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## New Traditions Take Root on the Town Green

This year's holiday season is going to be one for the record books as the festivities will include a traditional, decorated evergreen tree on the Freeman Store lawn, and a chance for residents to create their own festive holiday display alongside the grand holiday tree! Up to three displays are permitted in the public space, and selections were being made at press time via a holiday display lottery.

"We live in a multicultural community, and we wanted to provide an opportunity for various winter holiday traditions to be honored in our public space," said Vienna Town Manager Mercury Payton. "Residents from all walks of life gather on the Town Green for celebrations throughout the year, and we look forward to seeing various festive displays that represent our diverse community during the season of light."

The holiday display lottery was announced in November, and applicants were required to submit a photo or drawing of their entry celebrating the season or winter holiday. Applicants were also invited to work with the Town's Parks and Recreation Department to plan a one-time, celebratory gathering to commemorate their display. Displays were required to be installed between Nov. 28 and Dec. 3 and may remain on the Town Green lawn until Jan. 10, 2024. Happy Holidays, Vienna! 🍷

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## Vienna Sparkles Under the Moonlight

One good thing about it getting dark earlier these days is the cheery glow of lights becoming increasingly visible once the sun goes down. As you drive or walk around town, delight in all the dazzling displays as businesses and residents share their festive decorations as a part of this year's "Shine Bright, Vienna" holiday decorating contest. Now, it's time to vote for your favorites! Check out our map of participating homes and businesses and vote for the "People's Choice Award" online at [www.viennava.gov/holiday](http://www.viennava.gov/holiday) from Nov. 27 through Dec. 8 at 12 p.m.

The "Shine Bright, Vienna" holiday decorating contest is presented by the Town Business Liaison Committee (TBLC) in partnership with the Vienna Economic Development and Vienna Parks and Recreation Departments. All winners will be announced on Dec. 8 at the Mayor and Town Council Holiday Reception from 4-6 p.m. at Town Hall (127 Center St. S). 📍

**Shine**  
*bright*  
**Vienna**  
Holiday Decorating Contest



## You're Invited!

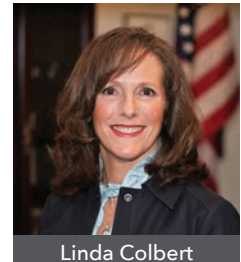
**C**elebrate the holidays at the Mayor and Town Council Holiday Reception, Friday, Dec. 8, from 4-6 p.m. in the Chambers at Town Hall. Enjoy refreshments, chat with elected leaders and your neighbors, and be entertained by the James Madison High School Madrigals and the Vienna Community Band. The celebration is a Town tradition, and everyone is invited! 📍



## New Town Council Decided in First-Ever November Election

Vienna’s Mayor and Town Council will comprise four incumbents and three newcomers after an election that put all seats on the ballot in the same year, rather than staggered, two-year terms in previous May election cycles. The November election cycle was historic, and the finish was exciting as the Town of Vienna had to wait a week to learn final results!

After the polls closed on election night, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, it was clear that Mayor Linda Colbert won reelection, and winners of five Town Council races were apparent. But the next-highest vote-getter was “write-in,” leaving the winner of the sixth Council seat unclear. Elections officials had to tally the results to determine whether all write-in votes went to a single candidate, or whether there were multiple write-in candidates. No individual write-in candidate got enough votes to win a seat in office, and the following were elected to serve on the Town Council beginning Jan. 1, 2024:



Linda Colbert



Howard Springsteen

Jessica Ramakis



Charles Anderson

Ray Brill



Roy Baldwin

Sandra Allen

VIENNA MAYOR	VOTES
Linda Colbert	4,893
VIENNA TOWN COUNCIL	VOTES
Howard Springsteen	3,535
Jessica Ramakis	3,465
Charles “Chuck” Anderson	3,418
Ray Brill	2,951
Roy Baldwin	2,922
Sandra Allen	2,053

The total number of ballots cast in the Vienna election was 5,981 accounting for a 48.53% voter turnout among Vienna’s 12,323 registered voters. All non-partisan Vienna Town Council seats will continue to be on the November ballot in future elections, which will be held every two years beginning in 2023. The change from a May to November election cycle was made to conform to a 2021 Virginia law requiring municipal elections to be held during the General Election. 🗳️

## Signal Upgrades Get the Green Light to Proceed

Motorists’ days of idling at a traffic light on Maple Avenue and wondering when the signal is going to change are coming to an end! The Town’s contractor recently received a notice to proceed with the project to upgrade 14 signals to modern-day standards in the Maple Avenue and Nutley Street corridor. The \$2.1 million project is expected to help reduce signal wait times and more efficiently move traffic through town.

“This project has been in the works for years, and it required coordination with the Virginia Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway Administration,” said Town of Vienna Transportation Engineer Andrew Jinks. “The COVID-19 pandemic contributed to the delays in our timeline, and it also had an impact on supply and project costs, which resulted in more delays.”

The technology currently used for the town’s main arteries was state of the art when it was installed in the late 1990s, but the system was not designed to accommodate the volume of traffic that passes through Vienna today, and motorists sometimes grow frustrated by signal delays. Jinks says updated signaling equipment is now on order, and construction is expected to begin in early 2024. All upgraded signals are expected to be fully operational by May 2025.



For more information on the project, visit [www.viennava.gov/signals](http://www.viennava.gov/signals). 🗳️

## Bridge Connects Pedestrians to Iconic Store

**A**t long last, the pedestrian bridge connecting the Freeman Store to the Washington and Old Dominion (W&OD) Trail is complete! Construction was completed in November, restoring an important link to the Town's history. Once County code inspections are complete, the bridge will be open for pedestrian use.

Since the Freeman Store opened in 1859, it has been a store, a home, a train depot, a hotel, a hospital, an officers' quarters, and a fire department, and the pedestrian bridge over Piney Branch to the store's side entrance has been an integral part of the structure. The most recent bridge collapsed in 2016, leaving only pre-existing concrete footers behind. The new ADA-compliant, steel and wooden passageway was constructed to modern-day standards and looks as it did many years ago.

The Town will celebrate the new bridge when the Freeman Store and Museum opens in March, following its winter hiatus. So mark your calendar for Saturday, March 16, 2024, for the official grand opening of the new bridge! 📅



## Picture it!

**V**ienna, November 1964. The Town's public works crew is hard at work collecting leaves on Center Street in front of the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department. While the process of leaf collection is largely the same as it was back then, there are some major differences in the location. There was no sidewalk on that side of the street nearly 60 years ago, and the street's double-yellow lines didn't exist then, and neither did the Community Center, which is now just around the corner. The Community Center opened in 1971. 📅





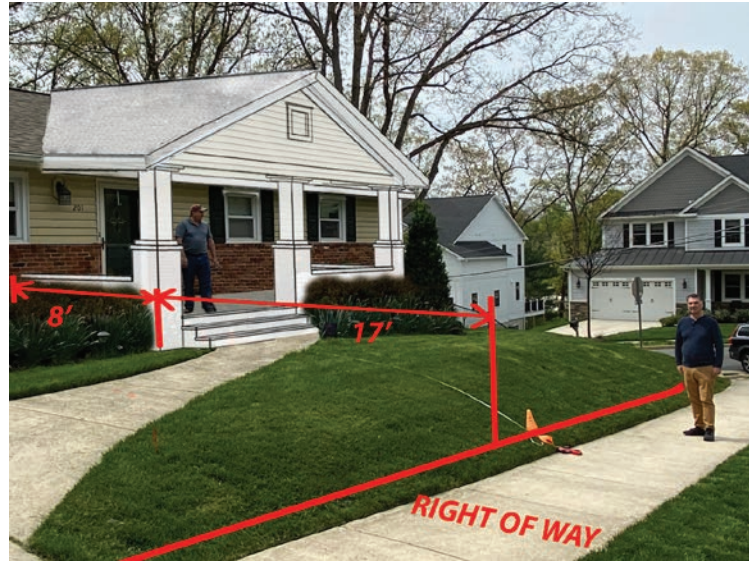
## New Year, Newly Updated Code

**H**ave plans for home improvements or want to build a new house? How about starting a new business? If these are things you are considering starting in the near future, you might want to do your homework first, after all—it pays to stay in the know!

Beginning Jan. 1, 2024, the Town’s new zoning and subdivision code updates take effect. Any applications received between now and Jan. 1, 2024, will be reviewed using the current code. If you prefer to have a project reviewed using the updated code, you can wait until the new year to apply, or if your application is already submitted and still under review after Jan. 1, you can request to withdraw and resubmit your application at no extra review cost.

While there is an updated and restructured code, future amendments that require further review are anticipated. All future code amendments will be posted on the Town’s webpage [www.viennava.gov/codeupdates](http://www.viennava.gov/codeupdates).

For more information, visit [www.viennava.gov/codeupdates](http://www.viennava.gov/codeupdates) or contact the Town’s Planning and Zoning Department via email, [dpz@viennava.gov](mailto:dpz@viennava.gov) or by phone, 703-255-6341. 📞



## Real Estate Taxes Due

**H**eads up! The deadline for property owners to pay their second installment real estate tax bill is fast approaching. Taxes are due by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 5, or late fees will apply. Payments can be made in person at Town Hall, Monday through Friday, until 4:30 p.m. You can also drop payments in the Town Hall night deposit box or pay via credit card or e-check online at [www.viennava.gov/cssportal](http://www.viennava.gov/cssportal). Questions? Call 703-255-6325. 📞

## Introducing Water and Sewer e-Billing

**V**ienna residents will soon get the option to opt out of paper water and sewer bills and receive them electronically instead. The Finance Department is rolling out the new format in January 2024. Be on the lookout for more information in your quarterly bills and within the customer service portal. For additional information, email [water@viennava.gov](mailto:water@viennava.gov) or call at 703-255-6385. 📞

## 2023 Holiday Ornaments Still Available!

**H**ere’s a uniquely Vienna gift idea that will delight every recipient and support a worthy cause at the same time! The 2023 Town of Vienna holiday ornament commemorates the 150th anniversary of Vienna Elementary School, which has educated multiple generations of



Vienna-area children including many who are life-long residents. The limited-edition ornaments featuring the iconic school are available now at the Vienna Community Center, Vienna Town Hall and Merle Norman Cosmetics (401 Maple Ave., E), while supplies last. Cost is \$25 each. Ornament sale proceeds will be used to support Vienna public art projects. For more information, email Deputy Town Clerk Owen McCarty at [Owen.McCarty@viennava.gov](mailto:Owen.McCarty@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-6303. 📞

## Vienna Halloween Parade Winners Announced

The James Madison High School Crew Team emerged as the big winner in the 2023 Vienna Halloween Parade. The team's pirate ship float took the highest honor for Best in Parade for its overall performance and costumes that tied in with this year's theme, "Cartoons and Comics."

Award winners in multiple categories were announced on Nov. 13, 2023, at the Vienna Town Council meeting. Mayor Linda Colbert and Vienna Business Association Executive Director Peggy James presented the award ribbons for the 77th annual event. Here are the results by category:

### YOUTH BANDS

1. Vienna Jammers Percussion Ensemble

### FLOATS WITH MUSIC

1. One Neighborhood Foundation
2. Green Hedges School
3. Vienna Arts Society

### FLOATS WITHOUT MUSIC

1. LCS Site Services
2. Flint Hill Elementary School
3. Merrifield Garden Center

### YOUTH PERFORMING GROUPS

1. Cuppett Performing Arts Center
2. Legacy Dance Institute
3. Spotlight Dance Academy

### ADULT PERFORMING GROUPS

1. Caporales San Simon Universitarios  
Filial Virginia
2. Ghostbusters Virginia
3. Bikes @ Vienna

### ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC VEHICLES

1. Fairfax Virginia Harley Owners' Group
2. Northern Virginia Corvette Club

### BEST IN PARADE

James Madison High School Crew Team

This year's event featured 108 parade entries, which is the greatest number of entries in a decade. Approximately 30,000 spectators watched along the parade route, and hundreds of others viewed the parade recap on the Town's YouTube channel, @TownofViennaVA. The 2023 Vienna Halloween Parade was presented by the Town of Vienna in partnership with the Vienna Business Association. If you missed seeing the parade in person, you can still see the recap online on the Town's YouTube Channel: <https://bit.ly/ViennaParade>. 🎬





## Avoid Holiday Cyber Scams



Every year, thousands of online shoppers fall prey to holiday scams, which can lead to the loss of hard-earned money and personal information, not to mention their festive mood! Scammers use various tactics such as non-delivery scams, non-payment scams, auction fraud, and gift card fraud to deceive people.

To avoid becoming a victim, practice good cybersecurity hygiene. Don't click on suspicious links or attachments in emails, on websites, or on social media. Be cautious of phishing scams that trick you into giving up personal information such as your

name, password, and bank account number. If you get an email asking you to update your password or account information, do not comply until you can verify the request by calling the company yourself. These messages are almost always scams, because legitimate companies do not ask for this information via email.

It is also important to do your research before buying or selling anything online. Check the website's URL to ensure it is legitimate and secure, with "https" in the web address. If possible, read reviews of the company or seller before making a purchase, and be wary of buyers and sellers with unfavorable feedback ratings or no ratings at all. Be cautious of sellers who post an auction or advertisement as if they reside in the U.S. but then respond to questions stating they are out of the country on business, for a family emergency, or similar reasons.

When making payments, never wire money directly to a seller, and avoid paying for items with pre-paid gift cards. Use a credit card when shopping online and check your statement regularly for suspicious transactions. A little cybersecurity vigilance on your part will go a long way in ensuring your seasonal celebration will be merry!

For more tips on holiday safety, check out our latest Street Smart video online, which we debuted at the last Mayor and Chief at Your Service program: <https://bit.ly/TOVsafety>. 📺

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## 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, Jan. 5, from 9-10:30 a.m. at Café de Vienna, 131 Church St., NW. 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. The next walk is on Friday, Jan. 19. Meet in front of Town Hall 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. 📺



## ON DECK

WITH MERCURY

6 P.M., DEC. 12

TOWN OF VIENNA  
COMMUNITY NETWORK:  
COX CHANNEL 27  
VERIZON CHANNEL 38

TOWN WEBSITE STREAM:  
[WWW.VIENNAVA.GOV/TVCN](http://WWW.VIENNAVA.GOV/TVCN)

YOUTUBE:  
[@TOWNOFVIENNAVA](https://www.youtube.com/@TOWNOFVIENNAVA)

## Topic on deck: Winter Weather Preparedness

**W**hen it comes to severe weather, the Town always prepares for the worst and hopes for the best. This time of year, snow is a big threat, and response preps are already underway from public safety to public works. Tune in for “On Deck with Mercury” to find out what goes into the Town’s response and learn what you can do to prepare for winter weather emergencies. Town Manager Mercury Payton, Police Chief Jim Morris, and Acting Public Works Director Christine Horner and Operations Superintendent Jonathan Wooden will provide insights that will help you weather almost any storm.

On Deck with Mercury is a monthly community forum hosted by Town Manager Mercury Payton. If you missed previous episodes, you can still see them on the Town YouTube channel:

<https://bit.ly/MercuryOnDeck>. 📺

## Updates from Vienna Parks & Recreation



### 2023 Parks & Rec Holiday Hours

#### Vienna Community Center Holiday Hours:

Friday, Dec. 22: 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 23-Monday, Dec. 25: Closed

Sunday, Dec. 31: 12 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 1: Closed

Full listing of Vienna Community Center Holiday Hours is available at [www.viennava.gov/hours](http://www.viennava.gov/hours).

#### Teen Center Winter Break and Holiday Hours:

Monday-Thursday, Dec. 18-21

Extended Hours 12:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 22 and Monday, Dec. 25: Closed

Tuesday-Thursday, Dec. 26-28

Extended Hours 12:30-6:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 29 and Monday, Jan. 1: Closed

The Teen Center will resume regular operating hours on Tuesday, Jan. 2, from 2:30–6:30 p.m. For more information, visit [www.viennava.gov/teencenter](http://www.viennava.gov/teencenter).

### 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.

### New Pickleball Hours at Glyndon Park

Beginning Friday, Dec. 1 through Thursday, Feb. 29, pickleball hours at Glyndon Park 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 details and a full schedule, visit

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





## Mayor's Pet of the Month

**M**et Snickers! This 11-year-old Golden Retriever is about as sweet as her name implies, and the Shiell family loves her almost as much as she loves them! She's a great big sister to her younger sibling, a 4-year-old Golden Dublin, and she gives the sweetest hugs and cuddles. Snicker's favorite part of her day is her daily walk on the W&OD trail.

Congratulations, Snickers! You're the Mayor's Pet of the Month! 🐾

Nominations for Mayor's Pet of the Month are accepted on an ongoing basis. To nominate your pet, send an email to [Mayor@viennava.gov](mailto:Mayor@viennava.gov) with your pet's name, type of pet (please be specific), a photo of your pet, and three reasons why you think your animal should be recognized.

## Reporting Water Main Breaks



**C**old weather brings comfy sweaters, snow and - water main breaks! If you see running water on Town of Vienna streets or sidewalks, please call the Public Works Department at (703) 255-6380 during business hours or police dispatch at (703) 255-6366 after hours. Please don't delay! The longer a water main break goes

unattended, the greater the damage to the road.

Once public works staff verifies a water main break and surrounding utilities have been marked by Miss Utility, Town work crews will excavate the area and surrounding compromised road, repair the break and finish with temporary asphalt. Permanent asphalt will be installed in the spring. 🐾

## Be a Good Neighbor - Pick up After Your Pet

**P**icking up after your pet is a neighborly thing to do. Did you know pet waste left behind can enter waterbodies, make people and animals sick, promote weed and algae growth, and damage the health of the ecosystem in and around the water? Being a responsible pet owner can help keep our environment clean and healthy for everyone to enjoy. It's easy to do. Consider carrying compostable poop bags with you. Then scoop it, bag it and trash it. Be an example to others and a great neighbor! 🐾



## Coming Soon!

**T**he 2024 Town of Vienna calendar is on the way! Town residents and businesses will soon receive a copy by mail, and additional copies will be available for pickup at the Patrick Henry Library, the Vienna Community Center and Vienna Town Hall. The new calendar features photographs from the Vienna Photographic Society, a schedule of Town events and public meetings, and helpful information about Town services and ways you can get involved in the community. The free calendar is expected to arrive before the start of the new year. 🐾

# HAPPENINGS around town

## **Santa at the Freeman Store**

**Sundays, Dec. 3 and 10  
12-2 p.m.**

Come and whisper your holiday wishes into Santa's ear at the Freeman Store & Museum and savor the festive decorations in a charming, historic ambiance. There is no fee, and no reservations are necessary for this cheerful annual event! While you're there, be sure to look for unique options for everyone on your holiday gift list. The Freeman Store is located at 131 Church St., NE, Vienna and is open 2-4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

## **Vienna Open Air Holiday Artisan Market**

**Sunday, Dec. 3  
12-4 p.m.**

Stop by the Windover Professional Building parking lot for a festive, open-air holiday shopping experience! The Vienna Arts Society and the Vienna Business Association present forty local vendors, who are bringing gifts, fun and food to the market. Drop into the Art Center to find affordable original art, hand-made jewelry, cards and more. The Windover Professional Building is located at 243 Church St., NW.

## **Paintings for Giving**

**Now through Dec. 31.**  
Need a gift for someone who has everything? How about an original artwork from a local Vienna Arts Society artist? Affordable options are available for less than \$150.00 at the VAS Gallery in the Village Green located at 513 Maple Ave, W., Vienna. Hours 10 a.m.-5 pm, Monday-Saturday.

## **Holiday Bing-Ho Ho Ho Fundraiser**

**Monday, Dec. 4  
4-6 p.m.**

Like to play Bingo? You'll love the holiday bingo fundraiser hosted by Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia at Foster's Grille Vienna. The event is holiday themed, and guests are encouraged to wear their favorite holiday-inspired clothing, such as fun sweaters, silly hats etc. The price is \$10 for 10 games of Bingo. Foster's Grille will donate 20% of all food sale proceeds that evening to The Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia to support its mission to enrich the lives of older adults in the communities they serve.

## **JMHS Winter Concert**

**Saturday, Dec. 9  
10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.**

"The Snowman in Concert" is back at James Madison High School! Join the JMHS Choral and Orchestra Departments for this magical family holiday event. Watch the film based on Raymond Brigg's "The Snowman" book - but with LIVE choral and orchestra music accompaniment. After the film, walk through the winter wonderland and enjoy crafts and a chance to take pictures with the Snowman and Santa! Each seated attendee must have a ticket. Purchase tickets in advance online: <https://bit.ly/JMHSsnowman>. Tickets will be available at the door only if the event isn't sold out.

## **CHO Christmas Store Drive**

**Now through Dec. 9**

There's still time to help an area family in need with toys and gifts 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.-12 p.m. To make other arrangements, please call 703-281-7614, Box #1.

## **Holiday Band Concert**

**Sunday, Dec. 10  
4 p.m.**

Celebrate the holiday season at the Vienna Community Center with a festive performance by the Vienna Community Band! Past concerts have been recorded and are available for viewing on the Band's YouTube Channel @viennacommunityband. Play an instrument? Why not join the band? It is recruiting enthusiastic new musicians in all sections. If you are interested, please attend any 6 p.m. rehearsal on Sundays at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna. For more information visit [www.viennacommunityband.org](http://www.viennacommunityband.org)

## **Dining for Dollars Fundraiser**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12  
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).

## **Lions Club Annual Citrus Fruit**

**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).

## **Sweets & Tea Celebration**

**Tuesday, Dec. 12  
1-3 p.m.**

Celebrate the season with the Shepherd's Center of Northern Virginia Holiday Sweets & Tea Celebration and support a worthy cause at the same time! The event will include a delicious array of small bite desserts and a tea service courtesy of The Davis Center of Fairfax County Public Schools. Our event sponsor, Hunters Woods at Trails Edge, will be setting up an informational table with lovely giveaways. Special thanks to the SCNOVA Kitchen Crew volunteers who will be serving at this lovely holiday event at St. Marks Catholic Church, 9970 Vale Rd., Vienna. Registration is \$20. Sign up online: <https://bit.ly/SweetsAndTea>. Proceeds will support Shepherd's Center programs and services for local seniors.



### Boston Tea Party 250th 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. Highlights will include a historical portrayal of Daughter of Liberty, Sarah Bradlee Fulton, portrayal by Mary Ann Jung, color guard presentation by the SAR, a Proclamation read by Vienna Mayor Linda J. Colbert, photo opportunities with historic figures, and period refreshments served at the Freeman House Store and Museum. This educational, historical event is free to the public and will be fun for all ages. Come experience American History and celebrate the leadup to American's 250th Anniversary! For more information, visit [www.fairfaxcountydar.org](http://www.fairfaxcountydar.org).

### American Legion Breakfast Buffet

**Sunday, Dec. 17**  
**8 a.m.-12 p.m.**

Celebrate the holidays with American Legion Post 180's Legendary Breakfast Buffet. Enjoy Joe's custom omelets, scrambled eggs, potatoes, bacon, sausage, pancakes, Shirley's legendary sausage gravy & biscuits, Post 180 cake and a special holiday 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.

### Open for business

Town of Vienna business licenses were issued in October to:

<b>Chili Wok</b> <i>Restaurant</i> 335 Maple Ave. E	<b>Oh My Dak</b> <i>Restaurant</i> 128 Maple Ave., W	<b>Vienna Face Paint</b> <i>Face Painting,</i> <i>Home Business</i> 420 Council Drive, NE
<b>HBC Tax &amp; Accounting, Inc.</b> <i>Accountant</i> 360 Maple Ave. W	<b>Popeyes</b> <b>Louisiana Kitchen</b> <i>Restaurant</i> 325 Maple Ave. E	<b>Wag &amp; Wash</b> <i>Pet Grooming Service</i> 144 Maple Ave. W
<b>O &amp; E Systems, LLC</b> <i>Engineer,</i> <i>Home Business</i> 604 Beulah Road, NE	<b>Thai Mom</b> <i>Restaurant</i> 330 Maple Ave., W	<b>Z-Burger</b> <i>Restaurant</i> 541 Maple Ave., W

### Vienna businesses with staying power

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

10 YEARS <b>DOWNTOWN VIENNA DENTAL, PLLC</b> <b>I HAIR SALON, LLC</b> <b>INGA SLOAT, DMD, PLLC</b>	5 YEARS <b>ON EDGE OF BEAUTY, LLC</b> <b>PROPNETUSA, LLC</b>
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Finance Director .....	Marion Serfass .....	703-255-6322
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703-255-6366 voice  
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**Community Center**  
703-255-6360 voice  
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120 Cherry St. SE  
Vienna, VA 22180

**Vienna Town Hall**  
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Vienna, VA 22180-5179  
Monday-Friday • 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

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# December **TOWN CALENDAR**

<b>2</b>	Quarterly Recycling Day (NPY) • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.	<b>19</b>	Vienna Public Art Commission (VCC) • 7 p.m.
<b>3</b>	Little Library Open • 1-4 p.m.	<b>20</b>	Board of Zoning Appeals • 7:30 p.m.
<b>4</b>	Town Council Meeting • 8 p.m.	<b>21</b>	Board of Architectural Review • 7:30 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Real Estate Tax Second Installment Due	<b>21</b>	Conservation and Sustainability Commission (VCC) • 7:30 p.m.
<b>5</b>	Windover Heights Board of Review • 7:30 p.m.	<b>22</b>	Town Offices and Community Center Close at 12 p.m. (Regular Waste Collection) (Christmas Eve Observance)
<b>8</b>	Mayor and Council Holiday Reception • 4-6 p.m.	<b>23</b>	Community Center Closed
<b>11</b>	Town Council Conference Session (VPD) • 7:30 p.m.	<b>24</b>	Community Center Closed
<b>12</b>	On Deck with Mercury • 6-7 p.m. (Cox Channel 27; Verizon Channel 38)	<b>25</b>	Christmas Day Town Offices and Community Center Closed (No Waste Collection)
<b>13</b>	Planning Commission • 7:30 p.m.	<b>26</b>	Monday and Tuesday Waste Collection; No brush, bulk or yard waste
<b>14</b>	Town Business Liaison Committee • 7 p.m.		
<b>16</b>	NOVA Model Railroaders Open House • 1-5 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  
NPY, Northside Property Yard, 600 Mill St. NE