

May is Historic Preservation Month



Photo by Beth English

Since 1973, communities across America have celebrated their history, culture, and special places during the month of May. National Historic Preservation Month is a great opportunity to raise awareness about the benefits and importance of historic preservation.

The 1973 Proclamation declaring May as Historic Preservation Month was presented by President Richard Nixon. He stated: "As the pace of change accelerates in the world around us, Americans more than ever need a lively awareness of our roots and origins in the past on which to base our sense of identity in the present and our directions for the future."

This year during Historic Preservation Month, the Vienna Historic Preservation Commission would like to call attention to and commend the Dooly County Board of Commissioners on the recent Dooly County Courthouse preservation project.

Thank you for your high standards of excellence and for contributing in such a major way to the lasting beauty of Vienna's Central Historic District and the preservation of the most historically distinctive landmark in Dooly County.

The Dooly County Courthouse is definitely the heart and soul of downtown Vienna. It is the dominate focal point of our city overlooking the town square. The building serves as an anchor for the businesses around it. As described in a publication by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, "Unlike many modern replacements, the older courthouses cannot be mistaken for a supermarket, elementary school, or drive-in bank. They are symbols of community civic pride."

William Faulkner recognized the importance of the county courthouse with a description in his book *Requiem for a Nun*: "But above all, the courthouse, the center, the focus, the hub; sitting looming in the center of the county's circumference ... musing, brooding, symbolic and powerful, tall as a cloud, solid as rock, dominating all."

May we remember that we are only the keepers of these landmark properties. Thank you, Dooly County Commissioners, for keeping our landmark well for the generations to come.



May 7, 2020
National Day of Prayer

May 10, 2020
Mothers' Day

***May 11, 2020**
City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall, 6:00 p.m.

***May 13, 2020**
Dooly County Chamber of Commerce
12:00 p.m.

May 18, 2020
Early Voting Begins

May 25, 2020
Memorial Day
City Hall Closed

June 5, 2020
Last Day of Early Voting

June 9, 2020
General Primary Election

** Please check ahead of time to confirm these meetings have not been cancelled.*



Thursday, May 7, 2020

Theme: *Pray God's Glory Across the Earth*

Verse: Habakkuk 2:14, "*For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*"

No public service will be held in the City Square this year, however you can still:

Pray for our City
Pray for Dooly County
Pray for Georgia
Pray for America

TEMPORARY CHANGES TO TRASH PICKUP PROCEDURE

Until the COVID-19 virus threat subsides, Advanced Disposal will only pick up the contents of your trash cart. Extra garbage bags and/or other waste outside of the cart will not be picked up due to the additional risk that this poses to Advanced Disposal employees.



Thank You to Our Healthcare Workers

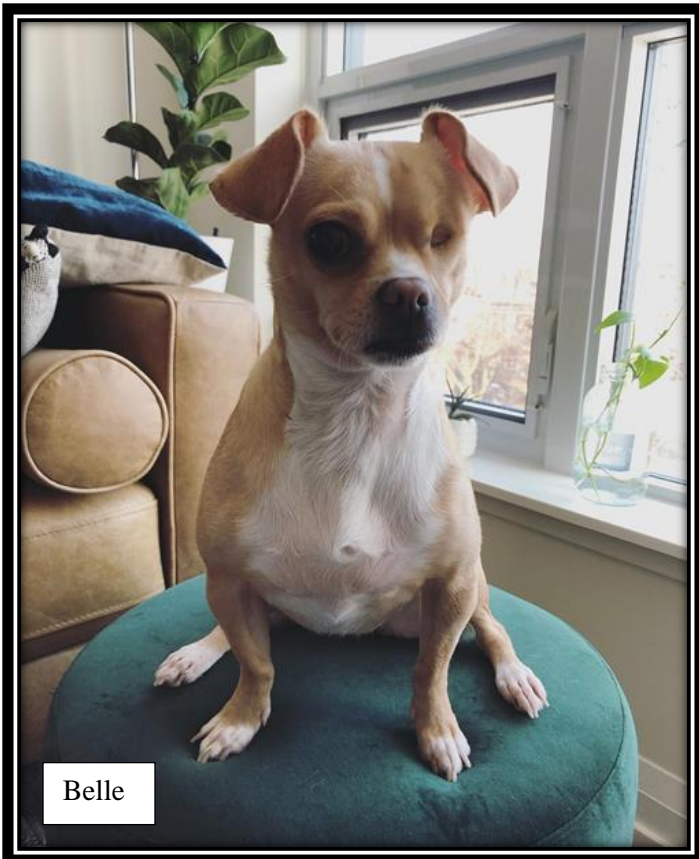
The City of Vienna extends heartfelt appreciation to our local healthcare workers for your tireless and selfless efforts to protect our community during this time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dooly County is blessed to have Cyndi Mercer, RN and her team at the Dooly County Health Department and Director Don Williford Jr. and the Dooly County EMS for leading the way through this crisis. You are all true heroes and should be recognized as such.

Again, thank you for all you have done and are continuing to do!

To answer questions about reopening your business contact the Dooly County Health Department. You can also go to www.georgia.org/covid19bizguide to determine how operations proceed under “critical” or “non-critical” guidelines and requirements.

Happy Endings!



This cute Chihuahua named Belle was rescued by Vienna Animal Control Officer, Velvet Layfield. Belle had been hit by a car and had a severe eye injury as a result. She was taken to the vet who had to remove the injured eye.

Not long after recovery, Belle was adopted and is now living happily in Canada with her adoptive family.



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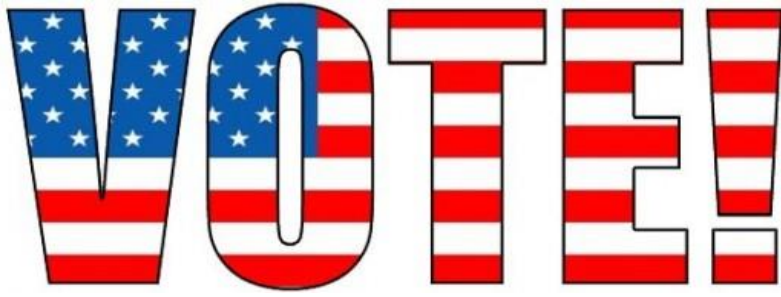
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General Primary Elections Postponed a Second Time

Now Scheduled June 9

Due to the public health crisis caused by the COVID-19 virus, voters are encouraged to request and vote via absentee ballot by mail. Absentee ballot applications were mailed in April to registered voters in active status for the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary/General Primary/Nonpartisan/Special Election. If you did not receive one and would like an application, please contact your County Election Office. Once you complete & return your absentee ballot application, a voting ballot will be mailed to you from your County Registrar's Office. Voters are to complete the ballot and mail it back to the Registrar's Office. If you wish to drop your Absentee Ballot off, for your convenience, there will be a Drop Box located near the door of the Dooly County Election Office. Your ballot will be secured until time for tabulation.

If you prefer to vote in-person, Dooly County registered voters may vote early beginning Monday, May 18 through Friday June 5 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Vienna Voting Precinct only. One day of Saturday voting will be held May 30 from 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Election Day has now been rescheduled for June 9, 2020. Runoffs for local races will be held on August 11 if needed.

Due to the Coronavirus, safety precautions will be taken for all in-person voting. Sanitized wipes and hand sanitizer gel will be available at all voting precincts. Every voter will have to use them before voting.

Also, mark your calendars to vote again in the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. You may contact the Dooly County Elections Office at 229-268-9023 or doolyelections32@gmail.com for additional information.

**Tax Filing and Payment
Deadline Extended**



Watch out for scams related to Economic Impact Payments

The IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for scams related to the Economic Impact Payments. People should watch out for scams using email, phone calls or texts related to the payments. Be careful and cautious: The IRS will not send unsolicited electronic communications asking people to open attachments, visit a website or share personal or financial information.

**Remember, go directly and solely to [IRS.gov](https://www.irs.gov)
for official information.**



To help encourage physical activity despite having our routines interrupted, the Healthier Together Educator is holding Healthier Together Facebook Live Workouts on Monday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. These workouts can be done standing or sitting and all are welcome to join!

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Tips to Eat More Fruits and Vegetables



Anytime...

- **Make fruits and vegetables more visible.**
- **Keep a bowl of fruit on your kitchen counter or table.**
- **Store fruits and vegetables ready to eat on the top shelf of the refrigerator.**

Breakfast...

- **Add fruit or juice in the morning.**
- **Drink a cup of 100% juice.**
- **Slice a banana or put berries in your cereal.**
- **Top waffles or pancakes with yogurt, fruit or applesauce.**
- **Grab a piece of fruit or a canned fruit cup as you head out the door.**

Lunch...

- **Snack on veggies or fruit anytime - try carrots, sweet peppers, cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, grapes or kiwi.**
- **Microwave a cup of vegetables while making your sandwich at lunchtime.**
- **Have a little peanut butter with an apple or banana for a high-energy snack.**
- **Replenish your carbs after a workout with fruit or 100% juice.**

Dinner...

- **Steam broccoli for 5 minutes and sprinkle with lemon juice.**
- **Stir fry thin slices of zucchini and yellow squash for 1 minute in a little vegetable oil; sprinkle with parmesan or Asiago cheese.**
- **Pierce a medium sweet potato with a fork; microwave on high 4-5 minutes.**

United States[®] Census 2020

Did you know that it takes less than 10 minutes to help your community by filling out the 2020 U.S. Census questionnaire? By now, you should have received your questionnaire in the mail. Hopefully you have already responded. If not, there is still time to do so.

Why is this so important? The confidential data gathered will help your community receive the correct amount of federal funding for public health, transportation and education as well as fair representation in the federal and state governments.

Dooly County's current response is only **25.7%** compared to Georgia's **40.9%** response. Sadly, we are **8th** from last in the state. It's time to shape our future. You can respond online at www.2020census.gov or by phone by calling 844-330-2020 or return the mail version.

Let's ensure Dooly County is fully counted for the 2020 Census so we receive the assistance we need to make our community even stronger! Let's make certain Dooly County receives our share of the over \$675 billion available! Dooly County can do this #DoolyStrong! Spend a few minutes NOW to impact the next 10 years.

Dooly County High School Canning Plant



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No New Processing After 2:00 p.m.

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Canning - \$0.50 per jar (customer provides jar, lid, & ring)

For more information contact Mr. Roger Teeple at 828-391-0537 or Dr. David West at 229-947-0370



Trees are for the Birds — or Should Be

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“Speaking of trees without mentioning birds is akin to speaking about human architecture without mentioning its purpose and occupants,” said Gillian Martin, an Arbor Day Foundation member and advocate for bird protection. Bird habitat should definitely be listed among the myriad benefits trees provide. Birds are an essential component of a sustainable landscape — and they are in serious trouble.

It is not often that nature makes headlines in the mass media. But that is exactly what happened last year after *Science* magazine reported on the findings of Dr. Ken Rosenberg, applied conservation scientist at the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology. Dr. Rosenberg and his team of experts sent a shock wave through the world of ecologists by revealing that wild bird populations in the U.S. and Canada have declined by almost 30% since 1970. This represents a loss of

2.9 billion breeding adult birds. Dr. Rosenberg pointed out that in less than a single human lifetime, we’ve lost almost a third of our birds.

As bleak as this picture may be, it is one that can be changed, and trees — and the people who work with them and those who appreciate them — can play a large part. In this issue of *Tree City USA Bulletin*, we present some ideas about how you can help.

WHAT BIRDS DO FOR US

Birds provide enormous pleasure for those who enjoy watching them — and provide the basis of a \$41 billion industry. Birds also quietly go about keeping insect populations in check. Some, especially hummingbirds, even contribute to our food supplies by pollinating about 5% of the plants grown for human consumption. Here are some other statistics, courtesy of the Garden Club of America:

- * A Baltimore oriole can consume 17 hairy caterpillars in a minute.
- * A house wren feeds 500 insects to its young every summer afternoon.
- * A pair of flickers consider 5,000 ants a mere snack.
- * A swallow can devour 1,000 insects every 12 hours.
- * A brown thrasher has been known to eat 6,180 insects in one day.
- * A pair of scarlet tanagers have been seen eating 630 newly hatched caterpillars of the gypsy moth in 18 minutes.



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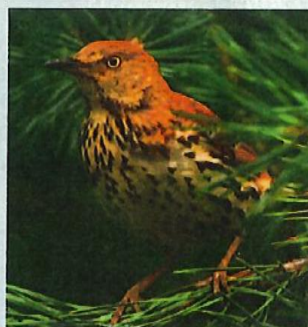
HOUSE WREN



NORTHERN FLICKER



TREE SWALLOW



BROWN THRASHER



SCARLET TANAGER

Source: Garden Club of America



Arbor Day Foundation

100 Arbor Avenue • Nebraska City, NE 68410



Joiner's Corner

Cleaning Out Gutters by Neil Joiner

It's amazing how much debris can accumulate in a gutter over fifteen years. Until the first Saturday in April, I don't think we had cleaned out our gutters since they were installed. The coronavirus pandemic has necessitated most of us spend more time at home, so I'm catching up on some overdue maintenance.

Confinement of any type is seldom viewed as a blessing, but we're fortunate if we have that option. There are masses of people who would love to stay home but can't. First-responders are working long hours in conditions more hazardous than anyone could have imagined. Healthcare providers are worn to a frazzle as they risk their own lives to help save others. Grocery store workers are wiping down carts and stocking shelves. They were rarely thought of as heroes in the past. Today, however, I'd like to hug every one of them.

Druggists are still dispensing medicine. Restaurant employees are cooking take-out orders. Truckers are delivering goods to warehouses which people in vans bring to our porches. And the folks at the post office know the mail must go through. People in factories are wearing masks while making things we need. Many are nervous about going in, yet thankful to be on payroll. Coronavirus is fatal to jobs but not bills. Payments come due every month and essentials are quickly depleted.

I've only touched the surface of professions which are severely affected by COVID-19. My point is that those of us who can stay home in relative comfort and safety have a lot to be thankful for. I'm sure you already know that, but it takes a lot of reminding for me.

Jane was pruning shrubbery in our back yard when she noticed a weed with a yellow flower growing in our gutter. Despite its colorful bloom, I knew it shouldn't be there. So, I got a ladder and pulled it out.

I was surprised to find that weed had a lot of company. A row of green unwanted guests was thriving in a mixture of leaves and sand-like particles that had washed down from our shingles. The debris was several inches deep and tightly packed by time and moisture. I had to loosen it with a trowel before using a big shop vacuum to suck it out.

And I did something foolish. I ignored some advice that I had included in a small book titled *Lessons From the Ladder*. There's a sticker on many ladders which warns, "DO NOT STAND ABOVE THIS STEP," but I climbed a rung higher. It turned out okay, but it was a poor choice. All I had to do was borrow a longer ladder from my neighbor, Ken, or get one from the farm on Monday. But the gutter needed cleaning and I didn't want to wait, for I had already waited too long.

I hope by the time this is published COVID-19 will be on the downslope. Meanwhile I'll spend some time taking care of a few things I've neglected, like cleaning out the gutters. It's also a good opportunity to clean out my spiritual gutters. They tend to fill gradually with bits of sediment. They look about the same from ground level, revealing nothing that demands urgent attention. At some point, however, the weeds take hold and the roots grow deeper. And we venture precariously near the top of the ladder trying to treat the symptoms rather than the cause.

Spiritual gutters need thorough cleansings. "Nothing but the Blood," a hymn written in the 1800s, succinctly tells us how. "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." When a rain gutter is filled with debris, it doesn't function like it's supposed to. And when a spiritual gutter is cluttered with sin, it doesn't work like God intended. There's a cost that comes with neglect, and a joy that comes with a clean fresh start. There will never be a better time for a new beginning than right now.

KID'S COLORING PAGE

I Love You Mom!





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May 6Earnest Dennard



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