

## City of Vienna Celebrated Georgia Cities Week



Each year, the City of Vienna observes Georgia Cities Week during the last week in April, along with other cities across the state of Georgia. Activities were planned throughout the week around the theme “*Georgia Cities: True Colors*” which spotlighted Vienna’s role in making the City a great place to live. The week also provided opportunities to show appreciation to our residents, public servants and city employees who serve the community year-round.

This year’s host of activities began with the “Third Thursday in Busbee Park” celebration on April 18. Families came out to enjoy food, entertainment, games for the children, and a variety of vendors. On April 19, the community gathered at noon in the Downtown Square for a Good Friday service. On April 22, City Council adopted a resolution recognizing the week as Georgia Cities Week. On April 23, Dooly County K-8 Academy students learned about the services the City provides to its citizens with tours of City Hall and an opportunity meet and talk with the Mayor and City Council members.

On April 25, women employees of the City attended the Professional Women’s Luncheon hosted by the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce, and on Friday April 26, the City partnered with the Vienna Garden Club to observe National Arbor Day by planting a tree in the Downtown City Square.

“We’re very proud of our city and the services we provide that make it attractive to residents and visitors,” said Mayor Stripling. “Cities provide the services and infrastructure to help businesses grow and set the stage for events where families and individuals can gather as a community.”

*See pictures from these events throughout this newsletter.*

## Vienna Welcomes These New Businesses



**Location:** 120 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Vienna  
**Hours:** 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m., 7 days a week  
**Owners:** Larry Ward & Vestal Arnold

### VIENNA ONE HOUSE



**Location:** 1408 East Union Street, Vienna  
**Hours:** 5:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., 7 days a week  
**Owner:** Lewis Sanders



### Canal Wood, LLC

Location: 1150 Industrial Dr., Suite 141, Vienna  
Will Vaughn - *Procurement Representative*  
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**Location:** 1300 East Union St., Vienna  
**Director:** Mrs. Claire Stephens

**Coming Soon**  
**La Tienda y Taqueria**

## !!CODE RED!!

### Important announcement from Dooly County EMA

We are in a pattern of weather that requires everyone to be alert. Dooly County is proud to give you a new tool to keep you aware of WARNINGS that will come directly to your cell phone, home phone, or computer. This new program is called CODE RED.

To sign up for Code Red go to the DOOLY COUNTY web page, look for the CODE RED sign-up link. Then click on the CODE RED icon, follow the instructions and complete the form. Click the submit button when you complete the form and you are done.

**Please share** this information with your friends, neighbors, and relatives. Help us get everyone signed up and let's be prepared.

Dooly County website link is [www.doolycountyga.com](http://www.doolycountyga.com)



**May 8, 2019**

Dooly County Chamber of  
Commerce Board Meeting

**May 12, 2019**

Mother's Day

**May 13, 2019**

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

**May 14, 2019**

Vienna Historic Preservation  
Commission Meeting  
6:00 p.m., Vienna City Hall

**May 27, 2019**

Memorial Day  
City Hall is Closed

### **Mayor Hobby Stripling is Recipient of Liberty Bell Award**

Bert Gregory, President of the Cordele Circuit Bar Association and Chief Judge Robert Chastain presented the Liberty Bell Award to Vienna Mayor Hobby Stripling. This award is given to a non-lawyer citizen who has engaged the public in civic discourse such as helping them become registered voters and assisting them with having access to their government.

Mr. Gregory said, "He's always a champion of the individual's rights. He always made sure people were treated fairly and with equanimity. We can think of no better person to receive this award than Mayor Hobby Stripling."

Judge Chasteen added, "Jesus told the disciples, 'I came to serve, not to be served.' That reminds me of Hobby Stripling and I think he's one of those special people that came to serve and not to be served, so thank you for your service."

The City of Vienna congratulates our Mayor on receiving this award.

**Third Thursday Celebration is May 16**

**JOIN US IN HISTORIC  
DOWNTOWN VIENNA'S  
BUSBEE PARK**



AS

**VIENNA MAIN  
STREET PRESENTS**

**3RD THURS  
MAY 16**

**5-8 PM**

**ANDY T AND HIS  
STEEL DRUMS**

**FOOD TRUCKS  
VENDORS  
KIDS ACTIVITIES**

**MAY is Historic Preservation Month**

**9 Ways to Celebrate**

1. Shop local in your Historic Downtown
2. Eat somewhere new in someplace old
3. Tell the story – share information on historic buildings
4. Tell the world – share your photos of historic places on social media
5. When traveling book a historic hotel
6. Get involved with hands-on preservation in your community
7. Visit a National Trust Historic Site
8. Contact your elected officials to make sure they are prioritizing the preservation issues you care about.
9. It's never too early to start learning why old places matter! Teach the next generation about preservation with fun ways to spark their passion for history.

## Scenes of City-Wide Cleanup



South Georgia Banking Company  
Adopted Highway 41 from Bank to Andrews Street



Vienna Garden Club  
Adopted Downtown City Square

# *Thank You Sponsors!*

Your contributions will go a long way in sustaining the historic Walter Franklin George Law Office Museum.

Boyd Austin

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Chasteen, Jr.

Drs. Tom J. and Emily Anna Collins

Diane B. Couch

John and Jennifer Davis

Steve and Beth English

Toni and Hardy Gregory

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Dan and Robbie Speight

Stan and Rebecca Tydings

Larry and Janice Walker

## Senator Walter F. George Book Signing Event April 18, 2019



# Thank You Vendors! April Third Thursday in the Park

Back Alley BBQ, Perch  
Unadilla

Keisha's Boiled Peanuts  
Keisha Lemon Fuller, Elko

Charmed by Ci  
Cierra James, DCHS Student Entrepreneur

Kountry Girl Kreations  
Maronda Toshia Childs

Fort Valley Head Start Nutrition Program  
Rolanda Carson Tolbert

Paparazzi Jewelry  
Rutine Mathis

Cher'Bella Creations  
Cherra Cason

Hand crocheted baby dresses and blankets  
Bernice Bacon, Athens

Children's book "Humble and Grumble, The  
Bumblebee Brothers"  
By Jessica Hughes, Sycamore

Grace and Grits  
Abbey Green Lewis, Unadilla

"It Works" Nutritional Supplements  
Crystal McKinsey, Drayton

Vienna Garden Club Bee Education & Plant  
Sale  
Set up by Beverly Dail

Tradelets Velcro Bracelet  
B.T. Davis, Sumter County



Pictures by Tim Franzen



**Live Entertainment Sponsored  
by Dooly County Businesses**

*Lasseter Tractor Company  
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# Dooly K-8 Academy Fifth Graders Toured City Hall



# How A Sewer Blockage Affects the Sewer System

## Sewer Blockage Formation



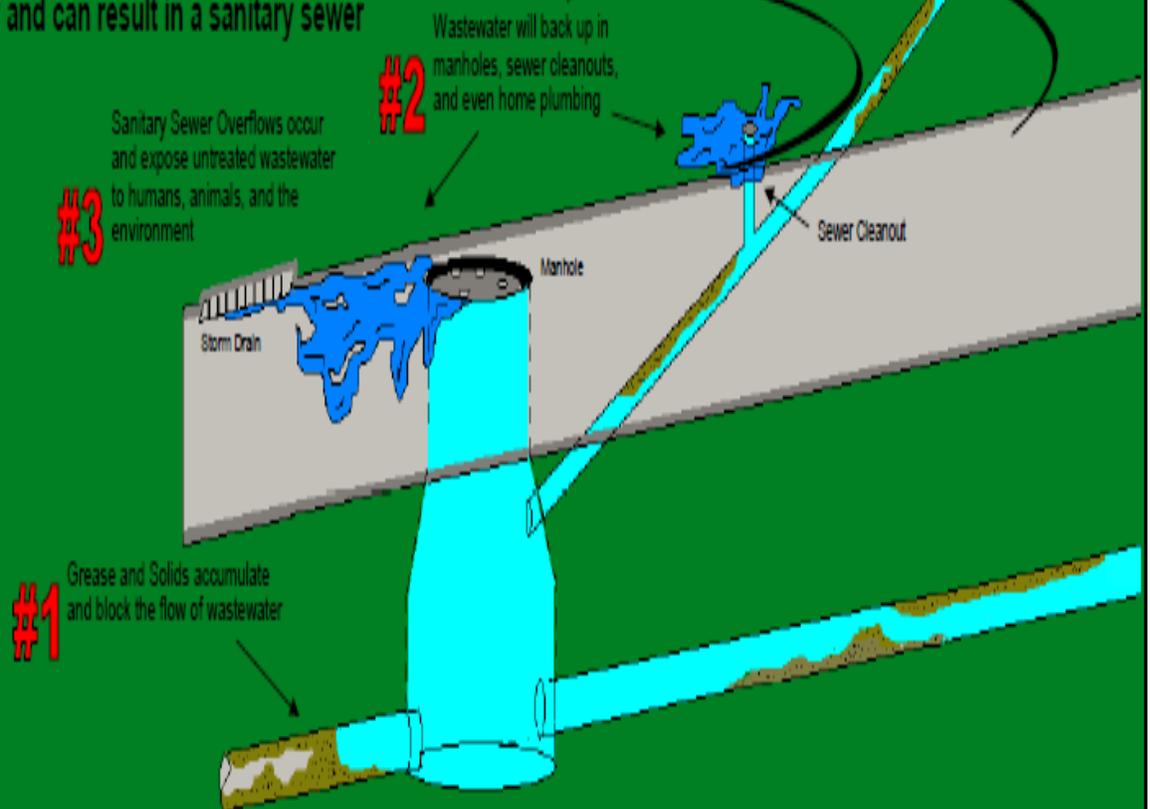
The start of a blocked pipe begins when grease and solids collect on the top and sides of the pipe interior.



The build-up increases over time when grease and other debris are washed down the drain.



Excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and can result in a sanitary sewer overflow.



# Don't get lost in the **FOG**.....

## What is **FOG**?

Did you know that **FOG** (fats, oils and grease) is a major cause of sewer system blockages? **FOG** is a semi-solid, viscous by-product of food preparation. It can be derived from either vegetable or animal sources. Although it can be found in residential kitchens, it is of particular concern in commercial kitchens due to the large volume of fats, oils and grease used to prepare food on a daily basis.

## Why should you be concerned?

**FOG** sticks to the walls of sewer pipes and builds up over time. Eventually, it can block the pipes completely, resulting in sewage backing up into basements, overflowing from manholes or discharging to local streams. **FOG**-related overflows can result in property damage, environmental damage and civil penalties and fines.

## What are common sources of **FOG**?

|                |           |                 |            |
|----------------|-----------|-----------------|------------|
| Butter         | Cheese    | Cookies         | Gravy      |
| Ice Cream      | Margarine | Marinades       | Mayonnaise |
| Meats          | Pastries  | Salad Dressings | Sauces     |
| Used fryer oil | Yogurt    |                 |            |

## Limbs / Household Goods Pick-up Schedule

Vienna Public Works will go back to their normal schedule of second and fourth Wednesday pick-up with large items being picked up on the fourth Wednesdays.

**Please do not** mix trash with your limbs/yard waste. **Do not** pile limbs near power lines,

If you have questions, please call (229) 268-4744. Thank you!



### THE NATIONAL MAIN STREET CENTER

and

Georgia Main Street

certify that

Vienna Main Street

has been recognized as a

### 2019 Main Street America Affiliate Program

*for meeting the standards of performance in 2018*

Patrice Frey  
President & CEO  
National Main Street Center

Matthew Wagner, Ph.d  
Vice President of Revitalization Programs  
National Main Street Center



## Fruits of Vienna B&B

509 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Vienna, GA, 31092  
229-947-3401

### Greek Dinner

Tuesday, May 14  
Thursday, May 30

### Lunch

Wednesday, May 15  
Wednesday, May 29

### April – May Promotion

If you refer friends to stay at our B&B, you are invited to join them for breakfast.

*Call for reservations. We also offer custom made arrangements for private luncheons, brunches, or dinners.*



City of Vienna has been designated as a TREE City for 16 years.

## National Arbor Day Celebrated

Keep Vienna Beautiful and the Vienna Garden Club celebrated National Arbor Day on Friday, April 26 by planting a coral bark maple in the Vienna Downtown City Square.

This year's tree was planted as a living tribute in honor of a dedicated and long serving member of the Vienna Garden Club, Mrs. Murray Stephens.

At the ceremony, Garden Club member, Mrs. Grace Akin and Garden Club President, Mrs. Marsha Mulderig talked about Mrs. Stephen's contributions and thanked her for her service to the club and the community.



**L to R:** Grace Akin, Marsha Mulderig, Mayor Pro Tem Walter Brown, Murray Stephens, and Laura Johnson

*(picture by Tim Franzen)*

Happy **100<sup>th</sup>** Birthday  
to Vienna Resident,  
**Mr. George Jordan**  
from the City of Vienna



*Mr. Jordan's son, Nathan "JJ"  
Jordan is Director of Public  
Works for the City of Vienna.*

**Congratulations from the  
City of Vienna  
to  
Aviation Ordnanceman 2nd Class  
Geraud Lewis**

**On receiving the  
Warrior of the Week award  
for outstanding performance.**



## **GEORGIA COTTON MUSEUM Days & Hours of Operation**

**Wednesday- Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**1321 E. Union Street, Vienna, GA  
I-75 Exit 109**

**Please call (229) 268-2045 or (229) 268-4920 to  
set up appointments for large group tours or  
visits on days not listed above.**

# JOINER'S CORNER



## A SONG IN MY HEART

By Neil Joiner

Valori Moore is the owner-editor of The Taylor County News, one of the papers that carries my column. She wrote an editorial in March of 2019 about having a song stuck in her head that wouldn't go away. I think most of us have that happen on occasion. Valori's column led me to reflect on a few songs that I often recall from the distant past. They are perhaps no better than many others, but to me will always be among the best.

Larry G. Hudson was the lead guitarist in the state champion Unadilla FFA String Band. He graduated from high school the year before I joined the band to play piano. I enjoyed listening to Larry and the band as they practiced in the auditorium or on the lunchroom stage. When I was in the eighth grade and Larry was in the twelfth, the band was playing a slow song one day called "Sleep Walk." It had a tender and somewhat ethereal quality. As Larry picked out that soulful melody, it made me wish I had a girlfriend and knew how to dance. Sometimes I play "Sleep Walk" on my piano, but the sweetest sound is the one I remember from Larry's guitar on a lunchroom stage a long time ago.

Another Larry played rhythm guitar and sometimes took the lead in that same band. Larry Hamsley came from the most musical family that's ever graced Dooly County. He was one of 15 siblings whose cradles were rocked to country tunes. Larry H. was also ahead of my band playing days, but he joined in with our group one night in Vienna for a session at George Forehand's house. George was a disc jockey at a radio station in Montezuma, and he had a recording studio in his home. Larry H. played lead on a song that I think he called "Bulldogging." I don't know if it was a tune he had heard or if he made it up, but it had a bluesy sound that stayed with me long after the party was over. I tried to learn it on guitar, but my talents are nominal. I can stumble through just enough of it to bring back a good memory.

After the two Larrys graduated, I began playing piano in the band. I was a freshman learning the ropes from four juniors, Michael Sullivan, Jerry Pickard, Charles Jones, and Jerry McIntyre. Michael Sullivan had a smooth-as-silk baritone voice. "The Green Green Grass of Home" was a hit for Porter Wagoner and was covered nicely by a lot of other good singers. But Mike Sullivan's version will always be my favorite. The grass seemed a little greener when he sang about it.

Jerry Pickard sang a gospel song with conviction titled, "The Wings of a Dove." It's the story of God sending Noah a sign after the waters receded. "On the wings of a snow-white dove, He sends His pure sweet love, A sign from above, On the wings of a Dove." It didn't surprise me when God called Jerry to be a minister. I believe he would have been on the ark if he had been around back then.

Charles Jones rocked the stage singing "Johnny Be Good." Charles could play anything with strings on it and enjoyed music as much as anyone I've ever known. When he hit the pounding chorus singing, "Go Johnny Go," everyone in the audience would be grinning at full speed. If you saw someone with a somber expression, it was probably too late to call the ambulance.

Jack Greene's recording of "There Goes My Everything" played well on the radio, but Jerry McIntyre's rendition was about two notches better in my young opinion. Jerry had a clear voice that resonated with confidence, the same confidence with which he played basketball and approached life.

VeEsta Brown joined us when we performed as VeEsta & The Country Gentleman. She belted out a string of country standards with a voice that was good enough to headline a much bigger stage. My favorite was an old Kitty Wells number, "It Wasn't God Who Made Honkytonk Angels." Every band needs a star. VeEsta was ours.

I planned to write a column about songs that are stuck in my head, but I realize now it's more about songs in my heart. The music was good, but it's the memories that I cherish most. If I ever forget those treasured moments from long ago, it's probably too late to call the ambulance. Just take me back to the green green grass of home. That's the place where I'll always have a song in my heart

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**In case of fire, please call 911.**

## **MAY BIRTHDAYS**



**Gary Killings . . . . . May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## **The City of Vienna**





Thank you to all our Volunteers for your continued dedication and participation!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we have many opportunities and would like to hear from you. Please contact Laura Johnson at (229) 268-4921.



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