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# City Scoop

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR



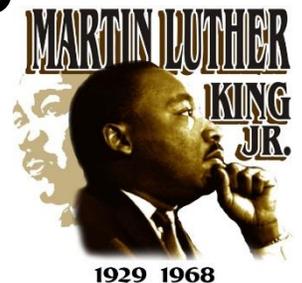
## KIDS YULE LOVE & THE CITY OF VIENNA MAKE CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER



The City of Vienna partnered with Kids Yule Love to provide Christmas gifts to children in 11 Vienna families. The parents signed up to receive the gifts and provided a minimum of four hours of Community service activities to the Vienna/Dooly Senior Citizens Center, Open Hearts Thrift Store and the Department of Family and Children's Services. The gifts were collected at various sites, wrapped and packaged for parents to pick them up at City Hall on December 22nd. Thanks to Kids Yule Love Director, Mr. Ronald Simpson for coordinating this worthwhile project.

Ronald Simpson of KIDS YULE LOVE and Shondra Zanders of the City of Vienna sort through the gifts to be distributed.

Vienna City Hall will be **CLOSED**  
on **Monday, January 16, 2017**  
in observance of the  
**Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
Holiday.



# CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Vienna Main Street is compiling a local artist database. If you are a local or area artist or craftsman, please fill out the form below and return to City Hall or email the information to [larista.thompson@cityofvienna.org](mailto:larista.thompson@cityofvienna.org).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select from the list below which best describes your art practice. *You may select more than one.*



Painter/Visual Artist (type of Medium \_\_\_\_\_)

Ceramic/Potter

Crafts Person (type of craft)

Photographer

Sculptor

Graphic Designer

Theater

Storyteller

Other: (Please specify \_\_\_\_\_)

Singer

Dancer

Musician

Fashion/Costume Design

Floral Design

Sewing/Quilting/Weaving

Poet

Writer



**Please share this request with any area artist you may know. Thanks!**

## New Year's Resolutions – Have You Made Yours Yet?



What is the definition of “New Year’s resolution”? Webster states that it is a promise to do something in the new year. “Her New Year’s resolution is to exercise regularly.”

Wikipedia says that, “A New year’s resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western Hemisphere but also found in the Eastern Hemisphere, in which a person makes a promise to do an act of self-improvement or something slightly nice, such as opening doors for peoples beginning on New Year’s Day.” (Lennox, Doug (2007) *Now You Know Big Book Answers on of the amazing thing*. Toronto: Dundurn. P. 250. ISBN 1-55002-741-7.)

Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. (“New Year’s resolution, retrieved, 2013-04-06).

The Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. (Julia Jasmine (1998). *Multicultural Holidays*. Teacher Created Resources. P. 116 ISBN 1-55734-615-1.)

In the Medieval era, the knights took the “peacock vow” at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry. (Lennox, Doug (2007) *Now You Know Big Book Answers on of the amazing thing*. Toronto: Dundurn. P. 250. ISBN 1-55002-741-7.)

At watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making these resolutions. (James Ewing Ritchie (1870). *The Religious Life of London*. Tinsley Brothers. Retrieved 2011-12-28. At A WATCH-NIGHT SERVICE: Methodism has one special institution. Its love feasts are old-old as Apostolic times. Its class meetings are the confessional in its simplest and most unobjectionable type, but in the institution of the watch-night it boldly struck out a new path for itself. In publicly setting apart the last fleeting moments of the old year and the first of the new to penitence, and special prayer, and stirring appeal, and fresh resolve, it has set an example which other sects are preparing to follow.)

The concept, regardless of creed, is to reflect upon self-improvement annually.

What are your New Year’s Resolutions? Are you doubtful that you will keep your resolutions?

Pick one thing that you want to change or set one goal that you want to accomplish. Take small steps, or make small changes every day to incorporate that change into your life. Be sure to congratulate yourself for making these small changes. Learn to take setbacks in stride and recommit to your goal. Take one day at a time!

**Happy New Year!**

# KID'S PAGE

## New Year's Trivia

Decode the messages for the answers.

### CODE

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

The New Year's Eve song "Auld Lang Syne" originated from what country?"

19 3 15 20 12 1 14 4

In the United States, where do they lower a huge crystal ball on New Year's Eve?

20 9 13 5 19  
19 17 21 1 18 5



MARTIN LUTHER  
KING, JR.  
HOLIDAY  
JANUARY 16<sup>TH</sup>





# Dooly County High School News

## Slam Jam Cram Program a Success!

By Ms. Deborah Heckwolf

On behalf of Dooly County High School administration, faculty, and staff we extend our best wishes for a happy and productive New Year! The high school finished the first semester with a bang with all eyes on the Georgia Milestones testing that concluded the first semester of school with the “Slam Jam Cram” program. Dooly County High School students and parents supported the event with complete commitment to academic improvement with 254 participating students.

Students were focused in classroom “cram” sessions supporting study for their Georgia Milestones test, and a “Jam” session at dinner with a DJ providing students a much-deserved break before ending the evening with one last study session. A raffle for attending students to join the “Dooly Community Day at the Dome” attending an Atlanta Falcons football game December 4<sup>th</sup>, was a fun way of rewarding attending students at the Cram, along with a reward for the effort and hard work of the DCHS football team and cheerleaders. Incentives for students to pass the Georgia Milestones with a proficient or distinguished learner score was provided, and those students meeting the criteria will be treated to a day at Rigby’s in Warner Robbins. Our students were overwhelmingly supportive of the “Cram, Slam, Jam” event, and many reported that they believed the school should do this type of event more often!

An increase in Georgia Milestones Test Scores was a testament to the hard work of the school’s teachers in the classroom and the “Every Teacher a Tutor” Program, along with innovative programs such as “Slam Jam Cram”, that helped focus student attention on the importance of the Georgia Milestones tests. All of these efforts through the first semester of the school year are part of a renewed commitment and resolution to provide Dooly County High School students a quality educational experience.

With the return to school January 3<sup>rd</sup> for professional learning sessions for teachers, and students returning on January 5<sup>th</sup> for a new semester, and opportunity to earn four more credits towards graduation for all students, we believe that 2017 holds good things in store for our students and parents. The counseling department, under the leadership of Dr. Barbara Bryant, will hold a College Goal Georgia Financial Aid Workshop (FAFSA), on January 26, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the high school’s Media Center.

The school proudly announced outstanding students selected by the school’s faculty for Student of the Month awards for November, 2016: 9<sup>th</sup> grader: Rashad Lucas, 10<sup>th</sup> grader: Diana Lopez, 11<sup>th</sup> grader: Christina Middlebrooks, and 12<sup>th</sup> grader: Jahsyrie Halls.

With a continued focus on the school’s priorities for improving student academic achievement, assisting our students with support programs focused on helping students “Invest in Me”, and “Building Better Citizens”, we believe that with the help of our stakeholders, parents, and local/area business we will continue to improve our services to our students and community. Programs that publish and communicate the good choices our students make such as the Student of the Month Program will provide support for these goals.

Look for the school’s announcements of new academic programs, opportunities, and initiatives in 2017 that are community sponsored with the goal of creating lasting educational memories for students at Dooly County High School. If you would like to share your time in generating positive solutions for growing Dooly County High School as an institution of service to our community, please contact the administration of Dooly County High School at 229-268-8181.



**Our Mission** of Dooly County High School, in partnership with parents and the community, is to provide students with a rigorous, standards-based curriculum that will promote college and career readiness and foster productive citizenship. **Our Motto:** We Bring Our “A” Game!

Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~



JANUARY 7<sup>th</sup>

Mr. Randall Almond

City Councilman



**NOTICE!**

Recycling Bins are located in the parking lot of Home Run Recycling, 838 Shiloh Rd., (south 7<sup>th</sup> Street) Vienna, Georgia. Cardboard, Aluminum and Glass are accepted at this location.

*Please do NOT put normal household garbage in our recycling bins!*

Please flatten all cardboard boxes before putting them in the recycling bins.

### Limbs & Household Goods Pick Up Schedule

The City of Vienna Public Works Department has announced that LIMBS will be picked up on the **second** and **fourth** Wednesdays of the month. Large household items will be picked up on the **fourth** Wednesday of each month.

Please call (229) 268-4744, if you have any questions. Thank you!



Vienna Main Street and Keep Vienna Beautiful want you to take an active role in your community. We are always in need for Citizens' to serve on our various committees.

We want the best for Vienna and could not do it without our Volunteers. Thank you to all of our present Volunteers for your continued dedication and participation. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, we would like to hear from you!

If you would like to serve, please contact Larista Thompson, (229) 268-4921.

Don't Be A Litter Bug



Help Keep Your Community Clean

### Recycle Your Printer Cartridges

Keep Vienna Beautiful is sponsoring a recycling drive for laser jet and inkjet cartridges; old cell phones and small electronics. Please drop off your items at the Keep Vienna Beautiful office at Vienna City Hall. There is a box provided for your convenience. Thank You!





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**January 2017 City Calendar**

(Dates & Times are Subject to Change)



**January 9**  
6:00 p.m. ~ City Council Meeting  
City Hall

**January 16**  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
City Hall Closed



**January 23**  
6:00 p.m. ~ City Council Meeting

**January 25**  
Vienna Main Street Board Meeting  
12:00 Noon ~ Marise's

**Save the Date!**



**February 25, 2017**  
**GBA BBQ Cook-off!**

**FAMILY FUN EVENT!**

**Stay tuned for more information!**

Call the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce for more information:  
(229) 268-8275



# Vienna Volunteer Fire Department Hosts Prayer Service

The Vienna Volunteer Fire Department held a prayer service on Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at noon for our local city and county as well as state law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. Due to the recent events in adjacent communities, the VVFD felt the need to come together as a community and pray for the safety of all. Continue to remember the men and women who put their lives on the line every day for our safety and well-being.



Photo credit: Larista Thompson

## Dooly County Community Health Center

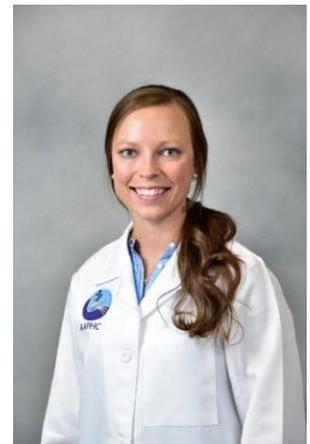
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**Mary "Beth" Webb**  
Family Nurse Practitioner



**Dr. Frances Ferguson**  
Internal Medicine



**Monica Lancaster Moon**  
Physician Assistant

**WE ARE HERE FOR YOUR HEALTH NEEDS AND CONCERNS!**

*Come see us!*

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.



## **Governor Nathan Deal Signs Executive Order Appointing Three Dooly County School Board Members**

On Monday, November 28, 2016, an Executive Order was issued to remove the five eligible members of the Dooly County School Board of Education, and to create the Dooly County School Board Nominating Committee.

The Dooly County School Board Nominating Committee issued its report on December 22, 2016, and recommended candidates for Dooly County Board of Education Districts 2, 3, & 4 only as two new members were elected to the Dooly Board of Education in November 2016 and will assume duties in January 2017.

By Executive Order, Governor Deal has appointed Rev. F. Thomas (Tommy) Mason, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of the Dooly County Board of Education, District 2 seat, effective immediately; Dr. Wanda Parker-Jackson to fill the unexpired term of the Dooly County Board of Education, District 3 seat, effective immediately; and Mr. Michael Bowens to fill the unexpired term of the Dooly County Board of Education, District 4 seat, effective immediately. These appointees along with newly elected Cory Jones, Dooly County Board of Education, District 1 and Katrice Taylor, Dooly County Board of Education, District 5 complete the Board of Education for Dooly County. Best wishes to this new board!

### **Vienna's Comprehensive Plan Due for Update**

By Janet Joiner, Community Development Director



The Greater Dooly Comprehensive Plan is due for an update in 2017. This is a document in which each city in Dooly County determines its community development goals and aspirations. Elected officials and department heads use the plan as a guide to policy management and revitalization initiatives.

A good comprehensive plan identifies needs, opportunities, establishes community goals, identifies preferred land uses, and develops a 5-year work program. 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

Vienna's plan updates are due in October. There will be a series of Public Hearings in order to develop this document. The public is encouraged to participate in these hearings.

# City of Vienna's Veterans Memorial Brick Program

Sponsored by Vienna Main Street

**W**e as a community want to say thank you to all who serve and have served our community and nation. This memorial honors all veterans of the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy, and POW/MIA's.

This Veterans Memorial will be located in the northwest section of the Vienna City Cemetery. A granite monument will be erected with etchings of all branches of service as well as the United States Flag.

Please support our service members by ordering a personalized brick that will be installed around the memorial or you may simply make a donation.

## Brick Options

### 4x8 Bricks

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



### Replica Bricks

Want to own a piece of the project and display it in your home or office? These replica bricks have rubber feet on the bottom for safe display on a desk or table!



### Ordering Process

For your convenience, attached to this brochure is an order form. Fill out the attached portion and drop off at or mail to:

**Vienna Main Street, Inc.**  
 P.O. Box 436  
 203 W. Cotton Street  
 Vienna, GA 31092  
 OR

To order online, please visit:  
[thatsmybrick.com/VIENNAGA](http://thatsmybrick.com/VIENNAGA)

For questions, please contact  
 Larista Thompson,  
 Vienna Main Street  
 (229) 268-4921  
[larista.thompson@cityofvienna.org](mailto:larista.thompson@cityofvienna.org)

## Order Form

- 4x8 (\$50)  
 4x8 Replica (\$50)

\*NOTE Replica Pricing includes direct delivery to your home or office

CHARACTER LIMITS	Without Graphic	With Graphic
4x8	3 lines of 18	3 lines of 10

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Graphic: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: (L or R) \_\_\_\_\_

- Payment type:** Cash, Check, Money Order
- Make checks out to: Vienna Main Street, Inc.
  - Order online to pay by credit card.

**Return this form to:**  
**Vienna Main Street, Inc.**  
 P.O. Box 436  
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**DONATION TOTAL**



Would you like to share your favorite recipe with us? If so, please submit your recipe, either printed legibly or typed to:

Vienna Main Street Attn: Recipes  
P O Box 436  
Vienna, GA 31092

Your recipe may be chosen to be featured in our City Scoop Newsletter!



### Butter Bean Soup

Submitted by Chip Jones, Richland, Georgia

- 1 c. finely chopped carrots
- 1 c. finely chopped onion
- 2 T. all-purpose flour
- 30 oz. frozen butter beans, or to fill broth contents (if fresh, parboil first)
- 1 – 28 oz. can finely-diced or crushed fire- roasted tomatoes
- 2 T. chopped rosemary, fresh
- Sea salt & fresh ground pepper to taste

- 1 c. finely chopped celery
- 2 T.+ Butter (may need more for roux)
- 2 qts. Vegetable broth or chicken broth
- 1/3 c. finely chopped flat leaf parsley
- 2 T. chopped thyme leaves, fresh



Add broth to butter beans and start cooking in stockpot. Sauté carrots, celery and onion in butter in sauté pan until onion is tender, 5 – 8 minutes; add flour and cook, stirring, 3 – 4 minutes longer until roux is done. Add to beans and broth. Add tomato to beans; keep heat to a low roll. Stir in parsley, rosemary, thyme and salt. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, until beans, carrots and celery are tender, 45 minutes to an hour or so. Add more broth only if needed (depending on the power of the roux.)

Makes 6 – 8 bowl servings.



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