



Community Update

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A Report on the Activities of Alachua County Government

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Rick Drummond named Acting County Manager

At the Board meeting on 01-10-12, the County Commission unanimously approved an agreement for Assistant County Manager Rick Drummond to become the Acting County Manager.

Commissioner Lee Pinkoson said Mr. Drummond received “ultimately a fair compensation package” given the difficulties ahead.

Mr. Drummond started with the county in 2000 as Growth Management Director. He has been assistant County Manager since 2007.

[Click here](#) to view Mr. Drummond’s resume.

As a condition of his selection as interim manager, Mr. Drummond agreed not to apply for the permanent manager’s post. He is in the Deferred Retirement Option Program, which allows employees in the state retirement system to gain interest on their retirement benefits while continuing to work for five years, and has a July 2013 retirement date.

To view the Video of the Board discussion, [click here](#) (scroll down and click item 14 to go directly to this agenda item).

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Alachua County Acting County Manager
Rick Drummond

Transportation System Surtax

At their September 20, 2011, Special Meeting, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners directed staff to begin discussions with municipalities for consideration of a 2012 ballot initiative for a 1-cent Charter County Transportation System Surtax. The purpose of the surtax would be to generate funds for the County's Pavement Management program, and provide funds to the cities for transportation projects.



Should this initiative be on the 2012 ballot and pass, the Commission has pledged to use the County's portion of these funds for the projects included in the Pavement Management Program's ranked project list.

[Pavement Management Program Project Report](#)

The Alachua County Public Works Department has created a website to provide information about the proposed initiative. The website includes links to presentations on the issue, how Alachua County intends to use the funds, a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), and reports from the State of Florida Department of Revenue and Florida Tax Watch on a variety of tax revenues for all Counties over the last few years. The site is accessible on the home page of the County's website, www.alacuacounty.us, or by clicking below.

[Transportation System Surtax Website](#)

For more information, contact Brian Singleton, Civil Engineer I of the Alachua County Public Works Department at 352-548-1306 or bsingleton@alacuacounty.us.

Indoor Dust Study Cabot-Koppers Superfund Site

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) is seeking participation from residential property owners in a study of indoor household dust contamination levels in Gainesville.

Residents from neighborhoods near the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site have expressed concerns about potential indoor dust contamination levels. In response, an interagency work group led by the Florida Department of Health developed a testing plan to address these concerns. USEPA has agreed to conduct the study, and the test results will be used to inform the community about concentrations of dioxin and related chemicals in house dust in Gainesville.

Click to view the [indoor house dust study plan](#).

USEPA will require permission from property owners to test indoor house dust samples, which will be collected from 15 homes near the Cabot-Koppers Superfund site and 15 additional homes located in "background" neighborhoods about 2 miles away. Dust sample collections are tentatively scheduled for March/April, 2012.

During the week of January 9, 2012, USEPA is mailing out letters

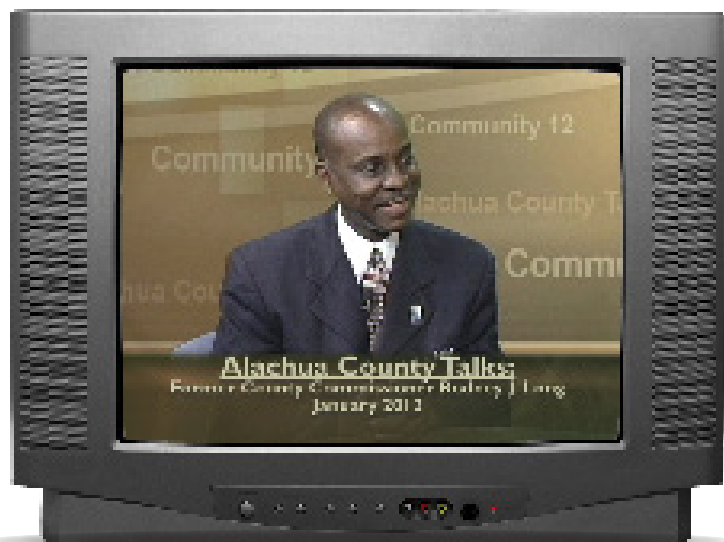


The Cabot-Koppers facility

to approximately 400 property owners soliciting participation in the study; the 30 tested homes will be selected from properties whose owners responded positively to the solicitation. The solicitation letters will include a brief survey and property access consent forms. The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department (ACEPD) is assisting USEPA in the distribution and processing of the property owner consent forms.

For more information, contact Scott Miller, USEPA Project Manager at 404-562-9120 or Chris Bird, ACEPD Director at 352-264-6801.

What's On "Alachua County Talks"



Click the television to view this edition of "Alachua County Talks." it features an in-depth interview with former Alachua County Commissioner Rodney J. Long premieres tonight at 7:30 p.m. on Cox channel 12. In the interview Long looks back on his career in public office and public service spanning the past 3 decades, and looks ahead to future civic endeavors.

In speaking of the interview, host Mark Sexton said, "The interview looks at the events and accomplishments during Commissioner Long's service on both the Gainesville City Commission and the Alachua County Commission."

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.

2012 King Celebration

**Click to view all of the 2012
King Celebration events**

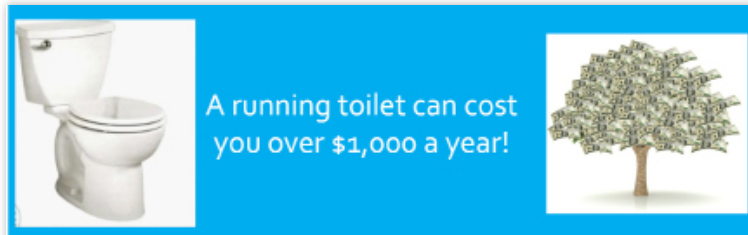
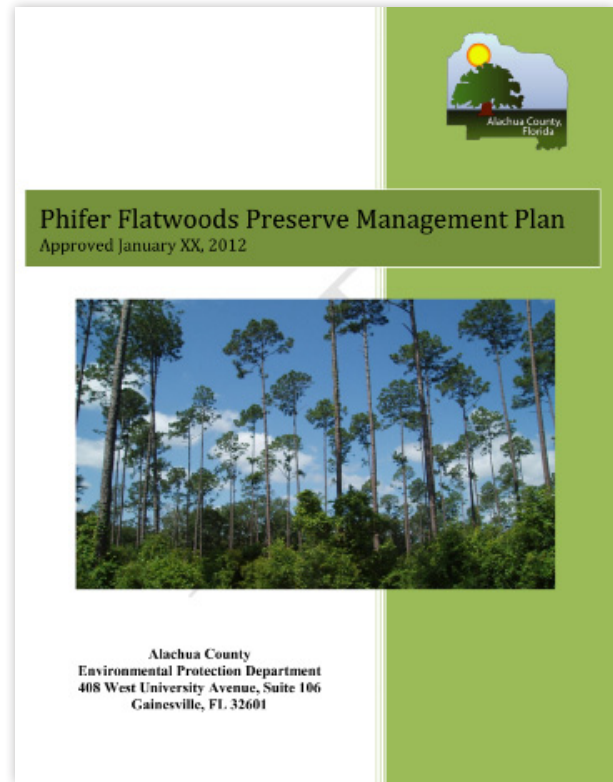
Phifer Flatwoods Preserve Land Management Plan

The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department is looking for citizen input on the Phifer Flatwoods Preserve Land Management Plan.

Phifer Flatwoods Preserve is located in southeast Alachua County, near Grove Park. The Preserve contains two separate tracts – Phifer Flatwoods and Phifer Addition – which were acquired to protect, preserve and enhance the unique natural and cultural resources found there, and to provide an enjoyable and educational passive recreational experience. A management plan is being developed for the property, and the County is seeking public input.

Click to view a [draft management plan](#), or a copy of the plan can be requested by calling 352-264-6835. Citizen input can be given by submitting written comments by January 16, 2012.

For more information, contact Alachua County Senior Environmental Specialist Susie Hetrick at 352-264-6835 or shetrick@alachuacounty.us.



The Alachua County Environmental Protection Department would love to come to your HOA, church, or group meeting to give a short presentation on the connection between water use and the health of our springs and aquifer. We will focus on ways to use less water and to stay in compliance with local irrigation restrictions. Contact Stacie at 352-264-6829 or sgreco@alachuacounty.us for more information!

Basic and Advanced Storm Spotter Class

Alachua County Emergency Management, in cooperation with the National Weather Service in Jacksonville, is sponsoring a Basic and Advanced Storm Spotter class on Tuesday, January 24, 2012, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The class will be held at the Alachua County Public Health Auditorium (224 SE 24th Street, Gainesville). This class is free and open to the public.

Alachua County Emergency Management Director, David Donnelly said, "Severe weather is a fact of life in Florida, and Alachua County is looking for a few good volunteers." He continued, "Even with advancements in technology, such as Doppler radar, government officials must still rely on a network of trained volunteers to become their eyes and ears on the ground to provide better weather watch and warning services. You can be the one to make a difference, and be an asset to our community."

For more information or to register, contact Alachua County Emergency Management at 352-264-6500 or acem@alachuacounty.us.

Upcoming Election Information

Early Voting Available Starting Saturday, January 21, 2012

To be eligible to vote in the Presidential Preference Primary, you must be registered in the Republican Party. By law, Florida is a closed primary state and as such the Presidential Preference Primary is a partisan election for registered Republicans. There is no Democratic or Minor Party Presidential Preference Primary scheduled in 2012.

To be eligible to vote in the City of Gainesville Election, you must be a resident of the City of Gainesville. All registered voters living in the City may vote for At-Large candidates, but only those voters living in City District 1 may vote for District 1 candidates.

Early Voting

2012 Presidential Preference Primary And City Of Gainesville Election

Dates & Times

Saturday, January 21st and Sunday, January 22nd: 10AM – 4PM
Monday, January 23rd to Friday, January 27th: 10AM – 5PM
Saturday, January 28th: 10AM – 4PM

Locations

Supervisor of Elections Office
County Administration Building Location
12 SE 1st Street, Gainesville

Millhopper Branch Library
3145 NW 43rd Street, Gainesville

Tower Road Branch Library
3020 SW 75th Street, Gainesville

Florida Law requires voters to present picture and signature ID in order to vote, or vote a provisional ballot.

For additional information, please view our website at www.VoteAlachua.com or contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352) 374-5252.

Sample Ballots

Voters may view sample ballots for the January 31, 2012 Republican Presidential Preference Primary and the City of Gainesville Election online at www.VoteAlachua.com by clicking Quick Link

“Upcoming Elections”, then “Sample Ballots”. Voters may view their individual ballot by clicking on the link, “My Voter Information Page” (My VIP).

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Supervisor of Elections Office at (352) 374-5252.

Audio Sample Ballots

An audio sample ballot is also available on the Supervisor of Elections' website at www.VoteAlachua.com, or if you prefer, you may borrow a CD with the audio format from one of the following locations:

All Alachua County Public Libraries
Center for Independent Living, 222 S.W. 36th Terrace, Gainesville
Division of Blind Services, 3620 NW 43rd Street, Suite C, Gainesville
WUFT-FM Radio Reading Service, UF - 1316 Weimer Hall, Gainesville
Supervisor of Elections Office, 111 S.E. 1st Avenue, Gainesville

Florida State Association of Supervisor of Elections Scholarship Opportunity

Pam Carpenter, Alachua County Supervisor of Elections announces the opportunity for local college or university students to apply for a \$1,200 scholarship through the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE).

FSASE will award one \$1,200 scholarship. The deadline to submit applications to the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections is March 19, 2012.

The scholarships will be awarded to full-time students attending an accredited Florida university or college.

Applicants must be enrolled or accepted as a junior or senior and be either a Political Science major, a Public or Business Administration major or a Journalism/Mass Communications major.

Applicants must: Demonstrate a financial need and furnish a financial statement which shows what their own contribution is to their educational expenses. (Student does not have to submit an official form, but can send a statement of their financial need),

Submit two current letters of recommendation which must accompany the application or be received by the deadline: one

Supervisor of Elections Scholarship Opportunity *continued*

from the college or university last attended or graduated from; and one from a citizen of good standing in the community, submit a resume of their high school and/or college activities as well as their community service activities, maintain a "C" average or above for the previous year, be a U.S. citizen and have been a bonafide resident of Florida for two years preceding the academic year for which application is made, and be a registered voter.

Applications may be obtained online at www.VoteAlachua.com or from the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections Office at 111 SE 1st Avenue, Gainesville. Completed applications and letters of recommendation must be submitted to the Supervisor of Election of the County in which you are registered to vote.

All Alachua County applications will be reviewed by the Supervisor of Elections Office and one finalist will be forwarded to the FSASE Scholarship Committee to represent Alachua County. The FSASE Scholarship Committee will select one winner (\$1,200 scholarship) from the finalists submitted from Supervisors of Elections throughout the State of Florida.

The scholarship is awarded in June; therefore applicants must be a student post-June of the award year.

For additional information contact the Alachua County Supervisor of Elections at 352-374-5252.

January Extension Programs

The Alachua County Extension Office is pleased to announce the following Commercial Horticulture Programs, for January. These programs are offered by Aparna Gazula, Commercial Horticulture Agent.

Living on a Few Acres (12 part series) - This is a new program for 2012, and will be held on the third Thursday of each month. The first class is entitled "Small Farm Management Getting Started and Finding your Market," January 19, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Extension Office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville).

This monthly program is designed as an introduction to basic production techniques on a wide variety of topics from pasture management and livestock production to growing vegetables and alternative enterprises. The program is designed to provide information to individuals interested in beginning or improving a small scale agricultural operation.

Costs \$10 for individuals, and \$15 for couples for each class (notebook and materials provided). Pre-register by January 16.

Small Scale Mushroom Production - January 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Suwannee Valley Agricultural Extension Center (8202 County Rd. 417, Live Oak).

This hands-on, one-day workshop will teach participants how to select, grow, harvest, and market mushrooms appropriate for Florida.

Costs \$105 (first person), \$65 (second person) before January 13, or \$125 (first person), \$75 (second person) after January 13. Pre-register by January 20.

Click to view the [program brochure](#).

For more information about this program, contact Sarah White at 386-362-1725 ext. 102 or sewhite@ufl.edu.

Green Industries Best Management Practices - January 31, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Extension Office (2800 NE 39th Avenue, Gainesville).

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 class for all commercial and institutional fertilizer applicators in Alachua County according to the Alachua County Fertilizer Standards and Management Practices Code.

Cost \$25.00 (includes materials and lunch). Pre-register by January 30

For more information or to register for any of these programs, visit <http://alachua.ifas.ufl.edu/calendar.shtml> or call 352-337-6209.

Commission Highlights

January 10, 2012 Board Meeting



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

Video:



Regular Meeting

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

Announcements

The Board heard announcements by Mark Sexton, Communications Coordinator

Attachment: [Announcements](#)

Nonprofit Awareness Day

The Board proclaimed January 11, 2012 as “Nonprofit Awareness Day” in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [Nonprofit Awareness Day.pdf](#)

Mentoring Awareness Month

The Board proclaimed January 2012 as “Mentoring Awareness Month” in Alachua County, Florida.

Attachment: [Mentoring Awareness Month 2011.pdf](#)

Informal Meetings

The Board directed the County Attorney to bring back a resolution implementing changes to the BoCC Rules of Procedure concerning Informal Meetings. The following is the language for the resolution:

The Special Meeting – General Policy Discussion will normally be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month.

- (a) The notice for a Special Meeting – General Policy Discussion Meeting shall be in writing and shall contain the date, time and place of the meeting. The notice of the meeting shall be posted at a designated area on the second floor of the County Administration Building. The date, time and place of the meeting will be added to the meetings list. Special Meetings - General Policy Discussion Meetings may be held upon no less than twenty-four (24) hours notice. Each Commissioner, the Clerk of the Court, the Sheriff, the County Manager and the County Attorney shall be given 24 hours prior notice of the meeting. Such notice shall be provided by any reasonable means, including telephone, email or facsimile transmission to the person’s residence, place of employment, or other location, whichever site is most likely to ensure the person’s receipt of the notice.
- (b) Twenty-four hours prior notice of the meeting shall be provided to the business office of each local media organization that has on file a written request for notice of special meetings. Such notice shall be provided by any reasonable means, including telephone, email or facsimile transmission.
- (c) An agenda outlining the business to be conducted will be available prior to the meeting. Public comment shall be allowed on items on the agenda, but there will not be a separate public comment period included on the agenda. The Agenda for special meetings shall contain the following items:

Presentations, Proclamations and Recognitions

- (1) Approval of the agenda
- (2) Emergency items requiring Board action or direction submitted by the County Manager or County Attorney and approved by the Chair.
- (3) Commissioner Proposed Items for Discussion.
 - a. County commissioners may propose topics for discussion at the General Policy Meeting by submitting topics to the county agenda coordinator by 5:00 p.m. on Monday seven days before the Special Meeting - General Policy Discussion Meeting.
 - b. The Board may not adopt motions or take final action during the Commission comments section of the agenda. The Board shall also not suspend its Rules of Procedure pursuant to Rule 36 in order to take action on an item raised during the commission comments period.
- (4) Commission Discussion. The Board shall use this portion of the meeting to discuss any matters of county concern raised by a commissioner. The Board may not adopt motions or take final action during the Commission comments section of the agenda. The Board shall also not suspend its Rules of Procedure pursuant to Rule 36 in order to take action on an item raised during the commission comments period.

Acting County Manager

The Board approved the agreement between the Board and Richard A. Drummond to provide Acting County Manager services.

Attachment: [Drummond ACM Final.pdf](#)

Special Assessment Districts

Concerning the establishment Special Assessment Districts for the purposes of applying alternative surface treatments on County-maintained unimproved roads, the Board directed staff to draft an ordinance to revise Chapter 37 of County Code and bring back to the BoCC, adding: to refer information to both the Rural Concerns and Poverty Reduction advisory boards.

Attachment: [Unimproved Road Special Assessment Districts Powerpoint.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Criteria for Unimproved Road SAD.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Unimproved Road Special Assessment Districts.pptx](#)

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

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

Maintenance Agreement

Concerning the resolution authorizing the County to enter into a Maintenance Agreement with the State of Florida Department of Transportation for CR 329 (Main Street) from Depot Avenue to SR 331 (Williston Road), the Board decided to send a letter to the City of Gainesville to discuss this at the next MTPO Meeting.

Attachment: [LOCATION MAP SMainSt.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Main Street Maintenance Agreement Resolution.pdf](#)

Attachment: [FDOT Main Street Maint Final.pdf](#)

Unified Land Development Code

The Board held the public workshop and provided direction to staff on the Unified Land Development Code update. To best understand these issues please click on the meeting video above and jump to item #17 under the video screen.

Attachment: [Response_to_BANCF_11_14_11_Memo.pdf](#)

Attachment: [2011_11_14_Memo_BANCF_SuggestedCH407Changes.pdf](#)

Attachment: [Highlights_of_Changes_in_Chapter_407.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Chapter407_General_Development_Standards_20120110_final.pdf](#)

Attachment: [ULDC_Update_1_10_12_Presentation.pdf](#)

Upcoming Special Meetings

01-17-12 Special Meeting

On Tuesday, January 17, 2012, at 5 p.m. the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners will hold a special meeting in the Jack Durrance Auditorium (room 209) of the County Administration Building located at 12 SE 1st Street in Gainesville.

There is one item on the agenda – the Local Vendor Preference Report. The intent of the meeting is to discuss the issues and details required to pursue a local vendor preference policy within the County's bidding process.

[View meeting agenda and backup](#)

As always, the public is invited to attend this meeting.

For more information, contact the Alachua County Communications Office at 352-374-5209.

Advisory Board Appointments

Dr. Zaneta Allen was appointed to the Health Care Board as a Pharmacist to a term ending December 31, 2013.

Ms. Nancy Giunta was appointed to the Health Care Board as a Health Care Professional to a term ending December 31, 2013.

Ms. Marilyn Mesh was appointed to the Health Care Board as a Health Care Professional to a term ending December 31, 2013.

Mr. Kyle Baxter was appointed to the Health Care Board as a NFRMC Rep to a term ending December 31, 2013.

Mr. Brendan Shortley was appointed to the Health Care Board as a Health Care Consumer to a term ending November 30, 2013.

Ms. Diane Mauldin was appointed to the Health Care Board as a ACORN Clinic Representative to a term ending December 31, 2013.

Ms. Asli Tasci was appointed to the Original Florida Tourism Task Force as a Citizen-at-large to a term ending April 30, 2013.

Ms. April Griffin was appointed to the Poverty Reduction Advisory Board as a School Board Representative.

Ms. Marie G. Taylor was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council representing Agriculture and/or silviculture to a term ending September 30, 2013.

Mr. Russel Weber was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council representing Agriculture and/or silviculture to a term ending September 30, 2013.

Mr. Michael A. Perry was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council as a Citizen residing in the unincorporated area outside of the urban cluster to a term ending September 30, 2015.

Mr. Ward Scott was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council representing Agriculture and/or silviculture to a term ending September 30, 2013.

Ms. Cindy Sanders was appointed to the Rural Concerns Advisory Council as an Alachua County Agriculture Extension Office Representative to a term ending September 30, 2013.

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 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

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)

Code Enforcement Board: One alternate, one citizen-at-large

Community Agency Partnership Program: Two citizens-at-large

Economic Development Advisory Committee: One Alachua County resident

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 attorney, one alternate.

Historical Commission: Three 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 alternate

Land Conservation Board: Two citizens-at-large, one Natural Resources professional

Poverty Reduction Advisory Board: One representative of a faith-based organization

Regional Transit System Advisory Board: one Neighborhood/Homeowners Association Representative

Rural Concerns Advisory Committee: One Preservation of Rural Property Values member

Tourist Development Council: One citizen Involved in Tourist Industry/Tourist Development

Victim Services and Rape Crisis Center Program Advisory Council: One alternate, one citizen-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 April 10, 2012.

[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.