



# City Scoop

November 2018

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## Happy Thanksgiving! from the City of Vienna

### Vienna Hosts Hometown Connection

The City of Vienna held their 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Connection on Tuesday, October 16 at Marise's Country Cooking Restaurant. "Hometown Connection provides our community an opportunity to share the successes we have had and the challenges we face with our legislators on our own turf," said Vienna Community Development Director, Janet Joiner. These Connections allow Legislators to see first-hand how their decisions in the General Assembly impact our cities. Both State and Federal Government Representatives attended.



**L-R:** Janet Joiner, Community Development Director; Nathan Jordan, Public Works Superintendent; Scotty Mashburn, Dooly County Economic Development Director; Randal Almond, Vienna City Council; Walter Brown, Mayor Pro Tem; Hobby Stripling, Mayor; Elizabeth Kringer, Field Representative Office of Sanford Bishop, Senator Greg Kirk; Colin Kelly, Field Representative Office of David Perdue, Beth English, Vienna City Council; and Michael Bowens, City Administrator; Not pictured is Justin Kirnon, Georgia Municipal Association Governmental Relations Associate



## City of Vienna to Observe Veterans Day with Special Events

Friday, November 9, 2018

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 9, 2018. The event will begin with a social hour for veterans only from 9:00 until 10:00 AM 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.

Vienna City Hall will be **closed** on Monday, November 12, 2018 in observance of Veterans Day. This is a day of honor recognizing the sacrifices made by the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces, and their families, in service to our country and the protection of our freedoms. Once again, thank you for your service.

## City Participates in Dooly County Homecoming Parade



The City of Vienna helped Dooly County High School students and alumni celebrate being a BOBCAT in this year's Homecoming Parade. Due to Hurricane Michael, the parade that was originally scheduled for Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup> had to be postponed until October 25<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme was "It's Showtime!" The City of Vienna sends a special thank-you to Mrs. Ann Stripling for designing and decorating our float, "*Bobcats on Broadway.*"

## Vienna Recovers from Hurricane Michael

The City of Vienna will assist citizens by picking up limbs and yard debris created by Hurricane Michael free of charge. Trees must be cut in lengths of 4 feet or less and placed on the side of the street. We cannot take wood, shingles, plastic bags or any item other than tree limbs and yard debris. Please be patient as it will take considerable time and effort to get around to everyone. Thank you from City of Vienna Public Works Department.





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### 2018 Schedule of Events

**Friday, November 2, 2018**

(Gates open at 4:00 p.m.)

ALL DAY: *Inflatables, Mechanical Bull, Trackless Train, Pony Rides, Games, Exhibitors, Monster Spider Jump, Crafts, Collectibles, Specialty Food Vendors*

HDR – Dance Party 7:30 – 8:30

Vintage Vixens: 8:30 – 10:00

**Mother's Finest: 10:30 Midnight**



**Saturday, November 3, 2018**

(Gates open at 10:00 a.m.)

ALL DAY: *Inflatables, Mechanical Bull, Trackless Train, Pony Rides, Monster Spider Jump, Games, Exhibitors, Crafts, Collectibles, Specialty Food Vendors*

1:30 – 3:30 Arts & Crafts with Becky and Piggy Potter Games

***Party Harbor Inflatables offers an all-day armband for \$8***

**Taste of the Jig 2:00 p.m. until the BBQ runs out...**

**(This is your opportunity to taste Championship BBQ!)**

Raffle drawing at 6:30 for Papa's Little Cookers, The Reason and Flint Humane Society  
**Georgia Barbecue Championship Awards Ceremony 7:00 p.m.**

Maples Crown: 8:00 – 9:00

John Eidenire Band: 9:00 – 10:00

**Jawga Boyz: 10:30 – Midnight**

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**Mother's Finest  
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**Jawga Boyz  
11/03/18 - \$15**

**\$20 at the Gate**



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dates  
to Remember

**November 2-3, 2018**

BIG PIG JIG® Village  
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**November 9, 2018**

9:00-10:00 a.m.  
Veteran's Social  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Veteran's Day Observance

**November 12, 2018**

City Hall Closed  
in  
Observance of Veteran's Day

**November 22-23, 2018**

Thanksgiving Holidays  
(City Hall Closed)

**November 26, 2018**

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

**December 7, 2018**

Mayor's Christmas Motorcade

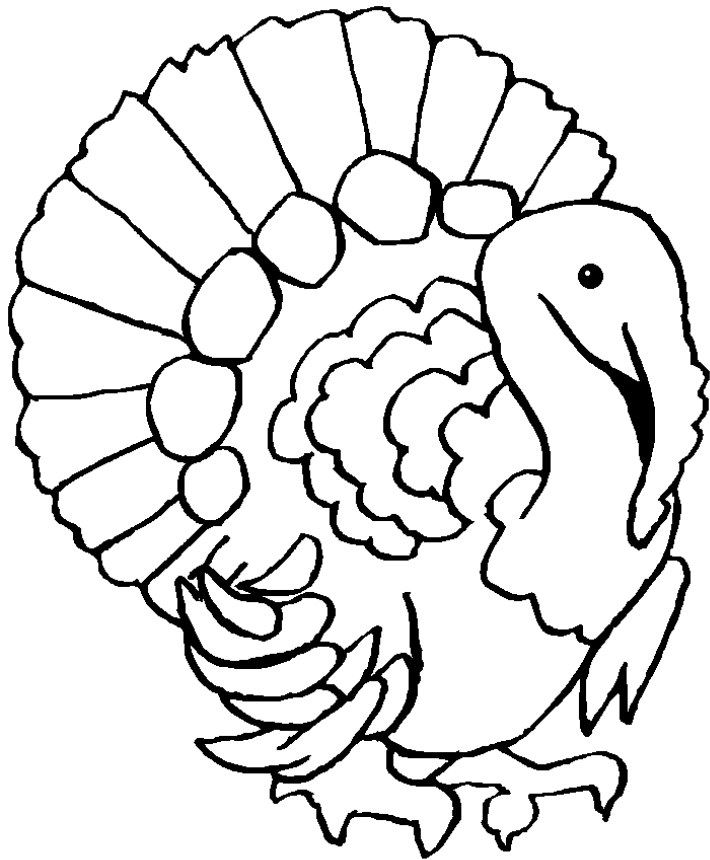
**December 8, 2018**

Christmas in the Park



The home of Vienna resident, Bert Gregory, has been invaded by a lot of dead things such as a toppled ancient oak tree, thanks to Hurricane Michael. Joining the oak are skeletons, spiders, and rats! All in the spirit of Halloween.

# KID'S PAGE



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

DON'T FORGET TO BE  
THANKFUL!





# Support Vienna!

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

*Our local businesses need your support!*

**SMALL BUSINESS**

**SATURDAY**

*November 24, 2018*



Dooly County Schools  
will hold a  
**REACH Georgia**  
signing ceremony on  
November 6 at the Dooly  
K-8 Academy.

**REACH Georgia** Scholars  
will be signing contracts  
committing to

1. Satisfying the program requirements;
2. Graduating from high school;
3. Enrolling in college
4. And, completing college

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



**REACH**  
GEORGIA  
Change Lives!

2018  
**Mayors'**  
Christmas  
**MOTORCADE**

City of Vienna Participating in Mayors' Christmas Motorcade  
*Let's not forget those less fortunate during the holiday season.*

In the state of Georgia, there are thousands of citizens living in state hospitals that serve patients with developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs. Many of them have little, if any, contact with or support from friends or family. During the holiday season, cities from all over Georgia come together to ensure these clients receive gifts through the Mayors' Christmas Motorcade.

The City of Vienna is participating in this program and the success of the program relies on citizen participation to donate gifts for the patients. Mayor Stripling would like to encourage all of you to remember these patients during this holiday season. **If your school, church, business or civic group would like to participate in this program, gifts may be brought to Vienna City Hall no later than 4:00 p.m. on December 6.**

Donated items from the City of Vienna will be delivered to West Central Georgia Hospital in Columbus on December 7.

### Christmas Wish List and Helpful Hints

- All gifts should be new and unwrapped.
- **No** glass containers or objects with sharp edges, metal or strings.
- *Clothing:* (M-4XL Women; M-3XL Men) Jeans or Pants, Sweaters, Shorts, Long sleeve polo shirts, gloves, rain coats, ponchos, hats. Baseball Caps (no metal) socks/underwear/sports bras.
- *Personal Care Items:* Shampoo/Conditioner, body wash, bath powder, combs/brushes, make-up kits, deodorant (no aerosols or spray cans) toothpaste, body lotion, elastic hairbands (no metal pieces).
- *Miscellaneous:* Stationary/Stamps, pens, markers, Movies (DVD, G, PG only) Board games, (no travel games or dice games, Wii Games (no violence or parental advisory) playing cards, puzzles, word search/crossword books.



## Christmas Tree Decorating Contest "Christmas in the Park"

Since there was such a great response last year to Vienna's Christmas Tree Decorating Contest and Downtown looked so festive during the Christmas season with the many beautifully decorated trees in the park, the Event Planning Committee has decided to do it again this year. All local organizations, businesses, student groups, and families are invited to participate. This community event is part of **Vienna's Christmas in the Park** celebration to be held on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 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 16, 2018 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).

### 2018 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 16, 2018, 5:00 p.m.**

**See rules next page . . .**

## 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 16, 2018 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 on Thursday, November 22, 2018 and must be in place and decorated by Friday, November 30, 2018.
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 December 3-5, 2018.
10. Winners will be announced on Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Christmas in the Park Celebration.
11. Participants must remove all artificial trees and all decorations by Wednesday, January 2, 2019.  
**Undecorated live trees** may be left on the ground for the City to pick up and take to the chipper.





## ***A Story About Chickens*** ***by Neil Joiner***

## ***Joiner's Corner***

I don't particularly care for chickens. I appreciate their role in the food chain but find nothing endearing about their personality. Our troubled relationship goes back to my first paying job of gathering eggs. I was probably six or seven years old and got paid a penny per egg.

We had a large fenced area about 50 feet from our back door. Our white-feathered laying hens had plenty of room to frolic and hunt grasshoppers and such. A small opening at ground level provided the chickens access to a wooden building we called the coop. The coop was about twenty feet long and maybe ten feet wide. Inside the coop was a row of straw lined nests for the hens to lay their eggs in, and a long wooden perch that was a few feet off the ground. It was a spacious and secure fortress, almost impenetrable to potential invaders like the red fox who lived in the nearby woods.

The hens had access to an unlimited supply of ground corn that Daddy bought from Giles & Hodge Purina Store. We poured the corn into the top of the round metal feeder in the coop and the chickens pecked it out from the bottom. All that was asked in return was one egg per day.

By the time I began gathering eggs our rooster was gone. He had attacked my brother Jimmy and learned too late the consequences of breaching unpardonable sin. Most of the time the hens cooperated with my egg collections. Occasionally, however, we would have a setting hen that was difficult. They were called setting hens because they would set themselves on the eggs to incubate them. Even though the rooster was long gone, their maternal instinct drove them to protect the nest. It was my ongoing battle with setting hens that caused my relationship with all poultry to go afoul. I was about eye level with their nest. The setting hens would stare crazily at me and refuse to budge. My solution for that was to pry them off the eggs with a stick. That process on one occasion led to the death of a setting hen, a death which I still maintain was in self-defense. But lately I've had to reconsider my attitude about chickens. Maybe I've been a bit narrow minded in my thinking. Maybe I've been influenced by a somewhat errant childhood perception.

Groves and Mary Jo Jeter from Byromville have a son named Walt who lives in Charleston, South Carolina. When Hurricane Florence was heading that way in September of 2018, Walt and his family drove to Byromville to stay until the danger passed. Walt, Lorraine, and their three children, Luke, Isa, and Ivey came to Georgia. They also brought three dogs, two roosters, and two hens along. I understood bringing the dogs, but the chickens seemed a bit of a stretch, even for a family of devoted nature lovers. Their first chickens had come by way of The Easter Bunny in 2016. The bunny brought a biddy for each of the children plus one for their mother. They named them of course and provided good care and companionship. Mary Jo confesses she is not a "chicken holding type of person" but says she could not resist when a granddaughter said, "Here, JoJo! Hold Cora Belle! Isn't she sweet?"

The original cast members have changed some, but their flock still numbered four when the Jeter family left South Carolina. Luna, Harbor, Louise, and Rooster Boy made the trip from Charleston to Byromville. The stress of travel was too much for Louise, but the other three have been relocated to the home of a friend. The Jeter children all went to help deliver the chickens and to say their goodbyes. They left their fowl friends in Georgia but retained unlimited visitation rights. I would have probably turned those chickens loose in South Carolina and told the kids they should be fine. But Walt and Lorraine made the extra effort to do the right thing. I don't know as it mattered a lot to the chickens, but it mattered to the children. Three children on James Island will long remember their unusual trip to Georgia. They've been given a wonderful lesson in parenting. That may not be obvious to them now, but I expect it will serve them well somewhere down the road. I doubt that I'll ever want a chicken for a pet, but I'll admit that my attitude is mellowing a bit. Maybe one day soon I'll bring a chicken home for dinner. That seems like a really good place to start.



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### ***Vienna Volunteer Fire Department***

**In case of fire, please call 911.**

**Michael Causey, Fire Chief**

**Phillip Warren, Assistant Fire Chief**

## **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Velvet Layfield November 14<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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