

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

Celebrate **Black History**

FEBRUARY IS ...



February is a unique month in that it is the second and shortest month of the year with 28 days in common years and 29 days in leap years, with the 29th day being called the leap day.

Other special days such as President's Day and Valentine's Day are also celebrated in February. However, the most celebrated event in February is the month-long celebration of black history.

Black History Month was first proposed by black educators and the black students at Kent State University in February 1969. The first celebration of Black History Month took place at Kent State one year later, lasting all month from February 1st through the 28th.

Six years later Black History Month was being celebrated all across the country in educational institutions, center of Black culture, and community centers both great and small, when President Gerald Ford recognized Black History Month, during the celebration of the United States Bicentennial.

President Ford urged Americans to "*seize the opportunity to honor the too-often neglected accomplishments of black Americans in every area of endeavor throughout our history*".

Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated the month of February as Black History Month.

Black History Display at Vienna City Hall

The City of Vienna will celebrate Black History Month with an educational display at City Hall sponsored by the Dooly County Retired Educators Association. The display will be available for public viewing during the month of February. The 2019 display theme is:

"Highlights of Black Achievements in Dooly County."



Black Women of Impact Nominations

Vienna's Event Planning Committee members were asked to nominate black women of impact who continually demonstrate what it means to make an impact in their community and improve the lives of others. The following seven nominations were received: **Sheila Almond, Valerie Almond, Catherine Burden, Patsy Carter, Meredith Lester, Donella McIntee, and Katrice Taylor.**

The Mayor, Council, and Staff of the City of Vienna salute these women for the positive difference they have made and are continuing to make in the lives of others.



Valerie Almond began her journey as a Kindergarten teacher in the Dooly County School system thirty years ago. A generation of Dooly County students learned the fundamentals in her classroom, and after much hard work, Mrs. Almond became an academic coach for seventeen years sharing her knowledge, experience, and devotion to young students as they became readers for the first time.

As our community begins our celebration of Black History Month, in honor of local residents who have made a difference in our community, Mrs. Almond deserves our deepest appreciation. A career that focused on 100% effort and dedication to using the best teaching practices each and every day, Mrs. Almond made a difference in the lives of students.

Our community has been blessed by those educators who stayed the course and in good and bad times showed us what commitment means to an end goal—to teach reading basics to emergent literacy learners. This has become a major challenge across our nation as our society makes an adjustment on how we will learn to use technology for its best purposes in teaching our next generation of citizens.

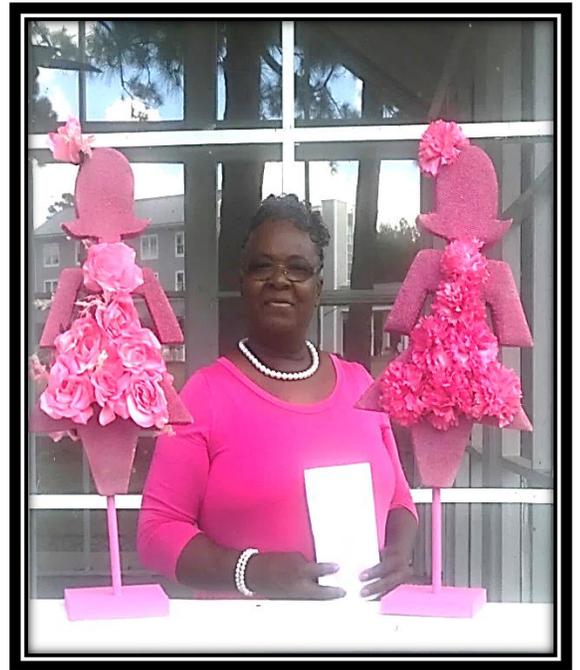
While retired, Mrs. Almond continues to work with our youth by dedicating three days a week to working with students in a small group setting to improve reading skills. As Mrs. Almond knows along with other retired teachers engaged in this effort, **Ms. Betty Bryant, Ms. Lisa Bryant, and Ms. Martha Kent**, all play a pivotal role in providing the human connection necessary and needed in teaching reading.

Dr. Martin Luther King has said that he could never be tired in his effort to lead the Civil Rights Movement when he looked around him in Montgomery and witnessed the sacrifices of everyday people committed to a cause and willing to make sacrifices for change to support that cause.

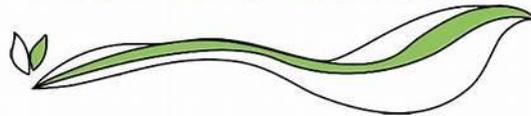
Catherine Burden is the District Parent Liaison in the Dooly County School System. She is a perfect fit for this position because she loves working with children and parents and helping others.

Mrs. Burden also enjoys being active in church, school, and the community by organizing events. She is a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Pinehurst where she serves in the Mission Department, secretary of the Senior Choir, and on the Kitchen Committee.

For fun Mrs. Burden enjoys shopping, eating out and spending time with family. Her leisure time is spent doing word search puzzles and online Bible Studies. She resides in Vienna with her husband, the Rev. Lewis Burden, Sr.



POSITIVE IMPACT



Sheila Hooks Almond is the daughter of the late Felton and Ethel Hooks and has twelve siblings, four of whom are deceased. Growing up in a family of that size, you learn a lot of valuable life lessons. She resides in Vienna with her husband, Eddie Almond, Sr. and is the mother of three sons Eddie Jr., Eric, and Edgerrin and the grandmother of six adorable grandchildren.

Mrs. Almond has been employed with the Dooly County Board of Education for twenty-eight and a half years. She is a member of St. John Chapter #88 order of the Eastern Star. She volunteers her time to serve her community as a member of the Vienna Historic Preservation Commission and is also a member of Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Mrs. Almond's hobbies include singing, cooking, attending sporting events, and dancing. One of her most favorite sayings is "*I'm not responsible for how you treat me. . .but I am responsible for how I treat you.*"



Patsy Carter is a native of Macon County. She attended the Public Schools of Macon County. She received a Bachelor's Degree and a Master's Degree in Elementary Education from Fort Valley State University. She received an Educational Specialist Degree from Troy State University. She is an active member of First Salem Baptist Church in Montezuma.

Mrs. Carter understands the importance of supporting the children in our community, therefore she volunteers, as a Reading Mentor at the K-8 Academy in Pinehurst. She also serves on several community boards, including DFACS, Retired Educators Association, Vienna Housing Authority, and more.

When Mrs. Carter is not serving in a capacity on the many auxiliaries with which she is affiliated with, she spends her leisure time pruning her flowers, exercising at the nearby gym in Cordele, Ga and traveling. She is a proud mother and grandmother.



Katrice Taylor is Vice Chair of the Dooly County Board of Education. She is currently an English Instructor at South Georgia Technical College.

Previously Ms. Taylor was the Director of Migrant Health and Homeless programs at the Georgia State Office of Rural Health. She has a Master's degree in Public Administration and a Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Valdosta State University.

Ms. Taylor is a current member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. She is the daughter of Rev. Carlton and Gloria Martin. She is the wife of Shon Taylor and they have three children - Tyjae, Jalen and Jakari.





Meredith McClendon-Lester is the daughter of Mr. Morris McClendon and Ms. Eloise Mathis-Bernard. She is married to Mr. Tony Lester. Together they have two children Tony Davis and To'Morrius Lester.

Mrs. Lester is a native of Dooly County and currently resides in Unadilla, Georgia, where she serves as a member of the Unadilla City Council, the Vice-President of the Unadilla Downtown Development Authority and a member of the Dooly County DFACS Board.

Mrs. Lester is a member of Forest Chapel Baptist Church and regularly supports her husband at the Brown Chapel Baptist Church. Since 2010, she has been employed with the Dooly County School System, where she serves as the Public Relations/Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. She is the CEO of Meredith's Elegant Events, where her specialty shines brightest through Florist and Floral Design.

Mrs. Lester has received numerous certifications through University of Georgia, Georgia Municipal Association and the Robert E. Knox Jr. Municipal Leadership Institute. In her down time, she enjoys cooking, decorating and singing with her family in the Mathis Family Choir.



Donella McIntee, a member and valedictorian of the Vienna High & Industrial School Class of 1965, has earned several degrees from Tuskegee University and did further studies at St. Thomas University in Miami. She was employed for more than 31 years by Miami-Dade Public Schools in various capacities including high school chemistry and biology teacher, science coach, and an educational specialist.

In 2016 Ms. McIntee was elected President of Dooly Retired Educators Association. One of their goals is to help prepare children for life. Another goal was to be awarded the Unit of Distinction Award which designates the unit has satisfied GREA State Awards for the amazing work they do in Dooly County and the State of Georgia.

Ms. McIntee is totally committed to mentoring, tutoring, and volunteering at DC Public Schools. She has participated in reading comprehension at K-8 Academy, "Read Across America" and as a reading volunteer.

Ms. McIntee is actively involved at her church, Forest Chapel Missionary Baptist in Pinehurst where she serves as teacher of New Membership Orientation and chair of the Scholarship Committee. She also serves as Program Committee Chair for the GA Union Missionary Baptist Association comprised of 16 local churches.

Among Ms. McIntee's many accomplishments, one she has recently completed was her goal to distribute a pair of socks to every Pine Hill Nursing Home resident.

Meet Your Volunteers

Where there is no vision the people perish. Proverbs 29:18

At the first City Council meeting in January each year, the Mayor and Council appoint community leaders to serve on the City's various Boards, Commissions, and Authorities. These volunteers who share their time and expertise help make it possible for the City to provide programs and services to citizens of Vienna.

The **Development Authority** and the **Downtown Development Authority** of the City of Vienna are composed of 7 members who serve 4-year terms. The mission of these authorities is to work to develop and promote for the public good and general welfare of its citizenry – trade, commerce, industry, and employment opportunities in Vienna, GA.

Neil Joiner - Chairman	Retired Banker
Gloria Alexander – Vice Chairman	Property Owner
Willie B. Barnes	Property Owner
Ronnie Cape	Business Owner
Walter Brown	City Council Liaison
John Sherrer	Attorney
Emerson Lundy	Business Owner

The **Zoning Board of Appeals** and the **Planning and Zoning Commission** of the City of Vienna are composed of 5 members who serve 2-year terms. The Board of Appeals handles administrative reviews and grants variances to the Code. The P&Z Commission holds public hearings prior to making recommendations to the Mayor and Council on code amendments, rezoning, and special exception uses.

Marcus Bowens, Chairman
Rodney Brannen, Vice Chairman
Arney Bryant
David Humber
Gary Mixon

The **Vienna Historic Preservation Commission** is composed of 7 members who serve 3-year terms. This Commission reviews exterior changes to structures in the Vienna Local Historic District and issues Certificates of Appropriateness.

Gloria Alexander
Sheila Almond
David Brown
Brenetta Childs
Diane Couch
Michael Ramsey
John Sherrer, III

The City of Vienna deeply appreciates and gratefully recognizes the service of all these volunteers for their generosity, hard work, and dedication to our community. Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community and there are many ways you can serve. For more information contact Laura Johnson at 268-4921 or laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org or Janet Joiner at 268-4920 or janet.joiner@cityofvienna.org.

Dooly County Veteran Charles Speight Honored

Dooly County WWII hero and fighter pilot Charles Speight was recognized for distinguished service to his country by Senator David Perdue at the January Dooly County Chamber of Commerce meeting. Perdue Field Representative, Kathy Burns presented Speight with a flag that had flown over the Nation's Capital and a certificate of commendation.

Speight was also interviewed for the Witness to War documentary that is aired on FOX, CNN, CBS, and ABC. This organization is dedicated to preserving the stories and unique experience of combat veterans. The 5 segments on Speight can be viewed online at: witness towar.org.



VOLUNTEER

If you would like to be more involved with the community, please contact Laura Johnson about becoming part of the Keep Vienna Beautiful or Vienna Main Street Programs.
laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org
(229) 268-4921

The BIG PIG JIG® Wins Another Pinnacle Award



Each year, the International Festivals & Events Association recognizes top quality community outreach programs and materials produced by festivals and events around the world with the Haas & Wilkerson Pinnacle Awards Competition. The BIG PIG JIG® was the recipient of the 2018 Bronze Award for Best Event Website. Congratulations to the Dooly County Chamber of Commerce on this achievement and for making the BIG PIG JIG a great event each year.

Dooly County Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet & Awards

*Thursday, February 7, 2019
Registration & Silent Auction, 6:00
Dinner at 6:30*

*Unadilla City Hall Community Center
563 West Railroad Street, Unadilla*

*Tickets: \$30 Members
\$35 Non-Members*

*Meal Catered by Gay's Seafood
Call 229-268-8275 for tickets*

Free Admission!



Free Admission!

Dilly Dally in Dooly
350 Pig Jig Boulevard
Vienna, GA 31092

Saturday, February 23, 2019

GBA Competition 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Finals: 1:30-2:30

All Day 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Yard Sale, Food Vendors, Arts & Crafts Vendors

50/50 Raffle

Flint Humane Society Raffle

4:00 PM: Raffle Drawings and Awards Ceremony

For more information or to be a vendor call 229-268-8275

Email rhonda@bigpigjig.com or visit us on Facebook





SAVE the DATE!

March 7, 2019, 6:30 pm

"Sip & Support"

Fundraising Event

Benefiting the Vienna Cultural Center/Prince of Peace Episcopal Church

Heavy hors oeuvres & wine

Silent auction

Sponsored by GFWC Vienna Woman's Club

Contact: Beth English 229-268-4977



JOB FAIR

Interviews conducted onsite

Thursday, February 21

10am to 2pm and 4pm to 7pm

Hwy. 280 West, Cordele, GA 31015

All Job Applicants will be interviewed!

Positions Include:

Guest Services Clerks – Hotel, Visitor Center & Marina

Food & Beverage Servers

Line Cooks

Bartenders

Houseman

Housekeepers



Did You Know?

- ✓ There are **538** cities in Georgia.
- ✓ The majority of Georgia cities have a population of **less than 5,000** people.
- ✓ Savannah was Georgia's **first city** established in 1789
- ✓ Georgia's **newest cities** are Stonecrest and South Fulton established in 2017.
- ✓ **43.1%** of Georgia's population live in cities.

SOUTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE PRESENTS:

LOG TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING

TEAM SAFE TRUCKING AND SAFELY DRIVING LOG TRUCKS



COURSE GOAL

This course is designed to reduce accidents through enhanced driver training and to recruit new, safety-focused drivers to deliver a sustainable wood fiber supply chain.

COURSE WILL COVER

Subject matter will include, but is not limited to:

- What to do: Before you drive
- What to do: On the road
- What to do: At the mill or In the woods
- First aid/CPR
- Introduction to computerized mill entry

Training certificate issued per each module.



***COMMERCIAL DRIVER'S LICENSE (CDL) REQUIRED**

LOCATION:

South Georgia Technical College
900 South GA Tech Parkway
Americus, GA

DATE:

Feb. 18 - March 8, 2019
Monday-Friday
4:30 pm - 9:30 pm

COST:

\$500.00 Per Person

**SOUTH
GEORGIA**
TECHNICAL COLLEGE
www.southgatech.edu

A continuing education
course offering

Weyerhaeuser Room - John M. Pope Center - SGTC
February 18 - March 8, 2019 | 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM

Contact Tami Blount (tblount@southgatech.edu or 229-931-2040) for more information and to register

HIRING EVENT



GET HIRED NOW!
CORRECTIONAL OFFICER POSITIONS

MACON STATE PRISON

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

South Georgia Technical College
Pope Center
900 South Georgia Tech Parkway
Americus, Georgia 31709

EVENT DETAILS

Open to the public

9 a.m. – 2 p.m.



INTERVIEWS
ARE HELD ONSITE



PHYSICAL TRAINING TEST
ACCUPLACER TESTING
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION



ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES
RECEIVE A HIRING
PACKAGE THE SAME DAY

Employee Benefits

Health/dental
Insurance
401K
Annual sick leave
12 paid holidays

Please Bring

Completed State of GA Application: available at gdc.jobs.com (Blank copies available on site)
High school diploma/GED transcript - Valid driver's license – Birth certificate -Social security card DD214 (military)
Sealed SAT/ACT/Compass/Asset/Accuplacer scores
If POST certified, a copy of your POST profile
Loose -fitting athletic attire

Qualifications

18 years of age
No felony convictions
U. S. citizenship
High school diploma/GED

RECYCLE, REUSE, REPURPOSE OR DONATE

Let that be your goal for 2019!

Limbs / Household Goods Pick-up Schedule

The City of Vienna Public Works Department will pick up **limbs and yard waste** 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!

Ways to Reuse/Repurpose Items

- Bring your reusable shopping bag to the grocery store. If you do have plastic or paper bags, reuse them.
- Pack lunches in reusable bags with reusable food and drink containers.
- Reuse containers for storage.
- Reuse single-sided printed pages for scratch paper or note pads.
- Find new homes for clothing and linens you no longer need. **Vienna has 2 thrift shops that would welcome them.**
- Linens and items of clothing that are too worn to donate can be cut up into cleaning rags to use instead of paper towels.



!!Annual City-wide Clean-up!!

Winter is over, spring is on its way
It's time to make Vienna beautiful again!

"Let's Keep Vienna Clean as a Whistle"
city-wide clean-up is coming **April 5-15, 2019.**

The goal is to have Vienna really spruced up by Easter week-end.



February 7, 2019
*Dooly County
Chamber of Commerce
Annual Dinner Meeting*

February 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall

February 14, 2019
Valentine's Day

February 18, 2019
President's Day

February 23, 2019
Dilly Dally in Dooly

February 25, 2019
6:00 p.m.
City Council Meeting
Vienna City Hall



Days & Hours of Operation

Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Thursday-Friday: 10:00 a.m.-12:30; 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

1321 E. Union Street, Vienna, GA, I-75 Exit 109

Please call (229) 268-2045 or (229) 268-4920 to set up an appointment for a large group tour

Fruits of Vienna Themed Dinners



Italian Dinner
Tuesday, February 5th
Thursday, February 21st

Valentine's Day Dinner
Thursday, February 14th
6:00 p.m.

Email sleep@fruitsofvienna.com for reservations
or call 229-947-3401

KID'S PAGE





Joiner's Corner

Triplets – Special Delivery by Neil Joiner

A nurse informed us that the triplets would soon be arriving. As our family hastened down the hallway toward the double doors marked “DELIVERY” out came our firstborn. “Boy or girl?” I blurted out. “Boy, but not your boy,” said the smiling nurse. “We’ll keep you posted.” This continued for several babies. We even saw a couple that Mama said looked just like Jane. At last two nurses walked out together each holding a baby. “Finally!” I exclaimed. “Not yet,” one of the ladies in white sympathetically replied. These are twins.”

In a few moments word reached us that we had two girls and a boy. We waited for them to be brought out, but they didn’t come. It was two doctors who came, Dr. English and Dr. Harvey. “Your firstborn is a girl,” said Dr. English. “She’s doing fine. She weighs four pounds and seven ounces.” He pointed to some scribbling on the back of a paper towel. “The second one, a boy, is doing fair. He’s small and his lungs aren’t fully developed.” From his notes I saw that our son was only four pounds and two ounces. “The last girl is largest at four eleven, but she’s been through a lot. The umbilical cord was wrapped around her neck. We think she’ll be alright, but she still hasn’t regained her color.”

My mother and I accompanied the doctors into the intensive care unit. All three babies were beyond our touch in their glass domed isolettes. They were naked except for the monitors which were attached to their chests. Umbilical catheters were soon attached to the severed remains of what had been their lifelines. The first girl looked red-faced and promising. Although small, she appeared healthy considering she had surprised us over a month too soon. But looking at our son I wondered how the doctors could say he was doing fair. I supposed it must be for our encouragement because he looked hopeless. His chest had a deep cavity which the doctors explained was due to his undeveloped lungs. Even under the oxygen hood he gasped for each breath with a frantic rapidity I judged impossible to maintain. The last girl was at the opposite end of the spectrum from our son’s frenzied struggle. Her breaths came slowly and almost undetectably. She looked lifeless and uncaring. Her color was still slightly bluish. I could not help but wonder about possible brain damage. I chastised myself for even silently worrying about such when her life was so uncertain.

For the first time in my life, I began to understand the indescribable love of a parent. I understood what it means to say, “This hurts me more than it does you.” And I understood that more than anything else I had ever wanted, I wanted our children to live. The doctors were cautiously reassuring. Dr. English said that babies are a lot tougher than they look. I wanted to believe him, but I wasn’t sure that I should.

After a brief visit with Jane in delivery, I went to the room where she would be staying. A lady from the hospital’s public relations department asked if I would mind talking to a reporter from The Sun, Warner Robin’s local newspaper. The trio’s arrival was perfectly timed for their Christmas edition. The pleasant young reporter was new at her work. She had a tablet filled with questions, each of them written on a separate page. Her tone was serious and reflected obvious preparation. “What did you think when you first found out you were the father of triplets?” she asked. “Well,” I said with hesitation, “I promised that girl if she had three at one time, I would marry her. I reckon I’ll have to now.” She dropped her number two lead pencil on the floor but was otherwise undeterred by my nonsense. “Who do you think they look like?” she asked. “My parents and I were just discussing that,” I replied. “We think they favor our milkman.” She stopped writing and began erasing, then asked about their names. Mama was shaking her head in dismay. I figured it was time to stop kidding around and help that nice lady write her story.



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Jeffrey Priest, Assistant Superintendent

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS



Vienna City Councilmember, Beth English February 7th

Joel Mathis February 13th

Michael Hardy February 26th



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.



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