



March 2019

# City Scoop

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



## City to Host Third Thursday in the Park

March 21, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.



Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy visiting with your neighbors!



*GFWC Vienna Woman's Club*

# *Sip & Support to Save the Center*

*Vienna Cultural Center*

*Cotton Street, Vienna*

*March 7, 2019 at 6:30 PM*

*Beverages & Hors d'oeuvres*

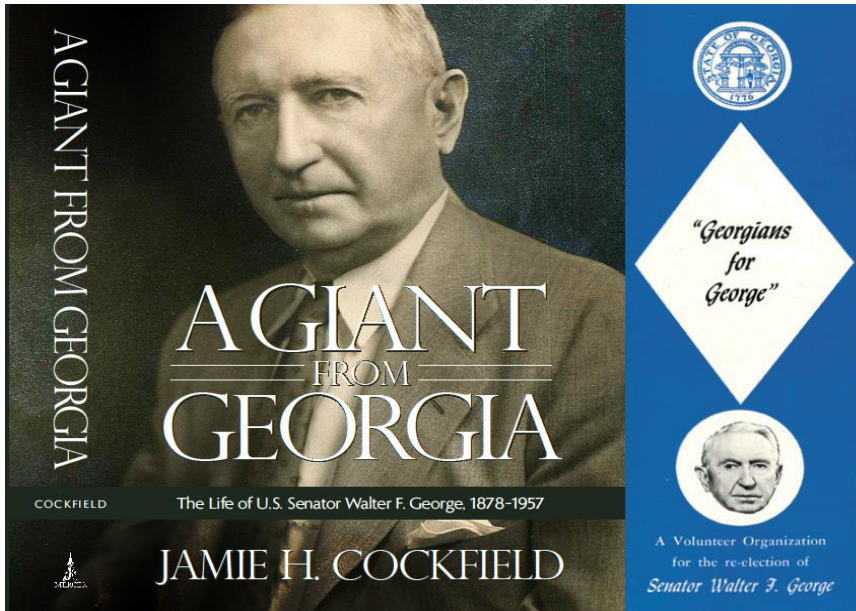
*Silent Auction*

*Funds raised benefit the Vienna Cultural Center*

*For additional information contact: Beth English 229-268-4977*



# *A Giant from Georgia* The Life of U. S. Senator Walter F. George 1878 – 1957



Neoclassical Revival Style  
Stovall-George-Woodward-Gregory House

The Vienna Historic Preservation Commission and the Vienna Woman's Club will host a book signing event on Thursday, April 28, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. Bert Gregory at 305 East Union Street.

The Gregory House was a former residence of the Senator and Mrs. George.

Books may be purchased on site. The author, Dr. Cockfield, will be present to sign the books you purchase and answer any questions you may have about the Senator who is noted as one of America's greatest statesmen.

Lyndon Johnson, who attended George's funeral six years prior to becoming the 36<sup>th</sup> President of the United States said, "Walter George's name has become a household word in every dwelling in our land and across the seas and the oceans. In faraway countries and in places which are alien and strange, Walter George is a magic figure, who symbolizes all that is best and noble in the United States."

Please join us! The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Books may be purchased at a one-time discount at this event only.



**Congratulations  
from the  
City of Vienna**



Dooly County Star Student:  
*Dianna Lopez*

Dooly County Star Teacher:  
*SFC Terrence Culler*

Proud Father: *Mr. Julio Lopez*

Photograph by Angela Barrentine, *The News Observer*



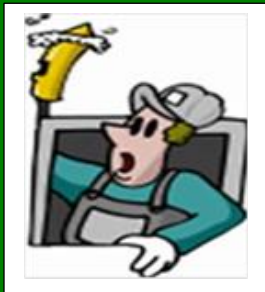
Happy 105<sup>th</sup> birthday to Dooly County's oldest citizen,  
**Mrs. Martha Fullington Brown**  
Congratulations on reaching this milestone in your life.



Congratulations to "**Off the Chain**" from Social Circle, GA for taking the Grand Champion trophy at Dilly Dally in Dooly!



# BE RECYCLED, BUY RECYCLED



## !!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 Coming **April 5-15, 2019.**

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

*(Items for pickup include yard debris, furniture, etc.)*

## **! FREE ! SCRAP TIRE PICKUP!**



**April 5-15, 2019**

Please place tires beside the street  
separate from regular garbage.

## **Scrap Tires Are a Threat to Public Health and Safety?**

Tire stockpiles are an environmental, public safety, and health threat. Because of their shape, scrap tires can collect water and debris, which creates a breeding and feeding habitat for insects and rodents carrying diseases such as West Nile Virus. Scrap tires are also a collection source of dirt, dust, moisture, and mold.

Scrap tires have oily chemicals that are flammable. Burning tires release hazardous chemicals, volatile organic compounds, and toxic metals, into air, water, and soil.

Tire fires are difficult to extinguish and are expensive to clean up.

**Clean up your property and  
get rid of your scrap tires during  
Vienna's Free Scrap Tire Pickup.**



## **Message from the Mayor**

### **Clean as a Whistle - Great Vienna Clean-Up 2019**

Spring is here, and the City of Vienna wants to encourage our residences and businesses to partner with us to enhance the beauty of our city. We believe that a clean and beautiful community helps to improve the economic vitality, health, safety and quality of life for everyone. It also reflects pride and commitment to our community as we beautify and maintain our properties.

We are asking business owners to make the extra effort to enhance the beauty of your *own* property by sprucing up your storefronts; removing temporary and outdated signage and debris from your property and to continue to maintain your structures.

To our residents, we ask that you also keep your property mowed and clear of debris and continue in maintaining your structures. The little things **DO** matter.

Easter weekend is April 20-21 and it is our goal for Vienna to be “Clean as a Whistle” by then. There will be visitors in the area and we want to put our best face forward. The City will provide free yard debris pick up from **April 5-15**. You will need to place your limbs and yard clippings at the curb for pick-up.

With your help and a small portion of your time dedicated to maintaining your property, we can create a beautiful and inviting community.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance,

Hobby Stripling, Mayor



### **Objectives of the cleanup campaign**

- ✚ To insure the environment is safe, clean, and healthy
- ✚ To restore community pride
- ✚ To promote local trade and tourism
- ✚ To restore wildlife habits
- ✚ To promote environmental awareness
- ✚ To insure environmental sustainability

### **What activities can be undertaken during the cleanup campaign?**

- ✚ Cleaning of your on property: mowing, trimming, removing trash and debris
- ✚ Removal of litter from public areas such as streets, parks, and waterways, etc.
- ✚ Your group or organization could adopt-a mile to pick up litter.
- ✚ Cleaning up illegal waste dumps
- ✚ Collection of recyclable materials that can be sold to recyclers
- ✚ Planting of trees

***\*\*Contact City Hall if you or your group is interested in adopting an area to clean\*\****

## **Easter Events**

**Coming Soon**

**Stay tuned for Details**

*Good Friday*

*Community Service in the Park*

April 19, 2019

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*Easter Boston Butt Sale*

Tickets: \$30 each

Prepared by: 8 BMB Grill Team

Pickup: Saturday, April 20

11:00-2:00 p.m.



## **Days & Hours of Operation**

**Tuesday: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday- Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 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 appointments for large group tours.**





- March 7, 2019**  
6:30 p.m.  
Sip & Support  
Vienna Cultural Center
- March 11, 2019**  
6:00 p.m.  
City Council Meeting  
Vienna City Hall
- March 13, 2019**  
11:30 a.m.  
Dooly County Chamber of  
Commerce Board Meeting
- March 21, 2019**  
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
Third Thursday in the Park  
Busbee Park
- March 25, 2019**  
6:00 p.m.  
City Council Meeting  
Vienna City Hall
- April 5-15, 2019**  
Annual City-wide Cleanup  
&  
Scrap Tire Pickup

**VOLUNTEER**

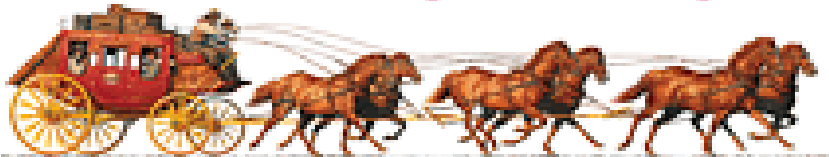
If you would like to be more involved with the community, please contact Laura Johnson about becoming part of the Keep Vienna Beautiful or Vienna Main Street Programs.  
laura.johnson@cityofvienna.org  
(229) 268-4921

***Fruits of Vienna Themed Dinners***

**French Dinner**  
Tuesday, March 5  
Thursday, March 28

Email  
[sleep@fruitsofvienna.com](mailto:sleep@fruitsofvienna.com)  
for reservations  
or call 229-947-3401

**Together we'll go far**





# KID'S PAGE



## WORD SEARCH

Buster, the Brown Trasher  
needs your help!  
Find the words below and  
tell everyone not to litter!

can  
car  
clean

cup  
garbage  
green

litter  
road  
team

trash  
waste  
water

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U	N	A	D	M	B	X	R
P	Z	S	A	Q	N	A	A
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## Joiner's Corner

### *The Wonder Five* by Neil Joiner

Pete and Beverly Dail are Florida transplants who moved to Vienna a few years ago. They have painstakingly restored a home on Union Street that was in severe disrepair. It's now a charming bed and breakfast known as The Jewell of Vienna, named after a daughter of the original owners.

James Pleasant Powell married Frances Caroline Lane Powell in 1866. They had 12 children, including a daughter named Jewel. One of the Powell descendants gave Pete and Beverly an antique photo that now hangs on their wall. The picture is on a tin plate that's mounted on a wooden plaque. The inscription reads: "PRIDE OF VIENNA – Vienna's Famous Invincible Basket Ball Quintet – 1927 Middle Georgia, Peach Belt, Georgia State and Southern State Champions." Beneath the picture is an ad for "SNELL'S TIRE SERVICE STATION."

The photo shows ten unidentified boys in basketball jerseys standing with their coach. Pete had heard about Vienna's small-town team that made big-time news many years ago. He figured this picture had to be those boys, a team that was appropriately dubbed "The Wonder Five."

I was born in 1952, long after the heyday of their exceptional accomplishments. But I grew up hearing about The Wonder Five because of Mr. Thomas Witcher. Mr. Witcher was an affable fellow who worked at a family owned dry cleaners in Vienna. He made regular trips to our home in his delivery van and would usually visit for a few minutes. My parents often mentioned, with obvious admiration, that Mr. Witcher was one of The Wonder Five.

When our triplets were in the eighth grade, their teacher, Mary Jo Jeter, assigned them a Georgia History Scrapbook project. Our son, Seth, decided to include a story about The Wonder Five. He asked our friend and fellow church member Mr. John Bonner for some information. Mr. John was born in 1915. He was a child of the Wonder Five era, a teenager during the team's most notable years. His hand-written six-page account is where this overview and excerpts are from.

Mr. John said, "Basketball Mania came to Vienna in 1925 and lasted until 1930. It was brought about largely by the efforts of one very talented man, Joseph H. Jenkins, who was superintendent of the city schools and coach of the boys basketball team." Mr. Jenkins, an ordained Baptist minister, was, "a man of the highest morals and ethics." He also credits Mr. Jenkins as being an exceptional athlete who was blessed with charisma. In 1925 Mr. Jenkins aroused enough interest around Vienna to build a gymnasium. The emerging game of basketball was enthusiastically embraced by the students and townspeople. The next year Coach Jenkins put together a team that would become known as The Wonder Five. Mr. John described their center, Ted Raines, as having the jumping ability of a kangaroo. He said that Coach Jenkins built his team around Raines' jumping and tipping ability.

Coach Jenkin's teams were heavily solicited to play in tournaments, and they seldom lost. They were the topic of many columns by a variety of sports writers. A reporter for The Macon Telegraph dubbed them The Wonder Five, a name which was readily and widely embraced. They competed successfully against teams from much larger schools like Macon, Savannah, and Athens. In 1928 and 1929 the team was invited to the National High School Championship in Chicago. They didn't bring home the first-place trophy either year, but they garnered national attention and respect. The folks in Chicago would long remember the boys from a little town in South Georgia.

Mr. John noted there were some outstanding athletes on those teams. It's amazing how much talent came from such a small body of students. What I find most inspiring, however, is the example of their mentor, Mr. J. H. Jenkins. It reminds me that one man can make a difference. Mr. Jenkins didn't choose the easy path. He built a gym from the ground up. Then he harnessed the raw talents of young boys and molded them into a team whose accomplishments might best be described as miraculous.

The easy path is always inviting. It lures us to choose that which is comfortable and requires little effort. It is, however, in the challenges along the road less travelled where we find true wonders. J. H. Jenkins found at least five of them. There's no doubt he would tell us to keep looking for more.



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**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



**Hansel Vonier . . . . . March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Cozie Ray . . . . . March 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Michael Bowens . . . . . March 19<sup>th</sup>**

**Margaret Shelly . . . . . March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**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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