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A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government

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Updated Budget Documents Now Available

The finalized Fiscal Year 2012 Adopted & Fiscal Year 2013 Planned Budget is now available online.

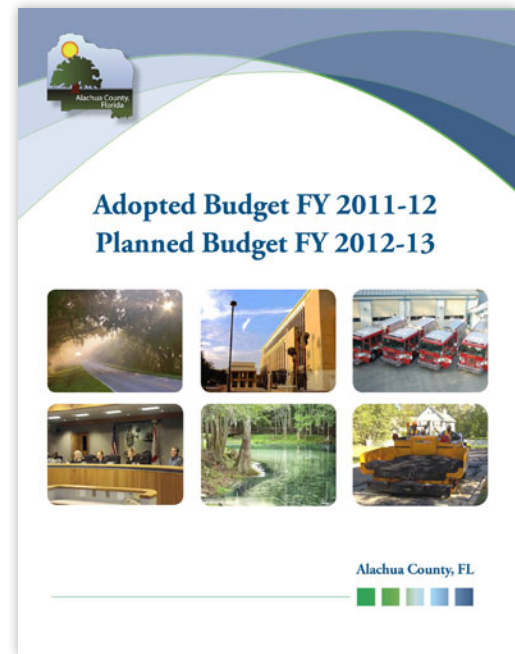
[Click here](#) or on the document cover to view.

The County's revised "How Your FY12 Property Taxes Are Divided" dollar bill chart is available as well.

The dollar bill chart is a representation of how each property tax dollar is divided for property owners in the unincorporated area.

All Alachua County property owners pay only 15.96¢ per property tax dollar for countywide programs provided by the County Commission. Property owners in the unincorporated area pay a Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU) of only 7.02¢ per property tax dollar for municipal services provided by the County Commission. Property owners living within municipalities pay their city's property tax instead of the MSTU.

[Click here](#) to view the revised dollar bill in a larger format.



Kanapaha Recreation Center Groundbreaking

The Alachua County Commission celebrated the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Kanapaha Park Recreation



Participants breaking ground at the upcoming Kanapaha Recreation Center

Center on Tuesday, October 4th. This project also includes the lighting of one of the park's existing soccer fields. The ceremony took place at Kanapaha Park located at 7400 SW 41st Place, Gainesville.

County Manager Randall H. Reid was the Master of Ceremonies for the event. Alachua County Commission Chairman Lee Pinkoson and Facilities Manager Charlie Jackson were the featured speakers.

[Kanapaha Recreation Center building features and citizen benefits.](#)

"This project will not only provide much needed recreation opportunities to Alachua County residents," said Manager Reid, "It will also be of great service to the Veterans community as it will assist in the maintenance of the County's premier Veterans memorial and enhance the County's Veterans Day activities."

For more information, contact the Communications Office at 352-374-5204.

Bird Elected Chair of National Environmental Board

Alachua County Environmental Protection Director Chris Bird has been elected Chair of the Board of Directors of the National Association of Local Government Environmental Professionals (NALGEP).

NALGEP is a national association representing local government professionals responsible for implementing environmental policy and environmental compliance. NALGEP assists local governments by sharing best environmental practices, providing advice on environmental policy matters, and technical assistance through workshops, webcasts, and national summits.

NALGEP's Brownfield Communities Network is an award winning national network of local communities working to promote job creation, revitalization, and redevelopment on brownfield properties.

"I look forward to serving in this leadership role at the national level" said Chris Bird. "NALGEP is an amazing network for local government environmental and redevelopment professionals to share best practices. Local officials are grappling with decreasing

resources to deal with increasingly complex environmental problems. NALGEP's work in brownfield property redevelopment provides a successful model for establishing effective private-public partnerships to better address other environmental challenges."

For more information about NALGEP, see www.nalgep.org or contact Chris Bird at 352-213-4987.



Alachua County Environmental Protection Department Director, Chris Bird

North Florida Pink Heals Initiative Events

To help celebrate the North Florida Pink Heals Initiative events, The Guardians of the Ribbon, a fleet of pink fire trucks that tour America in support of the Pink Heals Tour, were in Gainesville on Wednesday October 12. The North Florida Pink Heals Initiative "Celebration of Women" included live entertainment, informational booths, guest speakers, and the pink fire trucks. Pink Heals items were available for purchase, and donations were accepted. The events were held on the north lawn of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.

Firefighters and Law Enforcement officers throughout North Central Florida have joined the North Florida Pink Heals Initiative. The Initiative is part of a national event to raise awareness and funding to support women suffering from any form of cancer. One hundred percent of the money raised is donated to the Southeastern Healthcare Foundation, a local foundation to help women in North Florida obtain cancer treatment. Firefighters, paramedics, and police officers will be wearing pink uniforms on October 25 thru 27, 2011, to show their support for women with cancer.

Members of the initiative include The Fire Rescue Professionals of Alachua County L3852, Gainesville Professional Firefighters

L2157, Alachua County Fire Rescue, and Gainesville Fire Rescue; High Springs, Lacrosse and Newberry Fire Departments, EMS agencies from Union, Bradford and Gilchrist counties, the Bradford County EMS Association L4315, and the University of Florida Police Department. Many local businesses and healthcare providers have also joined the movement by becoming community partners.

"Our local Firefighters, Paramedics, and Police officers have come together wearing pink uniform shirts, to show our support for the women in our lives who are battling cancer," said Kevin Rulapaugh, Alachua County Pink Heals Coordinator, "We believe we can help cure cancer by simply wearing pink, because 'Pink Heals'."

Make a tax-deductible [Pink Heals](#) donation through our secure website.

View the [Alachua County Pink Heals Initiative](#) Facebook group.

For more information, go to the [Fire Professionals of Alachua County](#) website, or contact Kevin Rulapaugh at 352-658-3852 or PinkHeals@local3852.com.



The Pink Heals event on the north lawn of Ben Hill Griffin Stadium

October Extension Programs

Family & Consumer Sciences Programs

Financial Management Series - Equipping Your Financial Toolbox

This series includes:

Session One: Managing Your Finances and Making Credit Work for You – October 3, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,

Session Two: Important Papers; What to Keep, Where and How Long, October 17, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.,

Session Three: Basic Estate Planning – October 24, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

Environmental Horticulture Programs

Growing Fruit in Alachua County – October 19, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Attracting Butterflies and Pollinators to Your Garden – October 27, 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

4-H Holiday Food Drive

The Alachua County 4-H program will be conducting a Holiday Food Drive during the month of October.

4-H is partnering with the County-wide initiative called "Strike Out Hunger." Non-perishable food items will be accepted through October 31, 2011. Donations can be delivered to the Extension Office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville) from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information contact Matt Benge, 4-H Agent, 352-955-2402 or mbenge@alachuacounty.us.



Agriculture & Natural Resources Programs

Aquatic Pest Control Applicator Pesticide School - Wednesday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Worker Protection Standard – Train the Trainer Workshop - Wednesday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. to noon

[Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

Commercial Horticulture Program

Limited Commercial Landscape Maintenance Workshop - October 27, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

[Click here](#) for more information about these programs.

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.

What's On "Alachua County Talks"



Click the television to view this edition of "Alachua County Talks." it features an in-depth interview with Anthony Clarizio, Executive Director of Elder Care of Alachua County, Inc. The subject is the recently opened Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center located at 5701 NW 34th St. in Gainesville, FL (Northside Park).

Check out the latest editions of Alachua County Talks on Community 12 TV by viewing the [Channel 12 Show Schedule](#).

For more information, call the Alachua County Communications Office at 352-374-5204.

Upcoming Nighttime Lane Closure

The Alachua County Public Works Department has announced upcoming lane closures on Archer Road at the intersection of Archer Road and SW 40th Blvd in association with the SW 62nd Blvd Interim Projects.

The closure of the outside eastbound and westbound lanes on Archer Road will occur, if necessary Sunday through Thursday

nights from 9 p.m. to 6 a.m. during the period of Monday, October 10, 2011, through Thursday, October 21, 2011. The lane closures are necessary for the construction of the traffic signal mast arm foundation.

For more information, please contact Ha Nguyen, the Alachua County Project Manager at 352-548-1223.

NSP Homes for Sale

The Alachua County Department of Growth Management is pleased to announce that purchase offers are now being accepted for recently renovated homes purchased by Alachua County through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP).

[View available homes, as well as the NSP Information Packet.](#)

These homes are for sale at appraised value after repairs have been completed. They provide an excellent opportunity for a low to moderate-income family to buy a home at an affordable price. They have been renovated to bring them into compliance with the standards of the minimum housing code as well as to increase energy efficiency. Offers are now being accepted at the Alachua County Department of Growth Management, 10 SW 2nd Avenue in downtown Gainesville. Offers must be submitted by a State of Florida licensed Realtor. Offers submitted after stated deadlines may, at the discretion of Alachua County, be accepted as back-up offers only. These homes will be sold on a first-come, first-qualified, first-served basis. The Board of County Commissioners makes the final decision as to which offers to accept.

Alachua County was awarded NSP funding by the State of Florida Department of Community Affairs to stabilize neighborhoods impacted by high rates of foreclosure or abandonment. Foreclosed homes have been acquired and rehabilitated within designated areas of the community. Homebuyers must meet NSP income requirements. For example, a family of four earning \$69,960 would qualify to buy an NSP home. Buyers are required to complete an approved homebuyer's education course, and cannot currently own a home at the time of an NSP purchase. Other program requirements must be met, such as approval by an institutional lender for primary financing to buy the home. Secondary financing is also available through NSP to ensure affordability. Alachua County requires that all offers be submitted by a licensed Realtor to ensure the buyer's interest is fully represented in the transaction. Buyer's Realtor will be paid a 3.5% commission from the proceeds of the sale.

Realtors interested in showing NSP homes and submitting offers must contact Tom Webster, Housing Programs Manager at 352-337-6285 or twebster@alachuacounty.us to obtain an offer package. For more information, contact Mr. Webster.

Alachua County Neighborhood Stabilization Program
 Office: 352-337-6285
 Email: twebster@alachuacounty.us
 Attn: Tom Webster

Home for Sale!

\$91,000

\$85,000

Offers are due by October 21st, 2011

Letters of Interest for Tourist Tax Projects

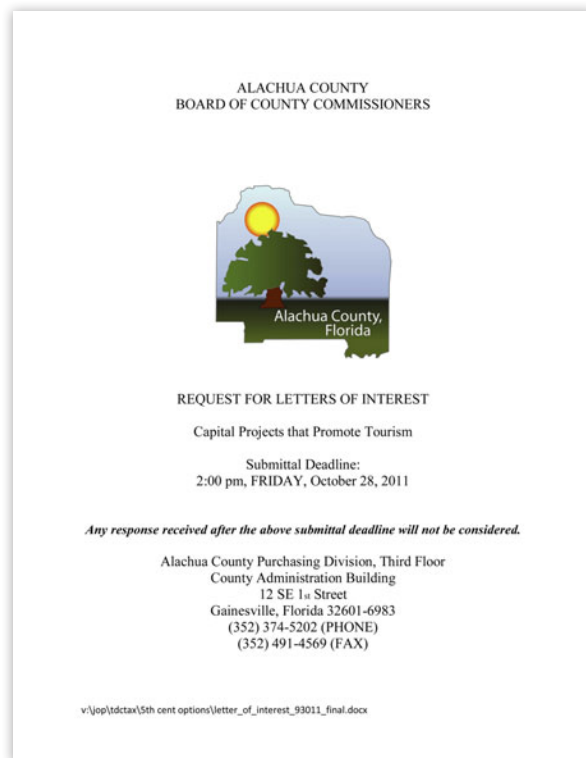
Alachua County has issued a Request for Letters of Interest to public entities for projects that could be funded through the Tourist Development Tax.

View the [Specifications for the Letters of Interest](#).

Eligible projects are described in [Subsection 125.0104 \(5\) of the Florida Statutes](#).

The Letters of Interest are due to the Purchasing Department on the third floor of the County Administration Building (12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville), by 2 p.m. on Friday, October 28, 2011.

For more information, contact Larry Sapp, Alachua County Purchasing Manager, at 352-374-2302 or lsapp@alachuacounty.us.



Election Outreach and Voter Education

Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter and volunteers were on hand at the 23rd Annual Alachua County Literacy Festival held on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Alachua County Downtown Library Headquarters. Volunteers provided information on upcoming elections, registered citizens to vote and passed out "Future Voter" stickers to children in attendance. This annual event

is an opportunity to promote literacy and to recognize the reading accomplishments of Alachua County elementary and middle school students.

The Elections office also participated in the Annual White Cane

Safety Awareness events in the City of Alachua on October 8th and in Gainesville on October 12th. These annual events help raise awareness of the White Cane Law and encourage citizens to support white cane safety. The Supervisor of Elections staff demonstrated the ADA accessible voting equipment and provided an opportunity for attendees to experience using it. David Linn, a rehabilitation specialist with the Division of Blind Services, took advantage of that opportunity. "I am glad I had a chance to try it out today. I really like this machine and it is very easy to use. I will be casting my vote on it at my polling place in the future."

2012 Elections

January 31, 2012
Presidential Preference Primary Election
City of Gainesville Election

February 28, 2012
City of Gainesville Run-Off Election

August 14, 2012
Primary Election

November 6, 2012
General Election



Elections volunteer Catherine Morsink and Supervisor of Elections Pam Carpenter at the Literacy Festival

Commission Highlights

October 11, 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: [Announcement](#)

Water Quality Presentation

The Board heard a presentation on water quality by Archer Mayor Frank Ogborn. They asked for a workshop to discuss municipal infrastructure needs and approved writing a letter of support for the project

2012 Alachua County Legislative Program

The Board adopted the 2012 Alachua County Legislative Program. They asked to add concern for the Florida Retirement System local contribution the Koppers Superfund site to the program.

Attachment: [2012 State Legislative Program Draft.pdf](#)

Veteran Services Advisory Board Annual Report

The Board heard and accepted a presentation by the Veteran Services Advisory Board of their Annual Report for 2010-2011 and their Work Plan for 2011-2012.

Attachment: [VAB BOCC 2011 ANNUAL REPORT.pdf](#)

Attachment: [VAB BOCC 2011 Annual Report ADDENDUM.pdf](#)

Nappy's of Florida vs. Alachua County et. al

The Board approved the Stipulation for Entry of Order in Nappy's of Florida vs. Alachua County et. al. which effectively ends the lawsuit over the location of a Veterans transitional housing facility

Attachment: [stipulation.pdf](#)

Executive Service, Non-Bargaining and Guardian Ad Litem Pay Plans

The Board 1. Approved the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Executive Service, Non-Bargaining and Guardian Ad Litem Pay Plans. 2. Deferred the pay rates for employees appointed to Temporary and Unclassified Service to be set at the minimum rate of the appropriate salary range.

Attachment: [FISCAL YEAR 2011 2012 EXECUTIVE SERVICE PAY PLAN.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FISCAL YEAR 2011 2012 NON BARGAINING PAY PLAN.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FISCAL YEAR 2011 2012 GUARDIAN AD LITEM PAY PLAN.pdf](#)

County Commission District Maps

The Board provided direction to staff to update County Commission district maps and approved the request to

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schedule and advertise a public hearing to adopt amended County Commission districts per Chapter 124.01 of the Florida Statutes.

Attachment: [Redistricting Ordinance.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Current Commission Districts.pdf](#)

Attachment: [County Redistricting Powerpoint .pdf](#)

Attachment: [Redistricting Proposal 2011.pdf](#)

Nations Park

The Board agreed to modify the language in the interlocal agreement with the City of Newberry for Nations Park to allow for debt service payment prior to receiving certificate of occupancy.

Attachment: [Nation's Park 1st Amendment_oct11mtg.pdf](#)

Chair to Sign Three Original Documents

The Board Approve and authorize the Chair to sign three original documents of the agreement, Attachment K, Civil Rights Compliance Assurance, Attachment L, Signature Authorization Form and additional documents and forms as deemed necessary by the State of Florida to supplement or amend the agreement. Copies of any documents signed to be included in the Board minutes.

Amount: \$1,029,844.00

Attachment: [NSP 3 DCA Contract for October 11 2011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [HUD Office of Inspector General Reports.pdf](#)

United Nations Day

The Board proclaimed October 20, 2011 as "United Nations Day" in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [UN Day Proclamation 2011.pdf](#)

Unified Land Development Code

The Board held the public workshop and provided direction to staff on the Unified Land Development Code update.

Attachment: [ULDC_Chapter405_Special_Districts_and_Activity_Centers_20111011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Chapter408_Nonconformities_20111011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Chapter410_Definitions_20111011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Highlights_of_ULDC_Changes_10_11_11.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Chapter406_Natural_and_Historic_Resources_Protections_20111011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Chapter409_Violations_20111011.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Update_10_11_11_Presentation.pdf](#)

Southwest Alachua County Transportation Improvement District

The Board approved the ordinance authorizing public-private partnerships and creating the Southwest Alachua County Transportation Improvement District and authorize the Chair to sign.

Attachment: [SWTransportationDistrictNewUpdated.pdf](#)

Bristol Harbour Planned Development

The Board approved the Replat of Lots 13 through 16 for Bristol Harbour Planned Development

Attachment: [BH_BS_L_13_16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BH_origP.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BH_L_13_16.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BH_L_13_16CHSR.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BH_L13_16rp.pdf](#)

Attachment: [BH_L_13_16GMSR.pdf](#)

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Spa Services

The Board adopted Resolution Z-15-11 to allow spa services.

Attachment: [Zoning Application.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Staff Report for ZOM0611.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution for ZOM0611.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Survey of Property.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Public Comment ZOM0611.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOM0611 Powerpoint Presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Detailed Description of Request.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Zoning Application.pdf](#)

Minor Special Permit

The Board adopted Resolution Z-16-11, A request for a minor special permit for a borrow pit in an agriculture district.

Attachment: [Starvation Hill Application and Backup.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Starvation Hill SUP Report and Management Plans.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Starvation Hill Survey 1.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Starvation Hill Survey 3.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Staff_Report_for_ZOS0811.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Starvation Hill Survey 2.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Environmental Assessment Whitehurst Starvation Hill.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ZOS0811 Powerpoint Presentation.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution_for_ZOS0811.pdf](#)

Planned Development

The Board approved Resolution Z-17-11 amending the zoning on parcel numbers 01772-000-000, 01765-001-000, 01770-000-000, 01772-001-000 from A(Agriculture) to PD(Planned Development)

Attachment: [OTL_PD_Zoning_Master_Plan_20110928.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_042211_Traffic_Report.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_Consistency_Analysis.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_introduction_statement.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_Mailed_Notice_Affidavit.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_Neighborhood_Meeting.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_PD_CommentResponseLetter.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_Public_Comments.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_Survey.pdf](#)

Attachment: [PowerPoint_ZOM1010.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Staff_Report_ZOM_10_10.pdf](#)

Attachment: [OTL_LEGAL_DESCRIPTION_110805.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Resolution_Z_17_11_ZOM_10_10.pdf](#)

Advisory Board Appointments

Mr. John Gebhardt was appointed to the Veteran Services Advisory Board as a Citizen-at-large (Veteran) to a term ending August 31, 2013.

Dr. Randy Cantrell was appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Board as a Representative - UF.

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 as a for-profit provider of affordable housing, one citizen actively engaged as a not-for-profit provider of affordable housing, one alternate, one citizen representing employers within the county, one representing laborers actively engaged in residential affordable housing construction

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)

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

Board of Adjustment: Two citizens-at-large

CHOICES Advisory Board: One managed care employee, one certified public accountant, one CHOICES program participant (alternate), one attorney (w/ expertise in health care), one small business owner (< 100 employees)

Environmental Protection Advisory Committee: Three citizens-at-large, one alternate

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

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

Health Care Board: One low-income health care consumer, one dentist, one pharmacist, *one attorney, one alternate, two health care professionals.*

Historical Commission: Two citizens-at-large

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

Human Rights Board: One residential rental manager, one citizen-at-large, one alternate

Original Florida Tourism Task Force: One citizen-at-large (should be involved in the Tourism Industry)

Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee: *One citizen-at-large, one citizen-at-large (alternate)*

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

Rural Concerns Advisory Committee: *Three citizens involved in agriculture and/or silviculture, one Alachua County Agricultural Extension Office representative, one citizen residing in the unincorporated area outside of the urban cluster, one Preservation of Rural Property Values member*

Tourist Development Council: *Two Hotel Owner/Operators, one citizen involved in Tourist Industry/Tourist Development, one alternate*

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

Wild Spaces & Public Places Citizens Oversight Committee: One Alachua County Resident (alternate)

Positions in italics are not yet vacant, but will be available before January 11, 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.