



November 2019

City Scoop

The City of Vienna is an Equal Opportunity Provider, Employer and a Drug Free Workplace.



**Don't forget to vote!
If you have not early voted,
be sure to vote on November 5th**



City of Vienna to Observe Veterans Day with Special Events

Friday, November 8, 2019



The Vienna Woman's Club and the City of Vienna invite all Dooly County veterans to a program given in their honor on Friday, November 8, 2019. The event will begin with a social hour for veterans only from 9:00 until 9:45 a.m. at Vienna City Hall. Refreshments will be served and a group picture taken.

At ten o'clock, everyone is invited to enjoy a patriotic program in the courtroom of the Dooly County Courthouse, featuring the presentation of the colors, inspirational messages, music, recognition of Dooly County veterans, and the presentation of a memorial wreath.

Scarecrow Decorating Contest Winners to be Announced at Trunk or Treat Event October 30th



Left to
Right

Dooly
County
Farm
Bureau



Gateway
Sexual
Assault
Center



Gateway
Child
Advocacy
Center



Vienna
Garden
Club





Left to Right

The Jewel of
Vienna

Dooly County
4-H



Vienna
United
Methodist
Church

Vienna
Flower Shop





Left to Right

Dooly County Board of Education

Dooly K-8 Academy



Vienna Woman's Club & Gr'andys

Dooly County Extension Service





South Georgia Banking Company

Picture by: Tim Franzen



City of Vienna participated in "Trunk or Treat" at K-8 Academy

Pictured are Janet Joiner, Blake Thompson, and 2 students.

Entry Categories

❖ **Business or Club**

1. Dooly County 4-H
2. Dooly County Farm Bureau
3. Gateway Child Advocacy Center
4. Gateway Sexual Assault Center
5. South Georgia Banking Company
6. The Jewell of Vienna
7. Vienna United Methodist Church
8. Vienna Flower Shop
9. Vienna Woman's Club & Gr'Andy's ATV & Cycle

❖ **Traditional**

1. Dooly K-8 Academy
2. Dooly County High School
3. Vienna Garden Club

❖ **Healthier Together Dooly**

1. Dooly County Extension Service

Thank You!!
to everyone who participated in this year's Scarecrow Contest!

City of Vienna Welcomes New Radio Station

J. Randall Hammett, President of Hammett Financial Management Corporation purchased the FCC License for WKTF AM 1550 and FM 99.3 located in Vienna. The format is "Crossroads of Classic Country and Classic Rock", music you like to sing along to.

A new tower has been constructed and the ground system recently completed. The station will be operating on full power as soon as the new transmitter arrives. The area of coverage will be from Macon to Valdosta, with similar coverage East and West.

Hammett said, "Under my ownership, WKTF is a local radio station. We are not part of

a large group or network. We wish to become an integral part of the community."

The station will carry the full slate of NASCAR racing event for the remainder of this season and all of the 2020 season. They are also working on obtaining the broadcast rights for UGA to carry the DAWGS football, basketball and baseball; and, a programming segment called "Talknsports SEC Style".

WKTF

AM 1550

FM 99.3

Hammett Financial Management Corporation

J. R. Hammett, President

229-268-9583 (268-WKTF)



Schedule of Events

Friday, November 1, 2019

(Gates open at 5:00 p.m.)

Children's Area, Arts, Crafts, & Food Vendors

Vintage Vixens: 8:00

The Swingin' Medallions: 9:00

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Saturday, November 2, 2019

Gates open at 10:00 a.m.

All Day - Children' Area, Arts, Crafts, and Food Vendors

Taste of the Jig 2:30 p.m. until the BBQ runs out...

(This is your opportunity to taste Championship BBQ! Located in the judging area)

Martin Mathis – 6:00 p.m.

Raffle drawing for Papa's Little Cookers and The Reason (prior to awards)

Georgia Barbecue Championship Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m.

Evan Barber and the Dead Gamblers – 8:00 p.m.

John Eidenire Band: 9:30 p.m. – Midnight

For tickets go to www.bigpigjig.com or call 229-268-8275

Tickets: Friday \$20 (\$15 online), Saturday \$5 until 3:00 p.m. \$15 after 3:00 (\$10 online), two day armband \$25

Online sales end Thursday, October 31 www.bigpigjig.com 229/268-8275

Children under 12 free, Seniors and Military \$1 discount with ID

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Christmas Tree Decorating Contest

All local organizations, businesses, student groups, and families are invited to participate in the City of Vienna's 3rd Annual Christmas Tree Decorating Contest. Trees are to be placed in the Downtown Courthouse Square by November 26th. Winners will be announced at **Vienna's Christmas in the Park** celebration to be held on Thursday, December 12th from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Downtown Courthouse Square.

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 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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 Monday, November 18, 2019 by 5:00 p.m. Please return the entry form below to Vienna City Hall or email to laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org.

2019 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 the 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: Monday, November 18, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

See rules next page . . .

2019 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 Monday, November 18, 2019 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 anchored in a way that they will not blow over. No digging is allowed in the park. One suggestion is to place in buckets, support with bricks, then fill with sand. 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 November 21, 2019 and must be in place and decorated by November 26, 2019.
7. Flagged stakes will be placed in the City Park indicating where trees may be placed. Just pick your spot – first come first served. **NO DIGGING ALLOWED!!**
8. Extension cords will be provided by the City of Vienna.
9. Judging will take place December 2nd - 4th
10. Winners will be announced on Thursday, December 12th at the Christmas in the Park Celebration.
11. Participants must remove all artificial trees and all decorations by January 2, 2020. **Undecorated live trees** may be left on the ground for the City to pick up and take to the chipper.





JOIN US IN HISTORIC
DOWNTOWN VIENNA'S
COURTHOUSE SQUARE PARK

FOR

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

THURSDAY DECEMBER 12, 2019

5:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.

SANTA WILL BE THERE!

LOCAL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

TREE DECORATING CONTEST

WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Hot chocolate

And cookies

New This Year **Food trucks & Vendors**

dates to Remember

October 30, 2019

Trunk or Treat
Downtown Square, 6:00-8:00
(Trunk set up 5:00-6:00)

November 1-2, 2019

BIG PIG JIG®

November 5, 2019

Election Day

November 8, 2019

Veterans Day Ceremony, 10:00 a.m.
Dooly County Courthouse
Courtroom

November 11, 2019

Veterans Day
City Hall Closed

November 25, 2019

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

November 28, 2019

Thanksgiving Day
City Hall Closed

December 4, 2019

Chamber Appreciation Luncheon
Chamber Office, 12:00 p.m.

December 5, 2019

Mayor's Christmas Motorcade

December 12, 2019

Christmas in the Park
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Did you know that approximately 67 cents of every dollar spent at a U.S. small business remains in that local community?



November 28, 2019

*The City of Vienna
wishes everyone a **Thanksgiving**
overflowing with peace, love and laughter.*



**Be sure to
use the
Free Little
Library
located under
the gazebo in
Busbee Park.
This project
is sponsored
by the Vienna
Woman's
Club.**

Take a Book. Read it. Return it. Repeat.

Fruits of Vienna B&B

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

November Dinner Events

Theme: Belgium

Tuesday, November 5, 6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 21, 6:00 p.m.

November Lunches

Wednesday, November 6
Wednesday, November 20

Call for reservations

Orders for Thanksgiving are now being taken.

Reservations for Christmas parties in December are now open.



Every Drop Counts

Water is a precious resource in Georgia and we have no choice but to pay more attention to how we are using our water.

Here are some Water Wasters to Watch

- Don't let the water run while shaving, washing your face, or brushing your teeth.
- Fully load automatic dishwashers; they use the same amount of water no matter how much is in them.
- Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as watering a plants or cleaning.
- Reuse fish tank water on your household plants – it makes nice fertilizer too.

George Biography Wins Award

Dr. Jamie Cockfield was presented the 2019 Award for Excellence in Documenting Georgia's History for his recently published biography of United States Senator Walter F. George. The presentation was made by the Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council in a ceremony at the State Archives Office in Morrow. Dr. Cockfield's work was nominated for this award by Janet Joiner on behalf of the Vienna Historic Preservation Commission. The book was published by Mercer University Press.



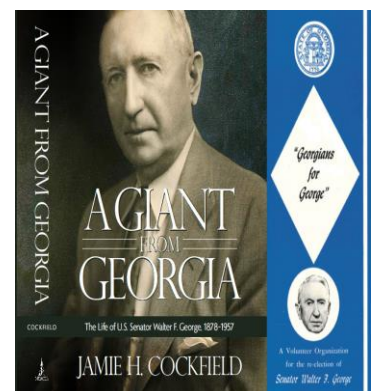
L-R:

Christopher Davidson, State Archivist GA Archives

Janet Joiner, Vienna Community Development Dir.

Dr. Cockfield, Author

Beth English, GA Historical Records Advisory Council



Vienna Church of Christ Hosts Farewell Party for the Bradleys

Carol and LaVern Bradley moved to Vienna from Florida about 6 years ago. They purchased a beautiful historic home on East Union Street and made several enhancements to the property.

The Bradleys have supported their community through their volunteer work. Carol served on the Keep Vienna Beautiful Committee and was very active in the Vienna Garden Club. LaVern served on the Vienna Historic Preservation Commission and served as Chairman a number of years. They are active members of Vienna Church of Christ.

The City of Vienna appreciates the Bradleys service to their community and sends best wishes as they make their new home in Woodbury, GA.



Mr. and Mrs. LaVern Bradley



City Hall Employees Learn about Breast Cancer

October is coming to an end and pink ribbons and decorated bras have been seen around town all month long to promote breast cancer awareness. With 1 in 8 females in the United States at risk of developing the disease, it is important that women are aware of ways to protect themselves against it. Avoid excessive drinking, avoid smoking, regular exercise and maintaining a healthy and balanced diet are ways that have been shown to reduce the likelihood of developing breast cancer. Most important is having regular scheduled mammograms which presents an opportunity for early diagnosis which increases the chance for successful treatment.



Julie Newman shared her very touching personal struggle with breast cancer with City Employees.

Georgia State Cotton Museum

1321 East Union Street
Vienna, GA 31092
I-75 Exit 109

Host: Earl Collier

Day & Hours of Operation

Wednesday – Friday
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please call (229)268-2045 or (220)268-4920 to set up appointments for large group tours or visits on days not listed above.



BEFORE

AFTER



Derek Thomas contacted the Cotton Museum asking for help to identify this piece of equipment. In all, he consulted with 3 “experts” and all came to the conclusion that it is some type of manual drop spreader. The spreader has since been restored. Shown are the before and after pictures that he has shared with the Cotton Museum

Thomas lives near Thomaston, GA. He has family ties here, as his grandmother was related to Horace Dorminey, Sr. who lived in south Dooly County and A. J. Dorminey who lived just over the line in Crisp County. A. J. Dorminey’s widow, Lounelle, is still living today at 96 years of age. Thomas has fond memories of spending summers on their farm as a child.



April 1, 2020 is National Census Day

GOAL: *Every person in Vienna/Dooly County counted, only once, and in the right place.*

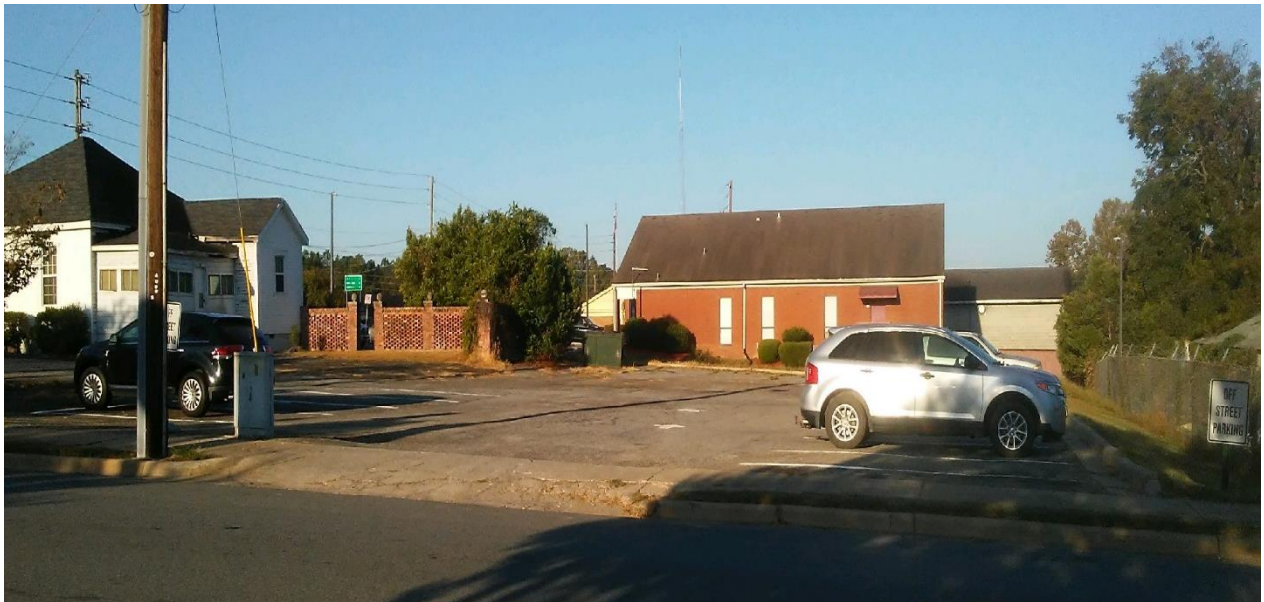
The 2020 Census will be the twenty-fourth United States Census. This is a population count of America that determines the distribution of political power and money from the federal government to our communities.

In past censuses, millions of children, low-income people, and immigrants have gone uncounted which causes under representation and underfunding of resources we all use - everything from hospitals to roads to schools - for the next 10 years.

Each person counted brings in \$2,300 per year in federal funding. This equates to \$23,000 per person over the 10-year census period. If 100 people are missed locally, that equals \$2.3 million in lost funds to that community.

Please take the pledge to be counted so our community gets its fair share!

City Adds Additional Public Parking Downtown



The City of Vienna has recently opened an off-street parking lot on 2nd Street to increase downtown parking capacity. Spaces have been lined and signage is at the entrance.

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader" John Quincy Adams, 6th President of the United State from 1825-1829



For community updates, healthy recipes, workouts, and more follow us on our

Facebook Page
Healthier Together Dooly

or

Instagram @healthiertogetherdooly

11 Tips for a Healthy Fall

AS THE DAYS GET SHORTER AND COOLER AND THE LEAVES CHANGE COLOR, USE THESE 11 HEALTHY STRATEGIES TO HELP PREVENT CHRONIC DISEASES LIKE TYPE 2 DIABETES, HEART DISEASE, AND CANCER.

Be Sun Safe

Wear at least SPF 15 and covering clothes when in the sun.

Move More, Sit Less

You need at least 150 minutes of exercise a week.

Eat Healthy

Fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean meats and low-fat dairy products.

Rethink Your Drink

Substitute water for more sugary alternatives.

Get Your Flu Shot

An annual flu shot is the best way to protect against the flu.

Get Your Screenings

Schedule regular doctor's visits.

Sleep

At least 7 hours of sleep every night.

Don't Use Tobacco

Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW for free support.

Brush Your Teeth

Brush at least twice a day.

Wash Your Hands

Wash thoroughly with soap for 20 seconds.

Learn Your Family History

Talk to your family about it's health history.

Crisp, Muscogee, Sumter and surrounding counties

2019 EMPLOYERS IN THE KNOW

Discover *Georgia*

November 6, 2019

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

*Registration and networking at 8:00 am.

South Georgia Technical College
402 North Midway Road
Cordele, GA 31015



WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This Summit is designed to meet the needs of managers, human resource professionals, business owners and supervisors who want to operate effectively within the legal climate that is affecting the workplace. This is a one-day crash course for progressive HR and business professionals seeking practical guidance and real world tips for handling the toughest management and compliance challenges. Our expert speakers will provide important information to plan policies and actions during this complex legal and regulatory environment facing all businesses in 2019.

**This program has been approved for 5.25 SHRM-CP or SHRM SCP professional development credits.*

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Mark Butler, Georgia Labor Commissioner

GEORGIA'S FIRST COMMISSION

Scott Hilton, Executive Director

GaBEST@Work

Wayne Mack, Georgia Department of Labor

LABOR LAW UPDATE

W. Jonathan Martin II, Partner

Patricia Anne Upson, Partner

Constangy, Brooks, Smith & Prophete LLP

SEXUAL HARASSMENT AWARENESS & PREVENTION

Althea Barnette, Georgia Department of Labor

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BEST PRACTICES

Racquel Robinson, Georgia Department of Labor

Crystal Singleton, Georgia Department of Labor

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JOINER'S CORNER



By Neil Joiner

I was driving from Center Hill Lake in Tennessee, headed back home to Georgia, late in the summer of 2017. Our oldest grandchild, Abby, was riding with me. My wife, Jane, daughter Carrie, and Abby's siblings, Melanie and Walt, were in another vehicle behind us. I don't know exactly where we were when I noticed a sheriff's car parked on the side of the road. There was a fleeting moment of trepidation as I checked my speedometer. But that tinge of fear quickly turned to joy as I read the caption on the trunk. Printed in bold letters was "In God We Trust." It reminded me of *The Andy Griffith Show* from the 1960's. They only had one patrol car in Mayberry. It didn't have that caption on it, but that message was conveyed in many episodes.

I miss Sheriff Andy Taylor. He did an exceptional job in Mayberry of keeping the peace. Their county had the lowest crime rate in North Carolina. Andy did that mostly on his own, without much help from his close friend Deputy Barney Fife. Barney's enthusiasm for following the letter of the law was an ongoing problem. He rarely let common sense interfere with enforcing the many codes he knew so well. There were numerous episodes where Barney's good intentions became recipes for disaster. Andy would usually solve the problems in such a way that Barney seemed more like a hero than a goat. Andy had a knack for that sort of thing. He didn't worry about getting credit for what he did. He was happy letting Barney bask in the glory of unmerited praise. Barney would straighten his tie and puff out his chest as Andy returned the single bullet his deputy was allowed to keep in his shirt pocket.

Andy was a wonderful father as well. Opie was a good kid but was occasionally distracted by his peers. Andy would have a chat with him and always knew the right thing to say. Opie would quickly embrace a deeper appreciation for good character. Andy taught him honesty and kindness. He also taught him responsibility by giving Opie some light chores to earn his own spending money. All the main characters and most of their friends were in church on Sundays. Andy, Opie, Barney, and Aunt Bee were among the faithful congregants. In a practically crime-free county Andy could close the sheriff's office almost every Sunday.

Otis had a bad drinking problem, but he faithfully booked himself into the county jail to sober up. He didn't drive or cause any noticeable trouble except some heartache for his wife. She looked tired when they showed her, and I expect she was. Andy seemed to have Otis on the road to sobriety a few times, but it didn't last long. Otis' drinking was somewhat like a fellow told me years ago about his smoking habit. He said, "It's easy for me to quit smoking. I've probably quit 50 times."

When *The Andy Griffith Show* started its eight-year run in 1960 I was eight years old. I knew that Mayberry wasn't real, but it didn't seem completely impossible that it could be. Jane and I have been watching reruns of that show lately. So, when I say that I miss Sheriff Andy Taylor, it's not that I miss seeing him on television. What I miss is the feeling that it might still be possible to have a Mayberry kind of town. I know that's unlikely to happen, but the caption on that sheriff's car in Tennessee gave me a small ray of hope. It was a Mayberry moment, a reminder of a time when there were places you didn't need to lock your doors at night, places where kindness was common and even disagreements were respectfully civil.

It troubles me that Mayberry moments don't come along very often anymore. Maybe instead of wistfully longing for a mythical panacea, I need to focus more on that caption "In God We Trust." Those four words point toward a place that's much better than Mayberry. It's a perfect place that's open to all who follow the path of grace that leads to the gates of pearl. We can't go back to Mayberry, but we can go forward to a home where Mayberry moments happen all the time. It's a matter of where we put our trust. John 3:16

60th ANNIVERSARY
2019
MAYORS'
CHRISTMAS
MOTORCADE
a program of the Georgia Municipal Association

Let's not forget those less fortunate during the holiday season.

Gifts should be brought to Vienna City Hall by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 4, 2019.

In the state of Georgia, there are hundreds of citizens living in facilities that serve clients with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs. Many of these clients have little, if any, contact with or support from friends or family. During the holiday season, cities from all over Georgia look to ensure those clients receive gifts.

In 1959, the Georgia Municipal Association and then-Governor Ernest Vandiver created the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade to help these hospital clients celebrate Christmas by providing each with a present. The staff at the facilities tell us that without this event, many patients would go without any gift or recognition during the holidays. The City of Vienna is once again collecting gift items for these clients and are asking for your help.

All gifts should be new and unwrapped. No glass containers or objects with sharp edges, metal or strings. Please remember 95% of patients are adults with the average age being 39. Financial donations are also welcome. Make checks payable to West Central Georgia Hospital and note it is for the Patient Benefit Fund.

Vienna Mayor, Hobby Stripling, will deliver your donated items to West Central Georgia Hospital in Columbus on December 5, 2019. Civic organizations, businesses, churches, schools and individual citizens are encouraged to help with the collection of gifts for the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.



Suggested Gift items

Clothing: (*Med-4XL Women; Med-3L Men*)

Jeans, Pants*
Shorts
Sweaters
Long Sleeve Polo Shirts
Socks, Underwear, Bras (*No underwire*)
Pajamas, Slippers, Shower Shoes
Gloves, Winter Hats, Baseball Caps (*No metal*)

Miscellaneous Gifts:

Drawing pads
Composition Books (*No wire bound*)
Stationary
Playing Cards
Calling Cards
Puzzles
Work Search/Crossword books
Wallets (*No metal zipper*)

Personal Care Items:

Shampoo, Conditioner
Body Wash
Deodorant (*No aerosol or spray cans*)
Toothpaste
Body Lotion
Shaving Cream

Giftwrapping Items: (*No wrapping paper*)

Gift Bags
Gift tissue paper
Christmas Cards
Christmas Bows, Ribbon

Snack Items: *No Gum Please*

Individually wrapped: candy, snack cakes, cookies



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Elected Officials

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Velvet S. Layfield, Code Enforcement Officer

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Michelle Lawson, Municipal Court Deputy Clerk

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Velvet S. Layfield, Animal Control Officer

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Vienna Volunteer Fire Department

In case of fire, please call 911.

Michael Causey, Fire Chief

Phillip Warren, Assistant Fire Chief

Viennafire1902@gmail.com

Birthdays



Velvet LayfieldNovember 14

The City of Vienna





“Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.” Anonymous



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