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Third Annual Liberty Amendments Month Begins June 17

The Town of Vienna is gearing up for one of the biggest events of the year, Liberty Amendments Month! This annual celebration of citizenship highlights local history and liberties as they relate to the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments, which granted equal citizenship rights and protections to people who were previously excluded from the U.S. Constitution. Age-appropriate activities and events will be held throughout the month from June 17-July 17, 2023.

The festivities begin with the town's **Juneteenth** celebration on **Saturday, June 17, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.** at First Baptist Church, 450 Orchard St., NW, Vienna. The opening ceremony starts at 12 p.m. with a keynote address by Dr. Gregory Washington, president of George Mason University. Following the ceremony, Common Ground Jazz will perform while attendees enjoy craft vendors, food trucks, voting resources, and activities for the whole family.

The second major event is the Town's **Independence Day** celebration, which takes place from **4-10 p.m.** on **Sunday, July 2**, at Yeonas Park. This beloved, patriotic, Vienna tradition features live music, food trucks and concessions, and a 20-minute fireworks show beginning at 9:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring blankets or chairs.

New this year is "Our American Liberty Stories," an interactive feature giving area residents the opportunity to share their unique family history with the Vienna community. The stories will be displayed at Town government buildings, local businesses and at Liberty Amendments Month events.

Closing out the month-long celebration is a **Multicultural Festival** on **Saturday, July 15, from 3-8:30 p.m.** on the Vienna Town Green. The day will be chock full of live performances, vendors, food trucks, and voting resources all while celebrating the diverse cultures and communities represented across the region.

Each week, one of the four Constitutional amendments will be highlighted through additional children's programs, educational events for teens and adults and special trips. Liberty Amendments Month is presented by the Town of Vienna and partner governments, business, and non-profit organizations. All event details are listed in the online Liberty Amendments Month calendar: www.viennava.gov/Liberty.

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