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Vienna's Naturalization Ceremony Scheduled for June 21

For nearly 250 years, millions of people from all over the world have made the decision to take the Oath of Allegiance to become United States citizens. **On Saturday, June 21, 2025, at 5 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center** (120 Cherry St., SE, Vienna, Va.), 15 more people will become a part of our nation's fabric during this year's naturalization ceremony.

Community members are invited to witness this inspiring event as their fellow foreign-born neighbors take the oath. Once the oath is administered, the new U.S. citizens will be granted full voting rights and liberties granted to all native-born Americans.

"Every year, this ceremony reminds us of the freedoms and liberties the U.S. Constitution grants to all U.S. citizens – freedoms that are not enjoyed by citizens of other nations," said Lily Widman, Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Superintendent of Events & Culture. "It's an honor and a privilege for the Town to work with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to hold this special ceremony during Liberty Amendments Month."

This year's ceremony will feature live music and entertainment beginning at 3:30 p.m. Local Girl Scouts will present the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Ella Brown from Vienna Youth Players will sing the national anthem. Remarks will be made by Mayor Linda Colbert, former Virginia Delegate, Mark Keam, and USCIS Washington Field Office Section Chief, Juan Wood.

Liberty Amendments Month is an annual, month-long series of events from Juneteenth to July 14 that highlights local history as it relates to the 13th, 14th, 15th and 19th Amendments – the "Liberty Amendments." These Amendments granted full citizenship rights to all U.S. citizens, regardless of race, culture, creed or gender. The naturalization ceremony celebrates the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which addresses citizenship, due process, and equal protection under the law.

For more information and the full 2025 Liberty Amendments Month events calendar, visit www.viennava.gov/liberty.

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