
Historic Vienna, Inc.

## Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in October to:

**Karla Colletto**  
*internet sales*  
319 Mill Street NE  
703-281-3262

**Reimagine Concrete**  
*consultant*  
115 Casmar Street SE  
571-200-1335

**Prana Health Works**  
*massage therapy*  
131 Park Street NE  
703-225-9111

**Simply Social**  
*coffee shop*  
260 Cedar Lane SE  
703-705-9698

## Vienna businesses with staying power

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

5 YEARS  
**JJ Massage**  
**South Block**  
**Tyson's Eyebrows**



**45**  
years ago...

Pesky critters were the topic of two stories in the December 1975 Town newsletter. One article warned about several cases of head lice being reported in Fairfax County. Another explored solutions to an overpopulation of starlings in the Gibson Drive SW area of Town.



# HAPPENINGS around town

Want the scoop on the best gift-giving bargains in Town? Check out the **Vienna Business Association's online Vienna Holiday Guide** at [viennabusiness.org/holiday-guide](http://viennabusiness.org/holiday-guide). The guide offers a great list of gift ideas, family events, and delicious dining options.

Thanks to members of the **Ayr Hill Garden Club** and **Historic Vienna, Inc.** for putting up the **holiday decorations** at the Freeman Store and Museum. Garden club members created garland of assorted pinecones and magnolia pods accented with bright ornaments, which create a very different historic look that is quite elegant. The decorated, historic store offers a lovely backdrop for family holiday photos.



For your holiday shopping convenience, the **Freeman Store and Museum** as well as the **Used Book Cellar** are **open** 12-3 pm Saturdays and Sundays through Christmas. The store is adhering to safety procedures listed on its website,

[historicviennainc.org](http://historicviennainc.org). Visit the store's social media accounts for online pop-up sales and more information.

The **Committee for Helping Others** is still collecting Walmart and Target **gift cards** for children this holiday season. Visit [cho-va.com](http://cho-va.com) to help a parent be able to shop for something new for their child this holiday season.

**Vienna Host Lions Club** is holding **two fundraisers** this month. From 11 am-9 pm December 1, simply put your receipt in the Lions Box at Foster's Grille, and Foster's will donate 20% of your purchase to Lions' youth, sight, hearing, and community programs. Also, the club is selling **Christmas trees** in the Walgreens parking lot. For more information about Lions Club activities, events, or membership, contact [ViennaHostLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:ViennaHostLionsClub@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub](https://facebook.com/viennahostlionsclub).

**Holy Comforter Episcopal Preschool and Kindergarten** will hold a **kindergarten information meeting** Thursday, December 3, for the 2021-22 school year. To RSVP for the meeting, email [lmeyers@holycorforter.com](mailto:lmeyers@holycorforter.com). The kindergarten curriculum includes a strong reading/writing and math curriculum, character development, computers, Spanish, art, and music. For more information, contact Director Linda Meyers at 703-938-3704 or visit [holycorforterpreschool.com](http://holycorforterpreschool.com).

Meet **Vienna Arts Society** members and hear them describe their creative processes and display images of their original artwork during an open-to-the-public **virtual meeting** from 10:30 am-noon Thursday, December 10. Join this free Zoom event by clicking on the invitation at [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org).

The **Town of Vienna Community Band** hopes to get back to rehearsals and concerts next year when it is safe to do so. In the meantime, the band is **recruiting enthusiastic musicians** for all sections, especially those who play flute, clarinet, bassoon, oboe, tuba, or euphonium. If interested, please visit [viennacommunityband.org](http://viennacommunityband.org).

The **Kensington Reston Assisted Living and Memory Care Senior Living Community** asks for assistance to make sure seniors in the community are not forgotten this holiday season. In partnership with the Fellowship Square Foundation, Kensington Reston is collecting gifts for 41 seniors. Select a senior from the **Senior Giving Tree** and make their wish come true. For more details, visit [kensingtonreston.com/Konnect](http://kensingtonreston.com/Konnect).

Don't forget to stop by the **Vienna Art Center** in the Windover Building, 243 Church Street NW, as you complete your holiday shopping. Find original art and hand-crafted gift items. Following CDC health guidelines, the center is open 12-4 pm Wednesday-Saturday through December 23. For details, visit [ViennaArtsSociety.org](http://ViennaArtsSociety.org) or call 703-319-3971.

**Harmonia School of Music & Art** is offering in-person and online music lessons, theater classes, and recitals. The Rising Stars Musical Theater Performance Class will stage *Aladdin*; classes begin February 9. The spring Main Stage production will be *Something Rotten*; auditions will take place February 9 and 10. Registration for the school year is ongoing; register at [harmoniaschool.org](http://harmoniaschool.org).

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## 33 consecutive years and counting

### Town financial report recognized for 'spirit of full disclosure'

The Town of Vienna has a history of good financial reporting – precisely 33 years of it. For 33 consecutive years, the Town has received the Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting, most recently for its fiscal year 2019 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

The award, the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, is in recognition of the Town's demonstration of a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate residents and other user groups to read the CAFR. 📄

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703-255-6366 voice  
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Vienna, VA 22180  
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# December TOWN CALENDAR

<b>1</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 pm
<b>2</b>	Creek Crossing Citizen Meeting • 7 pm
<b>3</b>	Planning Commission Conference/Work Session • 6 pm
<b>3</b>	Town Council Conference/Work Session • 7:30 pm
<b>4</b>	Meet the Mayor • 9-10:30 am
<b>4</b>	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
<b>5</b>	Cookies with Santa (VCC) - <i>this is a ticketed event</i> • 11 am-1:45 pm
<b>7</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 pm
<b>8</b>	On Deck with Mercury • 6-8 pm
<b>8</b>	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 pm
<b>9</b>	Planning Commission • 7:30 pm

<b>14</b>	Town Council Work Session • 7:30 pm
<b>15</b>	Public Art Commission • 7 pm
<b>16</b>	Board of Zoning Appeals/Public Hearing • 7 pm
<b>17</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 pm
<b>17</b>	Conservation and Sustainability Commission • 7:30 pm
<b>18</b>	Mayor's Walk • 9:30 am
<b>18</b>	Code Create Vienna Lunch and Learn (via Zoom) • 12 pm
<b>24</b>	Holiday: Town Offices & Community Center Closed/ Regular Waste Collection
<b>25</b>	Holiday: Town Offices & Community Center Closed/ No Waste Collection
<b>26</b>	Waste Collection for Dec. 25/No brush, bulk, or yard waste

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