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A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government

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Public Safety Communication Tower Deconstruction

The Alachua County Public Safety communications tower located at the County's Public Works Hague Facility (5620 NW 120th Lane, Gainesville) has been dismantled. For safety reasons, it was determined that this tower could no longer stand. As part of the plan for demolition, all County Public Safety communications equipment has been temporarily relocated to another tower site. A new 350' guyed tower is planned to be built at the site.

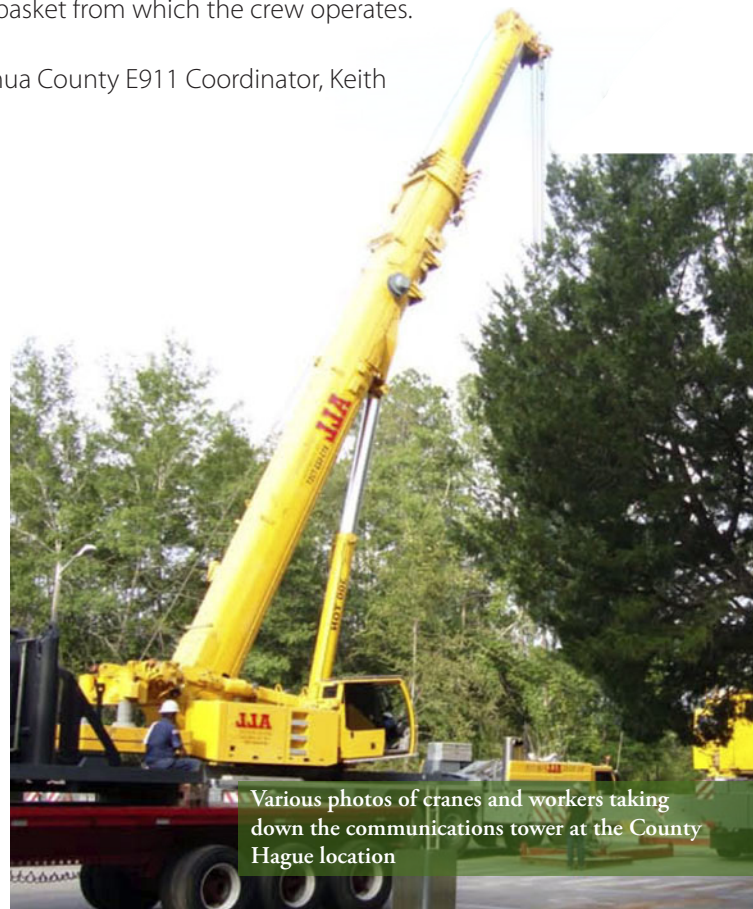
The 350' guyed tower was originally constructed in January, 1972. When inspected by Angle Tower in June, 2006, it was determined at that time that the tower was unsafe to climb. Because this tower is greater than 250' and also due to its proximity to the Gainesville Regional Airport, anti-collision lights are required. In March, 2011 the top light on the tower went out and thus began the process to demolish the tower. In most cases, towers are demolished by a controlled drop. In this case, because the tower cannot be climbed, two cranes are required to dismantle the tower starting from the top. Safety regulations do not permit a load bearing crane to also support personnel so one crane is used to harness the tower and a second crane is used to carry the basket from which the crew operates.

For more information, contact Alachua County E911 Coordinator, Keith Godwin at 352-494-8600.

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Various photos of cranes and workers taking down the communications tower at the County Hague location



ADA Expo 2011

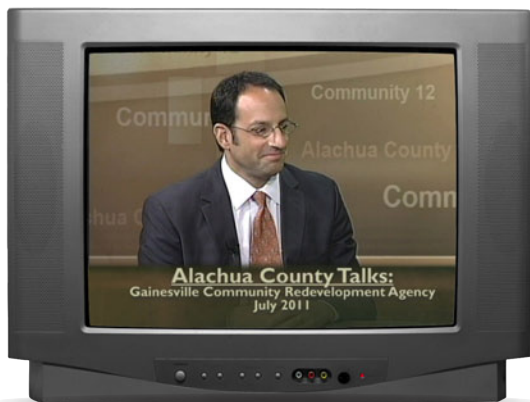
The Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office along with the City of Gainesville Equal Opportunity Office, the Center for Independent Living and the Alachua County School Board will host an ADA Expo to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). The Expo will be held from 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday, July 28, 2011 at the Sidney Lanier Center (312 NW 16th Avenue, Gainesville). It is free and open to the public. Employers & small business owners are especially encouraged to attend.

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

This 7th Annual ADA Expo will feature agencies, businesses 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, "Emergency Preparedness: Are You Ready?" Speakers will discuss how to prepare for and what to do in the event of a hurricane, tornado or other emergency. The Area Director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of North Florida will also address Economic Recovery Assistance programs for Small Businesses.

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](#).



This edition of "Alachua County Talks" features an in-depth interview with Anthony Lyons, Gainesville Community Redevelopment Agency Director.

[Click here](#) to view this episode.

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

Free transportation will be available for persons with special needs through MV Transport.

For more information or to RSVP by July 15th, contact the Alachua County Equal Opportunity Office 352-374-5275, or the City of Gainesville Office of Equal Opportunity 352-393-8481.

If any accommodations are needed for persons with disabilities, please contact the Equal Opportunity Office at (352) 374-5275 or (352) 374-5284 TDD.



Countywide Burn Ban Lifted

After reviewing Alachua County's current wildland fire conditions and the area weather forecast, the mandatory countywide burn ban has been lifted, as of June 28, 2011. The burn ban was formally terminated by a majority of the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners.

For more information, contact Alachua County Department of Public Safety at 352-384-3101.



2010 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Florida Administrative Code, Rule 62-550.824, requires that community water systems to prepare and provide their customers an annual consumer confidence report on the quality of the water delivered by their systems. This attached report is provided to the consumers no later than July 1.

Alachua County Public Works Department is the operator for the Santa Fe Hills Water System, and have filed the 2010 Annual Drinking Water quality Report for Santa Fe Hills Subdivision. Water samples are drawn and tested throughout the year to test for required contaminants. The results of the test performed on the water samples are compiled in the "Annual Drinking Water Quality Report."

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

For more information about this report or concerning your water utility, contact Kenneth Fair, Alachua County Public Works Department at 352 374-5245 X1233.

CodeRED Weather Warning System

Alachua County Emergency Management recently added Weather Warning capabilities to its CodeRED high speed notification system. CodeRED Weather Warning is an opt-in only weather warning product that taps into the National Weather Service's Storm based warnings. CodeRED Weather Warning automatically alerts affected citizens in the path of severe weather moments after official warnings have been issued. With this new addition of services, residents can sign up to receive warnings for tornados, severe thunderstorms and floods.

David Donnelly, Alachua County Emergency Management Director cautions, "Such systems are only as good as the telephone number database supporting them. If your phone number is not in the database, you will not be called."

A feature offered by the CodeRED system is the ability for individuals and businesses to create an account and add their own phone numbers directly into the system's database. Alachua County Emergency Management urges all individuals and businesses to visit the CodeRED website ([click here](#) to view) and fill in the enrollment information.

Employee Spotlight: Supervisors of Elections' Dennis Edwards



Elections staff member Dennis Edwards enjoys sharing his home-grown vegetables with his co-workers. Dennis, an avid gardener, loves working outside and helping his friends stay healthy by providing fresh vegetables. This spring, he grew tomatoes, cucumbers, zucchini, bush beans, purple beauty bell peppers, cayenne peppers, jalapeños, giant sunflowers, mint, basil, thyme and rosemary. Dennis has been doing a spring garden for several years, but this year for the first time, he is planning a fall garden. "Gardening is a great form of exercise and it really does help with my budget", says Dennis. The Elections staff is thankful for Dennis for sharing his harvest.



Those without internet access or have questions should contact Alachua County Emergency Management at 352-264-6500, Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to supply their information over the phone. Required information includes first and last name, street address (physical address, no P.O. boxes), city, state, zip code, and primary phone number, additional phone numbers can be entered as well.

For more information about Alachua County Emergency Management or the CodeRED system, [click here](#) or contact David Donnelly at 352-264-6500



July Extension Programs

July Commercial Horticulture Programs

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce the following Commercial Horticulture Programs, for July, 2011. These programs are offered by Aparna Gazula, Commercial Horticulture Agent. All of these programs are held at the Extension Office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville).

Specialty Cucurbit and Pumpkin Production July 12th, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Learn the basics of specialty cucurbits and pumpkin production. Information will be presented on production practices including variety selection, cultural practices, fertilization and irrigation management, insect and disease management.

Class is free. Pre-register by July 11, by calling 352-337-6209.

Green Industries Best Management Practices July 26th, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This workshop is designed to provide training in Best Management Practices for anyone working in the lawn, landscape, pest control, or municipal grounds areas. This is a required training

Financial Management Series

Equipping Your Financial Toolbox Series (There is no cost to attend these classes. Pre-register one week in advance for one or all sessions by calling 352-337-6209.)

For more information about these programs call 352-955-2402. Visit <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml> for additional programs offered by the Extension Office.

2011 4-H Summer Camp

The Alachua County 4-H Youth Development Program is pleased to announce enrollment for the 2011 4-H Summer Camp.

4-H Camp will be held from July 18 to 22 at Camp Cherry Lake, Madison, Florida. Campers age 8 to 12 (as of September 1, 2010) are invited to attend (do not have to be a member 4-H). Daily activities include swimming, canoeing, games, nature study, recreation and fishing. Evening activities include cabin skits, crafts, leisure sports, dancing, cabin competitions and camp fires. Campers will live in rustic cabins divided into boys and girls sections overlooking

Cherry Lake. Cost to attend is \$180.00, price includes transportation, meals, snacks and a souvenir t-shirt.

Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Workshop July 28th 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The class includes 6 hours of the required training for LCLM license applicants. Participants needing recertification begin can attend the first four hours of class, but are encouraged to take the Advanced Landscape Training Workshop instead. The LCLM license exam will be given the same day as the class. You must have all of your license application paperwork completed to sit for the exam.

CEUs will be offered in the following categories: 3 General Standard/Core, 3 General Standard/Core, 3 Ornamental & Turf, 3 Private Applicator Ag, 3 Limited Lawn & Ornamental, 3 Limited Landscape Maintenance, 3 Commercial Lawn & Ornamental

Cost \$30.00 (includes materials and lunch). Pre-register by July 26, by calling 352-337-6209.

Session One: Managing Your Finances and Making Credit Work for You July 19, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

This session is designed for those who want to review the components of credit scores, understand the credit laws and get their finances under better control. Young couples and college students are invited as well as any who wish to attend.

Session Two: Important Papers; What to Keep, Where and How Long, August 2, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Topics include: organizing important papers to save you time and give you peace of mind. Tips for record keeping for income tax will also be discussed.

Session Three: Basic Estate Planning August 9, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Topics include: Wills, Living Wills and Surrogate Designation for Health Care. This session is especially encouraged for parents with minor aged children.

Cherry Lake. Cost to attend is \$180.00, price includes transportation, meals, snacks and a souvenir t-shirt.

Camp will be supervised by Alachua, Bradford, and Duval County 4-H faculty and UF/IFAS 4-H camp staff.

For more information and registration information contact Matt Benge, 4-H Youth Development Agent, Alachua County Extension Office, 2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville, 352-955-2402 or mbenge@alachuacounty.us.

Commission Highlights

June 28, 2011 Board Meeting



Commissioner Rodney J. Long
 Vice Chair Paula M. DeLaney
 Commission Chair Lee Pinkoson
 Commissioner Susan Baird
 Commissioner Mike Byerly

Video:

- ▶ Regular Meeting morning session
- ▶ Public Hearing evening session

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

Announcements

The Board heard announcements by Mark Sexton Communications Coordinator

Attachment: [Announcements](#)

Alachua County Forever Timber Harvesting Business Plan

The Board approved the Alachua County Forever Timber Harvesting Business Plan and the associated principles, policies and directives and remove section on salvage cuts and incorporate same into individual management plans

Attachment: [Exhibit 1 ACF Timber harvesting business plan 110531.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 3 Stewardship Strategy Memo to the BoCC 060217.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 4 Stewardship Strategy Memo to the BoCC 060717.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 2 Stewardship Strategy Memo to the BoCC 050928.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 5 Stewardship Strategy Memo to the BoCC 070907.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 6 Stewardship Leveraging 2010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BoCC110628 Timber Plan.pptx](#)

EPD Petroleum Management Program

The Board approved the elimination of two (2) FTE Senior Environmental Specialist positions in the EPD Petroleum Management program due to significant reduction in FY12 State FDEP Contract Funding for the Petroleum Clean-Up and Tanks Compliance contracts effective July 1, 2011. One (1) FTE is currently a vacant position and one (1) FTE is currently a filled staff position.

Alternative Surface Roadways

The Board tabled the issue of the use of special assessment districts for alternative surface roadways and instructed staff to schedule an agenda item for future discussion

Attachment: [Unimproved Road Surface Treatment Program.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Final SAD Ordinance.pdf](#)

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

Special Assessment District

The Board took no action on the request to establishment of Special Assessment District (see item above) and utilize commercial financing as a source of funding for the use of alternative surface treatment on NE 35th Avenue, NE 255th Drive and Quail Street from NE CR 219A to NE SR 26 and located in the Melrose area.

Attachment: [Affected Parcels.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Final SAD Ordinance.pdf](#)

Attachment: [LOCATION MAP SAD Melrose Area.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PRELIMINARY PETITION NE 255th Drive Feb 2011.pdf](#)

Environmental Protection Department Lease Agreement

The Board approved the execution of the Lease Agreement between Alachua County and The Holbrook Group, Inc. for office space for the Environmental Protection Department.

Attachment: [EPD Office Relocation Comparison.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HOLBROOK LEASE 408 W University Ave 06222011.pdf](#)

Balu Forest Management Plan

The Board approved the updated Balu Forest Management Plan

Attachment: [Exhibit 2 Balu Forest Proposed Physical Improvements Map.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Exhibit 1 Balu Forest Management Plan Summary.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Balu Forest Mgmt Plan BoCC Meeting 06282011.pptx](#)

Plat of Rochelle

The Board adopted the Resolution to vacate portions of certain platted streets within the plat of Rochelle and execute the four (4) County Deeds to Reginald L. and Lanita H. Brown; Thomas H. and Cleo B. Jenkins; Rollin J. and Joan M. Hogan and Franklin S. and Cynthia J. Morgan. That the Chair be authorized to execute any additional documents approved by the County Attorney, necessary to complete this transaction.

Attachment: [Resolution_ROCHELLE.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ROCHELLE_STREET_VAC_6_28_2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CD_Brown_ROCHELLE.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CD_Hogan_ROCHELLE.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CD_Jenkins_ROCHELLE.pdf](#)

Attachment: [CD_Morgan_ROCHELLE.pdf](#)

FFY 2011 Florida Small Cities CDBG Program for Housing Rehabilitation

The Board approved the request to conduct Public Hearing to obtain citizen input on community development needs; direct Growth Management staff to prepare an application in the amount of \$750,000 for the FFY 2011 Florida Small Cities CDBG Program for Housing Rehabilitation. The Board also directed staff to begin preparations for a neighborhood revitalization grant program for the next available funding cycle for the SWAG neighborhood project.

Attachment: [NOFA.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2011 CDBG Power Point Presentation.ppt](#)

Attachment: [1st PH Ad Revised 6 2 11.pdf](#)

Multi-Modal Transportation Mitigation Agreement

The Board approved the Preliminary Development Plan for 23 West TND Approval of Multi-Modal Transportation Mitigation Agreement for 23 West TND and stipulated that the development be limited to 3 stories max throughout, staff to work with developer to 1) investigate possibility of creating more eastside and north side buffer by encroaching into the buffer on the west side but without impacts to significant trees 2) to gain as much dispersal of stormwater on this site as is technically and commercially feasible in order to reduce the size of the single facility in the NW with the goal of creating more buffer where possible

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Attachment: [23_West_Aerial.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23_West_TNDx.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23West_TP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23 West TND Prel_SR.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23West_Cover.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23West_OS.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23West_Trans.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23West_Master.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23_West_Location.pdf](#)

Attachment: [23WestMMTMSigned.pdf](#)

Advisory Board Appointments

Mr. Robert Simons was appointed to the Land Conservation Board as a Natural Resources Professional to a term ending December 31, 2014.

Dr. Thomas Hoctor was appointed to the Land Conservation Board as a Natural Resources Professional to a term ending December 31, 2014.

Mr. Jack Hauptman was appointed to the Land Conservation Board as a Natural Resources Professional to a term ending December 31, 2014.

Mr. James Curington was appointed to the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2013.

Mr. Kendall N. Hale was appointed to the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2013.

Mr. Wilford Thomas was appointed to the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2013.

Mr. Erroll S. Richardson was appointed to the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2013.

Mr. Hal Rhinesmith was appointed to the Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending February 28, 2013.

Ms. Sonia Douglas was appointed to the FloridaWorks as an Economic Development Seat #28 to a term ending June 30, 2014.

Dr. Margarita Labarta was appointed to the FloridaWorks as a Private Sector Seat #9 to a term ending June 30, 2014.

Mr. Thomas McIntosh was appointed to the FloridaWorks as a Private Sector Seat #1 to a term ending June 30, 2014.

Mr. Jim Painter was appointed to the FloridaWorks as a Private Sector Seat #6 to a term ending June 30, 2014.

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, one citizen actively engaged in the residential home building industry in connection with affordable housing, one citizen actively engaged as a for-profit provider of affordable housing, one citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing, one Alachua County resident, one alternate, one representing employers within the county, one representing laborers actively engaged in residential affordable housing construction.

Alachua County Housing Authority: One tenant-commissioner, one alternate tenant-commissioner (these positions require residency in public housing or that applicant is on the Alachua County Housing Authority's Section 8 Voucher Program), *one citizen-at-large, one alternate.*

Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board: *Two citizens-at-large*

Board of Adjustment: One citizen-at-large, *one citizen-at-large*

CHOICES Advisory Board: One managed care employee, one certified public accountant, one health policy professional, one nurse, one CHOICES program participant (alternate), one small business owner, one attorney (with expertise in health care), one citizen-at-large

Early Learning Coalition: One county resident

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee: One citizen-at-large, *two citizens-at-large*, one alternate

Fair Housing/Human Rights Board: One residential rental manager, *one citizen-at-large, one attorney, one lending institution representative, one alternate*

Gainesville/Alachua County Arts in Public Places Trust: One art historian, one professional in the field of art

Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board: One citizen-at-large

Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority: *One citizen-at-large*

Health Care Board: One low-income health care consumer, one dentist, one pharmacist

Historical Commission: One citizen-at-large

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

Poverty Reduction Advisory Board: One low-income resident

Regional Transit System Advisory Board: One senior citizen, one Neighborhood/Homeowners Association Representative

Technical Advisory Committee: Two citizens w/>= 10 yrs exp. as solid waste engineering professionals, One citizen-at-large w/proven expertise in the fields of solid waste, recycling & resource recovery, One renewable energy professional w/>= 10 yrs exp, One capital improvements economic analyst w/>= 10 yrs exp, One alternate. Non-voting positions: One City of Gainesville professional engineer, One bio-solids management engineer.

Veteran Services Advisory Board: *Two citizens-at-large (Veterans), One alternate (Veteran).*

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

Positions in italics are not yet vacant, but will be available before September 28, 2011.

[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.