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Vienna celebrates Liberty Amendments Month!

The Town of Vienna's second annual Liberty Amendments Month begins on Saturday, June 18 and runs through Tuesday, July 19, 2022. Each week focuses on either the 13th Amendment, 14th Amendment, 15th Amendment, or 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Each of these Amendments extends rights and liberties to U.S. citizens who originally were excluded from the U.S. Constitution.

The Town of Vienna, local businesses, civic and religious organizations, and residents have organized about 30 educational, cultural, and entertainment Liberty Amendment Month to explore the significance of these Amendments in a way that brings our community together. The entire calendar of events for Liberty Amendments Month can be found on the Town's webpage: www.viennava.gov.

As highlighted on the Town's calendar, the Liberty Amendment Month's kickoff will be a *Juneteenth celebration* on June 18th, at First Baptist Church of Vienna. On the following Saturdays, mini-festivals will occur at the Vienna Town Green, in addition to large July 4 celebration at Yeonas Park. These events will include vendors, performers, food trucks, and kids' activities. Tuesday mornings at the Town Green will be dedicated to organized events for kids, while Wednesday evenings at the Vienna Community Center will consist of interesting speakers and other educational events.

There are many new events being offered this year, including a *bus trip to the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial* and the *Lucy Burns Museum* on Thursday, July 14th, during our focus on the 19th Amendment. In addition, HVI and the Town have worked with the U.S. Department of Immigration and Citizenship to bring a Naturalization Ceremony to HVI and the Town Green on Saturday, July 2nd, during our focus on the significance of the 14th Amendment all U.S. citizens—born or naturalized.

The calendar of these events is posted under Liberty Amendments Month on the Town website, www.viennava.gov. Here's a QR code for the events:



Join us for a special guided tour of Manassas Battlefield on July 29, see page 3

Test your amendment knowledge...
match the amendment to its purpose

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| 13 th | All men allowed to vote |
| 14 th | All women allowed to vote |
| 15 th | Abolish slavery |
| 19 th | Equal protection under the law |

Answers on page 5

On Deck with Mercury on the Freeman Store porch!

On Tuesday, June 14, at 6pm, On Deck with Mercury will be recorded on the front porch of the Freeman Store and Museum. The topic will be Liberty Amendments Month. Visitors are welcome to participate and ask questions.

If you missed it, you can watch it on the Town's YouTube channel.

Upstairs Museum Exhibit:

“Rediscovering HVI's museum collections”

Hallway Museum Exhibit:

“Vienna's African American Trailblazers”

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From the Museum Committee

Upstairs Exhibit:

Rediscovering HVI's Museum Collections



Opening soon is our new exhibit of our own collections. HVI's beautiful 19th century decorative arts, household and farming tools, ephemera, memorabilia, prints, clothing, and more have been curated to show off our favorites. We've been particularly taken with what has turned out to be a fairly extensive group of old fashioned (and sometimes quite scary!) patent medicines. Don't worry, we'll ask Dr Borgatti at Rexall to make sure it's all safe to exhibit!

Hallway Exhibit:

Vienna's African American Trailblazers

This popular exhibit on the contributions of Vienna's African American Trailblazers includes the Carters, Lillian Blackwell, the Minors, Ted Thomas, William West, and Louise Archer

Freeman Store gets a new roof!

The new roof for the Freeman Store is being installed as we go to print on this edition of HVink. As you recall, pieces of the old roof could occasionally be found on the ground around the building with a very beautiful fungus growing on it. The replacement roof uses the same materials as the old roof in order to maintain the building's historic integrity: cedar shakes. Thank you, Town of Vienna!



If This House Could Talk



HVI expanded its 'If This House Could Talk' program during this year's Walk on the Hill. We had 25 signs!

Join us at next year's Walk on the Hill with the history of your own

house. Contact us with ideas for your own signs. And if you're in an older home, you can apply for the Town's

Register of Historic Sites, too. It's a wonderful honor to be on this list.

Not in the historic district? Then let's try it in your neighborhood!

Heritage Award

The 2022 Heritage Award has been given to Virginia Room archivists and librarians Chris Barbuschak and Suzanne LaPierre for their new research on the desegregation of public libraries in Northern Virginia. Public libraries were not always open to all. Their paper discusses the impressive efforts of citizens such as Vienna resident William McKinley Carter to ensure that everyone could access the local library. You can access their paper at:

https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/ld.php?content_id=63134201&fbclid=IwARISYsl6L83aOMU176USWrJmi98RvOzOX-mQJoBHQOg9ESPRc5-TO3WK0tk

Historic House Fire Saturday April 16!



Historic house and photography studio at 135 Park Street, NE.

(Photo from Fairfax County Fire and Rescue)

On Easter Saturday, Vienna woke up to find out that one of its treasured Victorian homes had suffered a bad fire. Luckily the resident, well known photographer and community leader TR Cook, was not seriously hurt.

Fairfax County Fire and Rescue determined that the cause was "spontaneous combustion of home improvement materials such as sawdust, floor stain cans, and rags." Let this be a warning to us all to be careful when we or our contractors are renovating our homes.

TR bought the house in the early 1970s. He did extensive remodeling in 1972-4 when he had the house up the hill at 231 Church Street NE, known as the Tayloe home, moved next to his and connected. Both homes were badly damaged in the fire.

The home is eligible for inclusion on the Town's Register of Historic Structures Sites or Places. According to research by Rose and Dan Mulville, who live in the house



across the street in a mirror image of 135 Park, their home was built in the 1890s. The houses were probably built at the same time.

TR's house first belonged to Jane Ferguson Leith (1858-1941) and Dr Richard Dulaney Leith (1853-1913), who settled in Vienna in 1885. See [This Was Vienna Virginia](#) pages 206-211, where he's referred to as "the typical old fashioned country doctor of the 'horse and buggy' days." He was also very active in the early incorporation of Vienna, serving on the town council for about 10 years. Their daughter Kathleen married Henry Howard Shackelford and continued to live in the house for several decades. The Shackelford's daughter Mildred was a good friend of Mayo Stuntz and his siblings.

The home that was added in the 1970s had belonged to another doctor, Lomax Plater Tayloe (1878-1932), who moved to Vienna in 1914. After serving in WW1 he returned to Vienna and conducted his medical practice until his death. His second wife Myrtle Townes Tayloe, was a noted rosarian in northern Virginia. TR had several of her rosebushes moved when he moved the home.

We hear through the grapevine that TR's grandson Nash Cook, who has owned the house since December, plans to rebuild and we wish him well.

Special Events

Liberty Amendments Month – Historic Vienna Events

Several Historic Vienna, Inc. board members are involved with the overall planning of Liberty Amendments Month this year. Some of the activities sponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. include:

- **Museum exhibits on the Amendments:** one on each Amendment simultaneously presented in the Freeman Store book case (one at a time) and in the Community Center (cumulatively).
- **Flash card quiz:** questions with answers on the back for each Amendment that are placed on the grounds of the Freeman Store and in the Community Center.
- **Liberty Amendments learning tour throughout Vienna:** learn about events and people that impacted the passage of the Amendments or whose lives were impacted by the Amendments.

Historic Vienna is excited and proud to be part of celebrating Liberty Amendments Month. We look forward to seeing you at various events. If you would like to volunteer to support these events email us at historicviennava@gmail.com.

Manassas Battlefield Tour – June 29

Historic Vienna, Inc. and Vienna Parks and Recreation have teamed up to offer guided tours of historic sites. Join us for our first tour on June 29 from 8:30AM-2:30PM as we travel to Manassas Battlefield. A National Park Service ranger will provide us a thorough overview of the First Manassas campaign and battle with emphasis on the action that occurred on Henry Hill during that day. We will be walking several hundred yards on the battlefield grounds.

After our tour we will enjoy lunch at ONO Brewery, a veteran and family-owned brewery with family ties to Hawaii. Register through Vienna Parks and Recreation – 703 255-6360; lunch is not included in the trip fee of \$30 for residents or \$37.50 for non-residents. Maximum capacity is 23, so be sure to sign up soon, and no later than June 22. Registration information is on page 20 of this:

<https://www.viennava.gov/home/showpublicdocument/2693/637860507568970000>

Stories and Sprinklers!

Once again, Historic Vienna is pleased to bring the joy of books to our youngest readers. Enjoy weekday story times brought directly to you by local children's bibliophiles and librarians as they read beloved books and share early literacy fun.

This summer is the time to reconnect with other families in the neighborhood and meet new friends at live storytelling on Wednesdays, June 29 – July 27, 1:00-1:30 pm near the patio area of Historic Vienna's Freeman Store. Directly afterward, cool off and have a good time running through sprinklers on the Town Green lawn.

Many more readings and activities will continue throughout the summer. We look forward to seeing you, your children and their friends for these special events. Mark your calendars now and spread the word.

HVI Calendar of Events

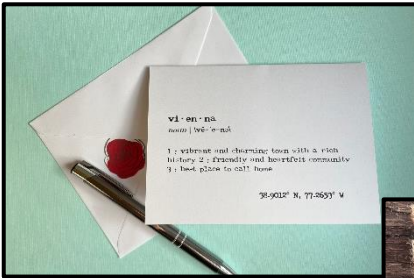
Saturday, Sunday, & Monday
May 28, 29 & 30
Sundays, June 5, July 3, August 7, September 4
Thursdays, June 9, July 14, August 11
Fridays, June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16
Saturday, June 18 to Tuesday, July 19
Fridays, June 3-August 12, 6:30PM
Wednesday, June 29, 8:30AM-2:30PM
Wednesdays, June 29-July 27, 1:00PM
Tuesdays, June 21-August 9, 10:00AM

Viva! Vienna!, Freeman Store & Museum, Used Book Cellar, and Little Library
Open Saturday, Sunday & Monday 11-5PM
Little Library open 1-4PM
Big Screen on the Green
Chillin' on Church, 6:30-9:30PM
Liberty Amendments Month; see HVI and the Town websites for details
Concerts on the Green
Manassas Battlefield Tour and lunch at ONO Brewery
Stories and Sprinklers
Kids on the Green

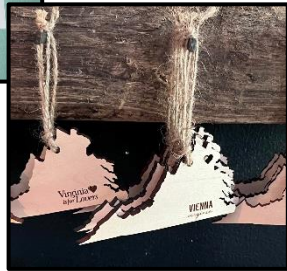
Please visit our website at www.historicviennainc.org for up to date information on the organization, Freeman Store hours, special events and museum exhibits.

Freeman Store News

What's new?



Look for new products inside the Store! New Vienna cards made in the USA...



New wooden ornament engraved with Vienna Virginia which is locally made...

And more fun stickers!

Viva Vienna!

Viva Vienna is happening this May! Did you know our gift shop has dozens of *Vienna specific and Virginia themed gifts*?! Many are made right here in Virginia. Whether you're shopping for a gift for a teacher, a graduating student, or welcoming a neighbor to our Town, we have gifts in all price ranges.

During Viva Vienna, we will be open extended hours – Saturday, Sunday & Monday 11-5.

Look for new items in our shop in the upcoming months and remember to stay up to date with all Freeman Store & Museum and Historic Vienna events and information via social media. Follow us @FreemanStore_Museum on Instagram and join the *Historic Vienna Inc.* group on Facebook.

Remember: HVI Members receive a 10% discount on items purchased at the Freeman Store.

Used Book Cellar

Thanks to generous used book donations, the Freeman Store's Cellar has become a favorite Vienna shopping spot for its large and varied selection and very reasonably-priced books. For 6 years many shoppers have made frequent visits hoping to find their favorite author and topic. Many arrive with a must find list, while others continue to search for the top 100 must read classic, non-fiction, fiction lists, etc.

Beginning this May, one will find paperback beach reads, priced at 25¢ each or 5 books for \$1.00. Why worry about covering your beautiful new book with suntan lotion or drop in the water? Large numbers of gardening books will also be priced to sell.

If you wish to join a team of volunteers to sort and shelve books, research and price books for Amazon sales, offer to work during Viva Vienna, please contact the Freeman Store. You won't regret enjoying the opportunity to sort books and find a special bargain to take home.

When you donate used books, continue to box or bag your contributions and place them on the porch benches or bring inside, if the store is open. No magazines, textbooks, romance novels or small paperbacks are accepted. Your donations are tremendously appreciated and support HVI programs and activities in numerous ways.

Shoppers are delighted to find this gem of a used book store right in the heart of Vienna, so *please share our location with others.*

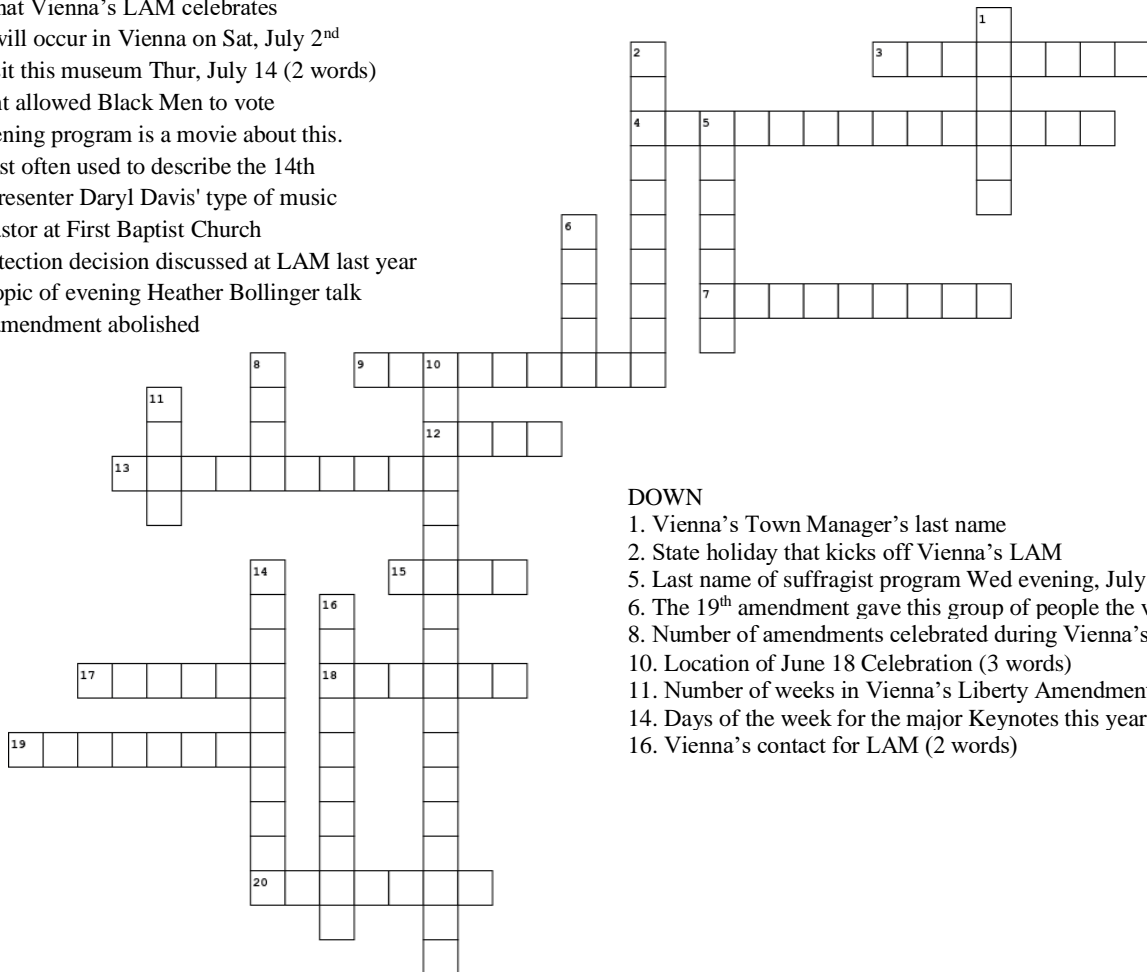
Historic Vienna is asking for book donations all year round.

Liberty Amendments Crossword

Answers will be on our website by May 25

ACROSS

- 3. One word for what Vienna's LAM celebrates
- 4. Ceremony that will occur in Vienna on Sat, July 2nd
- 7. Bus tour will visit this museum Thur, July 14 (2 words)
- 9. This Amendment allowed Black Men to vote
- 12. Wed July 6 evening program is a movie about this.
- 13. Two words most often used to describe the 14th
- 15. Wed June 22 presenter Daryl Davis' type of music
- 17. Name of the pastor at First Baptist Church
- 18. 1967 equal protection decision discussed at LAM last year
- 19. Wed June 29 topic of evening Heather Bollinger talk
- 20. What the 13th amendment abolished



DOWN

- 1. Vienna's Town Manager's last name
- 2. State holiday that kicks off Vienna's LAM
- 5. Last name of suffragist program Wed evening, July 13
- 6. The 19th amendment gave this group of people the vote
- 8. Number of amendments celebrated during Vienna's LAM
- 10. Location of June 18 Celebration (3 words)
- 11. Number of weeks in Vienna's Liberty Amendments Month
- 14. Days of the week for the major Keynotes this year
- 16. Vienna's contact for LAM (2 words)

Young Reader Roundup

The Used Book Cellar continues to receive quality children's books in quantity. Everything from board books for the little ones to picture books for the young crowd.

Keep them thinking this summer with fun activity books that cover math, science and history!



Our Mission Statement

Historic Vienna, Inc. (HVI), established by the Vienna Town Council on April 6, 1976, is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation dedicated to:

- Preserving and promoting knowledge of Vienna’s heritage through the identification, preservation, and interpretation of historically significant places, events, and persons.
- Educating the public through permanent and revolving exhibits, outreach programs, and publications.
- Enhancing a spirit of community through an awareness of Vienna’s past.

Our Programs and Activities

- Sponsor *traditional community events* enhancing Vienna’s small town atmosphere (e.g. visits with Santa, Church Street Stroll, Walk on the Hill)
- *Living exhibits* that illustrate the way people lived (e.g. reenactments, demonstrations, entertainment)
- The Freeman Store - experience a *historic country store* selling local history books, Virginia crafts, Vienna souvenirs, and old-fashioned toys and candy
- *Guided tours* of the Original Vienna Library, Freeman Store and museum exhibits
- Encourage *preservation of Vienna’s history, historic sites, and artifacts* (Freeman Store and Little Library operations, museum exhibits, antiques appraisals, oral histories, preservation award, Vienna’s historic register)

Board of Directors

Historic Vienna, Inc. is led by a 15-member Board of Directors. Three members are appointed by the Town Council and twelve are elected to three-year terms by the Membership at the Fall Membership Meeting. Officers are elected by the Board to one-year terms.

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| Sylvia Taylor | Gloria Runyon | Steve Shannon |
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Preserve and celebrate Vienna’s history – Support Historic Vienna, Inc.

Membership is from January 1 to December 31. There are 2 membership meetings per year.

Now you can join or renew online! Visit our website: www.historicviennainc.org.

Historic Vienna, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions and membership fees are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

I want to become a member. I want to renew my membership (renewals are due in January for 2022).

 ___ Individual (\$25) ___ Family (\$30) ___ Group or Corporate (\$40)

I want to make a \$_____ contribution to Historic Vienna, Inc. (100% tax deductible).

Make your check payable to: **Historic Vienna, Inc.**
PO Box 53
Vienna, VA 22183

Total amount enclosed: \$_____

Name *Date*

Street Address

City, State, Zip Code

Telephone *Email Address*

I want to volunteer. (Circle as many as you wish) Storekeeper – Special Events – Book Sale – Oral Histories

I have skills to share: Exhibits – Research – Graphics – Social Media – Computer Skills – Other: _____