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## Vienna Hosts Workshop to Identify and Remove Racial Covenants

Vienna residents are invited to uncover the truth about housing discrimination and racial covenants at the special Liberty Amendments Month event: “Restricted Vienna: Documenting the History of Racial Covenants and Their Removal.” The presentation and workshop take place **Wednesday, June 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center**, 120 Cherry St. SE, Vienna, Va.

Dr. Krystyn Moon, Professor of History and American Studies at the University of Mary Washington, will explore the history of housing discrimination and the use of racial covenants in the Town of Vienna and Fairfax County, followed by a land records research discussion led by Georgia Brown from the Fairfax County Circuit Court’s Historic Records Center. Afterward, participants will have an opportunity to work with experts to identify and remove racial restrictions from their own property records. No land records or deeds are required to participate in the workshop.

Dr. Moon and her research partners have compiled an interactive map that identifies subdivisions that had racial covenants and reveals the language in each covenant. Ahead of the event, attendees can see the interactive map by visiting [www.viennava.gov/liberty](http://www.viennava.gov/liberty) and clicking on the link for this workshop.

This event is free and open to the public, but registration is encouraged. Those who wish to attend can register at [www.viennava.gov/register](http://www.viennava.gov/register). For questions, contact Lily Widman at [lily.widman@viennava.gov](mailto:lily.widman@viennava.gov) or call 703-255-5738.

To learn more about Liberty Amendments Month, visit [www.viennava.gov/liberty](http://www.viennava.gov/liberty).

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