



# HISTORIC VINEVILLE

## Neighborhood Association

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### Letter from the President

by Erin Lake

What a splendid summer we've had! But perhaps like me, you're ready to spend more time outside and welcome autumn with its cooler temperatures, glorious foliage, and the ability to take longer evening walks.

We've got an abundance of new neighbors to welcome to Historic Vineville. The housing market has been on an uptick throughout Macon for the past year or two, we've seen most houses in the Historic Vineville neighborhood sell quickly (some in just a few days). This says a lot about the pride we take both in our property and the neighborhood as a whole. I recently mentioned this to a realtor friend/neighbor, and she remarked that by the time a house is listed, it's already selling. She also added that Historic Vineville is among the list of neighborhoods that many of her clients target. Terrific news! Our close proximity vibrant and growing shops and eateries in Ingleside Village and downtown can't be beat.

This had me thinking about how we can harness this enthusiasm and further enhance our neighborhood. Part of this answer is already fostered by our neighborhood association. Take a peek at our fall social calendar on page \* and you'll see unique opportunities to meet neighbors and catch-up with friends.

On page \* you'll see an update from our beautification committee, which is always looking for more volunteers to help keep our neighborhood a shining jewel of Macon. Their work makes such a difference in our community.

And don't miss the update on Oak Haven Park on page 3, which under the Board's leadership has gone from a grassy vacant lot to a hub for relaxation and play.

As for me, I look forward decorating my porch for fall and enjoying your handiwork during evening strolls around the neighborhood!

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## Vineville Social Report

Our fall social calendar is jam packed with fun for everyone! All neighbors are welcome at all events.



### Sept 20 — Ladies Night Out: A Taste of Fall

### Oct 5-20 — Fall Decorating Contest

The best porch and door decor will win a \$50 gift certificate to Society Garden. Get the kiddos in on the fun by having them decorate a scarecrow. The winning design gets \$50 gift certificate to Williams Fun Smart Toys!

### Oct 20 — Chili Cook-Off

Join us in Oak Haven Park, where we'll have a live Bluegrass band, beer, and prizes awarded for the best chili.

### Nov 8 — Ladies' Night Out: Pottery Class

Make keepsake holiday decorations with instructor Amy McCullough of Macon Clay

### Nov 30 — Holiday Party at the Hay House

Kick off the holiday season with an enchanting evening!! Full details to come.

## **Oak Haven Park Development by VNA Continues Apace**

by Lars Anderson



As autumn rolls around, we continue to see progress in Oak Haven Park in so far as the use of those private monies given for Park improvement. Unfortunately, the same cannot be said for the allocation of public monies, and this will have an effect on at least one VNA event for the Fall.

First, the good news. The brick base for the Park's sign has been installed and we are seeking affordable bids for the insert which will incorporate the park's name and our VNA logo.

Also, a panel has been installed which provides electrical service for the Park, which is crucial for concerts and other live events. You can't miss the panel in the center of the park, though we will soon take steps to soften its visual effect! And finally, we expect to see some benches placed in the Park over the next few weeks to make the space more attractive and welcoming for visitors. We hope Oak Haven Park will become a good place to take a morning walk, read a good book, or simply relax in what will soon be lovely weather.

Now, the not-so-good news. Over the past few years, VNA has hosted movie nights in the Park with the assistance of Macon-Bibb Parks & Beautification. Deena Deason started this effort and made a point of inviting all of the schools, churches, and charitable organizations in the area. Unfortunately, this year's Movie Night may well fall victim to Macon-Bibb County's struggling effort to address its budget crises. Until and unless the County allows Parks & Beatification to support these neighborhood events with a fee waiver and support personnel, the cost of such events is prohibitive for VNA. If programs like these are valuable to you, we encourage you to call or email your county commissioner and voice this opinion.

And finally, if you haven't visited Oak Haven Park recently, please do so. Parks & Beautification continues to do a nice job cutting the grass and maintaining the Park. And while the loss of the Kroger has been tough for our neighborhood, you'll find that one bright spot is it's made the park a clean, quiet, and relaxing area for children to play.



VNA cleans up an area of our neighborhood on the first Saturday of each month. Everyone is welcome to join in the fun! We work for an hour — no longer — and then have some light refreshments and time to socialize.

Our next cleanup is October 6 on PioNono Avenue. Park at Vineville Baptist Church and join us as we beautify this major corridor in our neighborhood.

On November 3, we'll help the businesses in Ingleside Village prepare for the

Holiday season. We'll meet in the parking lot of the insurance office next to Carsten-Dentson Co. Please join us to make our neighborhood shopping area a destination for holiday shopping.

### Did you know?

If a major curb appeal project is on your list of to-dos for fall, VNA, in partnership with Historic Macon, provides low-interest facade loans for residents of our neighborhood. This includes upgrades and repairs to exterior paint, roof, porch, and landscaping. Send an email to [historicvineville@gmail.com](mailto:historicvineville@gmail.com) for more details.

*Join us!*

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*And don't miss out on any of our great events!*

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