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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FROM THE CITY OF VIENNA

*Join Us
at*

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK



Saturday, December 2, 2017
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Downtown Vienna Courthouse Square

- *Santa Claus* will be there!
- Local musical performances on Courthouse steps!
- Hot chocolate and cookies!
- Tree Decorating Contest winners announced!

(Bring a chair)

Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

Look for these 10 Christmas trees decorating the City Square during the Holidays

City of Vienna

Dooly County Elementary School

*Dooly County High School AP
Students 10th Grade*

*Dooly County High School
Cheerleaders*

High Cotton Homes

The Jewell of Vienna

The News Observer

Piggly Wiggly

Vienna Garden Club

Vienna Woman's Club



City to Hold Public Safety Driver Trainings One for City Employees and One for Teens

City Employee Training – November 27 and December 1, 2017

Local Government Risk Management Services (LGRMS), a service organization for the Georgia Municipal Association, is offering a public safety driver training program for Vienna police officers and public works employees. A state of the art DORON Precision 550 LE driving simulator will provide up-to-date and realistic training. Driving simulation has been used by the military, NASA, and major airlines for years. A driving simulator gives the driver a chance to train for a variety of different circumstances

in a dynamic training environment. The difference between simulation and real world driving is that a mistake can become a learning opportunity to improve driving skills without injuring the driver, the general public, or causing damage to the vehicle. Each participant will attend a two-hour time slot for training and will drive a number of skill and response based scenarios.

The DORON simulator consists of a driving compartment surrounded by three, high resolution screens giving the driver a 190 degree field of vision. Functional dashboard gauges, a true steering wheel, usable radio and siren, road feel through the driver seat, and workable rear view mirrors will give the driver the needed realism.



Teen Driver Training – December 2, 2017

The National Safety Council states that half of all teens will be involved in a car crash at some point before they graduate from high school. What can be done to reduce the chances that your teen will be one of these statistics?

The **Vienna Woman's Club** and the City of Vienna are sponsoring a safe driving clinic for teens on Saturday, December 2, 2017 at Vienna City Hall. Beginning at 10:00 AM and ending at 2:00 PM, groups of students will be guided through a twenty-foot trailer housing a driving simulator for twenty-minute training sessions.

The driving simulator allows trainees to drive in a real car on a virtual road. Drivers wear virtual reality goggles to experience a variety of driving situations generated by the simulator's computer. The participant learns what can and will happen, but in a controlled setting.

In 2008 distracted driving was a major cause of crashes, especially in the under 20 age group. Parents are reminded to set the rules before their teens hit the road with **"5 to Drive"**: *1) No cell phones while driving; 2) No extra passengers; 3) No speeding; 4) No alcohol; 5) No driving or riding without a seatbelt.*

While waiting for a turn in the driving simulator, participants will be offered opportunities for community service. Members of the Vienna Woman's Club will be on hand to assist participants in creating bird feeders for area nursing homes, making tug toys for dogs housed in local shelters, and writing messages to soldiers deployed during the holidays. **All area teens are invited to participate. Appointments will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Cathy Jones at 229-268-4776 to schedule a group.**

MAYORS' CHRISTMAS MOTORCADE Georgia Municipal Association

Let's not forget those less fortunate during the holiday season.

The City of Vienna will be doing its part to make the holiday season special for residents of Georgia's hospitals serving persons with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs.

For 58 years, cities across Georgia have brought the joy of the holiday season to patients at Georgia's regional behavioral health hospitals through the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

The program, begun by the Georgia Municipal Association (GMA) in cooperation with Governor Ernest Vandiver and his wife Betty Vandiver, relies on citizen participation in each city to donate gifts for the patients. Many of these patients would not receive gifts or be recognized without the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade. According to hospital staff, many of the patients at these hospitals have little, if any, support or contact with friends and family.

Vienna Mayor, Hobby Stripling, will deliver your donated items to West Central Georgia Hospital in Columbus on **December 8, 2017**. Civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and individual citizens are encouraged to help with the collection of gifts for the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

Gifts should be brought to Vienna City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on December 7, 2017. All gifts should be new and unwrapped. No glass containers or objects with sharp edges, metal or strings. Please remember 95% of patients are adults with the average age being 39. Financial donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to West Central Georgia Hospital and note it is for the Patient Benefit Fund.

Suggested Gift items

Clothing: (*Med-4XL Women; Med-3L Men*)

Jeans/Pants
Sweaters
Shorts Long Sleeve Polo shirts
Gloves, Winter Hats, Baseball Caps (*No metal*)
Socks/Underwear/Bras (*No underwire*)
Pajamas, Slippers

Miscellaneous Gifts:

Drawing pads/Composition Books (*No wire bound*)
Stationary
Playing Cards
Calling Cards
Puzzles
Work Search/Crossword books
Wallets (*No metal zipper*)

Personal Care Items:

Shampoo/Conditioner
Body Wash
Deodorant (*No aerosol or spray cans*)
Toothpaste
Body Lotion
Shaving Cream

Giftwrapping Items: (*No wrapping paper*)

Gift Bags
Gift tissue paper
Christmas Cards
Christmas Bows, Ribbon

Snack Items: *No Gum Please*

Individually wrapped candy
Individually wrapped snack cakes/cookies

*Please remember most patients are adults. 61% Males, 39% Females, Caucasian, African American
Average age is 39



Vienna Salutes America's Heroes Veterans Day Celebration

The Vienna Woman's Club and the City of Vienna honored local and area veterans on Thursday, November 9, 2017. The day began at 9:00 a.m. with a social hour at City Hall. Refreshments were served and veterans enjoyed a time of fellowship and finding their names on the Veteran's Tree in the lobby.

At 10:00 a.m. everyone convened at the Dooly County Courthouse for the traditional Veteran's Day Ceremony lead by LTC (Ret.) Robert Koester. The Dooly County High School JROTC presented the colors. Featured speaker for the occasion was Staff Sgt. William Prettyman of the U. S. Army. He was deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in 2011. City Administrator, Michael Bowens, presented the Veteran's Day Proclamation on behalf of the Mayor and Council of the City of Vienna. Rev. Daryl Brown sang God Bless the USA and closed the program with a moment of silence for those who have and are continuing to serve our country.

All branches of service were represented – Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, and Navy. The Vienna Woman's Club presented toy soldiers to those in attendance to serve as a reminder to pray for the men and women serving our country.



More Veterans Day pictures



Veterans Tree in Vienna City Hall;
Veterans enjoying social hour at City Hall
The Ceremony took place in the Dooly County Courthouse Courtroom.





Proposed Veterans Memorial

Vienna City Cemetery

"Honoring those who have served – past, present and future."

The City of Vienna would like to say thank you to all who serve and have served our community and nation by erecting a Veterans Memorial in the new northwest section of the Vienna City Cemetery. The memorial will be a granite monument with etchings of all branches of service and the United States flag. You can support this project and our service members by ordering a personalized brick that will be installed around the memorial or you may simply make a donation.

The engraved memorial bricks sell for \$50 each. A total of 274 bricks are needed and to date only 24 have been sold. This would make a nice Christmas gift for the veterans in your family or a great family project to remember you parents and grandparents who served.

Order forms are available at Vienna City Hall or you may order online at thatsmybrick.com/VIENNAGA. For questions, please contact Janet Joiner at (229)268-4920 or by email at janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org

Proposed Granite Monument



4 x 8 Bricks

- 3 lines of 18-character personalization
- Graphic available on the left or right side with a 3 line, 10-character per line limit (includes spaces and punctuation)

Replica bricks of your memorial brick may also be purchased to display in your home or office. These replica bricks have rubber feet on the bottom for safe display on a desk or table.



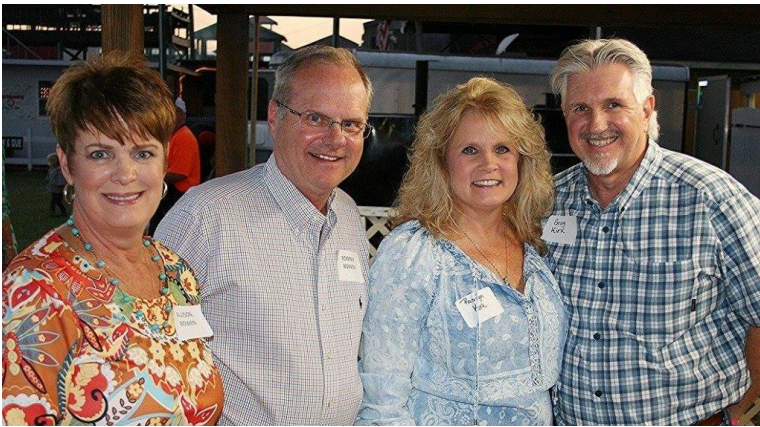
Scenes from 2017 BIG PIG JIG®



Friday Night Guests at the City of Vienna Booth



Mayor Hobby Stripling and Rep. Patty Bentley, House District 139



Judge & Mrs. Rooney Bowen; Senator & Mrs. Greg Kirk



Saturday Night Concert



2017 BIG PIG JIG® Grand Champions, Bubba Grills

City Adopts 2018-2027 Comprehensive Plan

The Greater Dooly Comprehensive Plan is a multi-jurisdictional plan that includes all of Dooly County and its 6 municipalities. Being due for a 10 year update, a series of public meetings and planning sessions were held over the past year and a plan that includes community goals, needs, opportunities, a 5 year community work program, economic development, and land use maps was developed.

This document is used by elected officials and department heads as a guide to policy management and revitalization initiatives. The benefits of comprehensive planning are:

- Efficient use of tax dollars
- More economic development
- Protection of private property rights
- Transparency in government – people can have a voice in the direction their community is headed
- Smarter decisions that are based on both short and long-term considerations

At the October 9th City Council meeting, the City of Vienna adopted the 2018-2027 Greater Dooly Comprehensive Plan. The plan was also reviewed by and met the standards of the Georgia Department of Community Affairs. A link to the plan will soon be posted on the City's website at www.cityofvienna.org.



KEEP VIENNA BEAUTIFUL was represented by Janet Joiner at the recent *Keep Georgia Beautiful* affiliate training and networking meeting in Warner Robins. The above picture represents KGB affiliates in the Middle Georgia area.



December 2, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Teen Driver Simulator

December 2, 2017

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Christmas in the Park
(Downtown Square)

December 6, 2017

3:30 p.m.
Dooly County High School
Stakeholders Meeting

December 8, 2017

Mayors' Christmas Motorcade

December 13, 2017

11:30 a.m.
Dooly County Chamber of
Commerce Board Meeting
Middle GA EMC

December 14, 2017

11:00 a.m.
Vienna Downtown Streetscape
Project Phase II
Pre-construction Meeting

December 25, 2017

Christmas Day

January 1, 2018

New Year's Day

DON'T FORGET! DURING THE HOLIDAYS TO:



Bring One for the Chipper!

Bring One for the Chipper is an annual Christmas tree recycling program. Since its inception, the program has recycled an estimated 6 million Christmas trees. The mulch from these trees has been used for playgrounds, local government beautification projects, and individual yards.

You can support the Chipper program by bringing your cut Christmas tree to Vienna Public Works on 2nd Street beginning Saturday, January 13 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and then the rest of the month of January on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.



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!



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Joiner's Corner

Valdosta State University

by Neil Joiner

I graduated from Valdosta State College in 1974. In 1993 the Board of Regents awarded it the more prestigious title of Valdosta State University. I got a nice letter from the school's president saying that the university designation would add value to my diploma. I sure was glad to hear that as we needed a new lawn mower.

A few days later, a very pleasant young student named Mindy called on behalf of the V.S.U. Annual Fund Drive. She was polite, personable, and a good conversationalist. I thanked her for volunteering to help make the calls. She asked if I had seen the recent letter, and said that she hoped I would support the university with a donation.

"Mindy," I said, "I'll be glad to help out, but first I have a question." She said that was fine and she would certainly try to answer it. I said, "That letter mentioned that my diploma now has more value, but it didn't give any figures. About how much value will the university designation add to my diploma?" Mindy said she wasn't sure about that. I said, "Mindy, I was thinking about using that added value to buy a lawn mower, but now I'm thinking that at least some of that increase should go to the university. Does that seem reasonable?" She said that seemed very reasonable, but that she didn't know how to determine how much the added value was. I told her that it didn't have to be exact, just a ballpark figure. "If we're talking \$10,000, then it seems like the university should get at least ten percent of that. Does that seem fair, Mindy?" She said it seemed very fair, but that she wasn't sure about the \$10,000 figure. I said, "Mindy, I may have a way to find out how much value was added. I run a small independent bank in Vienna. I could take that letter to my board of directors, show them that my diploma is now worth more, and find out what they plan to do about a raise." Mindy said that might work, and that she sure hoped I got the raise.

Then I realized that I might have been thinking too small with the \$10,000 illustration. I said, "Mindy, if they give me \$10,000 a year and I work another 20 years, that would be \$200,000. At ten percent the university would get \$20,000!" Mindy said that sounded great and that she hoped to hear from me soon. I told her one thing that might help would be if someone from the university could come and meet with my directors. They could explain exactly how the value of my diploma had increased and how that would affect the bank. She said she could mention that to the fund drive chairman, but she wasn't sure if anyone was available to make such presentations.

I assured Mindy this could be a bonanza for the university. I suggested they use some color graphs and visual aids. They could show how much value was added to each diploma, then show how much value that would add to each business. She seemed to be losing a little bit of her enthusiasm, so I offered to come present my idea to their fund drive committee. "But Mindy, there's one thing you need to think about," I said. "Some of the fund drive staff probably graduated from Valdosta when it was a college. When I show them my pie charts, a lot of them may be demanding a raise. It's possible that could result in some personnel issues."

Mindy said that it might be best if she had her supervisor call me later. I told her that was a great idea and that I would be looking forward to the call. They must have lost my number. I waited a few days then mailed a check for my usual \$100. I should have sent a bigger donation. I had more than \$100 worth of fun talking to Mindy. I guess that letter was right. Becoming a university really did add some value to my diploma.

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Grandpa's Christmas Story

Grandpa decided that shopping for Christmas presents had become too difficult. All his grandchildren had everything they needed, so he decided to send them each a check.

On each card he wrote: *"Happy Christmas, Grandpa"*
P.S. *"Buy your own present!"*

Conclusion:

Now, while Grandpa enjoyed the family festivities, he thought that his grandchildren were just slightly distant. It preyed on his mind into the New Year. Then one day he was sorting out his study and under a pile of magazines, he found a little pile of checks for his grandchildren. He had completely forgotten to put them in with the Christmas cards!



Holiday Fire Safety Tips – BE SAFE!

Residential fires during the holiday season are more frequent, more costly, and more deadly than at any other time of the year. To keep your household from becoming a holiday fire statistic, here are some safety tips to follow.

Cooking: Cooking is the top cause of holiday fires. The most common culprit is food that's left unattended. It's easy to get distracted; take a pot holder with you when you leave the kitchen as a reminder that you have something on the stove. Make sure to keep a kitchen fire extinguisher that's rated for all types of fires, and check that smoke detectors are working. If you're planning to deep-fry your holiday turkey, do it outside, on a flat, level surface at least 10 feet from the house.

Candles: The incidence of candle fires is 4 times higher during December than during other months. To reduce the danger, maintain about a foot of space between the candle and anything that can burn. Set candles on sturdy bases or cover with hurricane globes. Never leave flames unattended. Before bed, walk through each room to make sure candles are blown out. For atmosphere without worry, consider flameless LED candles.

Christmas Trees: It takes less than 30 seconds for a dry tree to engulf a room in flames. A Christmas tree is almost explosive when it goes. To minimize risk, buy a fresh tree with intact needles, get a fresh cut on the trunk, and water it every day. A well-watered tree is almost impossible to ignite. Keep the tree away from heat sources, such as a fireplace or radiator, and out of traffic patterns. If you're using live garlands and other greenery, keep them at least three feet away from heating sources. No matter how well the tree is watered, it will start to dry out after about 4 weeks, so take it down after the holidays. Artificial trees don't pose much of a fire hazard; just make sure yours is flame-retardant.

Decorative Lights: Inspect light strings, and throw out any with frayed or cracked wires or broken sockets. When decorating, don't run more than three strings of lights end to end. Extension cords should be in good condition and UL-rated for indoor or outdoor use. Check outdoor receptacles to make sure the ground fault interrupters don't trip. When hanging lights outside, avoid using nails or staples, which can damage the wiring and increase the risk of a fire. Instead, use UL-rated clips or hangers.



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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



**December 11 - City Councilman,
Albert King**

December 14 - Jeri Williams

December 18 – Nathan Jordan

December 23 – Ricky Chadwick



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.



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