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Church Street Stroll Ushers in the Holiday Season

Stroll into the holiday season at the Town of Vienna's annual Church Street Stroll! The merriment begins in front of the Freeman Store and Museum at the corner of Church and Mill streets on Monday, Dec. 2, from 6-8 p.m.

Experience the magic of the holidays as Santa Claus and his elves make their grand entrance down Church Street aboard the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's antique fire truck. Promptly after the jolly ole elf makes his appearance, revelers can marvel at the tree lighting ceremony on the Freeman Store lawn led by Mayor Linda Colbert, and listen to live, festive holiday music.

After the ceremony, everyone is invited to enjoy free marshmallow roasting at fire pits located up and down Church Street, visits with Santa, and a chance to participate in gingerbread ornament decorating by picking up a kit from a participating business anytime from Saturday, Nov. 30 through Monday, Dec. 2. Participants are asked to bring their decorated ornaments to the Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation tent by 6:50 p.m. to enter in the gingerbread decorating contest. Winners will be announced at 7 p.m. and will receive gift cards from Vienna businesses.

Attendees are encouraged to take advantage of holiday shopping specials from local Church Street businesses and visit historic sites such as the Freeman Store and Museum, Little Library, Caboose, Train Station, Knights of Columbus (formerly First Baptist Church) and Vienna Presbyterian's Old Chapel.

For more information, call Historic Vienna at 703-938-5187 or visit <u>www.viennava.gov/stroll</u>.