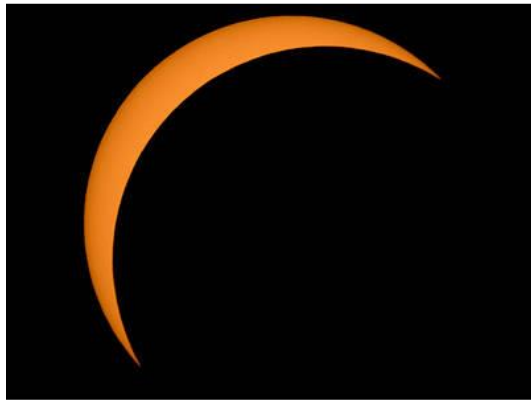


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## Vienna's Eclipse Watch Party

The Vienna Community joined in the eclipse mania on August 21<sup>st</sup> with 160 million other people across the country. Friends and neighbors began gathering on the grassy lawn behind Vienna City Hall about 1:15 p.m. to view the much celebrated 2017 Solar Eclipse. Vienna was not in the direct path of totality but approximately 92% of the sun was blocked by the moon. The clouds cleared just in time and the effect was a beautiful site with just a sliver of the sun shining through. The temperature dropped a few degrees and daylight began to dim as if it were twilight.

The City of Vienna provided solar glasses and moon pies for those attending the Eclipse Watch Party. South Georgia Banking Company provided iced water and fans. Everyone enjoyed sharing this historic moment with neighbors. Even a family from Kentucky traveling on Interstate 75 heard about Vienna's watch party and joined us for the occasion.

The next total solar eclipse visible over the continental United States will be April 8, 2024. Save your solar glasses and you'll be prepared.



The City of Vienna thanks **South Georgia Banking Company** for their community support.

## More eclipse party pictures:



Mayor Stripling and South Georgia Banking Company President Glenn Willis



Vickie Sanders and Brenda McGee of South Georgia Banking Company; Mayor Hobby Stripling and Janet Joiner, Community Development Director for the City of Vienna

## Military Family Summit October 17, 2017



Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr. and Congresswoman Cathy McMorris Rodgers cordially invite you to the MILITARY FAMILY SUMMIT hosted by the Congressional Military Family Caucus.

The Military Family Summit provides an opportunity for all Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve service members and their families from all branches to discuss the most pressing issues facing military families, such as pay and benefits, community integration and transition, and ensuring the health and well-being of their children, with Members of Congress, Department of Defense officials, and others.

The event will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the National Infantry Museum, 1775 Legacy Way, Columbus, Georgia 31903.

Register for this event at <https://goo.gl/pdm3Pd>. For additional information, please contact Patrick Newbold at [patrick.newbold@mail.house.gov](mailto:patrick.newbold@mail.house.gov) or Hilary Ranieri at [hilary.ranieri@mail.house.gov](mailto:hilary.ranieri@mail.house.gov).



Dooly County Schools presents:

*First Annual Alumni Scholarship Breakfast*

“There’s no place like homecoming!”

**Date:** October 7, 2017

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Location:** DCHS Gymnasium

715 North Third Street

Vienna, GA 31092

**Ticket Price:** \$20.00 / Person

*(Proceeds go toward the Dooly County High School Scholarship Fund)*

**Bobcats**

Dooly County High School



Unadilla High School

**Rattlers**

Vienna High & Industrial School



Vienna High School

**CUBS**

Vienna High School

- T-Shirt Competition
- Wall of Fame
- Class Participation Competition

Make checks payable to **Dooly County Alumni Breakfast**. Please place your class year in the memo of your check.

**Mail checks to:** Dooly County Schools  
202 Cotton Street  
Vienna, GA 31092

\*\*\*\*\*Please select a class representative to retrieve the tickets from the board office by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>.\*\*\*\*\*

For more information contact

[meredith.lester@dooly.k12.ga.us](mailto:meredith.lester@dooly.k12.ga.us)

or

[jean.thompson@dooly.k12.ga.us](mailto:jean.thompson@dooly.k12.ga.us)



**Dooly County High School 2017 Homecoming Parade**

**Thursday, October 5, 2017, 4:30 p.m.**

**October 9, 2017**

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Vienna City Hall

**October 11, 2017**

11:30 a.m.

Dooly Chamber of Commerce

Location to be announced

**October 14, 2017**

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

110 Mile Peanut Pickin' Yard Sale

**October 21, 2017**

11:00 a.m.

BIG PIG JIG® PARADE

**October 23, 2017**

6:00 p.m.

City Council Meeting

Vienna City Hall

**October 31, 2017**

Halloween

**November 3-4, 2017**

BIG PIG JIG®



**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.

**October Birthdays**

Craig Jones	12-Oct
Thomas Moree	27-Oct
Raul M. Monrreal	19-Oct



**Alarming Facts about Literacy  
in Our Country and State**

- ❖ One in five American adults cannot read or write.
- ❖ 1 million adults in Georgia over 18 years old have not graduated from high school or earned a GED diploma.
- ❖ The economically disadvantaged have the highest rates of illiteracy and it's closely linked to unemployment, crime rates and welfare dependency.
- ❖ Parents who cannot read or write perpetuate a cycle of illiteracy.
- ❖ Illiteracy is a problem that can be addressed through increased public awareness and establishment and support of literacy programs on the local, state and national levels.

# 2017 Litter Law Enforcement Training Workshop

*Presented by*  
**Keep Vienna Beautiful & Keep Crisp Beautiful**

**Date:** November 6, 2017

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Place:** Albany State University (Darton College), Cordele Campus

**Who should attend:** Law enforcement officers such as police, sheriff and state patrol ; Code enforcement officers; Municipal and Probate Court Judges; Mayors, City Council & Staff; County Commissioners & Staff; Civic and community leaders; Keep America Beautiful affiliates.

**“Litter is a Crime.”** Learn how to make your community safer by taking the time to enforce Georgia’s Comprehensive Litter Prevention and Abatement Act. Attendees will learn how the law has changed, how aggressive litter enforcement has been used as a deterrent to additional crimes, and how to work with the Courts and others to successfully deter littering and illegal dumping. Attendees will walk away with a litter enforcement resource toolkit for use by law enforcement personnel.

There is no fee to register. Lunch will be provided. To register contact Janet Joiner at 229-268-4920 or by email at [janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org](mailto:janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org)

## NOTICE!



Recycling Bins are located in the parking lot of HomeRun Recycling, 838 Shiloh Road, (south 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Recycle Your Printer Cartridges!

Keep Vienna Beautiful is sponsoring a recycling drive for inkjet cartridges, old cell phones and small electronics. Please drop off your items at the Keep Vienna Beautiful office located in City Hall. There is a box provided for your convenience.





## October is Adopt-A-Dog Month®

If you're thinking about getting a dog, be a hero and consider adopting a rescue animal or a dog from your local shelter. You'll be saving a life and greatly improving yours. Dogs are amazing, supportive, and heroic companions who can make a huge difference in your world as a best friend, an exercise buddy, someone who can be trained to provide animal-assisted therapy and help those with challenges they may face, or simply be a fuzzy face to greet you after a hard day at work.

Contact City of Vienna Animal Control Officer, Velvet Layfield at (229)805-3652 or [covanimalcontrol@gmail.com](mailto:covanimalcontrol@gmail.com)



Conner Stephenson recently adopted this cute little puppy and named it Aubrey.



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203 West Cotton Street

**Mailing Address:**  
107 West Cotton Street #436  
Vienna, Georgia 31092

(229) 268-4744 Telephone  
(229) 268-6172 Fax

***Elected Officials***

**Hobby Stripling, Sr., Mayor**  
[hobby.stripling@cityofvienna.org](mailto:hobby.stripling@cityofvienna.org)

Cell Phone #: (229) 938-7320 Home Phone #: (229) 268-4374

**Elizabeth (Beth) English, Mayor Pro Tem**  
[benglish@swga-easterseals.org](mailto:benglish@swga-easterseals.org)

**Randall Almond, Councilman** - [randall.almond@cityofvienna.org](mailto:randall.almond@cityofvienna.org)

**Walter Brown, Councilman** - [walter.brown@cityofvienna.org](mailto:walter.brown@cityofvienna.org)

**Albert King, Councilman** - [albert.king@cityofvienna.org](mailto:albert.king@cityofvienna.org)

***City Administration***

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**Margaret Shelley, City Clerk**  
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**Shondra Zanders, Utility Billing Clerk**  
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**Michelle Lawson, Cashier**  
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***Community Development Department***

**Janet P. Joiner, Community Development Director**  
[Janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org](mailto:Janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org) Phone: (229) 268-4920

**Velvet S. Layfield, Code Enforcement Officer**  
[covanimalcontrol@cityofvienna.org](mailto: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](mailto:Nathan.jordan@cityofvienna.org)

**Jeffrey Priest, Assistant Superintendent**  
[Vienna.gas@cityofvienna.org](mailto: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](mailto:Vienna.police@cityofviennapd.org)

**Michelle Lawson, Municipal Court Deputy Clerk**  
[Michelle.lawson@cityofvienna.org](mailto:Michelle.lawson@cityofvienna.org)

**Velvet S. Layfield, Animal Control Officer**  
[covanimalcontrol@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:Viennafire1902@gmail.com)

# Support Vienna!

## ***SHOP SMALL Y'ALL***

*Our local businesses need your support!*



For every \$100 spent in local independent businesses, \$63 stays in the community in terms of salaries, purchase of other products, gasoline, mortgage payments and other expenses.

\$100 spent online – NOTHING STAYS LOCALLY



## **BIG PIG JIG® Parade**

Saturday, October 21, 2017

11:00 a.m.

***Get your parade entry in now!***

**This year's BIG PIG JIG®  
theme is "Pork Wars".**



# Fruits of Vienna

509 North Third Street, Vienna, Georgia 31092

(229) 947-3401

[els@fruitsofvienna.com](mailto:els@fruitsofvienna.com)

## Themed Dinners\*

### October 26, 2017 - German Oktoberfest

Dinner - \$32.50 per person  
6:00 p.m.

\*\*\*\*\*

## Lunch on the Porch\*

### October 25, 2017

11:45 a.m. until 1:15 p.m.

Lunch - \$12.00 per person

*\*All Dinners and Lunches are by reservation only.*

*Please call (229) 947-3401 or email  
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## 100 MILE PEANUT PICKIN' YARD SALE



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# Christmas Tree Decorating Contest



## “Christmas in the Park”

The Vienna Event Planning Committee invites all local organizations, businesses, and student groups to participate in the City of Vienna’s **Christmas Tree Decorating Contest**. This community event is part of **Vienna’s Christmas in the Park** celebration to be held on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in the downtown City Park.

By participating in this contest, you will not only call attention to your special group or organization, you will also be doing your part in lighting up downtown Vienna and contributing to the festive atmosphere during this Christmas season. Ribbons will be presented to the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners. Use your imagination, be creative, be festive, have fun! Join us in making downtown Vienna shine this holiday season!

Deadline to register is Friday, November 17, 2017 by 5:00 p.m. Please return the entry form below to Vienna City Hall or by email to [janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org](mailto:janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org).

### 2017 Christmas in the Park Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Entry Form

Name/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Address/City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I understand and agree that trees and decorations will be at the expense of participant. The City of Vienna is not responsible for any damage or loss to any decorations at any time before, during or after the Christmas events.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: Friday, November 17, 2017, 5:00 p.m.**

*See rules next page . . .*

## **2017 Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest Rules**

1. Either individuals or groups may decorate Christmas trees. Examples of participants may include youth groups, adult groups, civic organizations, school groups, school classes, church groups, businesses, or families. The event is limited to one entry per person or group. There is no entry fee.
2. Deadline to register is Friday, November 17, 2017 by 5:00 p.m.
3. Trees may be artificial or live. Minimum height of 4 feet and maximum height of 6 feet.
4. Trees must be placed in buckets filled with sand to keep them from blowing over. Keep in mind that decorations will be exposed to various weather conditions as well as birds, squirrels, and other visitors to the park.
5. Each participant should attach a sign no larger than 12"X 12" to identify the individual, group, organization or business who decorated the tree. The sign may be attached to the tree or the container in which the tree is placed but needs to be easily visible.
6. Trees can be set up in the park beginning on Thursday, November 23, 2017 and must be in place and decorated by Monday, November 27, 2017.
7. Flagged stakes will be placed in the City Park indicating where trees may be placed. Just pick your spot. **NO DIGGING ALLOWED!!**
8. Extension cords will be provided by the City of Vienna.
9. Judging will take place November 28-30, 2017.
10. Winners will be announced on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Christmas in the Park Celebration.
11. Participants must remove all artificial trees and all decorations by Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Undecorated live trees may be left on the ground for the City to pick up





# JOINER'S CORNER

## *Steve The Tool Salesman*

By Neil Joiner

I don't know exactly when Steve called. I think it was about 30 years ago. Jane and I were living on DeLiesseline Drive in Vienna, raising triplets. It was before caller ID. Sales calls always came right at suppertime. Most of the calls were for George, using my first name. I would know that our friendship didn't go way back. But Steve started off on the right track. He said, "Neil, this is Steve! How have you been doing buddy?" "Been doing pretty well, Steve. How about yourself?" "I'm doing great!" he said. "Thanks for asking. Neil, we talked a while back and you said to let you know when we put our tools on sale. The sale is now running and we have some terrific prices!"

I apologized and told Steve that I didn't remember talking to him about any tools, but that I sure was glad he had me on the list. Steve enthusiastically shared the details. It included all the household basics. There was a ratchet set, open-end wrenches, adjustable wrench, pliers, hammer, and several screwdrivers. All of that was just \$59.95, plus shipping and handling of \$8.89. I told Steve that sounded like a bargain and that nothing would make me happier than owning a set of quality tools. I explained to him, however, that \$59.95 was out of my price range. Steve said, "Neil, I'll tell you what I'm going to do. I'm not supposed to, but since we've been trying to get you some tools for a while now, I'm going to knock off the delivery charges."

"Steve," I said, "I wouldn't feel right about y'all having to absorb those costs. That might put a hardship on the company or even cause some problems with your job." Steve said he was good friends with his boss. He assured me that he could easily get this discount handled. I said, "Steve, we have several close neighbors on this street. I could go see them and maybe two or three would split the cost with me. If I could get two of them to go in on this deal, that would be \$20 each. I could swing that."

Steve said that was a great idea! He suggested we go ahead with the order, and that I work out the tool sharing agreement later. When he mentioned "agreement" that brought to mind we should probably have something in writing. I asked Steve if they had a legal department that could help draft such a document. He said they didn't, but he was confident that would be easy to resolve with our neighbors. I said, "Steve, what if I have an urgent need for that ratchet set the same time one of my tool sharing neighbors does? How would we handle that?" Steve didn't know. "How do we decide who keeps the tools, Steve? Seems like it would make sense for one of the parties named in the agreement to have primary responsibility. But you could also make a case for dividing the tools into groups or perhaps rotating the whole set."

Steve said he didn't have any expertise in that. He said that he really couldn't advise me on the details, but that he felt certain that wouldn't be an issue with the neighbors. I said, "Steve, it looks to me like we have a lot of things to work out on this agreement before I can buy that set of tools. What if you split them up? I could buy \$20 worth now, and buy the rest of them in a few months?" Steve said they couldn't do that. I asked him if there was any way he could send me a medium sized Phillip's head screwdriver. I explained that we had a swing set in the back yard with a loose screw, a situation that was interfering with our children's playtime. Steve seemed to understand the urgency of the matter.

We must have had a bad connection. It sounded like Steve was talking to someone else in the office. He was saying something about a loose screw. Then the phone went dead. I wished I had gotten his number. I would have called him back, right at suppertime.





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