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Liberty Amendments Month Celebrates American Life

From a parade down Maple Avenue to the U.S. Constitution to the nation's 249th birthday party, Liberty Amendments Month 2025 is chock full of opportunities to celebrate the American way of life. The celebration begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 14, 2025, with a Liberty Amendments Month parade down Maple Avenue to Nutley Street ending at the annual Juneteenth festival at First Baptist Church, 450 Orchard St., NW in Vienna. The Juneteenth celebration will feature family-friendly activities including live music, food trucks, children's entertainment, a car show, bounce houses and voter registration.

Returning this year to help commemorate the 14th and 15th amendments is the Naturalization Ceremony on Saturday, June 21, from 3:30-6 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S., Vienna. At this inspiring event, 15 people from all walks of life will renounce allegiance to their native homeland and take the Oath of Allegiance to become naturalized United States citizens and obtain all rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution, including the right to vote. The public is invited to attend and welcome the nation's newest citizens.

All Liberty Amendments (13th, 14th, 15th and 19th) are at the heart of Vienna's Independence Day celebration, which takes place from 6-10 p.m. on Wednesday, July 2, at Yeonas Park. Attendees can enjoy live music, food trucks and concessions, and a 15-minute fireworks show beginning at 9:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic blankets or chairs.

On the traditional Independence Day, community members are invited to take part in an inspiring reading of our nation's foundational documents. The event will take place on Friday, July 4, at 11 a.m. at the Vienna Community Center. Community members will read portions of our democracy's foundational documents in a round-robin style to reflect on the legal framework penned by our Founding Fathers, which continue to support the nation nearly 250 years after its birth.

Several other historical presentations, activities and events for people of all ages will take place throughout Liberty Amendments month, including the Restricted Vienna Panel and Workshop, the VBA Mixer and Empowering Women Panel, the VA250 Mobile Museum Exhibit a summer concert and the LAM Children's Readers Theatre. For the full calendar of events, visit <u>www.viennava.gov/liberty</u>.

Liberty Amendments Month is presented by the Town of Vienna in partnership with other governmental organizations and non-profit groups.