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## City, Arts Council Send Ornament to Executive Mansion

Harrisonburg, Va. – The city of Harrisonburg partnered with the Arts Council of the Valley to collect ornaments made by local artists.

Harrisonburg is a member of the Virginia Municipal League (VML), who put a call to all cities and towns in Virginia to submit one ornament that will adorn the tree displayed in Virginia's Executive Mansion.

"We thought this would be a fun way to kick off the holiday season and see the real talents of Harrisonburg's citizens," said Mary-Hope Vass, Public Information Officer.

Donald Voas, of Harrisonburg, crafted a wooden bell that was the chosen ornament to be sent to the Executive Mansion.

A total of three ornaments were received. 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 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.

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*Pictured above: A wooden bell hand-crafted by Donald Voas that will be sent to the Executive Mansion's Christmas tree to represent the city of Harrisonburg this holiday season.*

**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](http://www.HarrisonburgVA.gov).

