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City Partners with Arts Council, Seeks Handmade Ornaments

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg has partnered with the Arts Council of the Valley to seek local art.

The Virginia Municipal League (VML), of which Harrisonburg is a member, was asked to assist in collecting ornaments from Virginia cities and towns for the tree that is displayed in Virginia’s Executive Mansion.

Harrisonburg and the Arts Council of the Valley are asking local artists to submit handmade entries for this project. From the ornaments received, only one will be sent on behalf of Harrisonburg to be displayed on the tree in the Executive Mansion. This tree will be adorned with these unique ornaments that represent the cities and towns in Virginia.

All other ornaments submitted for this project will be displayed on the city’s Christmas tree in the lobby of City Hall to welcome residents, employees and visitors.

The theme for this year’s ornament submission is “Harrisonburg is *Home* for the Holidays.”

Guidelines for ornament submissions:

- Each participating locality is asked to submit one holiday ornament for the tree in the Executive Mansion. All other ornaments will become the property of the city for annual display on the Christmas tree.
- The size of the ornament should be no longer than six inches and the shape and material is totally up to the artist/artisan. The finished ornament should be sent along with the name of the locality and artist placed on the back of the ornament.
- The artist/artisan should reside in or near the locality. As we may feature a children-themed tree in the future, we are asking that this year’s ornaments be created by adults.
- No purchased ornaments.
- Deadline for submitting the ornament to the Arts Council of the Valley is now **Friday, October 23**. This has been extended from the original deadline.
- Submissions can be sent to the Arts Council of the Valley by mail or in person to 311 S. Main St. Harrisonburg, VA 22801. The Arts Council of the Valley is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m.

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The mansion officially opens for the holidays the evening of the Capital Tree Lighting with an open house for the general public on Friday, December 4.

The City of Harrisonburg is centrally located in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. It is home to approximately 50,000 people. More information about the City of Harrisonburg is online at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov.



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