



Happy Thanksgiving! from the City of Vienna

Vienna Hosts Hometown Connection

The City of Vienna held their 8th Hometown Connection on Tuesday, October 2 at the Vienna Fire Station. "Hometown Connection provides our community an opportunity to share the successes we have had and the challenges we face with our legislators on our own turf," said Vienna Community Development Director, Janet Joiner. These Connections allow Legislators to see first-hand how their decisions in the General Assembly impact our cities.

Activities included visits to the recently completed Land Application System Expansion project, the former Ford Training Center property, a future neighborhood revitalization project, and one of Vienna's newest businesses REESSE Solar. Upon return to the fire station, presentations were made by city staff on the city budget and the importance of several programs and resources offered to cities by state and federal governments. The evening ended with a delicious fish dinner prepared and served by Vienna Volunteer Fire Fighters.



L-R: Donnie Gilliam, CH2M; Tony Cox, CH2M; Michael Bowens, City Administrator; Nathan Jordan, Public Works Superintendent; Kenneth Cutts, Field Representative Office of U. S. Representative Sanford Bishop; Beth English, Mayor Pro Tem; State Representative Patty Bentley; Mayor Hobby Stripling; Kathy Burns, Field Representative Office of U. S. Senator David Perdue; State Senator Greg Kirk; Justin Kirnon, Georgia Municipal Association; and Janet Joiner, Community Development Director.



Vienna Re-Designated a PlanFirst Community and Awarded a 2017 Community Development Block Grant

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) has re-designated Vienna as a PlanFirst Community through 2020. The announcement was made at the DCA Conference in Savannah recently. Vienna will also be recognized in Atlanta after the next legislative session along with other newly designated or re-designated PlanFirst Communities.

This designation is a way of recognizing and awarding communities for excellence in community planning and carrying out those plans. Being named a PlanFirst Community is an acknowledgement by the State of Georgia that Vienna has developed, adopted and implemented community plans that both incorporate the needs and desires of the community while keeping a focus on the future. “Good planning sets the stage for economic growth,” said Commissioner Christopher Nunn. “PlanFirst communities should serve as role models for cities and counties around the state – showing strategic and bold vision for the future, and how to turn this vision into a solid, practical plan.”

Also at the Conference, Vienna was awarded a Community Development Block Grant in the amount of \$715K for revitalization of the Gregory Street neighborhood. “Normally, cities can only apply for CDGB grants every other year, but the PlanFirst designation will allow the city to apply every year,” said Vienna Community Development Director, Janet Joiner. “The CDBG is an annual competitive grant funding process by the Department of Community Affairs and only the top scoring applications get funded,” Joiner said.

As a PlanFirst Community, preferential consideration will be given to Vienna in regard to DCA programs, assistance in implementing community programs, and cost savings on community infrastructure projects.





**Dooly County
Schools
Induct First
REACH
Scholars**

Mandi Bateman, Karen Cornejo, Jazmin Gauthier, Kiyasha Lewis, and Kanarvious Turner became REACH Scholars during a signing ceremony held on October 4th at Dooly County Middle School. This is the first time in the history of the REACH program that Dooly County Middle School students will be recipients of the scholarship.

Joining to celebrate the inaugural occasion, the Executive Director of REACH, Keisha Hull, made a personal visit to present the Governor’s Commendation. Other esteemed guests from the Georgia Department of Education included Mike Cheokas, State Board of Education, Matt Jones, Chief of Staff, and Stephanie Johnson, the Deputy Superintendent of School Improvement who all shared words of inspiration.

REACH is a needs-based mentorship and scholarship program that begins in the 8th grade. Scholars must maintain good grades (2.5 GPA), behavior, and attendance through middle school and high school. Scholars who successfully complete the program and graduate from high school are awarded a \$10,000 scholarship that can be used at any HOPE-eligible institution in Georgia.



**The Mayor & City
Council of the City of
Vienna congratulates
Dooly County Middle
School REACH
Scholars:**

Mandi Bateman

Karen Cornejo

Jazmin Gauthier

Kiyasha Lewis

Kanarvious Turner

BUILDING SKILLS – CHANGING LIVES EMPOWERMENT PATHWAYS YOUTHBUILD

ATTENTION! AGES 16-24 WANTED

ARE YOU **SERIOUS** ABOUT:

OBTAINING YOUR GED
JOB TRAINING AND PLACEMENT
CONSTRUCTION TRADES
POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

WHILE EARNING **CASH** INCENTIVES!

MEETING – NOVEMBER 9TH AT CEPT TRAINING CENTER
313 NORTH 7TH STREET, VIENNA, 6:00 P.M.
OFFICE NUMBER: 229-276-1580

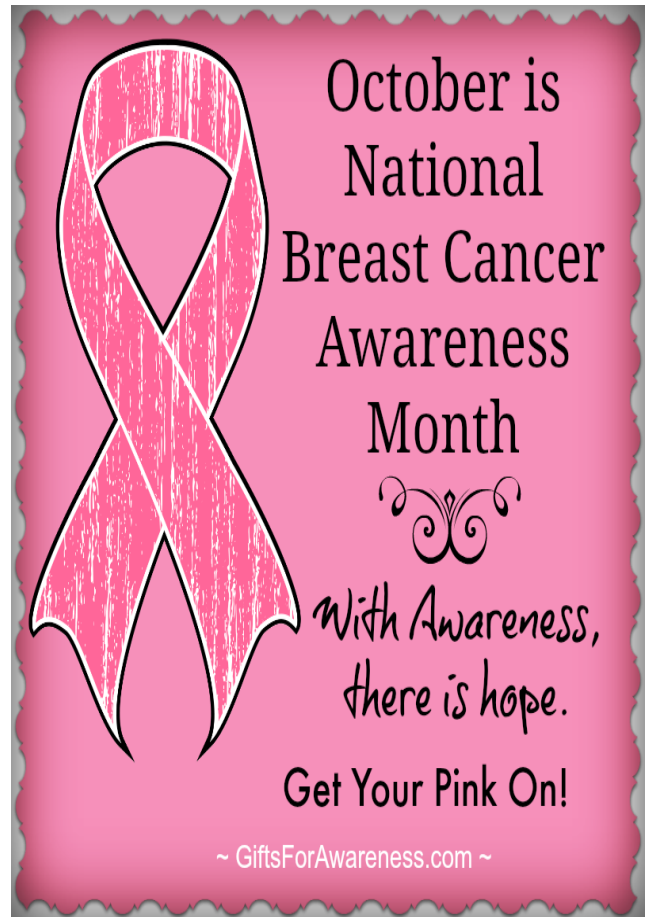
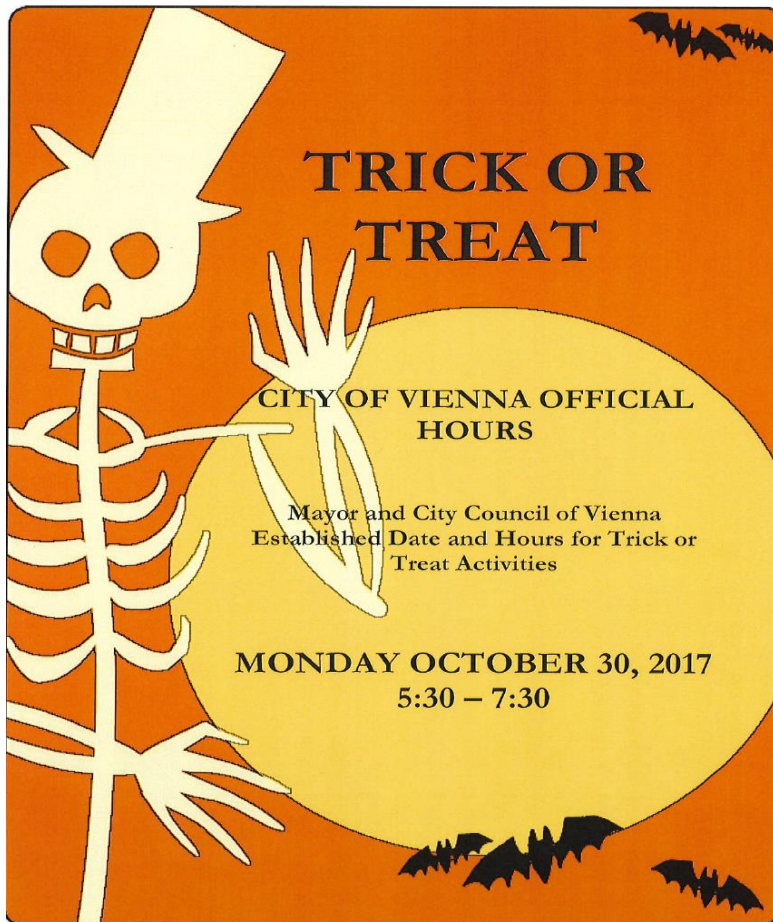


Pork Wars

“May the Pork be with you”



Vienna Mayor Hobby Stripling (Darth Vader) and Vienna Code Enforcement Officer Velvet Layfield (Storm Trooper with a pig nose) on the City of Vienna float at the BIG PIG JIG® Parade on Saturday, October 21st. The parade was sponsored by the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce. Vienna's float took third place in the best entries category.



Evangelistic Tabernacle Family Outreach Center

2017 FALL FESTIVAL

Saturday - October 28, 2017

610 West Union Street

Vienna, GA

12:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

FEATURING:

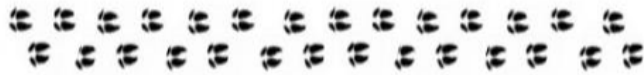
DOOLY COUNTY EMS - Free Blood Pressure & Cholesterol Tests

DOOLY COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

DOOLY COUNTY SHERIFF & K-9 UNIT - K-9 Unit Demonstration

**Food, Fun & Entertainment
Come & Join Us!**





BIG PIG JIG®

November 3 - 4, 2017 - 350 Pig Jig BLVD - Vienna, GA

36th Annual BIG PIG JIG® Schedule

Friday, November 3

Gate open at 5:00 p.m.

Food Vendors, Children's Activities, Arts & Crafts

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. - Ancillary contests

6:00 - 7:00 Cook Team's Briefing

Concerts:

8:00 p.m. The Bushmen

10:30 p.m. Gannon Adams

Saturday, November 4

Gates open at 10:00 a.m.

ALL DAY: Arts & Crafts, Food and Children's Activities,

10:00 a.m. - BBQ Judging Begins

1:00 - 3:00 - Children's Pork Wars Games

2:00 - Taste of the Jig

2:00 - 5:00 BBQ Finals

5:00 - 6:00 The John Eidenire Band

6:15 - Pork Wars Costume Contest

6:45 - Raffle Ticket Drawings:

Papa's Little Cookers and The Reason

7:00 p.m. - Contest Winners Announced

8:00 - 9:00 p.m. The John Eidenire Band

CONCERT - 9:00 - Midnight

The 4 Wheel Drive Tour

Featuring:

**Jon Langston, Jordan Rager,
Cole Taylor & Travis Denning.**

2017 BIG PIG JIG®

\$1.00 off Admission

with this coupon!

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Presents

TASTE OF THE JIG*

Saturday, November

4, 2017

2:00 p.m.

*Visitors this is your only opportunity to sample competition BARBEQUE.

Cost: \$5.00 per carton and will be available until we run out!



Admission

Friday \$10

Saturday Early Bird Admission

10:00a.m.-3:00p.m.- \$5.00

Saturday after 3:00 p.m. \$20.00

Multi-Day Ticket \$25.00

Children Under 12 are free

\$1 Senior & Military Discount (with I.D.)

www.bigpigjig.com

City of Vienna to Observe Veterans Day with Special Events

November 9, 2017

The Vienna Woman's Club and the City of Vienna invite all Dooly County veterans to a program given in their honor on Thursday, November 9, 2017. The event will begin with a social hour from 9:00 until 10:00 AM at Vienna City Hall. Refreshments will be served and veterans will be invited to find their names on a patriotic tree erected in the lobby.

At ten o'clock, everyone is invited to enjoy a patriotic program in front of the Dooly County Courthouse, featuring the presentation of the colors, inspirational messages, music, recognition of Dooly County veterans, and the presentation of a memorial wreath.



dates
to
Remember

November 3-4, 2017

BIG PIG JIG® Village

November 6, 2017

11:30 a.m.

Litter Law Enforcement Training
Albany State/Darton College,
Cordele

November 8, 2017

Dooly County
Chamber of Commerce

November 9, 2017

9:00-10:00

Veteran's Social

11:00

Veteran's Day Observance

November 10, 2017

City Hall Closed
in
Observance of Veteran's Day

November 11, 2017

Veteran's Day

November 13, 2017

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

November 23-24, 2017

Thanksgiving Holidays
(City Hall Closed)

November 27, 2017

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

2017 Litter Law Enforcement Training Workshop

Presented by
Keep Vienna Beautiful & Keep Crisp Beautiful

Date: November 6, 2017

Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Place: Albany State University (Darton College), Cordele Campus

Who should attend: Law enforcement officers such as police, sheriff and state patrol ; Code enforcement officers; Municipal and Probate Court Judges; Mayors, City Council & Staff; County Commissioners & Staff; Civic and community leaders; Keep America Beautiful affiliates.

“Litter is a Crime.” Learn how to make your community safer by taking the time to enforce Georgia’s Comprehensive Litter Prevention and Abatement Act. Attendees will learn how the law has changed, how aggressive litter enforcement has been used as a deterrent to additional crimes, and how to work with the Courts and others to successfully deter littering and illegal dumping. Attendees will walk away with a litter enforcement resource toolkit for use by law enforcement personnel.

There is no fee to register. Lunch will be provided. To register contact Janet Joiner at 229-268-4920 or by email at janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org



NOTICE!

Recycling Bins are located in the parking lot of HomeRun Recycling, 838 Shiloh Road, (South 7th Street), Vienna.

Cardboard, plastic, aluminum and glass are accepted at this location.

Please do **NOT** put normal household garbage in these recycling bins!

Please flatten ALL cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bins.

Thank you for Keeping Vienna “Clean as a Whistle.”

Limbs / Household Goods Pickup Schedule

The City of Vienna Public Works Department has announced that **LIMBS / Yard Waste** will be picked up on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of each month. **Large household items** will be picked up on the **fourth** Wednesday of each month. Please do not mix trash with your limbs/yard waste. Do **NOT** pile limbs near power lines, power poles or fences.

Please call (229) 268-4744, if you have any questions. Thank you!

Recycle Your Printer Cartridges!

Keep Vienna Beautiful is sponsoring a recycling drive for inkjet cartridges, old cell phones and small electronics. Please drop off your items at the Keep Vienna Beautiful office located in City Hall. There is a box provided for your convenience.





Joiner's Corner

A Cow Named Star

by Neil Joiner

Daddy preferred row cropping to livestock. In my earliest childhood memories, our small cattle herd consisted of maybe 25 brood cows. We had one very muscular Black Angus bull. It seems he would have been quite happy, but he never smiled. We knew to avoid him in the pen or pasture. There were calves, of course, but they were temporary residents on our farm. The cows were mostly Angus, a common breed of beef cattle, but Star and Della were for milking. Only those two dairy cows had names. Sometimes it's best not to name your livestock.

Daddy milked Star and Della by hand. He squeezed the milk into a silver metal pail. After he carried the milk inside, Mama took over. She chilled some in the refrigerator for drinking and cooking. Some of it she churned into butter. That butter sure tasted good on homemade biscuits with pear preserves.

An older neighbor, Mr. Ernest Holland, told me something during my childhood that I still think about sometimes. Mr. Ernest said, "You can eat just about anything, if you put enough butter on it." I laughed and thought he was only talking about butter. Now, I think maybe he was talking about life.

Star and Della were both good producers. They provided plenty of milk for our family of four. Their attitudes, however, were worlds apart. Della never liked to be milked. She would go right into the stall, understanding that's where the sweet feed would be, the corn or oats that were quite a treat compared to the Bermuda grass in the pasture. She never understood, however, that the tradeoff for a good meal was to share her milk. Daddy would occasionally try to milk her without putting the kickers on, but she always failed to appreciate the freedom. He would put one clasp around each of her back legs. A short chain between them kept her from being able to do much damage. Otherwise, she might have kicked Daddy, or even worse, kicked over a full pail of milk.

Star, on the other hand, seemed to enjoy the extra attention. She liked for Daddy to wash her udder with the warm soapy water, rinse the soap off, then gently massage the milk into the pail. He alternated squeezes between his right and left hands. The first sounds were streams of milk hitting the metal bottom. The sounds grew softer as milk slowly filled the open container.

Daddy called the cows to the barn using a two-syllable word that sounded like, "Ho-eck." I don't know if it's a real word, something he heard, or something he made up. I just know the cows all came up the lane from the pasture. They knew it was feeding time. Star and Della knew it was milking time.

Daddy put me on Star's back a few times and let me ride her to the barn. He didn't have a rope on her and didn't need one. She just kept up that steady walk toward the trough, ready for the feed, ready for the morning ritual with Daddy's familiar hands.

I think I was eight or nine when Daddy stopped milking. He had milked cows almost every day since his childhood. I expect he was ready for a break. Most of the neighbors had already decided that store-bought milk wasn't all that bad, that maybe store-bought butter wouldn't ruin a good biscuit.

Milk cows and beef cattle have different purposes. Della and Star were milk cows, so their purpose on our farm was over. Daddy took Della to the sale barn, hoping she would find a good home. But Star was family. She didn't go to the livestock auction. She stayed in the pasture and still came up the lane for generous servings of sweet feed. Nothing was required in return.

When Star died, Daddy sold the rest of the herd. He took up the fences and planted cotton where the pasture had been. Daddy never said much about keeping Star. All I remember is him telling me that he didn't plan to sell her, that he would leave her in the pasture as long as she could stay.

I can't say that I learned much about raising cattle from that experience. But I learned something about loyalty and taking care of family. And I learned that being put out to pasture is not always a bad thing. I'm glad that Daddy didn't take Star to the sale barn. Star died at home, just like she deserved.



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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Velvet Layfield November 14th



The Mission Statement of the City of Vienna

***To deliver to the citizens of
Vienna and others high
quality municipal services.***

Our Purpose

To be dedicated to the citizens' quality of life, planning and preparation that will ensure development and growth for our community. To provide public services that exceed the expectation of citizens. To be creative and innovative in our approach to the needs of citizens, recognizing the trust and confidence that our citizens place in us as caretakers of governmental services.

Support Vienna!

SHOP SMALL Y'ALL

Our local businesses need your support!

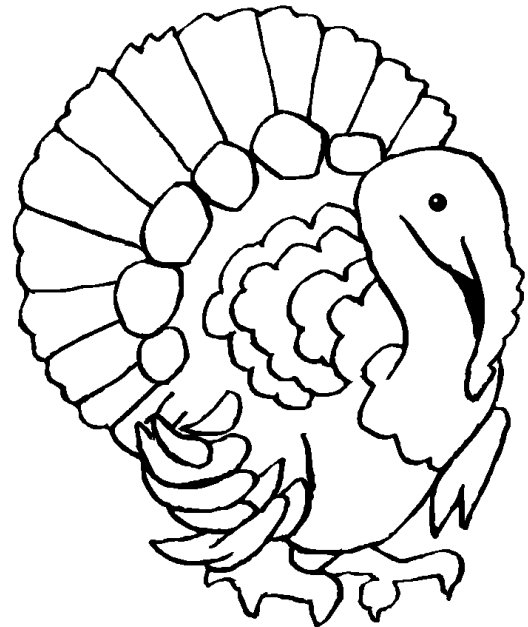
SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

November 25, 2017



For every \$100 spent in local independent businesses, \$63 stays in the community in terms of salaries, purchase of other products, gasoline, mortgage payments and other expenses.

\$100 spent online – NOTHING STAYS LOCALLY



Christmas Tree Decorating Contest



“Christmas in the Park”

The Vienna Event Planning Committee invites all local organizations, businesses, and student groups to participate in the City of Vienna’s **Christmas Tree Decorating Contest**. This community event is part of **Vienna’s Christmas in the Park** celebration to be held on Saturday, December 2nd at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown City Park.

By participating in this contest, you will not only call attention to your special group or organization, you will also be doing your part in lighting up downtown Vienna and contributing to the festive atmosphere during this Christmas season. Ribbons will be presented to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Use your imagination, be creative, be festive, have fun! Join us in making downtown Vienna shine this holiday season!

Deadline to register is Friday, November 17, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. Please return the entry form below to Vienna City Hall or by email to janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org.

2017 Christmas in the Park Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Entry Form

Name/Group: _____

Address/City/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Email _____

By signing this form, I understand and agree that trees and decorations will be at the expense of participant. The City of Vienna is not responsible for any damage or loss to any decorations at any time before, during or after the Christmas events.

Signature: _____

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 17, 2017, 5:00 p.m.

See rules next page . . .

2017 Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Rules

1. Either individuals or groups may decorate Christmas trees. Examples of participants may include youth groups, adult groups, civic organizations, school groups, school classes, church groups, businesses, or families. The event is limited to one entry per person or group. There is no entry fee.
2. Deadline to register is Friday, November 17, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.
3. Trees may be artificial or live. Minimum height of 4 feet and maximum height of 6 feet.
4. Trees must be placed in buckets filled with sand to keep them from blowing over. Keep in mind that decorations will be exposed to various weather conditions as well as birds, squirrels, and other visitors to the park.
5. Each participant should attach a sign no larger than 12"X 12" to identify the individual, group, organization or business who decorated the tree. The sign may be attached to the tree or the container in which the tree is placed but needs to be easily visible.
6. Trees can be set up in the park beginning on Thursday, November 23, 2017 and must be in place and decorated by Monday, November 27, 2017.
7. Flagged stakes will be placed in the City Park indicating where trees may be placed. Just pick your spot. **NO DIGGING ALLOWED!!**
8. Extension cords will be provided by the City of Vienna.
9. Judging will take place November 28-30, 2017.
10. Winners will be announced on Saturday, December 2nd at the Christmas in the Park Celebration.
11. Participants must remove all artificial trees and all decorations by Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Undecorated live trees may be left on the ground for the City to pick up





The Vienna City Scoop is published monthly for the City of Vienna by Vienna Main Street, Inc. If you have articles, photos or announcements that you would like to have published, please call the Vienna Main Street office, (229) 268-4921 or (229) 268-4920, drop off your items at city hall or mail them to Vienna Main Street, 107 W. Cotton Street #436, Vienna, Georgia 31092. All items should be turned in no later than the end of the third week of the month for the following month's publication.

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