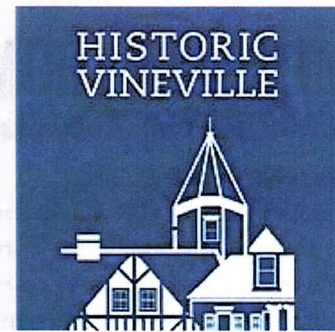


OCTOBER 2021

# NEWSLETTER

HISTORIC VINEVILLE  
NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION



## GEORGIA TRUST FALL RAMBLE

The Georgia Trust Fall Ramble is coming to Macon October 8-10! Enjoy a rare opportunity to tour Macon's finest private homes and significant sites in the city's most historic neighborhoods, including Vineville, Shirley Hills and Beall's Hill. For more information, including itinerary and tickets, visit [www.georgiatrust.org/tours-events/fall-ramble/](http://www.georgiatrust.org/tours-events/fall-ramble/). The Georgia Trust can also be reached by phone at 404-885-7812.

The Vineville portion of the tour will be Saturday, October 9, 11AM - 4PM. Please be aware that there may be extra cars parked along the street on Buford, Oak Haven, Clayton and Hines Terrace during this time. Help us get our neighborhood looking its best for the event by picking up your yard and any other debris you may see along the sidewalks.

**Interested in being a volunteer?** Vineville Neighborhood Association needs docents to help show off these beautiful homes. Those that volunteer to be a Vineville docent will receive a one day tour ticket to be used on Friday or Sunday. To volunteer, email Trixy Hanson at [trixyandjoe@gmail.com](mailto:trixyandjoe@gmail.com).



## CHILI COOKOFF AT OAK HAVEN PARK

Join your neighbors for a Chili Cook-Off at Oak Haven Park! Show off your chili-cooking skills and get to know your neighbors as you enjoy live music in the park!



# Chili

## COOK-OFF

OCTOBER 23 AT OAK HAVEN PARK

*Presented By: Historic Vineville Neighborhood Association*

Saturday, October 23  
Oak Haven Park  
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM  
\$5 per person/\$10 per family.  
Free for VNA members.

### To Enter the Chili Cook-Off:

Email your name, address, phone number and the name you want to give your chili, plus a two-sentence description of it to [vinevillesocial@gmail.com](mailto:vinevillesocial@gmail.com). On the day of the event: arrive at 5:30pm. Bring 6-8 quarts of chili in a crockpot, plus all serving utensils. Electricity will be available.

### Prizes:

- 1st: \$75 - Village Marketplace
- 2nd: \$50 - Ingleside Village Pizza
- 3rd: \$25 - Creter's

## MONTHLY NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS



*Meet your neighbors and help beautify the neighborhood at our monthly neighborhood cleanups! Grab your yard gloves and join us!*

Saturday, October 2:  
9-10 AM  
Meet at Vineville Baptist

Saturday, November 6:  
9-10 AM  
Meet in Ingleside Village



 **VNA CHRISTMAS EVENT TO BE ANNOUNCED**

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# MESSAGE FROM SETH CLARK

*Mayor Pro Tem, Commissioner District 5*

Dear Neighbors:

The first half of 2021 marks the most significant turnover at City Hall since consolidation. With a new mayor and four new commissioners, roughly half of our county government are fresh faces.

Under the Mayor's leadership, we've already made good on many of the concerns we heard from y'all as you graciously welcomed us on your porch as we campaigned, and into your neighborhood meetings last year. And while we're not done, I wanted to update you on our progress.

Many of which would not have been possible without the American Rescue Plan, the largest economic rescue plan in American history. Because of the foresight this community had to consolidate our county and city governments almost a decade ago, Macon-Bibb County is slated to receive 77 million dollars over two years to go toward community stimulus.

After very careful consideration, we've begun the process of allocating roughly 18 million of those dollars, and we've done so strategically by targeting crime and the conditional poverty from which it stems. With one hand we've used it to start the Macon Violence Prevention program, which has resulted in dozens of town halls across this county, and the analysis of what is working to address crime in other parts of the country. With the other we've created low interest loan programs to address food insecurity, community food deserts, and the lack of affordable housing in Macon-Bibb. And we have implemented a pay increase for our members in law enforcement so that we can fill our deputy shortage and remain regionally competitive and. Further, we passed a base hourly wage of 15 dollar per hour because we believe in the dignity of work.

The intention behind these measures beginning together was that when all of our neighborhoods are a little better off, we're all better off. And over the next couple of months, we will continue to hone these programs as well, and bolster them with other initiatives - specifically as relates to crime, so that we all can live in the safe, vibrant community we know we can be.

I also want to highlight that the county commission unanimously approved putting an OLOST on the ballot. The OLOST is a one percent sales tax that will represent the largest property tax cut in Macon Bibb County history, without a dime of revenue loss to the county. Economic studies have shown that it is projected that roughly 70 percent of the burden of the sales tax will be on the backs of travelers to or through our county, and not by the county residents themselves. It will be on your ballot on November 2nd.

Finally, and most pressing, is COVID. After analyzing the efficacy of incentive programs the Mayor proposed, and the commission approved a vaccine incentive program for county employees. I am happy to report that it is working; our county employee vaccine rates are much higher than the county and state rate, and getting better every day.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve as your representative. I also want to take a final moment to tell y'all how rewarding it is to work with our Mayor. We as a community are incredibly lucky to have someone as dedicated to pressing forward with a diverse coalition on issues of local matter in a way that doesn't imitate national politics. Whether you were for him, or against him last year, he is for you now. I believe in the partnership he and I share, and while we have many problems in this community to face, I want you to know that under his leadership, we are facing those problems head on in a spirit of collaboration, and I hope it is something we can all be proud of, because as we look around the country and state, it is increasingly unique.

God bless you all. And if you ever need me, please don't hesitate to reach out.

## JOIN HISTORIC VINEVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Help better our neighborhood and get to know your neighbors by joining or renewing your VNA Membership. Visit [vineville.org/join/](http://vineville.org/join/).

\$30 per Family  
\$20 per Individual

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