



City Scoop

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Dates to Remember

April 1, 2018
Easter

April 9, 2018
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

April 14, 2018
Vienna Rabies Clinic
12:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.

April 17, 2018
Income Taxes Due

April 23, 2018
Mock City Council Meeting
5:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
6:00 p.m.

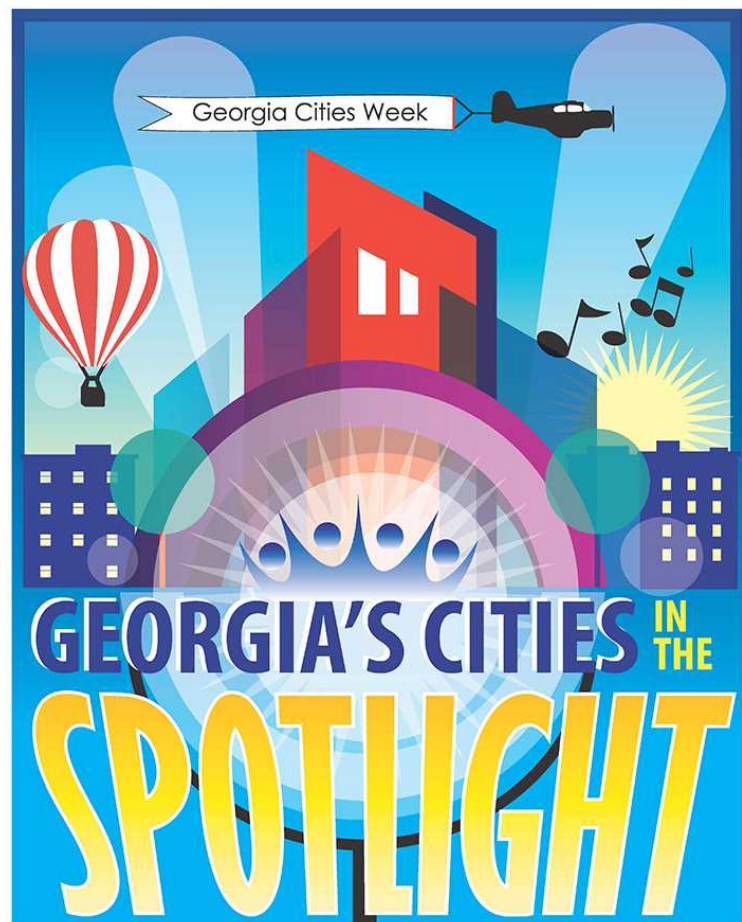
April 24, 2018
Meet & Greet Lunch in the Park
12:00 p.m.

April 26, 2018
Professional Women's Luncheon
Dooly Co. Chamber of Commerce
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

April 27, 2018
Arbor Day
Tree Planting at City Hall



Georgia Cities Week April 22-28, 2018



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Check out page 2 for a list of activities for
Vienna's celebration of Georgia Cities Week!

Georgia Cities Week Plans

April 22-28



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Council	Restaurants	Mayor	Spotlight	Garbage	Buildings
Services	People	Municipal	Sidewalks	Recreation	Parks
Downtown	Festival	Shopping	Fire	Theater	Police
Zoning	City	Meeting	Arts	Streets	History

Coloring Contest

1st-3rd grade students are welcome to participate in a coloring contest of the Georgia Cities Week color page.

1st-3rd place winners will receive ribbons and their artwork will be displayed at City Hall.

Monday, April 23

Mock City Council Meeting

Dooly County High School Students will act in a Mock City Council Meeting at 5:00 p.m. prior to the actual City Council meeting. The community is invited, and light refreshments will be served.

Tuesday, April 24

Lunch in the Park

The community is invited to a hot dog lunch at Vienna City Square at 12:00 p.m. The mayor, as well as other city officials and employees, will be in attendance for meet and greet.

Wednesday, April 25

School Reading

Partnering with Dooly County Family Connections, City officials and employees will read to Dooly County students.

Thursday, April 26

Professional Women's Luncheon

This event is being hosted by the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce. More details on page 6.

Friday, April 27

Arbor Day Tree Planting

In honor of National Arbor Day and Georgia Cities Week, a tree will be planted at Vienna City Hall in memory of Vienna City Councilman Jimmy Kelly.

Vienna Named Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation

Vienna was recently named a 15-year Tree City USA by the Arbor Day Foundation in honor of its commitment to effective urban forest management. The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

Vienna achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements: a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

“Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Vienna make smart investments in urban forests,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits.” Trees are assets to a community when properly planted and maintained. They help to improve the visual appeal of a neighborhood, increase property values, reduce home cooling costs, remove air pollutants and provide wildlife habitat, among many other benefits.



The Arbor Day Foundation is a million-member nonprofit conservation and education organization with the mission to inspire people to plant, nurture, and celebrate trees. More information is available at arborday.org



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Small Town Podcast



Small Town Podcast with Ocilla, GA Mayor Matt Seale

Small Town Podcast is putting a spotlight on overshadowed communities. The excitement (both good and bad) of the bigger cities regularly makes headlines while some of the most riveting human-interest stories go untold in the small towns of America. Mayor Matt Seale of Ocilla, GA is your host as he tells the stories of small towns most people have never heard of through interviews with local elected or appointed officials in their own small town. During these interviews, the personal story of that local leader is told and the joys and struggles of small town living are shared. People already living in small towns will identify with the good and the bad, and for those who have only known life in the big city, a new world will be opened up to them.

Promotion of Small Town Podcast:

The Georgia Municipal Association supports this project, both financially and with staff resource support. GMA is thrilled to assist with content development, which will promote so many of its member cities. GMA is also dedicated to the promotion of the podcast to all of its over 500 member cities. In addition, social media will be used to promote and push out the episodes. Small Town Podcast realistically expects to generate a minimum of 10,000 subscribers per episode in its first season. Subscribers who discover us half way through the season are still very likely to download earlier episodes once they decide to subscribe.

The Audience:

The initial audience is comprised of municipal leaders across Georgia because of the GMA advertising and promotion, but the audience grows with each town profiled when locals learn that their local official was featured and their town was highlighted. As we expect a broader base of listeners who want positive, entertaining stories about small towns. Companies trying to build their brand as one that supports rural America and its current plight will find sponsoring this project to be a great opportunity. Businesses located in the small town profiled will have an advantage in advertising on that episode only in capturing the audience as the whole episode encourages people to visit the small town where that business exists.



About Host Mayor Matt Seale

Matt Seale came to Ocilla several times in 2004 to visit his friend, Chris Paulk. As a result of spending so much time in Ocilla, Matt began to see the potential in this small town and purchased the old ASCS building on the corner of Fourth and Cherry streets in downtown Ocilla. Through purchasing the building, Matt met and fell in love with Roxie Crain, who managed The Shoppes. They married in 2007, before Matt was deployed to Iraq. In 2015, Matt

successfully ran for the office of mayor and was re-elected in 2017. He is a champion of small towns and the people who give their time to serve them.

The cost:

45-60 second commercial – \$175 per episode

Commercials air in the middle of the episode and can be sold in 5 or 10 episode packages with discounts at each level.

Local/Chamber Packages – For businesses to advertise in the episode where their small town is featured.

45-60 second commercial packages – \$100 per episode (Limit of 3 spots per episode)

Contact Information: Matt Seale, mayormatt@smalltownpodcast.com



If you are interested, please contact

Cheryl Card

(Dooly County Chamber of
Commerce)

229-268-8275

or

officemanager@doolychamber.com



*The Dooly County Chamber
Cordially invites you to the*

2018 Professional Women's Luncheon

*Thursday, April 26, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Vienna Baptist Church - Providence Hall*

*R.S.V.P. by April 19
Call: 268-8275 or email rhonda@bigpigjig.com*

*Tickets:
Members - \$20.00 Non-Members - \$25.00*

*Great Door Prizes and Each of our
Professional Women will receive a special gift!*



**Certified Nurse Assistant
Training Program**

Morning and evening classes
available.

For more info, contact:
New Beginning CNA Center, LLC
1616 Borum Street
Unadilla, GA 31091

(229) 805-4760

**American Heart Association
Certification Class**

Classes offered on Saturday
morning, Saturday evening, and
Sunday afternoons.

For more info, contact:
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**Low Cost Rabies Clinic
Vienna City Square**

***Location: 104 South 2nd Street**

**Date
April 14th,
2018**



**From
12:30 p.m.
until
2 p.m.**

***Dogs must be on leashes**

Rabies (cats and dogs) \$12.00

**and cats must be in carriers* Dogs/Cats must be 4 mo. or older for Rabies vac.
Contact 229-805-3652 for info**



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Bobcat Spotlight

Dooly County High School Spotlight Students

Submitted by Leeza Streetman, DCHS Media Specialist



The Dooly County High School faculty in partnership with The News Observer has selected as this week's Bobcat Spotlight Student - 12th grader, Ms. Destiny Taylor.

Destiny has served as the 2017-2018 DCHS Homecoming Queen and has been on the A/B Honor Roll for all 4 years of high school. She serves as a role model of good citizenship for her peers. She plans to attend Savannah State University and become a certified public accountant focusing on medical accounting services.

DCHS Academic Coach Deborah Heckwolf presented Ms. Taylor with a commemorative pin in recognition of this accomplishment. The commemorative pin was provided by Georgia Power Company, Middle Georgia EMC and South Georgia Banking Company.

The Dooly County High School faculty in partnership with The News Observer has selected as their inaugural Bobcat Spotlight Student - 9th grader, Ms. Tommie Koonce. Recognized students will receive a commemorative pin to recognize their hard work, diligence and excellence on a bi-weekly basis.

Tommie Koonce is the daughter of Ms. Teresa Johnson and Mr. Thomas Koonce. Her goals include remaining on the high school honor roll, to graduate in 2021 with honors and to attend the University of Georgia to pursue a degree in nursing. The commemorative pins were provided by Georgia Power Company, Middle Georgia EMC and South Georgia Banking Company.



Volunteer

If you would like to be more involved with the community, please contact Staley Bell about becoming part of the Keep Vienna Beautiful and/or Vienna Main Street Programs.
staley.bell@cityofvienna.org
(229) 268-4921



Days & Hours of Operation:



**Wednesday - Friday: 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p. m.
and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.**

Saturdays: 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

**1321 E. Union Street, Exit 109 off of Interstate
I-75, Vienna, Georgia**

**Please call (229) 268-2045 or (229) 268-4920 to
set up an appointment for a large group tour.**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STATEWIDE RAIN GAUGE NETWORK

PEACHTREE CITY, Ga. -- The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network, better known as CoCoRaHS (CO-co-roz), is looking for volunteers to help collect rainfall data across Georgia.

The CoCoRaHS program started in Colorado in 1998 and has expanded to all 50 states as well as Canada. More than 20,000 observers across the nation take daily measurements of rain, hail and snow, according to Chris McGehee, hydrologist at the National Weather Service's Southeast River Forecast Center. She serves as CoCoRaHS co-coordinator for Georgia. The non-profit organization stresses training and education, and welcomes volunteers from all walks of life to take part in monitoring precipitation.

"This is a great chance for weather enthusiasts and average citizens to be part of a project that collects vital rainfall data," McGehee said.

"The data is readily available to the general public and other organizations."

Volunteers use low-cost equipment and an interactive Web site to provide the highest quality data for natural resources, education and research applications. Climatologists, hydrologists, water resource managers and the National Weather Service are just some of the users of the high-density rainfall reports.

"Official measuring stations across the state are sparse, and rainfall can vary quite a bit over short distances," McGehee said. "With trained volunteers, CoCoRaHS helps fill these gaps and give us a better picture of rainfall patterns."

Georgia joined CoCoRaHS in spring 2008. Since that time, more than 1300 Georgians have signed up to take observations. "We've never had an observer in Dooly County, though, so we'd especially love to find someone there," McGehee said.

To volunteer as a CoCoRaHS observer or for more information, visit www.cocorahs.org.

CoCoRaHS is nationally funded by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation.

Recipe

Carrot Cake Cheesecake

Serves 8

Ingredients:

FOR THE CARROT CAKE

- Cooking spray, for pan
- 1 1/2 c. all-purpose flour
- 1 c. sugar
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- 3/4 c. canola oil
- 2 large Eggs, beaten
- 1 1/2 c. grated carrots (from 1 large)
- 1/2 c. raisins
- 1/2 c. chopped pecans or walnuts

FOR THE CHEESECAKE

- 2 8-oz. packages cream cheese, room temp.
- 3/4 c. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1 1/2 tbsp. all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tbsp. pure vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 c. sour cream

FOR THE FROSTING

- 1 c. powdered sugar
- 4 tbsp. butter, softened
- 4 oz. softened cream cheese
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- Chopped pecans or walnuts, for garnish



Directions

Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 9" springform pan.

Make carrot cake mixture: In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, cinnamon, salt and baking soda. Stir in oil, then add eggs and mix until combined. Add carrots, raisins and nuts and mix until combined.

Make cheesecake mixture: In a large bowl using a hand mixer or in the bowl of a stand mixer using the whisk attachment, beat cream cheese and sugar until smooth. Stir in salt and flour.

Mix in vanilla and eggs, beating 1 minute between each addition, then add sour cream.

Assemble cheesecake: Pour 2/3 carrot cake mixture into prepared pan and smooth top with spatula. Top with spoonfuls of 1/3 cheesecake mixture, then pour over remaining carrot cake mixture. Top with remaining cheesecake mixture and smooth top with a spatula.

Bake until center is only slightly jiggly, 1 hour.

Let cool completely, 1 hour, then transfer to the fridge to cool, 4 hours, or up to overnight.

When ready to serve, make frosting: Beat sugar, butter, cream cheese and vanilla until smooth.

Frost cheesecake, then garnish with pecans or walnuts and let chill, 10 minutes, before serving.

Recipe from Delish.com

Joiner's Corner



Clouds by Neil Joiner



When I was a small child I enjoyed looking at clouds, searching their numberless shapes for something familiar. I saw a lot of dogs, but maybe that's what I was looking for.

I would view the sky from various angles, sometimes sitting in an outdoor swing, sometimes standing and leaning against the unpainted boards on the side of the barn. My favorite place, however, was lying on my back in the grass, especially during winter. There was no better venue for cloud watching than our backyard on a cold clear day. Sunshine and a corduroy coat provided a warmth that bordered on perfection.

I was seldom in a rush and rarely had anything that required urgent attention. I leisurely studied the fluffy cumulus clouds and their enchanting transitions of characters. What began as a dog pointing a covey of quail might become a charging bull. A cat might grow into a lion, or even morph completely into an elephant from the circus.

One time I saw Elijah in his chariot, but it wasn't made of fire. It was instead the soft white and pale blue colors of billowy clouds in the sunlight of winter. Moses showed up on several occasions, or it may have been Charlton Heston. Sometimes I confused the two. Either way, he had no trouble parting the sea, nor using the massive walls of divided water to cover Pharaoh's army.

Abraham and Isaac were together one time. Isaac looked especially relieved that his father had found a ram in the bush. I think I saw God once, but I'm not sure. I knew it was dangerous to look directly at Him, so the sighting lasted only a moment.

There were teepees and castles, flying fish and dolphins. There were assorted birds of almost every description, except that I never saw a whippoorwill. The eagles were most impressive, even more so when diving for fish.

I'm not sure how old I was when I realized it might seem odd for me to be stretched out on the grass. The artistry of the clouds became less intriguing. I didn't plan to quit looking for stories in the sky. It just happened.

My wife, Jane, and I often walk the dirt road beside our home. We take our dog, Lilly, with us. She used to run ahead of us, and sometimes chased a rabbit into the woods. Lilly is 13 now and walks rather slowly. She still begs to go, but easily stumbles and often lags behind. Sometimes she stops and waits for us to turn around. We cut our walks short when she wants to go home.

Lilly has been part of our family since she was rescued by Michelle Gallett at Harmony Baptist Church. Someone left five puppies near the church. Michelle took them home, washed the fleas off, kept one for herself and found homes for the others. We know that our trips with Lilly down Coley Crossing must grow shorter, that our pace has to be lessened so she won't strain to keep up.

At least one good thing has come from these slow walks. I've noticed the clouds again. I don't find many clear shapes anymore. It seems that with age that would be easier, but somewhere between childhood and now my imagination lost some of its elasticity.

As a child I found something special in almost every cloud. I looked with simple faith, never doubting I would discover a remarkable formation. It's much harder as an adult. I look now for shapes that are perfectly defined, whose lines need little interpretation. Grand expectations have been tempered with ordinary experiences.

I doubt that I'll ever lie on the grass in winter again. We have wonderful neighbors who would no doubt stop to help me. The truth would be too embarrassing to share.

But I'll spend more time looking upward on our unhurried walks with Lilly. I've come to realize that even the undefined shapes are quite spectacular, for I understand something now that escaped me as a child. I understand that in every cloud I see, there is always an image of God.

This story was written in September of 2017. Lilly died on October 24th. I haven't yet seen her chasing rabbits among the clouds, but I'll keep looking until I do.

RECYCLE, REUSE, REPURPOSE, OR DONATE



Recycle Today for a Better Tomorrow

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!



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Annual City-Wide Cleanup!

Kid's Page





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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.



April Birthdays

April 4 - Walter Brown
April 21 - Tyrique Driver
April 29 - Larry Dennard
April 30 - Janet Joiner

Elected Officials

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