



Alachua County,  
Florida

# Community Update



June 16, 2009

A Report on the Activities of Aalachua County Government

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## County Charter Review Commission

The County Commission is urging citizens to engage in the Charter Review process. Every ten years, eleven to fifteen Aalachua County citizens are appointed by the Commission to review Aalachua County's Home Rule Charter. Known as the Charter Review Commission (CRC), the group will decide by majority vote if Charter amendments or revisions should be placed on the general election ballot for November of 2010.

The commitment of time to the CRC will be substantial. Applicants should carefully consider their ability to attend meetings at least monthly starting in October of 2009 and continuing through July of 2010.

"Thomas Jefferson believed an informed and engaged citizenry was democracy's greatest safeguard," said Aalachua County Manager Randall H. Reid, "As our Charter is our local constitution, the Charter Review Commission is a very powerful way for citizens to participate in their government."

To view the Home Rule Charter [click here](#)

### The Preamble of the Aalachua County Home Rule Charter states:

The citizens of Aalachua County, Florida, believing that governmental decisions affecting local interests should be made locally rather than by the state, and, in order to bring to the county the full home rule benefits afforded by the constitution of the State of Florida to charter counties, do ordain and establish this home rule charter for Aalachua County, Florida.

To fill out and submit an application, [click here](#). The deadline for application to the CRC is July 31, 2009.

For more information, contact the Advisory Board Program Coordinator, Mary Lowry, at (352) 264-6904.

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*Randall H. Reid, Aalachua County Manager*



## Resurfacing NW 23rd Avenue

As part of the Pavement Maintenance Program, the Alachua County Public Works Department will be milling and resurfacing NW 23rd Avenue from Fort Clarke Blvd. to NW 98th Street. The project will start on Monday, June 15, 2009 and is anticipated to be completed in five working days. The contractor is APAC - Southeast, Inc.

Daily lane closures may be in effect during this time period. Anyone traveling through this area should expect delays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

To view an aerial view of the milling and resurfacing area, [click here](#).

For more information, contact Antonio Vergara, Alachua County Public Works Department 352-374-5242 ext. 30



## FAC Presidential Scholarship

The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners, during their June 9, 2009 Regular Meeting, presented the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Presidential Scholarship to Michael Bird.

This award recognizes an outstanding high school senior who shows promise of continuing academic achievement to prepare for a career in public service. Michael is the son of Alachua County Environmental Protection Director Chris Bird.

The \$1,500 scholarship is for children of Board of County Commissioner employees of the incoming 2009-10 President of the Florida Association of Counties, Rodney J. Long.

Michael Bird is a 2009 graduate of Gainesville High School. Michael is a National Merit Scholar and a recipient of the University of Cambridge (United Kingdom) Brilliance in USA Award. During his senior year of high school, he was Captain of the Men's Varsity Soccer Team, President of Students Teaching Open-Mindedness and Pride (STOMP), President of the Young Democrats Club and Students for Obama.

Michael plans to attend Middlebury College in Vermont. In 1823, Alexander Twilight graduated from Middlebury College, the first African-American to earn a degree at an American college or university.



Commissioner Rodney Long presents Michael Bird with FAC Presidential Scholarship

## Reid Wins FCCMA Award



Alachua County Manager Randall H. Reid

At the Florida City and County Managers Association (FCCMA) Annual Conference in St. Augustine, FL, FCCMA President Ed Mitchell, City Administrator of Palm Beach, FL., awarded the prestigious "President's Award" to Alachua County Manager Randall H. Reid.

Given each year, the award honors one manager from Florida's 67 counties and 460 cities who has demonstrated dedicated leadership and commitment to the profession of local public management.

"I was very surprised," Reid said in speaking of the award, "Going to the conference I knew Alachua County had won the 'Community Sustainability Award' and the 'Program Excellence Award for Community Partnership', but winning the President's Award was an unexpected honor and a meaningful affirmation of the many years I have spent in public service."

To view the April 22, 2009 press release on the other two awards, [click here](#).

## What's On "Alachua County Talks"

Check out the latest editions of Alachua County Talks on Community 12 TV by viewing the [Channel 12 Show Schedule](#). Or click on the images to the right to view streaming video of the episodes.



[Click above to watch Emergency Management Chief David Donnelly give an overview of Alachua County Emergency Operations.](#)



[Click above to watch Alachua County Sustainability Manager Sean McLendon discuss sustainability in Alachua County.](#)

## 7th Annual Reverse Trade Show

The National Institute of Governmental Purchasing's (NIGP) 7th Annual Reverse Trade Show will be held at Central Florida Community College (3001 SW College Rd, Ocala) on Wednesday, July 15, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Businesses participating in the trade show will have the opportunity to meet with purchasing representatives from all the agencies in one room during a four-hour period. They will be able to get pointers on dealing with government and ascertain which entities may have need for their services and/or products.

"The government agencies participating in the reverse trade show are eager to tap the largest

possible pool of vendors when they make purchases," Alachua County Purchasing Manager, Larry M Sapp, CPPB, said. "We're especially interested in reaching Small Business Enterprises (SBE's)."

Registration Prices (check or money orders only):

Advance - \$25.00, 1st person per agency (\$10.00 each additional person)

At the door - \$35.00, 1st person per agency (\$15.00 each additional person)

To register, [click here](#).

For more information, visit <http://www.ncfcnigp.org/>, or contact Jane

Hurley, City of Ocala 352-351-6707, or Darryl R Kight, Alachua County Purchasing Agent 352-374-5202.



### Participating governmental agencies include:

- Alachua County BoCC & the Library District
- Alachua County Health Department
- Alachua County School Board
- Central Florida Community College -CFCC
- Citrus County School Board
- City of Gainesville
- City of Leesburg
- Gainesville Regional Utilities - GRU
- Greater Orlando Aviation Authority
- Marion County BoCC
- Marion County School Board
- Marion County Public Schools
- Santa Fe Community College - SFCC
- Southwest Florida Water Management District
- St Johns River Water Management District
- State of Department of Corrections
- Suwannee River Water Management District
- US General Administration - GSA
- University of Florida - UF

## County Update TV on Channel 12



County Update is a half hour news program providing in-depth information on County programs, services and initiatives. County Update airs on **Community 12** and the **Video On Demand** website. Click on the image to view this month's show.

### Features This Month

- Economic Stimulus Summit
- Tourism Week: Chef's Competition
- New Solar Panel Array
- Waterless Urinals
- Jonesville Tennis Center Opens
- Foster Grandparents Rock-A-Thon
- Cell Phones for Soldiers
- Hippodrome Theatre

## New Look for County's Rural Collection Centers

A trip to one of the five Rural Collection centers in Alachua County will now be a bit more colorful.

The signs used to direct customers around the site and display rules have been updated to include the Waste Watcher and his team as well as various rule and procedure changes.

"Much thought went into the both the design and language contained on the new signs," said Collection Center Operations Supervisor Terry Suggs.

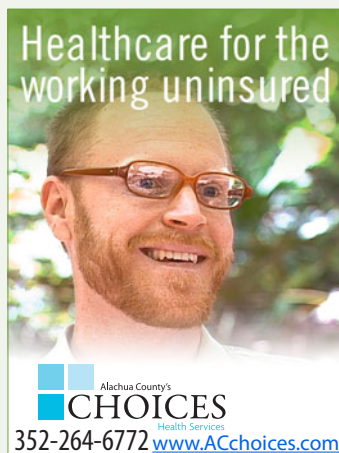
Suggs explained that the goal of the new look is to create a friendlier and aesthetically pleasing way to convey information.

To do this, Suggs enlisted the help of the Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives and their Waste Watcher campaign. The signs at the centers now feature the campaign's characters and some updated language intended to make a collection center visit quick, easy and enjoyable.

"We have received a lot of positive feedback from both our customers as well as our attendants. The characters, colors and message have all been well received," noted Suggs.

Alachua County residents can bring their recyclables, household garbage, yard debris scrap metal, hazardous materials, and electronics to the Rural Collection Centers.

For a list of the Rural Collection Centers and their locations [click here](#), or contact the Alachua County Office of Waste Collection at 352-339-3233.



New rural collection center signs

## Upcoming Cooking Classes

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce some upcoming cooking classes. Three free classes will be held at the Extension office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville). These classes are designed for both advanced and beginning cooks.

These classes include:

- June 29 – Slow Cooker Choices
- July 16 – Microwave Meals in Minutes
- August 6 – Pressure Cooker Pleasures

All three classes will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Please pre-register for one or all of these classes by calling 352-337-6209 (voicemail).

For more information, contact Brenda Williams, Family and Consumer Sciences Agent, at 352-955-2402.

# Commission Highlights

## June 9, 2009 Board Meeting



Commissioner Paula M. DeLaney  
Commissioner Lee Pinkoson  
Vice Chair Cynthia Moore Chestnut  
Commissioner Rodney J. Long  
Chairman Mike Byerly

Video:



Part 1



Part 2

### Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

ACCESS 2009  
Graduating Class  
with County  
Commissioners



#### ACCESS Graduates

Present the certificates of completion and a copy of the class photo to the graduates of the 2009 ACCESS class.

Attachment: [ACCESS GRADUATING CLASS OF 2009.pdf](#)

#### American Legion Haisley Post 16 Day

The Board proclaimed Thursday June 11, 2009 as “American Legion Haisley Post 16 Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [AmericanLegionHaisleyLynchPost16Day2009.pdf](#)

#### RSVP Presentation

The Board accepted the RSVP Presentation of Symbolic Check to Commissioners.

Attachment: [Community Need Areas.pdf](#)

#### Rules of Procedure

The Board authorized the County Attorney to prepare a resolution to amend the Board of County Commissioners’ Rules of Procedure in accordance with the attached summary document with clarification of language and bring back to next BOCC Meeting

Attachment: [2009March21summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2005June28Final.pdf](#)



Mr. Ed Van Buren, Commander of American Legion Haisley Lynch Post 16 receives proclamation of June 11, 2009 as “American Legion Haisley Post 16 Day”

# Commission Highlights

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions continued

### Charter Review Commission

The Board directed the County Attorney to coordinate the selection of an attorney to provide legal services to the Charter Review Commission after selection of the Commission members and during the first formal meeting of the Commission.

Attachment: [CharterCounselAttachment.pdf](#)

### County Manager's Report

The Board accepted the County Manager's Report which included an update of the upcoming budget meeting topics and a confirmation of the annual joint meeting with the City of Archer City Commission on 08/24-09

### Department of Community Affairs

The Board approved a transmittal to the Department of Community Affairs CPA 04 09 publicly owned parcels from Rural Agricultural to Preservation on the Future Land Use Map 2020

Attachment: [Copy of Austin\\_Cary wl2.pptx](#)

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Attachment: [CPA 04 09 Locator map Austin Cary1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CPA 04 09 Austin Cary F 5 26.pdf](#)

The Board approved a transmittal to the Department of Community Affairs CPA 05 09 to designate publicly owned parcels from Rural Agricultural to Preservation on the Future Land Use Map 2020

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Attachment: [Locator map CPA 05 09 Phifer Fl.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CPA 05 09 Phifer Flatwoods 5 26.pdf](#)

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The Board approved a transmittal to the Department of Community Affairs CPA 06 09 to designate publicly owned parcels from Rural Agricultural to Preservation on the Future Land Use Map 2020

Attachment: [Barr\\_Hammock presentation wl.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CPA 06 09 Barr Hammock 5 26 .pdf](#)

Attachment: [Locator map CPA 06 09 Barr Hammock.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Barr\\_Hammock presentation wl.pptx](#)

### State Land Planning Agency

The Board approved for transmittal CPA 03 09 to the State Land Planning Agency for review of the Floridan Aquifer High Recharge Area map and policies, with accompanying data and analysis.

Attachment: [High\\_Recharge\\_Area090330.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CPA 03 09 wl Recharge Map presentation 5 26.pptx](#)

Attachment: [CPA 03 09 wl Recharge Map presentation 5 26.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CPA 03 09 5 26 HighRechargeArea map.pdf](#)

# Commission Highlights

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions continued

### Mobility Plan

The Board decided to continue this item at the 08/25/09 meeting. Staff recommended that the Board Approve and Transmit CPA 01 09(Alachua County Mobility Plan) to the Florida Department of Community Affairs to effectively link transportation and land use planning in Alachua County.

Attachment: [Ex1\\_FLUE1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex2\\_potTODmap.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex4\\_ExistingDevMap.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex9\\_rpdtransitmap.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex10\\_bikepedmap.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex11\\_I75Analysis.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex13\\_LOSAnalysis.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex12\\_TripGen.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex3\\_TransDistMap.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex1\\_IntergovCoor.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex1\\_TMEMap2\\_2030FC.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex1\\_TMEMap3\\_2015Lanes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex1\\_TMEMap4\\_2030Lanes.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [Ex16MobilBroch.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CPA 01 09\\_SR.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Ex1\\_TMEMap4\\_2030Lanes.pdf](#)

### Proportionate Fair Share Agreement

The Board decided to execute the Proportionate Fair Share Agreement between Alachua County and Sunstate Federal Credit Union. Approve Resolution 09-XX resolving to add necessary transportation capacity projects

Attachment: [ArcherSunstateResol.pdf](#)

Attachment: [SunStateSigned.pdf](#)

# Commission Highlights

## Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions continued

### Haven Cat Sanctuary

The Board chose to continue this item to the 07/14/09 meeting. The staff recommendation is to approve Petition ZOX-03-08 (Haven Acres Cat Sanctuary Special Exception) with the Conditions and Bases listed in Resolution Z-09-05 to allow a private animal shelter in the Agriculture Zoning District.

Attachment: [Resx0308.pdf](#)

### South Pointe Planned Development

The Board decided to rescind Resolution Z-08-22 and direct staff to process application ZOM-13-08 as a major amendment to the South Pointe Planned Development

Attachment: [09001105OCH\\_051109\\_15325832.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resm1308repeal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM1308repeal.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM1308repeal.ppt](#)

## Advisory Board Appointments

Ms. Jennifer Tragash was appointed to the Community Agency Partnership Program as a Representative Executive Director United Way to a term ending June 2011.

Mr. Ted Gilson was appointed to the FloridaWorks Board as a Representative Private Sector Seat to a term ending July 1, 2009, then June 30, 2012.

Mr. Clay Martin was appointed to the FloridaWorks Board as a Representative Private Sector Seat to a term ending July 1, 2009, then June 30, 2012.

Mr. Frank McGeown was appointed to the FloridaWorks Board as a Representative Private Sector Seat to a term ending July 1, 2009, then June 30, 2012.

Mr. Richard Snyder was appointed to the FloridaWorks Board as a Representative Private Sector Seat to a term ending July 1, 2009, then June 30, 2012.

Ms. Kendra Gillum was appointed to the Alachua County Historical Commission as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending April 2012.

Ms. Karen Kirkman was appointed to the Alachua County Historical Commission as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending April 2012.

Mrs. Carolyn Wade was appointed to the Alachua Tourist Development Council as an Elected Municipal Official to a term ending October 2011.

Ms. Kay Abbitt was appointed to the Victim Services & Rape crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 2011.

Mr. Jay Herron was appointed to the Victim Services & Rape crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 2011.

Mr. James Murphey was appointed to the Victim Services & Rape crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 2011.

Mr. Thomas Hawkins Sr. was appointed to the Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee as a County Resident to a term ending Dec. 2012.

Mr. Bill Richards was appointed to the Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee as a County Resident to a term ending Dec. 2012.

Mr. Mark Gluckman was appointed to the Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee as a County Resident (Alternate) to a term ending Dec. 2012.

## Achua County Advisory Boards

# Get Involved

The Achua County Commission is committed to citizen involvement on its advisory boards and is soliciting applications for the following vacancies:

**Achua County Housing Authority:** One Alternate Tenant-Commissioner; this position requires residency in public housing or that applicant is on the Achua County Housing Authority's Section 8 Voucher Program, *one citizen-at-large*

**Achua County Historical Commission:** Three citizens-at-large

**Charter Review Commission:** Eleven commissioners

**CHOICES Health Services Advisory Board:** One CHOICES program participant (Alternate), one Nurse, three citizens-at-large, one Managed Care employee

**Citizens Disability Advisory Committee:** Four citizens-at-large

**Code Enforcement Board:** One architect

**Community Agency Partnership Program:** One citizen-at-large

**Criminal Justice, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Grant Planning Committee:** One director of a local substance abuse treatment program, *One director of a community mental health agency*

**Environmental Protection Advisory Committee:** One alternate, *three citizens-at-large*

**Fair Housing Human Rights Board:** One residential rental manager, *one citizen-at-large*

**Health Care Board:** One low-income health care consumer

**Health Facilities Authority:** One alternate

**Housing Finance Authority:** One citizen-at-large (knowledgeable in labor, finance or commerce)

**Local Planning Agency and Planning Commission:** *One citizen-at-large*

**Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee:** *Four citizens-at-large*

**Regional Transit System Advisory Board:** One citizen with a disability or Senior Citizen

**Veterans Service Advisory Board:** *Four citizens-at-large (Veteran), one Vietnam Veteran*

**Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Program Advisory Council:** One alternate, *five citizens-at-large*

[Click here for an application](#)

Applications are also available at the County Manager's Office on the 2nd Floor of the County Admin. Building, 12 SE 1st St., Gainesville. For more info., call 352-264-6904.