



Aachua County,
Florida

Community Update

July 20, 2009

A Report on the Activities of Aachua County Government

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County Manager's FY10 Budget Message

At a recent special meeting of the Aachua County Commission, County Manager Randall H. Reid presented his Budget Message.

In the opening paragraph Reid states, "It is with a great sense of purpose and a sober understanding of the realities we face that I present to you the Fiscal Year 2009/10 (FY10) Tentative Budget and Budget Message."

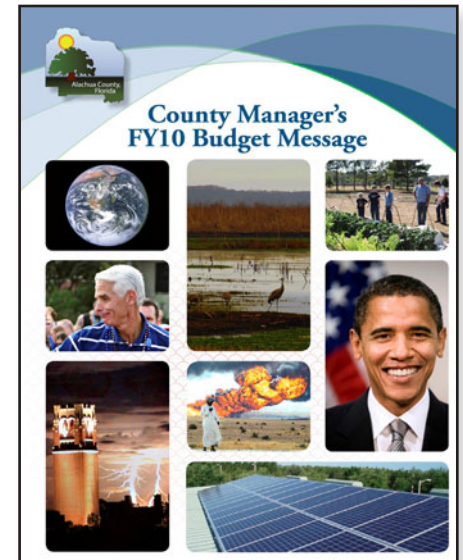
In speaking of the Budget Message, Aachua County Communications Coordinator Mark Sexton said, "Manager Reid's message offers a clear and comprehensive look at the realities we face as a community. Watching the video and/or reading the document is a very valuable civic education tool!"

To view the July 7, 2009 video, [click here](#).

To view the online document, [click here](#).

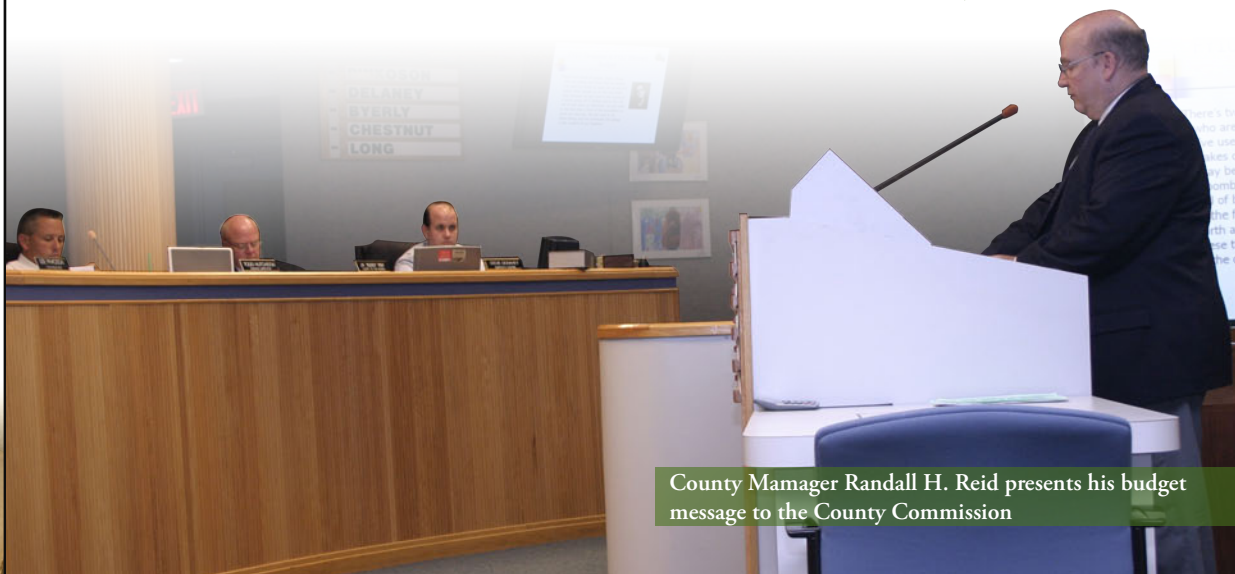
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For more information, call the Aachua County Communications Office at 352-374-5226.



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— Randall H. Reid, Aachua County Manager

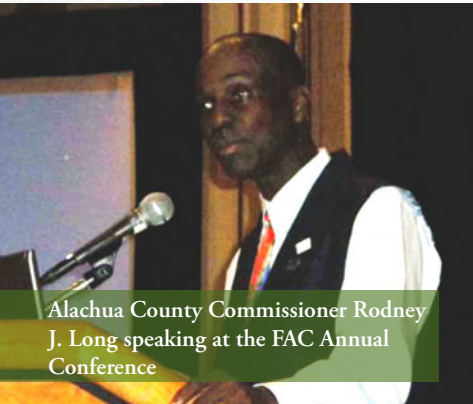


County Manager Randall H. Reid presents his budget message to the County Commission



Commissioner Long Installed as FAC President

Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long was installed to serve as President of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC). Long was sworn in during the FAC Annual Conference held in Collier County, FL.



Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long speaking at the FAC Annual Conference

"The next year will present many challenges for local governments," said Commissioner Long. "As FAC president I look forward to leading the charge as we rebuild our economy and strengthen home rule."

President Long had already been serving as FAC President due to the early resignation of Commissioner Randy Hatch. Commissioner Long will oversee the association directing policy, advocacy, and the administration of the Florida Association of Counties. The Association's mission is to help counties effectively serve and represent Floridians by strengthening and preserving county home rule through advocacy, education and collaboration.

The Association is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of one county commissioner from each state senate district (40); five executive officers; six county commissioners appointed at-large with no more than three of the six from counties with population of 75,000 or more; and the past presidents of the FAC.

Climate Communities Event

Alachua County Commissioner and Florida Association of Counties (FAC) President Rodney J. Long will co-host the July 27, 2009 "Climate Communities" event that runs in parallel with the Nashville National Association of Counties (NACo) conference. Of the ten co-hosting elected representatives from across the United States, Florida holds three positions, matched only by California in leadership.

Alachua County is a member of the Climate Communities advocacy group, a coalition of local governments dedicated to engaging federal policymakers about the role of counties and cities dealing with climate change while encouraging intergovernmental partnerships that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

As of December 2008, the Alachua County Commission has unanimously endorsed Climate Communities Climate Action Blue Print and has signed

"Commissioner Long has already proven to be a tremendous leader of the association," said FAC Executive Director Chris Holley, "His perseverance in standing up for the critical services citizens receive from counties will ensure that our members are well represented."

Other FAC officers installed were President-Elect, Broward County Commissioner Ilene Lieberman, 1st Vice President Martin County Commissioner Doug Smith and 2nd Vice President Gulf County Commissioner Bill Williams.

Founded in 1929, the Florida Association of Counties is a non-profit association representing the diverse interests of Florida's 67 counties.

For more information, contact Cragin Mosteller, Communications Director, Florida Association of Counties at 850-294-9307.



Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long

a proclamation in support of National Climate Action Week which emphasizes the need for federal funding for local energy conservation projects, green collar jobs and energy independence.

For more information, contact Alachua County Sustainability Program Manager Sean McLendon at 352-548-3765.



Alachua County Wins NACo Awards

The departments and categories that received Achievement Awards include:

- Office of Management and Budget (This was a joint effort between Alachua County, and the City of Gainesville.)
County Administration Management Category
Submission: Annexation Transition Agreement - Interlocal Agreement between Alachua County and the City of Gainesville for the transition of services upon an annexation by the City of Gainesville within its municipal reserve area. To read more about this agreement, [click here](#).
- Office of Growth Management
Information Technology Category
Submission: Web GIS Code Enforcement Tracker - online, real time monitoring of code complaints and code compliance. For more information, [click here](#).
- Information and Telecommunication Services
Personnel Management Category
Submission: CHIPS Complete Hiring and Interactive Personnel System - A paperless human resources application created to help the Alachua County Sheriff's office keep track of job application and hiring information. For more information, [click here](#).

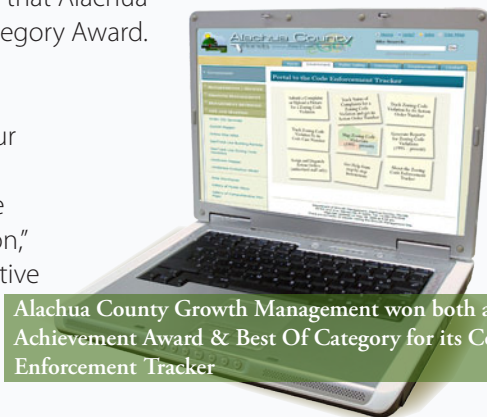
The Alachua County Board of County Commissioners is pleased to inform citizens that Alachua County has won three "Achievement Awards" and one "Best of Category Award" from the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The Office of Growth Management's submission won both an Achievement Award, and a Best of Category Award in the Information Technology Category. There were only 20 Best of Category Awards given this year, and this is the second year that Alachua County has gotten a Best of Category Award.

"NACo is proud to confer these awards and recognize your county's hard work to promote quality, efficient, and responsive management and administration," writes Larry Naake, NACo Executive Director.

These departments will be formally recognized at the 13th Annual NACo Conference, Sunday, July 26, 2009, in Nashville, TN.

For more information, please contact Alachua County Office of Management and Budget 352-374-5262.



Trailblazer Grant

Alachua County's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been awarded a \$5,000 Government Trailblazer Grant from the National Center for Civic Innovation (NCCI) to support the County's Alternative Futures/Community Conversations program. To view the award letter, [click here](#).

The Trailblazer program has two major objectives:

To produce greater alignment between the public's point of view and the actions and priorities of its local government, and

To provide non-confrontational opportunities for the public and government to discuss matters of mutual concern.

For more information about the Trailblazer program, [click here](#).

Alternative Futures/Community Conversations is a series of public meetings to discuss difficult fiscal constraints facing Alachua County, and

receive community feedback through an interactive simulated budget activity.

In speaking of the grant County Manager Randall H. Reid said, "This grant will help us continue to engage our citizens in the process of envisioning and creating a more sustainable future for Alachua County in light of the volatile circumstances and challenges we are all facing."

To view a short Alternative Futures/Community Conversations video, [click here](#).

For more information, contact the Office of Management and Budget at 352-374-5262.

7500 Cell Phones for Soldiers

With the help of the citizens, the Alachua County Tax Collector's office is pleased to announce that they have exceeded their goal of collecting 7500 cell phones, before the 4th of July, for the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" program.

Cell Phones for Soldiers recycles old cell phones and use the funds received to buy calling cards, for military personnel. If you know any military personnel in need of a calling card, visit www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com.

Representatives of the Tax Collector's office attend the twice monthly meetings of the Military Support Group of Alachua County to add calling cards to the

packages sent to troops.

The Cell Phones for Soldiers program is continuing to receive cell phones for recycling. Phones can be dropped off at any Tax Collector branch office (in Gainesville: 12 SE 1st Street, 5801 NW 34th Street, 3207 SW 35th Blvd, and in High Springs: 110 NW 1st Avenue).

For more information, contact Roxanne Watkins 352-264-6935 or Stephanie Kelley 352-337-6228.



Pet Waste Disposal Stations

Eleven pet waste disposal stations were recently installed in County parks, as part of the Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) and Gainesville Clean Water Partnership



pet waste public outreach campaign. Four additional stations will soon be installed at the Florida Department of Transportation I-75 rest areas located on Paynes Prairie. "It just got even easier to scoop, bag, and trash pet wastes in Alachua County," says Stacie Greco, Senior Environmental Specialist, Alachua County Environmental Protection.

The pet waste disposal stations hold biodegradable bags for cleaning up after pets. Alachua County Parks and Recreation staff installed the stations, and keep them stocked with biodegradable bags. Squirrel Ridge and Forest Park have designated dog areas. Dogs must be leashed at the remaining County parks and are not allowed at Poe Springs Park.

Cleaning up after pets is important, because pet waste can harm waterbodies, human health, and the health of pets. ACEPD encourages citizens to be prepared, and hopes the new stations will help those that forgot their bags at home.

For more information, visit www.AlachuaCountyWater.org or call ACEPD at 352-264-6800.

To find County parks, visit the Alachua County Parks and Recreation's [website](#).

Farmer's Market Facelift

The Alachua County Facilities Management Division recently completed an upgrade and improvement project at the Alachua County's Farmer's Market on 34th Street and US Highway 441. The original metal Market pavilion facility was built in 1991 with funds allocated by the Florida Legislature specifically for building a "growers only" farmer's market. This project, totaling \$249,038.00, was approved by the Alachua County Board

The scope of the project includes:

- the replacement of an old wooden framed vendor's canopy with a new 120' x 30' metal building with a roofing matching that of the main building
- A 30' deep bay roof addition to the existing structure
- Area beautification by improving landscaping
- Construction of steps providing easy access to the restrooms
- Upgrading of electrical work at the shelter
- Painting of metal structures
- Resealing and striping of asphalt parking and growers' area

of County Commissioners, and will provide local growers with additional space to market locally grown produce and products.

Expanding the farmers market is in line with one of the major strategic policies suggested by the Alachua County Energy Conservation Strategies Commission (ECSC), that of maximizing local food production and processing. Producing, harvesting and consuming foods produced by local growers enhance efforts in making Alachua County and surrounding areas a more sustainable community.



Crew looking at plans for Farmer's Market

Alachua County Capital Projects Coordinator Bryan Schneider served as Project Coordinator, Skinner Vignola McLean, Inc., designed the project and OELRICH Construction performed the construction work. The project was completed on time and within budget.

For more information, contact Charlie Jackson, Alachua County Facilities Manager at 352-494-5005 or 352-374-5289 or Ms. Helen Emery or Ms. Linda Hart with the Alachua County Farmer's Market Board of Directors at 386-462-2752.

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.

DONT FLUSH IT!



Drop off your unused pills at any Wise's pharmacy or the Hazardous Waste Collection Center off Waldo Rd for proper disposal.

Do your part to prevent marine and freshwater animals from absorbing these chemicals.

Features This Month

- Hunger Abatement Plan
- Food Stamp Hotline
- Emergency Medical Response
- Charter Review Commission
- Community Service Program
- Safe Haven for Babies
- Cooking Classes
- Road Improvements

Hunger Summit II & Hunger Abatement Plan

The growing number of people who are nutritionally “insecure” in Alachua County is being addressed at the community level. The co-chairs of six committees that developed the Gainesville-Alachua County Hunger Abatement Plan (HAP) describe food “security” as including “the ready availability of nutritionally adequate and safe foods, and an assured ability to acquire acceptable foods in socially acceptable ways.” The Alachua County-City of Gainesville Hunger Summit II took place at the Trinity United Methodist Church on Wednesday, June 3, 2009. This hunger summit was a follow-up from the first, held on September 2008.

The first hunger summit launched the six committees that convened over a 9-month period to create the HAP. Around 70 individuals, many representing organizations, met and produced an action plan that consisted of 90 specific recommendations for reducing the number of nutritionally insecure residents in Alachua County. Included is a recommendation for the formation of a local association of nutrition assistance providers, which will help to coordinate local hunger abatement efforts and oversee the implementation of the recommendations.

The HAP includes such strategies as: coordinating local agency efforts for reaching individuals and families who are nutritionally insecure in our community, focusing on the reduction of stigmas associated with nutrition assistance and the communication of available food resources. The HAP also has strategies for increasing participation in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp Program. Strategies include: increasing local awareness, access to applications, and encouraging the State and Federal Government to increase the benefits allowed under the program. Other strategies involve the Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC), senior meals programs, school meals, summer meals for children, and increasing access to fresh produce.



Hunger Summit II attendees listen as the Hunger Abatement Plan is being presented.

The HAP was presented to the community in its entirety at the Hunger Summit II, which was co-chaired by Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long and Gainesville Mayor Pageen Hanrahan. Among the 100 people who attended were citizens, local agency members, and elected officials. They included: State Representative Lenard Bemby, Gainesville City Commissioner Jack Donovan, Newberry Mayor Harry Nichols, City of Alachua Mayor Bonnie Burgess and City of Alachua Commissioner Gary Hardacre, and staff from the offices of State Representative Speaker Larry Cretul, State Representative Debbie Boyd and State Representative Charles “Chuck” Chestnut.

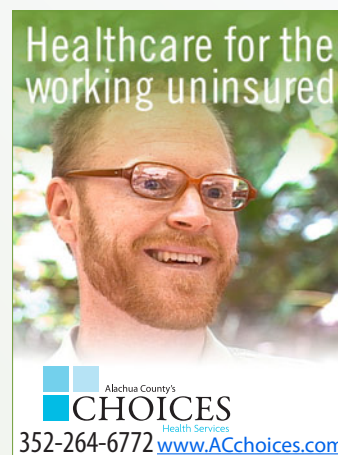
The HAP will be presented to both the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners and the City of Gainesville Commission in the near future for its adoption.

To view a copy of the HAP, watch a video of the Hunger Summit II, [click here](#).

For more information, contact John Skelly, the Poverty Reduction Program Director, at 352-264-6749 or jskelly@alachuacounty.us.



Mayor Pageen Hanrahan and County Commissioner Rodney J. Long speak at the Hunger Summit



Florida 4-H State Legislature

The 2009 Florida 4-H State Legislature was held on June 22-26 in Tallahassee, FL. Over 180 youth, ages 14-18, from across the state participated in this leadership program. Alachua County was represented by four 4-H members: Amanda McIntosh, Mallory Vanyo, Katherine Henry-Hettel, and Kayleigh Hinson.



Florida 4-H State Legislature is a civic and leadership program where youth actively participate in the legislator decision-making process. State Legislature is a five day learning laboratory in state government designed to give participants educational experiences such as learning about the functions of state level government, becoming

informed about the state system of government, serving as mock legislators, reporters or lobbyists, meeting in the committee rooms of the House of Representatives and House Chambers, and touring the State Capitol and Supreme Court.



Buy S.M.A.R.T. at Local Stores

Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives representatives will be at local grocery stores every Thursday in July from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., offering shoppers information about how to “Buy S.M.A.R.T.” (Save Money And Reduce Trash).

“Buy S.M.A.R.T.” is a County campaign teaching about the 4 R’s (reduce, reuse, recycle, and rethink). All shoppers who wish to receive tips on how to be S.M.A.R.T. shoppers will receive a free reusable shopping bag and a Buy S.M.A.R.T. pocket guide.

The following is a list of locations and dates where we will be this July:

- July 23: Publix –Main Street, 1302 N Main St., Gainesville
- July 30: Hitchcock’s- Hawthorne, 903 NE HWY 301, Hawthorne

For more information, contact Jennifer Seitz, Alachua County Office of Waste Alternatives at 352-374-5245.

What’s On “Alachua County Talks”



Click above to watch CHOICES Health Services Director Lorraine Austin discuss the CHOICES Program.



Click above to watch Codes Enforcement Director Rick Wolf discuss issues surrounding codes enforcement in Alachua County.



Click above to watch Alachua County Advisory Board Coordinator Mary Lowry describe how interested citizens can take part in creating recommendations for the County Commission.

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.

County Facilities Management's Job Order Contracting

The JOC system offers the County the following benefits:

- Quick response (decreases time required to begin work from 180 to 30 days)
- Know costs before committing funds
- Reduce administration costs
- Virtually eliminates litigation
- Improves the quality of workmanship
- Enhances the use of smaller subcontractors in the local area

Alachua County Facilities Management is implementing a new project delivery system called Job Order Contracting (JOC). This new method of contracting should solve problems in finding quality construction work quickly for maintenance, repair, renovation, mechanical upgrades and other minor construction projects. Traditional bidding, complete with plans and specifications, and going through the standard bid process for each project has proven costly and time consuming.

JOC is a long-term contract bid by firms based on pricing from a Unit Price Book. The book reflects labor rates, construction material, and construction

procurement costs in the area. This allows the County the opportunity to evaluate each contractor on performance and qualifications knowing that the fixed price has already been established. Once a contractor has been accepted, the County will be given projects in a work order format.

For more information, please contact the Alachua County Department of Facilities Management at 352-374-5229.

The Food Stamp Help Line

The Food Stamp Help Line in Alachua County began in December 2008, after the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approved spending \$14,973 for its temporary operation through June 2009, as recommended by their Poverty Reduction Advisory Board. Due to the success of the help line, the Department of Children & Families (DCF) is supporting the help line number beyond the time period funded by the BoCC.

The Food Stamp Help Line intends to provide Alachua County residents with a solution to some of the challenges that residents may face with using the current system. An increase in applications statewide has increased the wait times in lobbies and with the ACCESS call centers in Florida. The help line helps with obtaining applications and finding locations near the caller where they can apply for Food Stamps. Additionally, the help line assists with questions about the Food Stamp process, policies, and simple case-specific questions, and refers callers to additional services in their area.

Amy K. Butler, the ACCESS Program Administrator at DCF, provided an update to the BoCC in April on the help line during its first three months of service, where 821 calls were received. A sample of the data was examined for the first two months of the service demonstrating that \$40,968 would be brought into Alachua County through the new participants' benefits. The cost of operating the help line from December through February was only \$5,133, which demonstrated a tangible benefit to having the help line. It is expected that within the next few months, a new update will be provided to the BoCC on the overall success of the Food Stamp Help Line project.

You can access the help line by calling 352-955-5338.



Mosquito safety



With the recent rainfall and warming trend, mosquitoes will increase in numbers and activity. In order to reduce your chances of being bitten and thus reduce the risk of acquiring a mosquito borne disease, remember these basic tips:

- Avoid being out at dusk and dawn; these are peak times for mosquitoes to seek a blood meal. If you have to be out at these times, cover up with long pants and shirts, socks and shoes.
- Wear mosquito repellent according to the manufacturer's directions. Products containing DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and picaridin are effective mosquito repellents.
- Drain standing water around your home; gutters, tarps, children's toys, and birdbaths should be drained at least every week. Remember, one tablespoon of water can breed up to 200 mosquitoes!
- Ensure that the screens on your windows are in good repair.

Alachua County Forever



Member of the U.F. Hispanic Engineering Club planting at Sweetwater Preserve.

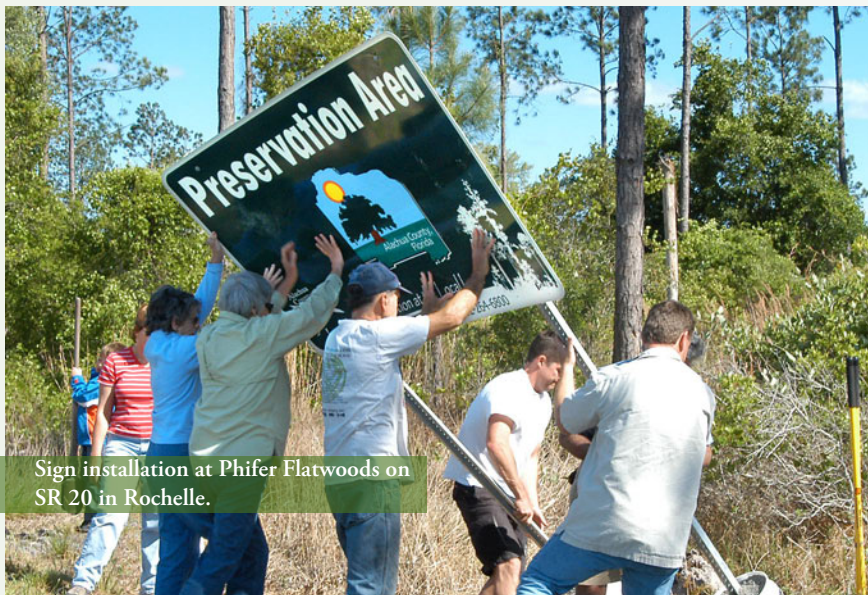
The Alachua County Forever Program has proven to be very successful in allocating funds for land conservation. One of the well-documented successes is its ability to leverage non-County taxpayer dollars. To date, the County has been able to raise two dollars of non-County taxpayer dollars for each dollar of local tax spent on the Acquisition List.

The Program has been even more successful leveraging Stewardship dollars. For the last fiscal year, the resource management budget for the Program was \$62,000. Using that as seed money for grants and staff time for coordination, the Program was able to offset \$484,607 in stewardship costs. Almost eight dollars returned in non-County taxpayer dollars for every general fund dollar invested.

There are many ways the program has creatively offset its costs. It has negotiated agreements with the St. Johns River Water Management District and the City of Gainesville to manage jointly owned sites. It used License Agreements with neighbors, hunters, previous lease holders and tenants to continue their care and stewardship of the property on the taxpayers' behalf. Program staff has hosted Community Service Workers and volunteer groups at special events, often on weekends, to pull weeds and exotic plants, clear trash and re-plant native vegetation.

A goal of the program in the coming year is to build a Volunteer Conservation Corps where staff is able to match interested groups and individuals to tasks and sites. To volunteer yourself or a group, please contact the Alachua County Forever Program at landconservation@alachuacounty.us or 352-264-6800.

"To do this on our own would be cost-prohibitive, inefficient and perhaps even a little selfish," said Ramesh Buch, Program Manager, Alachua County Forever. He continued, "Each of these relationships benefits the County not only in avoiding a direct cost but also to build a sense of place and strengthen our shared commitment to that investment. So we thank our partners and those in the community who have volunteered their time and energy, and we look forward to continuing our (new) tradition of rooting people in the ground."



Sign installation at Phifer Flatwoods on SR 20 in Rochelle.

Upcoming Cooking Class

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce a cooking class on August 6, 2009, and runs from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30. This class will be held at the Extension office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville). It is designed for both advanced and beginning cooks.

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.

**CALL
BEFORE YOU
CLEAR!**



If your property is within unincorporated Alachua County, a site evaluation by county staff may be required prior to clearing, underbrushing, tree removal or other development activities in or adjacent to natural areas.

Contact the Alachua County
Environmental Protection Department
to schedule a site visit **before** commencing work

CALL 352-264-6800

M-F 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

<http://www.alachuacounty.us/epd/nr>

ADA Expo 2009

The Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office along with the City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Office, the Center for Independent Living and the Alachua County School Board will host an ADA Expo to celebrate the 19th anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Expo will be held from noon - 4 p.m., Thursday, July 23, 2009 at the Sidney Lanier Center (312 NW 16th Avenue, Gainesville). Lunch will be provided from 11 a.m. - noon. It is free and open to the public.

Passed in July 1990, the ADA creates an equal opportunity for individuals with disabilities in employment, education, transportation and accommodations.

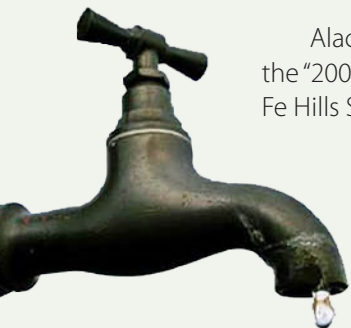
This 5th Annual ADA Expo will feature agencies and organizations that offer service to individuals with disabilities. Many vendors will also be present displaying the latest assistive technology devices, methods and information in health, accessibility or accommodation. This year's theme is, "Towards Independence: Employability, Technology & Quality of Life" and will focus on employment, and availability of quality of life options for individuals with disabilities.



Individuals will also be able to register with Alachua County Emergency Management for special needs assistance in the event of a hurricane or disaster. Participants are invited to experience accessible voting machines, hosted by the Supervisor of Elections Office.

The next issue of Community Update is scheduled to publish on August 13, 2009.

Santa Fe Hills Drinking Water Quality Report



Alachua County Public Works is pleased to release the "2008 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for Santa Fe Hills Subdivision".

To view the report, [click here](#).

For more information, contact Susan Wilson, Alachua County Public Works Sr. Administrative Assistant 352-374-5245 x229.

Growth Management Receives Planning Award

The Alachua County Growth Management Department received a Planning Excellence Award for Coordinated Land Use and Transportation planning from the Florida Department of Community Affairs (DCA) during the recent annual statewide Growth Management Conference in Orlando, FL. Jonathan Paul, Alachua County's Concurrence & Impact Fee Manager received the award on the Departments behalf. DCA Secretary Thomas Pelham invited Mr. Paul to speak about Alachua County's Mobility Plan to effectively link land use and transportation.

To find out more about the County's Mobility Plan and the associated proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment, [click here](#).

For more information, contact Alachua County Growth Management, Jonathan B. Paul jb paul@alachuacounty.us, or Jeff Hays jhays@alachuacounty.us at 352-374-5249.

Free transportation will be available for persons with special needs.

For more information, contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office 352-374-5275, or the City of Gainesville Office of Equal Opportunity 352-393-8481.



Free Spay and/or Neuter Coupon for low income families

Take this coupon to
Alachua County Animal Services
3400 NE 53Ave - Gainesville




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(352) 264-6870

Commission Highlights

July 14, 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

Announcements

Mark Sexton, Communications Coordinator
 Attachment: [Announcements](#)

MDA Recognition of Firefighters

The Board accepted the [Muscular Dystrophy Association's Recognition of Firefighters of Alachua County](#)

Disability Awareness Month

The Board proclaimed July as "Disability Awareness Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [Disability_Awareness_Month_2009.pdf](#)

Meridian Annual Report

The Board heard a [presentation of Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.'s Annual Report](#)

Hunger Abatement Plan

The Board heard the presentation of Gainesville - Alachua County Hunger Abatement Plan and directed the Manager to facilitate efforts to implement the recommendations directed to state and federal governments, and directed the Manager to make recommendations to the BOCC within 60 days regarding the recommendations directed to County government

Attachment: [2009 HAP june 3 final edition.pdf](#)

Tax Collector's Presentation

The Board heard a presentation by Alachua County Tax Collector Von Fraser and approved Discounts, Errors, Insolvencies and Double Assessments for the 2008 Tax Roll.

Attachment: [TC_502_09.pdf](#)

Attachment: [e_i_report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [DR505R_final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [roll_recap_6_10_2009.pdf](#)



Christina Patten accepted a recognition plaque on behalf of Alachua County Firefighter, given by MDA District Director Britney Laura



Zachary Andrews accepts the declaration of July as "Disability Awareness Month" in Alachua County

Commission Highlights

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions continued

Nighttime Boating Curfew

The Board authorized the County Attorney to seek a written opinion from Fish & Wildlife Commission and Attorney General on whether current law allows a nighttime curfew. Attachment: [AirboatHBexcerpt.pdf](#)

Millage Rate

The Board set the proposed Millage rates at the simple majority level per attached spreadsheet for General County, Unincorporated MSTU, Fire MSTU, Law Enforcement MSTU and Alachua County Forever Debt Service and Adopted the related Resolution.

Attachment: [Millage chart.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Millage reso.pdf](#)

Landscape Irrigation Ordinance

The Board authorized staff to draft an ordinance adopting the St. Johns River Water Management District's landscape irrigation watering restrictions in unincorporated Alachua County and asked the Manager to involve stakeholders in the process.

Attachment: [Request to Draft Landscape Irrigation Code.pptx](#)

Attachment: [landscapeordinance.pdf](#)

Attachment: [watering_restrictions_factsheet.pdf](#)

Florida Friendly Fertilizer Ordinance

The Board authorized staff to draft an ordinance adopting the Model Ordinance for Florida-Friendly Fertilizer Use on Urban Landscapes

Attachment: [Fertilizer Ordinance Powerpoint.pptx](#)

Attachment: [SB 494.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Model Fertilizer Ordinance.pdf](#)

Jonesville Park

The Board approved the Jonesville Park Construction Management Contract Amendment Approve staff recommendation and provide report on expenditure to date, who has contributed, and what is are the proposed expenditures

Amount: \$2,199,029.00

Attachment: [GMP Amend Jonesville Park Final.pdf](#)

FDOT Priority Project Rankings

Concerning the [FDOT Priority Project Rankings for FY 2010/11 and 2014/15](#), the Board: 1. Approve the proposal to reallocate partial funding from the Archer Road Trail project to the revised Archer Braid Trail alignment. 2. Approve the priority list for transmittal to the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

Attachment: [Evinstonappcomp.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ArcherBraidPh1TEPApp.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PrioritiesFY201011_201415.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDOTPrioritiesPP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [NewberryTEPApp.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDOTPrioritiesPP.pptx](#)

Attachment: [ArcherBraidPhase1Map.pdf](#)

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Concurrency Management System Amendment

Concerning the [City of Gainesville Concurrency Management System Amendments](#) the Board accepted the report, and authorized County staff to continue working with the City Staff, provide comments on the amendments and participate in Public Hearings by the City of Gainesville on these amendments.

Attachment: [ConcurrencyAmendment.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ConcurrencySR.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PropShareCodeRev.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PropShareSR.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ConcurrencyMapSR.pdf](#)

Writer's Month

The Board proclaimed July as "Writers Month" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [Writers_Month_2009.pdf](#)

Zitrouer Estate

The Board adopted the Resolution to vacate a portion of the Map of the Zitrouer Estate plat.

Attachment: [ZITROUER_EST_PLAT_VAC_07142009.ppt](#)

Attachment: [ZitrouerResoFinal.pdf](#)

Town of Tioga Planned Development

The Board approved the proposed final plat for Town of Tioga Planned Development Phase

Attachment: [Plats07142009.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TOTP14GMSR.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TOTP14SBAC.pdf](#)

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Attachment: [TOTP14_Plat1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TOTP14_Plat2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TOTP14OSP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [TOTPChairSR.pdf](#)

Rezone from BH to BR

The Board adopted Resolution Z-09-07, a request to rezone from BH to BR

Attachment: [Background_Info.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0509_Powerpoint_Presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0509_Powerpoint_Presentation.pptx](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0509_Staff_Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Reso_Z_09_07.pdf](#)

Commission Highlights

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions continued

Ammended Mixed Use Planned Development

The Board approved ZOM-03-09: A request to amend an existing mixed use PD (planned development) district (Park Lane PD) by amending an existing phasing schedule, expanding the PD by 0.6 acre and adding drive through restaurants as a permitted use.

Attachment: [Park_Lane_Zoning_Master_Plan.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0309_Resolution.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0309_Powerpoint_Presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0309_Powerpoint_Presentation.pptx](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0309_Staff_Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Park_Lane_Background_Material.pdf](#)

Haven Acres Cat Sanctuary

The Board adopted Resolution Z-09-05 approving the Special Exception for Haven Acres Cat Sanctuary with Bases and Conditions Attachment: [ZOX0308July14.pptx](#)

Attachment: [Rescanned Attorney Ltr.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Rescanned Cat appl.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Rescanned cat notice.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Rescanned USDA excerpt.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Rescanned Staff Rpt.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Rescanned Reso Z_09_05.pdf](#)

Advisory Board Appointments

Ms. Diane Shaw was appointed to the Recreation and Open Spaces Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2011.

Mr. William Voelker Jr. was appointed to the Recreation and Open Spaces Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2011.

Ms. Patti Atchison was appointed to the Recreation and Open Spaces Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending September 30, 2011.

Ms. Anne Koterba was appointed to the Recreation and Open Spaces Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2011.

Ms. Johanne Bell was appointed to the Recreation and Open Spaces Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2011.

Mr. Brent Messer was appointed to the Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 31, 2011.

Ms. Lana Cheshire was appointed to the Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Advisory Council as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending May 31, 2011.

Dr. Antonio Gil was appointed to the Regional Transit System Advisory Board as a Sr. Citizen to a term ending May 31, 2011.

Alachua County Advisory Boards

Get Involved

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

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee: One citizen actively engaged in the banking or mortgage industry in connection with affordable housing

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

Alachua 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, *two citizens-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

Economic Development Advisory Committee: One Alachua County resident

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, *three citizens-at-large*

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

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

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

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

Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizen Oversight Committee: One county resident (alternate)

[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.