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**KIDS YULE LOVE TO GIVE  
HATS AND GLOVES**



The Kids Yule Love organization will be at Vienna City Hall on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> beginning at 4:00 p.m. to give out hats and gloves. Any person interested in receiving a hat and gloves are invited to attend. The hats and gloves are free and this event is open to the public.

### Vienna Hosts 8th Hometown Connection

By Janet Joiner, Community Development Director

On November 29, the City of Vienna hosted a Hometown Connection event. Promoted by the Georgia Municipal Association, these events bring our Legislators to Vienna to see first-hand what the city is doing. It also provides a platform to discuss challenges and opportunities facing our city which helps the General Assembly make better legislative decisions. This was the eighth year Vienna has hosted Hometown Connection.

The group toured several project sites including the Henley Building Restoration Project, the City's Land Application System Phase II Expansion Project, and learned about the City's vision for the former RedKap building property. Also a big thank you to Mrs. Beverly Dail who shared her experiences from the Vienna 101 Class held in March of this year and Laieton Sharp who discussed the Jr. Police Academy that was held in June.

The evening concluded with dinner at Fruits of Vienna Bed & Breakfast.



### Vienna City Hall

will be **Closed for Christmas**

Friday, December 23 and Monday,  
December 26, 2016.



City Hall will also be closed for New Years on  
Monday, January 2, 2017.



From  
The City of Vienna Mayor, City Council  
And Employees



# Dosquicentennial News

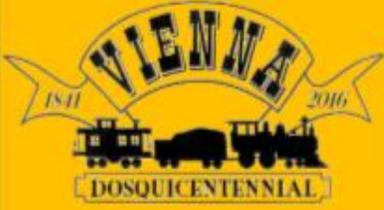
Stay Up-to-date on the City of Vienna's 175<sup>th</sup> Birthday Happenings!



*Historic*



**175 Years**  
**1841 - 2016**




## *A Day in the History of the City of Vienna . . .*

In December 1902, the City of Vienna contracted with the Vienna Cotton Oil Company for a system of electric lights to displace the gasoline lamps that were currently in use. The Vienna Cotton Oil Company erected an electric plant for their private use, and while doing it they put in a system for the town at a reasonable rental rate.

## **A Christmas Casualty**

*(This actually took place on December 24, 1907 and was published in The Vienna News on January 3, 1908.)*

On the eve before Christmas the quiet of the Baptist pastor's home in this city, was suddenly disturbed in the early parts of the night by a resistless band of invaders. Without notice or noise the home was entered by the band, led by George Matthews and Joe Burns, followed by men, women and children too numerous to mention, crying "Santa Claus, Santa Claus, Christmas, Christmas, Give up, etc. etc. Show us to the kitchen."

The pastor being a well-disposed man made no resistance. He simply yielded to the pressure and after some delay and confusion, by the help of his wife, led the invaders as they demanded. So they were unloaded and soon quieted down and proved harmless. A few congratulations, many good wishes, then dispersed, leaving the pastor and family all smiles over the groaning table of good things for Christmas consisting of ham, turkey, chickens, cake confectionaries, fruit and some sure enough money. Thus the Christmas ball was set to rolling in Vienna and no doubt many heads and homes of which the editor is not aware were thus and otherwise made to forget their cares and to feel glad again on account of the milk of human kindness.

## **Upcoming Dosquicentennial Events**

**December 2 – Friday**  
**beginning at 5:00 p.m.**

**ARTS & CRAFTS  
IN BUSBEE PARK**

**Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m.**

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## **DOSQUICENTENNIAL ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

These ornaments would make great  
Christmas gifts!

**Stop by Vienna City Hall to purchase  
yours today.**

They are \$12.00 each.





# Dooly County High School News

## Season's Greeting from Dooly County High School

By Ms. Deborah Heckwolf

Seasons' Greetings from the Administration, Faculty, Staff, and Students of Dooly County High School. Students and teachers have been busy preparing for the end of first semester and the conclusion of four credit classes that will be rewarded to students at the end of all work and testing. The school is sponsoring a focus for the EOC Georgia Milestones in a "Cram, Jam, Slam Session" on December 2, 2016 where students will study in supervised course sessions, and enjoy a dinner break with a DJ to provide a "fun while we learn" atmosphere for our students. We thank the many volunteers from our stakeholder support system in providing assistance on Friday, and during testing itself in the school.

Students will be rewarded for excellence on the EOC tests with a day at Rigby's Park in Warner Robins, and raffle tickets to the Atlanta Falcons Game on December 4, 2016 at the Dooly County Community Day at the Dome, along with members of our community who are sponsoring reward days for teachers and specific student groups in the classroom if they meet their EOC goals. If you would like to support a classroom incentive, please contact the school and offer a helping hand.

On November 15, 2016, the second Stakeholder Exchange meeting was held to discuss in open dialogue from community member input the focus areas for school improvement. These focus areas were determined from conversations and input at the first meeting and are: Academic Achievement, Building Better Citizens, and Building Self-Esteem in our student population. Many ideas and plans were made with the input of Exchange members that will see a focus on rewarding the students who are making the right choices each and every day, guest speakers and programs to help build student confidence and investment in their future, and providing students opportunities for shadowing and leadership development through the support of the City of Vienna.



Ms. Yolanda Griffin assisting students recently who are participating in the "Every Teacher a Tutor Program".

The "Every Teacher a Tutor Program" on Wednesdays at the school continues to flourish with a total of 245 students served in November. As we come to the end of our first semester of school, we thank the City of Vienna, community members who have attended our Stakeholder Exchange meetings, our parents, and most of all our students who have demonstrated their commitment and pride in our school by making the right choices to create a school environment that works for our community and the future for our students.



9th Grade "I Believe I Will Graduate" Ceremony, Deborah L Heckwolf, Academic Coach



"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."

—Jimmy Dean

## ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY ~

**December 1**

**Kimberly Troutman, Police Department**

**December 11**

**Albert King, Councilman**

**December 14**

**Jeri Williams, Police Department**

**December 18**

**Nathan Jordan, Public Works**

**December 23**

**Richard Chadwick, Public Works**



## 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.



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.



## 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!



## 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!

## Georgia EPD Elevates Drought Response Levels, Further Restricts Outdoor Water Use

Faced with worsening drought conditions in about three-fourths of the state, along with water supply concerns in some areas, the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has declared it will raise the state's drought response to Level 2 in 52 counties and impose a Level 1 Drought Response in an additional 58 counties.

"Today's declaration is driven by an extended period of little or no rain and increasing dryness in the impacted areas," said EPD Director Richard Dunn. "What's more, there is little hope for relief as weather forecasters expect an unusually warm, dry winter across most of the state."

This week marks the 24th week of continuous severe drought in northwest Georgia, the 22nd week for the Atlanta metro area, the 21st week in northeastern parts of the state and the 15th week in central Georgia. In addition, there is a decline in soil moisture and some streams are flowing at or below record lows set during droughts in 2007 and 2011.

During a Level 2 Drought Response, Effective Immediately, outdoor landscape watering is only allowed two days a week determined by odd and even-numbered addresses. Even-numbered addresses and properties without numbered addresses may water on Wednesday and Saturday between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. Odd-numbered addresses may water Thursday and Sunday between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Prohibited outdoor water uses include:

- Washing hard surfaces such as streets and sidewalks.
- Water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, reflecting pools and waterfalls.
- The use of fire hydrants, except for firefighting, public health, safety and flushing.
- Washing vehicles, such as cars, boats, trailers, motorbikes, airplanes or golf carts.
- Non-commercial washing or pressure washing of buildings or structures except for immediate fire protection.
- Charity or non-commercial fund-raiser car washes.

Those counties assigned a Level 2 Drought Response are: Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Athens-Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Harris, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lamar, Lumpkin, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Murray, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Rockdale, Spalding, Troup, Union, Upson, Walker, Walton, White and Whitfield.

Haralson County and the cities of Griffin, Tallapoosa, Waco and Buchanan have reported water supply issues and have been granted EPD variances to impose water use restrictions greater than state requirements.

*A **Level 1 Drought Response** requires that public water systems implement a public information campaign that includes, at a minimum, public notice regarding drought conditions and drought-specific public service messages in one or more of the following ways: newspaper advertisements, bill inserts, website homepage, social media, and notices in public libraries.*

**Those counties assigned a Level 1 Drought Response** are: Baker, Baldwin, Bibb, Bleckley, Calhoun, Chattahoochee, Clay, Columbia, Crawford, Crisp, Decatur, **Dooly**, Dougherty, Early, Elbert, Franklin, Glascock, Greene, Hancock, Hart, Houston, Jasper, Jefferson, Jones, Laurens, Lee, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, Marion, McDuffie, Miller, Mitchell, Muscogee, Oglethorpe, Peach, Pulaski, Putnam, Quitman, Rabun, Randolph, Richmond, Schley, Seminole, Stephens, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taliaferro, Taylor, Terrell, Towns, Twiggs, Warren, Washington, Webster, Wilkes and Wilkinson.

**The following activities are allowed under both Level 1 and Level 2 Drought Responses:**

- Irrigation of personal food gardens may be done at any time of day.
- Irrigation of new and replanted plant, seed, or turf may be done at any time of day for 30 days after installation.
- Drip irrigation or irrigation using soaker hoses may be done at any time of day and hand-watering with a hose with automatic cut-off or handheld container may be done at any time of day.
- General landscape watering may be done between 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on the designated days.

More water conservation information is available at <http://epd.georgia.gov/water-conservation>.



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**December 2016  
 City Calendar**

(Dates & Times are Subject to Change)

**December 2 – Friday**  
**beginning at 5:00 p.m.**  
**ARTS & CRAFTS**  
**IN BUSBEE PARK**

**Tree Lighting at 6:00 p.m.**  
**VIENNA COMMUNITY CHOIR AND**  
**DOOLY CO MIDDLE SCHOOL CHORUS TO**  
**PERFORM**

**December 12 – Monday, 6:00 p.m.**

 **City Council Meeting**  
 City Hall, Council Chambers

**December 23 & 26, 2016**  
**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED for CHRISTMAS**



**Bring One For The Chipper!**



Over 20 Years  
 of Treecycleing

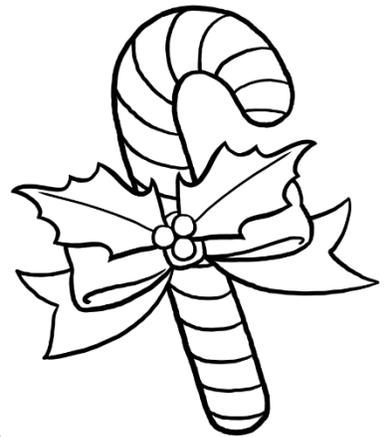
**Recycle your  
 Christmas tree**

**January 3 – 6, 2017**  
**8:30 a.m. ~ 4:00 p.m.**  
**Second Street**  
**Vienna, GA 31092**

Christmas Trees can be recycled into mulch, fuel or fish habitats. The mulch is used for public beautification projects and in many communities is available free to citizens. For more information, please call (229) 268-4744.

**KID'S PAGE**

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**



# Heating Safety

There is something about the winter months and curling up with a good book by the fireplace. But did you know that heating equipment is one of the leading causes of home fire deaths? With a few simple safety tips and precautions you can prevent most heating fires from happening.

## BE WARM AND SAFE THIS WINTER!

- »»» Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable space heater.
- »»» Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- »»» Never use your oven to heat your home.
- »»» Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions.
- »»» Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.
- »»» Remember to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed.
- »»» Always use the right kind of fuel, specified by the manufacturer, for fuel burning space heaters.
- »»» Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before putting them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance away from your home.
- »»» Test smoke alarms at least once a month.



## Heating Equipment Smarts

**Install** wood burning stoves following manufacturer's instructions or have a professional do the installation. All fuel-burning equipment should be vented to the outside to avoid carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning.

**Install** and maintain CO alarms to avoid the risk of CO poisoning. If you **smell** gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call your local fire department or gas company.



## FACT

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of **December, January, and February.**

City of Vienna

(229) 268-4744



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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# 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:

[thatismybrick.com/VIENNAGA](http://thatismybrick.com/VIENNAGA)

For questions, please contact  
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(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
<b>4x8</b>	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  
203 W. Cotton Street  
Vienna, GA 31092**

**DONATION  
TOTAL**



## Chocolate Brittle Surprise

### Ingredients

- 35 unsalted soda crackers (saltines)
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 2 cups semisweet chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans (optional)

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (180 degrees C). Cover cookie sheet with foil. Spray foil with cooking oil spray.
2. Place crackers on foil in 5 x 7 inch rows.
3. Microwave butter on high for 2 minutes. Add brown sugar and stir. Microwave on high for 2 more minutes, stirring every 30 seconds.
4. Pour over crackers. Bake 17 - 20 minutes (should bubble but not burn).
5. Sprinkle chocolate chips over hot crackers. Spread after 2 minutes (chips have softened). Sprinkle nuts on top.
6. Refrigerate 1 hour. Break into pieces. Can be frozen.



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 here!



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