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FEBRUARY IS... BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Dooly County Mourns the Loss of a Dedicated Civic Leader



The City of Vienna extends heartfelt condolences to the family of Harry Bernard Ward (a.k.a. Coach Ward) who died January 7, 2021 at the Houston Medical Center in Warner Robins. He was 87 years old. Ward was a Coach and Educator in the Dooly County School System for many years where he had a very positive impact upon the lives of many young people including Olympic Gold Medalist, Roger Kingdom.

Ward was a dedicated civic leader who loved his country and his community. He was willing to help in any way he could serving on many Boards and Commissions. He was elected as a Dooly County Commissioner in 1991 and served in that position for 29 years. He also served on the Development Authority of the City of Vienna and the Vienna Downtown Development Authority for many years. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force with honor and distinction.

Funeral services were held at the Harry B. Ward Memorial Track & Field in Vienna. Burial was in the Vienna City Cemetery. Coach Ward will be missed greatly but his memory and accomplishments will live forever.

City of Vienna Welcomes New Dooly County Commissioners

Tim Robinson, District 4 (Vienna)

David Mixon, District 2

Other County Commissioners are David Barron, Eugene Cason, and Tony Lester

Vienna Mayor and City Council Take Oath of Office

The Oath of Office was administered by Vienna City Clerk Margaret Shelley to the Mayor and City Council prior to the annual organizational meeting of the Council on Monday, January 11, 2021.



Pictured L-R: Mayor pro tem Randall Almond, Councilman Walter Brown, Mayor Eddie Daniels and Councilman Albert King, Sr.

The Late Councilman Henry Johnson's Seat to be Filled by Mathis

Qualifying for candidates to fill the unexpired term of the late Vienna Councilman Henry Johnson was held January 18, 2021 through January 20, 2021. The deadline for write-in candidates was January 27, 2021.

John "Pee-Wee" Mathis was the only candidate to qualify for this position. Since there is only one candidate, there will be no need for a special election. Mathis will be seated at the February 8th City Council meeting. His term will expire on December 31, 2021.

The City will hold a General Election on November 2, 2021 for the purpose of electing 2 Council Members for 4 year terms commencing January 1, 2022. Positions expiring are Council Members Walter Brown and the unexpired term of Henry Johnson currently held by John Mathis.

Meet Your Vienna Boards, Commissions, and Authority Members

The City of Vienna truly appreciates those who take time out of their busy schedules for community service. Thank you for staying engaged and getting involved with your local government. Vienna's greatest assets are its citizens.

Planning & Zoning Commission / Zoning Board of Appeals

- Marcus Bowens, Chairman
- Cynthia Blalock, newly appointed in 2021
- Arney Bryant
- Yvon Hooks
- Gary Mixon

Vienna Historic Preservation Commission

- Michael Ramsey, Chairman
- Gloria Alexander
- Sheila Almond*
- David Brown
- Brenetta Childs
- Diane Couch
- Stan Tydings



Development Authority of the City of Vienna / Downtown Development Authority

- Neil Joiner, Chairman
- Gloria Alexander
- Willie B. Barnes
- Walter Brown, City Council liaison
- Ronnie Cape
- Emerson Lundy
- John Sherrer

*The **Vienna Historic Preservation Commission** has an opening for 2021 to take the seat of Sheila Almond whose term has expired. If you live in the City, have an interest in historic preservation, and would like to serve on this Commission, please call Janet Joiner at 229-268-4920.

If you are interested in becoming part of the **Keep Vienna Beautiful** or **Vienna Main Street** Programs, please contact Laura Johnson at laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org or 229-268-4921.

The City of Vienna's **2021 Annual Spring Cleanup** will be held March 17- March 31. During this time the City will pick up limbs and yard debris at no charge.

Now is time to begin planning your cleanup!



Coming Soon!

Geneva's Caring Hands

Personal Care Home
217 North 5th Street
Vienna, GA

When your loved one is no longer able to live alone, let us help. We are a 6 bed facility with 24/7 care. At Geneva's Caring Hands we will assist with ADLs (Activities of Daily Living), medication reminders, meals, activities, and lots of LOVE.

For more information call Alveta Paul at 229-425-1649

ATTENTION ALL BUSINESS OWNERS!!!!

SBDC Offers Free Training Webinars

The Small Business Development Center (SBDC) is a public service and outreach extension of The University of Georgia. It provides tools, training and resources to help small businesses grow and succeed. Designated as one of Georgia's top providers of small business assistance, the SBDC has 18 offices ranging from Rome to Valdosta to serve the needs of Georgia's business community. Since 1977, SBDC has helped construct a statewide ecosystem to foster the spirit, support, and success of hundreds of thousands of entrepreneurs and innovators.

- February 8: **Maximizing Your Professional Brand to Build Your Base**, 10:00-11:00
- February 9: **Starting a Business**, 3:00 – 5:00
- February 15: **Overview of Disaster Relief**, 12:00-1:00
- February 16: **How to Write a Dynamic Business Plan**, 11:00 – 12:00

For additional information* and to register for these webinars, go to:

<https://www.georgiasbdc.org/training/>

*Other webinars are available in addition to the ones listed above.

Invitation to Participate in River Valley Regional Commission's Broadband Survey

As the digital world expands, the River Valley Regional Commission continues to recognize the need to develop and maintain a healthy regional broadband infrastructure. Broadband connectivity remains inaccessible and unreliable for many who live, work, and visit rural areas, due to low density population and the market-driven nature of wired and wireless internet utilities.

In two 2014 online surveys, respondents were asked to identify how they accessed the Internet, and what types of activities they engaged in online. The results were used to develop the *Digital Economy Plan*. In 2109, the River Valley Broadband Initiative followed up with surveys on digital usage, connectivity, and issues specific to the region as identified by the respondents. The resulting *Georgia's River Valley Regional Commission Rural Broadband Recommendations* addressed the needs and opportunities for the region to compete in the digital world and increase access to broadband connectivity across the area.

The RVRC is currently conducting two new surveys simultaneously to help determine internet needs in the region. The results will show changes in the supply and demand for services since the surveys conducted in 2019 and 2014, and since Covid-19 increased the demand for internet resources.

A preliminary six-question survey asks basic questions and can be taken quickly by a wide range of people. A link is presented upon completion of the preliminary survey requesting that respondents answer an additional 12 in-depth questions on usage. This survey includes open-ended questions for direct feedback along with an internet connection speed test tool.

We encourage responses from any or all of the locations (tourism venues and attractions, employment sites, homes, schools and locations with public Wi-Fi access) in which you use internet service in Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Quitman, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, or Webster County.

Please help our region improve internet capacity by responding to the surveys at the link below. In addition to completing the surveys, we are requesting your assistance in sharing this message with your contacts and encouraging participation to help improve the digital infrastructure throughout the region.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/River_Valley_Preliminary

Thank you very kindly for your response and for helping us to reach as wide of an audience as possible.

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Fro-yo drops are the perfect treat. Easy and colorful, your kids will love helping you make these. They'll love eating them even more!

Notes:

- Be sure to check the nutrition facts label for your yogurt. We recommend yogurt with less than 12 g of added sugar per serving.
- Try sweet fruit, like ripe mango or strawberries to balance out the tart flavor in the Greek yogurt.
- Try experimenting with different fruits and Greek yogurts for variety and color!



Fro Yo Drops

ingredients:

2/3 cup Greek Yogurt, flavor of choice
1/2 cup cubed fresh fruit of choice

instructions:

1. Line a baking sheet with parchment or spray it with non-stick spray. If you have blender, blend the fresh fruit until smooth. Simply crush smaller fruit, like strawberries or blueberries, in a bowl with a fork. Add the yogurt to the fruit and stir the mixture. Transfer the mixture to a plastic bag and cut a hole in the corner to pipe out yogurt "drops." If you crushed the fruit by hand, you will need to cut a larger hole in the corner so the larger pieces can fit through.
2. Squeeze "drops" of yogurt onto the prepared baking sheet in rows. Put the baking sheet in the freezer until the dots are frozen. This can take from 2 to 24 hours.
3. Once the dots freeze, you can eat them immediately or you can transfer them to a freezer safe container to be enjoyed later. The dots can be kept in the freezer for up to 1 month.



February 8, 2021

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

February 14, 2021

Valentine's Day



February 22, 2021

Vienna City Council, 6:00 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

The Voice of Vienna

Radio Talk Show
Hosted by
Laura Johnson

Mondays, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
WKTF Radio
AM 1550
FM 99.3

If you would like your business or event promoted, please contact Laura Johnson at

laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org
or
229-268-4921

Fruits of Vienna B&B

509 N. 3rd St, Vienna, GA 31092
229-947-3401

February Events

High Tea

Special Addition
Saturday, February 13

Exquisite Private Valentine's Dinner

Any date in February
Reservations only – 48 hours advance notice

Menu

Tease: Shrimp in bourbon dressing and heart tomato

First kiss: Choice of:

- Roasted red pepper with goat cheese salad
- Tomato basil bisque with fresh whipped cream

The Courtship: Choice of:

- Center-cut filet with Madeira sauce, vegetables, and gratin dauphinois
- Pecan/thyme crusted salmon with vegetables and gratin

Sweet endings: Red velvet tiramisu cake and double layer chocolate divine.

Lunch

Dine-in or take out
11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Tuesday - Friday.

Call for reservations and additional information

Dooly County Students Return to School Monday, February 1, 2021

Students will attend in person classes Monday through Thursday and work at home on Friday completing assignments. For additional information you may contact Dr. Lockhart via email at craig.lockhart@dooly.k12.ga.us or call 229-313-8146.

FREE Online Personal Development Classes

To register go to www.centralgatech.edu/ce

Attention Management - Learn how to identify priorities and strategies for developing and maintaining focus on the things you need to get done and want to achieve for success. (Approximately 90 minutes)

Business Etiquette - Navigating work and professional activities with confidence – knowing what's appropriate in what type of setting – is crucial for your career. Learn the basics of business etiquette and apply them throughout your life. (Approximately 90 minutes)

Customer Service - Having the skills to offer good customer service – even in difficult circumstances – can set you apart from your colleagues and make you a valuable member of your work team. Get the basics of effective customer service, whether it's face-to-face or on the phone. (Approximately 120 minutes)

Emotional Intelligence - Emotional intelligence describes the ability to understand one's own feelings, and that of groups, and how these emotions can influence motivation and behavior. When you understand yourself – and your coworkers and customers – you can be an invaluable part of any work team. (Approximately 120 minutes)

Goal Setting and Getting Things Done - Understanding the qualities of a good goal, and having strategies to help you stay motivated and moving forward toward those goals, can be the key to great success – in life and on the job. (Approximately 100 minutes)

Job Search Skills - Searching for a job can be intimidating. Finding leads. Networking. Developing a strong resume and cover letter. Even staying focused on the hunt can be difficult. Get some strategies to help you in your search for your next great job. (Approximately 100 minutes)

Telework and Telecommuting - Teleworking requires a unique set of skills and it can be awkward to transition from a workplace with other employees to a home office. Learn strategies for managing your time, your space - and yourself – so your employer can be confident that you can be productive – even from home. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Ten Soft Skills You Need - Being successful in the workplace involves so much more than just being able to carry out specific job duties. Gain insights on improving communication, teamwork, problem-solving, and other skills, so that you can be effective on the job. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Time Management - Personal time management skills are essential for professional success in any workplace – and they can also make your work life much more manageable. Learn strategies to help you prioritize, and attack tasks, staying productive, while avoiding becoming overwhelmed. (Approximately 110 minutes)

Workplace Diversity - Chances are good, you work for, or with, someone who is not exactly like you. Whatever the differences, being aware of, and sensitive to, those differences in the workplace, can be key to your success. (Approximately 120 minutes)

To register, go to www.centralgatech.edu/ce

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WHAT'S HAPPENING in VIENNA?

**PROJECTED OPENING
DATE FEBRUARY 13!**



990 East Union Street

East Union Street Paving

Just in case you have not noticed!

East Union Street and GA Highway 215 have a fresh new look and a new smooth ride, thanks to the Georgia Department of Transportation who recently resurfaced the road.



Pilot
Travel
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name to
**ONE 9
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Multi-Family Housing Developments In Process

Vienna will soon have new options for quality rental housing.

2 new multi-family
housing developments

Vienna Lofts – 46 Units
Pineview Trace – 50 Units

Rubo's Building Purchased

The former Rubo's Building on South 3rd Street has been purchased by **3S Investment & Consultants, LLC**. The building is being partitioned into 2 spaces. Plans are to have a convenience store in one side, sell gas at the existing pumps and lease the second space.

Look who showed up at the Vienna Animal Shelter.

A stray terrier mix was picked up by Vienna Animal Control Officer, Velvet Layfield, and taken to the Shelter. Officer Layfield named her Alyah. A few days later Officer Layfield was greeted by Alyah and her 7 newborn puppies!



Please Consider Before You Litter

1. Consider your future and your children's future – we are all stewards of the earth.
2. Consider our roadsides before you litter.
3. Consider public health before you litter.
4. Consider our waterways before you litter.
5. Consider our animals before you litter.
6. Consider your tax dollars before you litter.

Keep Vienna Beautiful along with our affiliate Keep Georgia Beautiful, is asking you to ***“Consider Before You Litter”***.

It is a huge blight on our landscape, and costly to clean up. Litter impacts our quality of life, destroying our city's natural beauty, harming or killing wildlife, and diminishing water quality. It also hinders economic development—property values decrease in littered neighborhoods, whereas clean communities attract families and businesses.

We ask that you contemplate the negative effects of litter on our economy, health, and environment before you toss.



Joiner's Corner

A New Memory by Neil Joiner

Isn't it wonderful when good news greets us unexpectedly? That's what happened to me a few days after Thanksgiving. The day began like many others with slices of fresh strawberries topping my Honey Bunches of Oats. Not long after breakfast a message popped up on my phone stating, "You have a new memory!" That was thrilling to learn as my old memory may be beyond repair. It does, however, concern me that my phone has access to so much personal information. If my phone knows I need a new memory, it's probably obvious to others who are just too polite to mention it. Several of my more senior friends have told me that Memory Depletion Syndrome doesn't get any better. That was my thinking too until I read that delightful phone message.

A few years ago, I was in a small boat fishing for big bass with Groves Jeter and Ronnie Kitchens. We caught several lunkers, any one of which would have easily broken the longstanding Georgia record had they been weighed instead of fileted. I don't recall why, but our jovial banter slowly drifted from fish tales to memory issues. We discussed the frustration of being unable to call the name of someone familiar, or of struggling to find a word that's needed to complete a sentence. Groves shared with us that he'd recently bought a bottle of Prevagen, the highly advertised jellyfish supplement which claims to boost mental health. I asked Groves if he thought Prevagen was helping him. "I don't know," he said. "I can't remember to take it."

An appendectomy, when I was almost eight, may have led to some of my memory issues. Dr. Baker in Hawkinsville removed my appendix just before the start of third grade. He sealed it in a bottle of alcohol which stayed under our farm shelter until the day we ran out of fish bait.

It's comforting to know I'm not entirely alone in dealing with memory challenges. A decade or so back I was one of five pallbearers who kept watching the church doors for our sixth man. Our good friend had been distracted by something that day and had forgotten the funeral. I've admittedly had worse lapses but have been fortunate to escape unnoticed most times.

During my early days of banking I kept a small calendar in my back pocket and wrote down appointments and other notes. That crutch was paired with another one in the form of a giant monthly planner on my desk which was further enhanced by tons of scribbled notes on slips of yellow paper. In the latter part of my career I sent a daily email to myself with a to do list that was updated late each afternoon. The most pressing matters were at the top with intermediate ones in the middle. Near the bottom were those which often died from negligence.

There aren't many things which are critical that I keep up with since retiring and that's a blessing. When I leave home in the mornings to head to the farm, I try to remember to take the four Ws – water, watch, wallet, and walkie talkie. The 4W system works terrific as a memory prompt except when I forget to review the list. Or on those mornings when I can't remember what all the Ws stand for.

I'm beginning to suspect the new memory I got so excited about isn't coming. That same phone message has shown up several more times with no instructions, just pictures. Apparently, the new memory is created by looking at old pictures. I'm fine with that too as I love good memories both old and new. At first it was a little disappointing to realize I'm not getting the new memory I expected, but a little time will no doubt take that off my mind. My memory may be less than stellar, but my forgetter is working better than ever. Isn't it wonderful when good news greets us unexpectedly?

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Birthdays



February 6. Mayor Eddie Daniels

February 13. Joel Mathis

February 26. Michael Hardy



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