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## Holiday Decorating Contest Winners Announced

The votes are in, and the people have spoken to determine which of this year's holiday displays in the Town of Vienna shine brightest in their eyes! The results were announced at the Mayor and Council Holiday Reception tonight at the Vienna Community Center.

Pennywise Thrift Shop finished first in the business category, followed by Karin's Florist in second place, and Vienna Paint and Decorating Company in third place. Pennywise will receive one hour of Mayor Linda Colbert's time as a guest employee.

The first-place winner in the residential display category goes to residents of 317 Patrick St., SW, followed by 121 Casmar St., SE in second place and 206 Center St. N. in third place. Winning residents received a gift card from a local business and a 2022 Town of Vienna holiday ornament.

Members of the Town Business Liaison Committee judged the business entries and residential winners were determined by popular vote from the community. The popular vote also determined the business winner of the People's Choice Award: Trace the Zero Waste Store.

A record number of votes were cast in this year's contest – more than 1000 – up by more than 50 percent from 2021. For the first time, contestants were given an opportunity to earn bonus points by putting a caboose somewhere in their display, paying homage to Vienna's railway history.

The annual Town of Vienna Holiday Decorating Contest is presented by the Vienna Town Business Liaison Committee and the Vienna Parks and Recreation Department. It encourages businesses and residents to put their creative flair into action and create a festive, holiday display that sparkles and glows for residents and visitors to enjoy. A holiday display map and images of this year's entries are available on the Town website: [www.viennava.gov/holiday](http://www.viennava.gov/holiday).

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