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## Month-Long Series Celebrates Local History and American Liberties

The Town of Vienna's second annual Liberty Amendments Month is set to begin on June 18 and will offer events and activities commemorating local history as it relates to the four Liberty Amendments that granted full citizenship rights to people who were previously excluded from the U.S. Constitution. The month-long series of events is presented by the Town of Vienna and partner government, business and non-profit organizations that embraced the concept during last year's inaugural celebration and wanted to continue the conversation and commemoration this year.

"These four amendments, the 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, helped bring the nation closer to that ideal of a more perfect Union," said Vienna Town Manager Mercury Payton. "Liberty Amendments Month is an opportunity for everyone to rededicate themselves to the principles of our nation's foundational documents and to celebrate the common ground that binds us as one, unified nation."

More than 21,000 people attended 65 commemorative activities during last year's Liberty Amendments Month. This year's lineup begins with the Town's Juneteenth celebration, Saturday June 18 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 450 Orchard St., NW, Vienna. Other events from June 18 through July 19 include kids' events, educational events, mini-fests, pop-up and virtual events, live entertainment and the Town's Independence Day celebration at 8 p.m., July 1 at Yeonas Park. Details for all events are listed in the online Liberty Amendments Month calendar: [www.viennava.gov/Liberty](http://www.viennava.gov/Liberty).

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