



! Congratulations to Vienna's City Clerk !



Margaret Shelley

Vienna City Clerk, Margaret Shelley, recently earned the Certified Municipal Clerk (C.M.C.) designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks.

Claire W. Kinane, Program Coordinator-Georgia Clerks Education Institute said, "Congratulations on earning this designation. That is an admirable accomplishment, and the second highest certification that a clerk can earn in the world."

The City of Vienna congratulates Mrs. Shelley on her success. She will be recognized at the Georgia Clerks Education Institute Conference September 8-10 in Athens, GA.

Candidates Qualified for City Positions

The following candidates have qualified for this November's City Elections.

Office of Mayor: Eddie Daniels, Beth English

City Council Seat: Randall Almond - incumbent, no opposition

City Council Seat: Albert King - incumbent, no opposition

General Election Day is November 5, 2019. Advanced voting begins October 15, 2019 and ends November 1, 2019. Voting will be at Dooly County Vienna Voting Precinct, 402 Hawkinsville Road, Vienna, GA.

**** There will be a special election to fill the Council Seat vacated by Beth English. The October City Newsletter will give more details.**

STREET SOUNDS

Streaming Wireless Audio for “Main Street USA”

When you walk down the sidewalk, go to the Post Office, or just sit in the Downtown Square, you may notice a new vibe. It might be the sound of Frank Sinatra or maybe even some Ray Charles. When music is playing, everything seems to take on a new life.

Vienna Main Street and the Vienna Event Planning Committee headed up a project to install a sound system in Downtown Vienna. The system is a StreetSounds® new streaming wireless audio system designed to provide professional quality audio to downtowns. StreetSounds® allows cities to provide audio for seasonal music, festivals, parades, and ambient background music on sidewalks and in parks. It can also be used as a PA system for making emergency announcements.

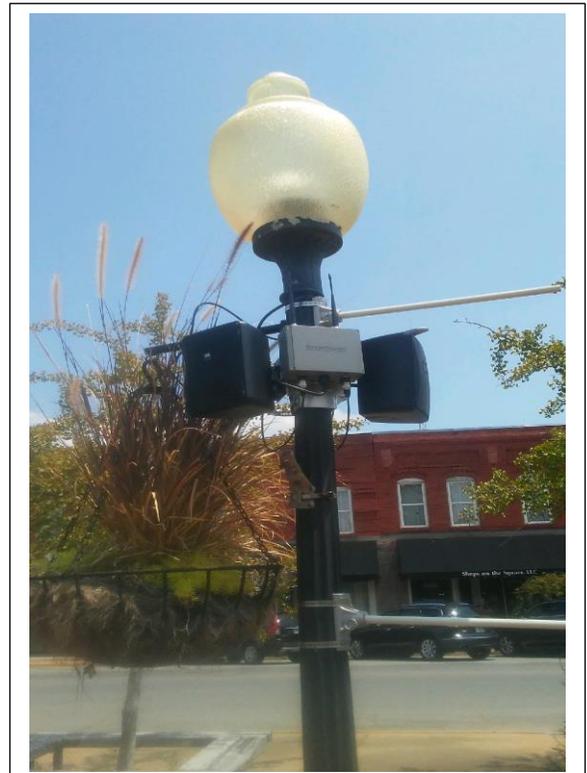
The wireless system is mounted on existing lamp poles so it can tap into an existing AC power source. The system can be remotely controlled and monitored from a central PC located at City Hall.

This project was funded by a series of fundraisers and donations. Thank you to the 8BMB Grill Team for cooking the Boston butts, the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department for cooking chicken, and Tyson for donating the chicken. Also, a big thank you to all who sold and purchased tickets to support this project.

Picture by Tim Franzen



Mayor and Mrs. Stripling cut ribbon for City's new sound system in the Downtown



Remembering 9/11

by R. L. Kerst

**September 11, 2001
Starting the day
With the rising sun
We rushed around
At the break of day
How many of us
Remembered to pray?**

**The day began as all days
do
No differently for me and
you**

**The rush of traffic,
The clank of trains,
The ringing of phones,
The roar of planes.**

**Then horror struck
Terror from the sky
Buildings fell,
We questioned why
We stopped, we watched**

**As planes collide
The gasps, the screams
To God we cried.**

**September 11, 2019
We mourn our loved ones
Now in Heaven**

**The years have passed
Though things have
changed
Routines returned
Lives rearranged**

**Have we truly
Changed our lives?
Do we honor daily
Those who died?
Do we now remember
At the start of the day
To take the time
To stop and pray?**



**WE WILL NEVER FORGET
NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE**

PATRIOT DAY



Vienna Main Street Presents the First Annual Scarecrow Contest

Contest set up dates: October 4th and 5th - To remain up until after BIG PIG on November 2nd

Categories:

Traditional – most likely to scare a crow

Youth – under 14 years old, may work as a group, may have adult assistance

Business or Club – may display name and logo no larger than 11”x14”

3 R’s – make the best use of items that promote “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle”

Healthier Together Dooly – portrays good health

All entries should be hand-made

NO commercial costumes, rubber or plastic masks will be allowed

Designs MUST be family friendly

Scarecrow construction should be durable and able to withstand sun, wind and rain

Creators are responsible for keeping their scarecrow in good viewing condition

Scarecrows will be attached to lampposts in Downtown Square & around Historic Downtown Vienna

Please specify on the registration form if your scarecrow requires more space for props

Ribbons awarded for each category

Judging will be by public vote. Voting ballots are available at the Vienna Main Street Office in City Hall

Registration is required, there is **NO** entry fee. Clip & return form below to the Vienna Main Street

Office in City Hall. Additional registration forms are available at the Vienna Main Street Office.

***Vienna Main Street and the City of Vienna may use photographs, stories and actual scarecrow entries for publicity and promotion of this event. All entries must conform to rules and the City reserves the right to deny exhibition privileges to any entry considered offensive.*

Vienna Main Street 2019 Scarecrow Contest Registration Form

Name of contact person: _____

Name of business or club: _____

Name of scarecrow display: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

I have read and understand the contest rules and I agree to participate in the Scarecrow contest. I understand the required dates for the scarecrows to be on display as described by the rules.

I authorize the release of photos taken of the scarecrows to the City of Vienna and Vienna Main Street to use on their website, scrapbook, print advertising or other social media. Neither Vienna Main Street or the City of Vienna, nor their agents, will be held responsible for any injury or damage associated with the 2019 Scarecrow Contest.

Signature: _____

Check the appropriate category you wish to enter

___ Traditional

___ Youth

___ Business or Club

___ 3 R’s

___ Healthier Together Dooly



Do you need a larger space for your scarecrow to have props? _____

Return this form to Vienna City Hall



Scenes from
*1st Annual Old School
 Car-Truck Show*
 in
 Downtown Vienna
 1999 and older models

2019 Miss Pig Jig Queens

Baby - Brynleigh Michelle McFall

Teeny - Brooklyn Nicole Morgan

Tiny - Carson Lane Nipper

Little - Addie Gray Shiver

Petite - Kyndal Elizabeth Gilstrap

Junior - Victoria Marie Dickerson

Teen - Hayley Brianna Raymond

Miss - Adahy Pritchett

Hospitality - Kelly Ann McNesse



dates to Remember

September 2, 2019

Labor Day
City Hall Closed

September 9, 2019

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

September 11, 2019

Patriot Day
National Day of Remembrance
We Will Never Forget 9/11

September 11, 2019

Dooly County Chamber of
Commerce
Marise's Country Cooking Restaurant
11:30 a.m.

September 19, 2019

Third Thursday Celebration
Busbee Park, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

September 23, 2019

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

It's
against
the Law!!



Did You Know?

- The Georgia Department of Transportation picks up more than 2 million bags of trash along our interstates each year. If you laid those bags end-to-end, they would stretch more than 1,0900 miles!
- Each Georgia resident disposes of approximately 6.3 pounds of trash each day. In one year, that adds up to more than 2,300 pounds. That's as much as eight baby elephants.

LITTER LASTS THIS LONG

CIGARETTE BUTTS.....	1-5 YEARS
ALUMINUM CANS.....	80-100 YEARS
ORANGE PEELS.....	UP TO 2 YEARS
PLASTIC BAGS.....	10-20 YEARS
GLASS BOTTLES.....	1 MILLION YEARS
TIN CANS.....	50 YEARS
WOOL SOCKS.....	1-5 YEARS
PLASTIC BOTTLES.....	INDEFINITELY

Congratulations from the City of Vienna



State Representative Patty Bentley, Winner of the 2019 Legislative Service Award

Mrs. Stacey Peavy, New Administrator of High Cotton Homes

Mrs. Tanner Dixon, New Site Coordinator for Crisp Dooly Fuller Center for Housing

**Mark Your Calendars
for these
Events You Will Not Want to Miss**

BIG PIG JIG® Golf Tournament
October 4, 2019
Pine Hills Country Club

Hole Sponsorships - \$300

Sponsors will be featured at both the
Golf Tournament
&
the BIG PIG JIG® State Championship



100 Mile
Peanut Pickin'
Yard Sale
2nd Saturday in October
Rain or Shine

Save the Date!
October 12, 2019

*F*ruits of Vienna B&B

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

September Dinner Events

Theme: French Cuisine

Tuesday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 26, 6:00 p.m.

Ladies' Night Out

Saturday, September 28
5:00-8:00

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

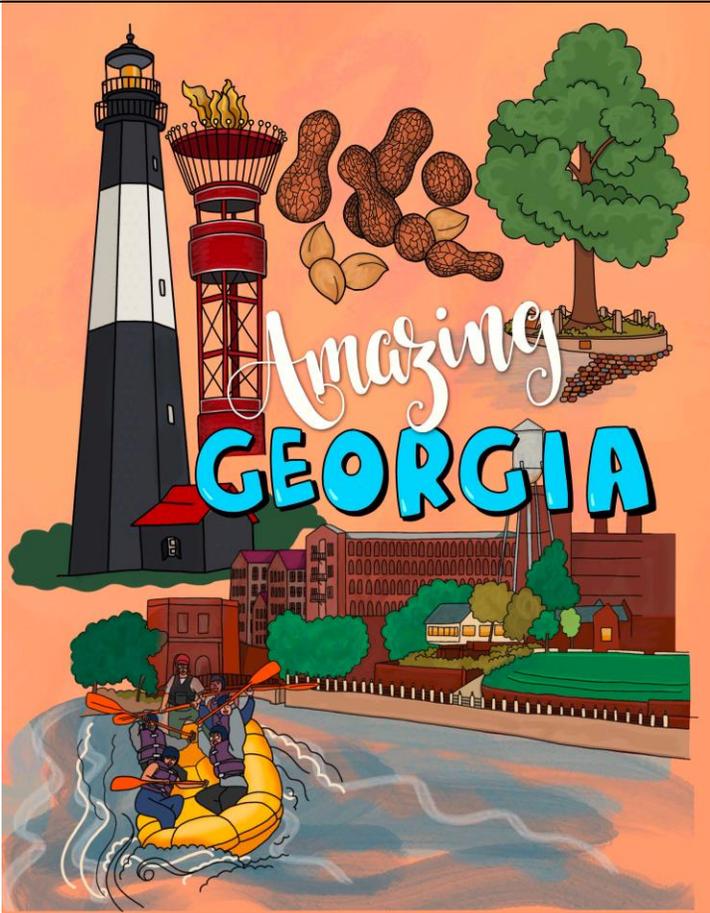
**Senior Community
Health Care Meeting**
Medicare Open Enrollment

September 30, 2019
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Vienna City Hall

Candidates Forum

October 3, 2019
6:00 p.m.
Dooly County Courthouse

Sponsored by
Dooly County Chamber of Commerce
Vienna Woman's Club



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Georgia's
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**GEORGIA COTTON
MUSEUM**

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

Museum Host: Earl Collier

Days & Hours of Operation
Wednesday - Friday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

The Cotton Museum was tagged in the September issue of *Georgia Magazine*. This issue spotlights agriculture. See Neil Joiner's story on page 14 of this newsletter.



The 2020 Census and Confidentiality

“Count Everyone Once, Only Once and in the Right Place.”

Your responses to the 2020 Census are safe, secure, and protected by federal law. Your answers can only be used to produce statistics – **they cannot be used against you in any way.** By law, all responses to U.S. Census Bureau household and business surveys are kept completely confidential.

It is against the law for any Census Bureau employee to disclose or publish any census information that identifies an individual. Census Bureau employees take a lifelong pledge of confidentiality to handle data responsibly and keep respondents' information private. The penalty for wrongful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

No law enforcement agency (not the DHS-Department of Homeland Security, ICE-U. S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, FBI-Federal Bureau of Investigation, or CIA-Central Intelligence Agency) can access or use your personal information at any time. Data collected can only be used for statistical purposes that help inform important decisions, including how much federal funding your community receives.

Your online responses are safe from hacking and other cyberthreats. All data submitted online are encrypted to protect personal privacy, and the Bureau's cybersecurity program meets the highest and most recent standards for protecting personal information. Once the data are received, they are no longer online.

To support historical research, Title 44 of the U. S. Code allows the National Archives and Records Administration to release census records only after 72 years.

How do I respond to the 2020 Census? In mid-March 2020 you will receive a notice in the mail to complete the census. For the first time ever, you now have 3 options:

1. Online
2. U.S. Mail
3. Telephone

Households that do not respond in one of these ways will be visited by a census taker in May to collect the information in person. Regardless of how you respond, your personal information is protected by law.

Why You Should Eat Fruits Every Day



STRAWBERRIES
Fight aging



BANANAS
Boost your energy



CHERRIES
Calm your nerves



GRAPES
Relax your blood vessels



PINEAPPLES
Relieve arthritis pain



BLUEBERRIES
Strengthen your heart



WATERMELONS
Promote weight loss



ORANGES
Protect your skin
and vision

APPLES
Help resist infection



CureJoy



For community updates,
healthy recipes,
workouts, and more
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Healthy Fruit Smoothies

Ingredients

- 1 cup fat-free milk
- 1/2 cup plain yogurt
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1-1/2 cups fresh or frozen strawberries, thawed
- 1/2 cup canned unsweetened pineapple chunks
- 1/4 cup nonfat dry milk powder
- 4 ice cubes
- 2 tablespoons sugar



Directions

In a blender, combine all ingredients; cover and process for 30-45 seconds or until blended. Stir if necessary. Pour into chilled glasses; serve immediately.



SHE LEADS: WOMEN'S FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT FORUM

SHE LEADS is coming to Tifton! Partnering with the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC), SHE LEADS is continuing the conversation in Tifton.

It's a day of Georgia women having conversations with other women to raise awareness of issues and challenges they face in securing, protecting and growing their wealth.

It's a **FREE** workshop featuring speakers, interactive exercises, and facilitated group discussions to empower women with an increased knowledge of how to increase and leverage wealth.

Date: Friday, September 20th

Time: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Place: Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College (ABAC)

SHE LEADS Tifton Program

- Registration & Networking
- Opening Session: Exploring Your Relationship to Money
- Panel Discussion: Issues for Different Life Stages
- Lunch and Keynote Session: Key Tools and Strategies for Financial Empowerment
- Panel Discussion: Building Financial Success
- Closing Session: Develop Individual Action Plans

Registration will open soon. To be added to the list to receive registration information, please email the: **[SHE LEADS COORDINATOR.](#)**

OSHA 10 Hour for General Industry



The OSHA 10 Hour for General Industry class provides an overview of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and covers many of the 29 CFR 1910 OSHA General Industry Regulations. The training emphasizes hazard identification, avoidance, control, and prevention. The training also covers a variety of general industry safety and health hazards which a worker may encounter. This is a great class to cultivate a safety mindset among your workforce.

This OSHA 10 hour General Industry course is delivered over two days by an OSHA Authorized Trainer.

Required Topics

- Introduction to OSHA
- Walking & Working Surfaces, Including Fall Protection
- Electrical Safety
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Hazard Communication

Other Topics

- Hazardous Materials
- Materials Handling
- Machine Guarding
- Introduction to Industrial Hygiene
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Ergonomics
- Safety & Health Program
- Fall Protection



CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

September 25 & 26, 2019
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
2 Mandatory Days

COST
\$225.00

LOCATION

Central Georgia Technical College
Charles H. Jones Advanced
Technology Center
3660 Eisenhower Pkwy
Macon, GA 31206

TO REGISTER, CONTACT

CGTC Continuing Education
ceinfo@centralgatech.edu
(478) 757-3445
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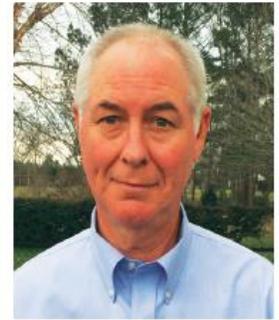
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Lessons in a new cotton sack



During my childhood in the 1950s, the cotton on our Dooly County farm was harvested by hand. I picked a few bolls, but not enough to pretend the hot work shaped my outlook on life. It was, however, because of cotton that I got my first experience in buying on credit.

My approach to picking cotton was admittedly unremarkable, but I felt slighted by being given a short, tattered, secondhand sack for my field expeditions. With the innate wisdom of a 9-year-old, I knew my success in the cotton field hinged on being equipped to look the part. Mickey Mantle didn't swing a kids' bat with cracks in the wood. Neither would I.

Joiner's Store was just a short walk from our home. Uncle Emmett kept charge tickets in a cigar box for Daddy and many others in the community.

Customers would pay him weekly or monthly or when the crops were gathered. I saw something one day in the store that I wanted, and I figured it might be time to start my own account.

There was a brand-new 6-foot cotton sack hanging on the store wall that begged me to try it on. Its beige cloth body was beautifully accented with a reinforced brown-leather bottom. That sack whispered my name just like sirens call sailors from the deep blue water. Uncle Emmett didn't try to talk me out of buying that cotton sack. He let me enjoy my boundless optimism.

It didn't take long for me to realize I'd made a mistake. That big sack was heavy to drag and took considerable time to fill. The welcome breaks to empty the bag and weigh the cotton came less often. My enthusiasm melted more quickly than the ice in the Mason jar at the edge of the field.

I paid for the cotton sack, but I was thrilled to retire it when Daddy bought a one-row tractor-mounted picker. I'd had a good lesson about easy credit—a valuable reminder to use caution when spending money I don't have.

Uncle Emmett also helped me to understand that old saying: "All that glitters isn't gold." I foolishly thought that new sack would transform my cotton picking to legendary status.

Even now I sometimes ignore lessons I've already learned. It can happen to any of us. We see that new cotton sack and we're smitten. We like the fresh scent of the material and the smooth texture. We believe that if we had that new cotton sack, life would be much better.

It didn't take but a few rows of cotton for me to understand that I didn't need a new sack. What I needed was a new attitude and a better effort. That new sack was seldom filled to the top with cotton, but it was packed full of lessons that, thankfully, linger on. 🍌

Neil Joiner lives near Vienna and writes a column found in several newspapers as well as a blog at joinerscorner.com. He is a member of Middle Georgia Electric Membership Corp.

As a boy, Neil Joiner used a sack similar to this to pick cotton on his family's farm. This sack and other artifacts related to Georgia's cotton industry are on display at the Georgia State Cotton Museum in Vienna. Learn more at bit.ly/cottonmuseum.



JANET JOINER



COURTESY DAVIS FARMS IN DOERUN

Pickers such as this make the process easier for cotton farmers.

To submit a My Georgia story, send the essay (no more than 500 words) and 300-dpi digital photos by email to mygeorgia@georgiaemc.com or by mail to the address listed on page 6. A self-addressed, stamped envelope must be included for photos to be returned. Published essays pay \$100. *Georgia Magazine* reserves the right to edit submitted pieces.

KID'S PAGE

September





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 Vienna, Georgia 31092
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(229) 268-6172 Fax

Elected Officials

Hobby Stripling, Sr., Mayor

hobby.stripling@cityofvienna.org

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Walter Brown, Mayor Pro Tem

walter.brown@cityofvienna.org

Randall Almond, Council Member - randall.almond@cityofvienna.org

Elizabeth (Beth) English, Council Member -

bethmenglish2018@gmail.com

Albert King, Council Member - albert.king@cityofvienna.org

City Administration

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Margaret Shelley, City Clerk

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Shondra Zanders, Utility Billing Clerk

Shondra.zanders@cityofvienna.org

Michelle Lawson, Cashier

Michelle.lawson@cityofvienna.org

Community Development Department

Janet P. Joiner, Community Development Director

Janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org Phone: (229) 268-4920

Laura Johnson, Programs Manager

Laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org Phone (229)268-4921

Velvet S. Layfield, Code Enforcement Officer

covanimalcontrol@cityofvienna.org Phone: (229) 805-3652

Public Works Department

Phone: (229) 268-4429 Office -- (229) 322-5250 After Hours

Nathan Jordan, Superintendent

Nathan.jordan@cityofvienna.org

Jeffrey Priest, Assistant Superintendent

Vienna.gas@cityofvienna.org

Vienna Police Department

Phone: (229) 268-7033 **In case of an Emergency, please call 911**

Cozie Ray, Police Chief

Jeri Williams, Admin Assistant/Municipal Court Clerk

Vienna.police@cityofviennapd.org

Michelle Lawson, Municipal Court Deputy Clerk

Michelle.lawson@cityofvienna.org

Velvet S. Layfield, Animal Control Officer

covanimalcontrol@gmail.com

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

In case of fire, please call 911.

Michael Causey, Fire Chief; Phillip Warren, Assistant Fire Chief

Viennafire1902@gmail.com



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.

The City of Vienna



3rd Thursday in the Park

*September 19
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.*

Vendors

Food Trucks

Music

Children's Games

Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy visiting with your neighbors!



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