

*Prepared for the City Commission, February 18-March 2, 2016*

## City Manager

- ✓ **TEAM's sixth annual Casino Night is Saturday, Feb. 20 at 6 p.m.** at the City of Gainesville/Alachua County Senior Recreation Center, which is located at 5701 NW 34<sup>th</sup> St. Casino Night features casino gaming, silent and live auctions and tons of fun! Doors open at 6 p.m., gaming begins at 6:30 p.m.
- ✓ The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program** is a combined effort with the United Way of North Central Florida and the IRS to **help low- to moderate-income working people keep more of their refund and not pay for income tax services.** Many lower-income households are owed a significant refund because of the Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC. Residents can find out more about the free program, make an appointment and find out what to bring to the appointment by calling United Way's 24-hour information line 2-1-1.
- ✓ **The Bo Diddley Plaza re-opens Tuesday, March 1, with a ribbon-cutting Thursday, March 10 at 9 a.m.** A pre-opening concert headlined by nationally-acclaimed **R&B singer Charles Bradley will take place Thursday, Feb. 25 from 6-10 p.m.** The Gainesville-native has sung at Bonnaroo, South by Southwest and Coachella; this concert will be his first performance in his hometown. In addition to the physical improvements, citizens will find that it's easier than ever to use the plaza for events. In line with the Blue Ribbon Advisory Committee on Economic Competitiveness's recommendations for making the City of Gainesville more user-friendly, the CRA has worked closely with other departments to streamline the plaza rental/operations process.
- ✓ **Ride with the Commish Saturday, March 5** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., starting at Civilization (1511 NW Second St.) and ending at Boulware Springs Park (3300 SE 15th St.). Pre-ride fueling at Civilization. The ride showcases the Sixth Street Trail and nearby projects; all levels of riders are welcome! A map of the route and points of interest is available at <https://goo.gl/k1NPVS>.
- ✓ The Gainesville City Commission is **currently accepting applications for quasi-judicial and other advisory boards and committees.** Applications must be received by 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 1, 2016. The following boards/committees currently have openings:

### City Residency Required

- Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Board (1)
- Board of Canvassers (1)
- Board of Trustees of the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan (1)
- Gainesville Human Rights Board (4)
- Historic Preservation Board (1) (A representative from one of the following areas: history; real estate, real property appraisal and/or finance; urban planning and/or law; engineering and/or building construction or landscape architecture)
- Regional Transit System Advisory Board (2)
- SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (7)

### City Residency Not Required

- Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development (5)
- City Beautification Board (3)
- Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board (2)
- Nature Centers Commission (1)
- Public Recreation and Parks Board (1)
- Student Community Relations Advisory Board (2) Non-voting post-secondary administrator (2-year term)
- Tree Advisory Board (2)

### Student Seats City Residency Not Required

- Fire Safety Board of Adjustment (1)

- ✓ At the time of this publication, the **following special City Commission meetings/workshops have been scheduled:**
  - Tuesday, Feb. 23 from 8a.m.-12:30 p.m.: City Commission workshop about effectiveness in office, the roles of commissioners and charter officers, at Ironwood Golf Course, 2100 NE 39<sup>th</sup> Ave.

## Capital Projects

- ✓ **Northwest Eighth Avenue:** Asphalt paving of Section C (between Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Street and Northwest Sixth Street) began, as scheduled, on Jan. 6, and was completed in early February 2016. Section B (between Northwest 34<sup>th</sup> Street and Northwest 23<sup>rd</sup> Street) is in the final design stages and the south side is expected to be under construction around Feb. 23. Until completion, lane closures and slower traffic may be expected in this portion of the work. Section A (between Northwest 40th Drive and Northwest 34th Street) is complete. For more information, please visit the [project website](#) or contact Stefan Broadus, project manager, at [broadusm@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:broadusm@cityofgainesville.org) or 352-393-8406.
- ✓ **1125 SE Fourth Street:** Demolition and site cleanup began Jan. 7 for the nearly three-acre stormwater treatment pond that will be part of the future Southeast Fourth Street reconstruction project. The Southeast Fourth Street corridor is a residential road which serves existing local businesses and residents, and provides access from southeast Gainesville to the downtown area from Williston Road to Depot Avenue. Treatment facilities also include amenities appropriate for the adjacent rails-to-trails bike path and residential area. Demolition is slated to take place through February 2016; pond construction will commence in spring 2016. For more information, please contact [Betsy Waite](#), project manager, at 352-393-8405.
- ✓ **Depot Avenue Segment 2:** The Southwest Sixth Street intersection has been closed by the roadway contractor, O'Steen Brothers, for construction of a roundabout with underground utilities, stormwater, streetscaping and landscaping. The intersection is currently scheduled to be opened March 1. Both two-way vehicular and pedestrian traffic will be accommodated between Southwest Sixth and Southwest 11th Streets. Two-way vehicular traffic will be maintained east of Southwest Sixth Street to South Main Street. The contractor's contact person for this project is Don Shackelford, and he can be reached at 352-459-1031. For more information, questions or comments, please contact Betsy Waite, project manager, at [waiteed@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:waiteed@cityofgainesville.org) or 352-393-8405.
- ✓ **Weather Station Installation:** This capital improvement project is for the installation of six weather stations at points around the city to log rainfall, temperature and other items of interest related to the weather. The first weather station has been installed at the Public Works Administration Building, and is logging data, which can be viewed online at <http://www.weatherlink.com/user/gainesvilleflpw/>. For more information on this project, contact Andrew S. Roberts, project manager, at [robertsas@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:robertsas@cityofgainesville.org) or 352-393-8408.

## Communications Office

**Communications Office contact: Bob Woods – 352-393-8627**

- ✓ **The [2015 Citizen's Report](#) was released at the State of the City Address** in mid-January. The report covers the highlights of the past fiscal year. If you wish to receive a hard copy, please email your request to [rawsonle@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:rawsonle@cityofgainesville.org).
- ✓ The grand prize winner of the Seventh Annual Gainesville Photography Contest was unveiled Jan. 20 at the State of the City Address. The **winning photograph is Rainy Night in Gainesville by Farol Tomson**. The **2016 calendar (pdf) is also available for downloading**. Photographs in the calendar

are finalists of the Seventh Annual Gainesville Photography Contest. The pages are 8.5"x14" and a lightweight cardstock is recommended. Please note that since this is a printable calendar, the file size is large. To download the pdf, please [click here](#).

- ✓ Broadcast staff **released the following, newly produced videos:**
  - **[352Walls/The Gainesville Urban Art Initiative](#):** Downtown Gainesville has been transformed by the 352walls Urban Art Initiative through the work of eleven renowned international muralists and 13 of the region's best artists. This initiative is part of an international urban art movement that will strengthen our cultural stature and change the nature of our community with creativity. For more information visit <http://www.352walls.org>.
- ✓ **Registration is open for Gainesville 101: Citizens' Academy.** Learn how Gainesville became one of the top-ranked cities in the nation. *Gainesville 101: The 2016 Citizens' Academy* will give residents a behind-the-scenes look at city facilities and allow residents to meet their city's leaders. This series of free classes is scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 9 and continue for seven weeks through April 20. Sessions are held from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. **Register now, as space is limited!** Please note, this will be the only time this is offered in 2016. For more information, the schedule of events or to register, please visit <http://academy.cityofgainesville.org>.

## Gainesville Fire Rescue

**GFR Administration and Operations contact: Chief Jeff Lane – 352-334-5078**

- ✓ The City of Gainesville offers **programs to adjust the assessments for fire services**. The **Application for Mobile Home or Recreational Vehicle Park Vacancy Adjustment** is available to each owner of mobile home or recreational vehicle parks. Park owners have the opportunity to demonstrate the vacancy rate in space occupancy within their property and receive a vacancy adjustment to the fire assessment. Additionally, applications for the **2016 Fire Flow Mitigation (sprinklers) Credit Program** are available. Gainesville offers a Fire Flow Mitigation Credit to eligible city property owners whose buildings are subject to the city fire services special assessment. **Applications must be returned to the Gainesville Fire Rescue Department no later than May 1, 2016.** Eligibility requirements and applications for these two programs are available on the Gainesville Fire Rescue website at [www.gfr.org](http://www.gfr.org).

**GFR Risk Reduction Bureau contact: Interim Asst. Chief Steve Hesson – 352-393-8377**

- ✓ **Gainesville Fire Rescue can now be found on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!**
- ✓ **Project Get Alarmed helps those who cannot afford smoke detectors.** Applications are [available online](#) or by calling Risk Reduction Specialist Krista Ott at 393-8461.
- ✓ **Requests for car seat safety checks and installation** should be directed to GFR's Risk Reduction Specialist Krista Ott at 393-8461.
- ✓ GFR continues to host **crowd manager training** to enhance community safety. The cost is \$30 per person. For information on **Safe Assembly Training classes**, please call 334-5065.

**GFR Support Services Bureau contact: District Chief Shawn Hillhouse – 352-393-8459**

- ✓ Gainesville Fire Rescue continues to provide **CPR and related course offerings to the community through its Operation C.A.R.E** or Citizens Aiding in Response to Emergencies. The program is being provided on a fee basis by the City Of Gainesville to increase the number of persons who can

perform CPR, first aid and other skills during an emergency until help can arrive. For more information, please visit [gfr.org/community\\_training](http://gfr.org/community_training).

## Public Works

**Public Works contact: Chantel Thomas – 352-334-5070**

- ✓ **Public Works staff is collaborating with Metcalfe Elementary School representatives to submit a grant application for the Safe Routes to School program** funded by the Florida Department of Transportation. If successful, this effort would fund the construction of a sidewalk along Northeast 18th Avenue between Northeast 12th and Northeast 15th Streets, closing a gap in the sidewalk network and adding ADA compliant accessibility enhancements.
- ✓ **Public Works is continuing to identify opportunities to improve walkability and accessibility** of the transportation system, in accordance with the City Commission’s Strategic Initiative 5.1, that seeks to promote an integrated transportation system that is safe and accessible to all users.

The following projects are currently under construction:

- Northwest 23rd Terrace from Northwest 34th Boulevard to Northwest 62nd Avenue
- Northwest 21st Street from Northwest 31st Avenue to Cypress Glen Apartments and
- Northwest 36th Avenue from Northwest 19th Street to Kiwanis Park

The following sidewalk projects are scheduled for construction within the coming months:

- Southwest 32nd Terrace north of Southwest 35th Place and
- Northwest 20th Drive from West University Avenue to Northwest Third Avenue

- ✓ The MTPO is comprised of city and county commissioners sitting as a Regional Transportation Authority for the highly populated portions of Alachua County. They meet periodically to advise the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on federally funded transportation projects, plans, priorities, spending, etc. For more information, visit <http://www.ncfrpc.org/mtpo/>. **The next MTPO meeting is set for 3 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22** in the Jack Durrance Auditorium on the second floor of the Alachua County administration building.
- ✓ **The Menagerie in Motion Kinetic Derby is Saturday, Feb. 27 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Depot Park.** The Active Streets Alliance and Alachua County present a derby competition of human-powered (cycling) sculptures to highlight the culture and natural beauty of our area. For more information, visit <http://www.menagerieinmotion.org/>.
- ✓ Currently, the **2016 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) meetings** are on the following Thursdays: March 24, June 16, July 21, Sept. 22 and Nov. 17 (subject to change). The meetings are at 7 p.m. on the second floor of the Alachua County Administration Building (12 SE First St. in Gainesville) in the Grace Knight Conference Room. Stay updated on BPAB information at [www.cityofgainesville.org/bikeped](http://www.cityofgainesville.org/bikeped).
- ✓ **Consider the Bicycle/Pedestrian Program for your next meeting, community event or training.** They provide bicycle and pedestrian-related presentations, demonstrations, videos and trainings for toddlers, youth, teens, young adults, adults and seniors. For more information, scheduling a bicycle/pedestrian event, questions or volunteer opportunities, please contact Dekova Batey, bicycle/pedestrian program coordinator, at 352-334-5070 or [bikeped@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:bikeped@cityofgainesville.org), or visit [www.cityofgainesville.org/bikeped](http://www.cityofgainesville.org/bikeped).
- ✓ The **Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) Program** is a volunteer organization made up of community representation from citizens, agencies and groups such as public works, law enforcement, fire departments, school board, health department and many others. The CTSTs are sponsored by the

Florida Department of Transportation with the mission of helping to reduce crashes and improve safety on area roadways. Through events, information, ongoing programs and education, team members work together to develop solutions to local traffic safety problems. The **Alachua County CTST meets the third Thursday of every month** (excluding July and December). The CTST Program will coordinate the following meeting:

- **Thursday, Feb. 18 at 10 a.m.:** CTST meeting at Santa Fe College Gainesville Technology Entrepreneurship Center (GTEC) (2153 SE Hawthorne Road)

For more information on the group or to submit a traffic safety concern, visit the group website at <http://trafficsafetyteam.com/>.

## Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

**Partnership and Development contact: Alicia Antone – 352-393-8524**

- ✓ In early January, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners voted **unanimously to award \$5,000 in funds to the Gainesville Arts & Parks (GAP) Foundation**, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to support the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs (PRCA) Department's Master Plan which includes program support, **to support the annual Summer Heatwave program**. The Heatwave program takes place each year from June through August, targeting youth 11-18 years old. The program includes basketball tournaments, pool parties, life skills classes, character education and field trips to local museums, farms and fish camps. In 2015, more than 500 teens participated in the Summer Heatwave Camp. The Summer Heatwave program is a partnership between the City of Gainesville's PRCA Department, Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and the State Attorney's Office. The partnership offers youth the opportunity to build positive relationships with law enforcement that carry over into the school year.
- ✓ Join us Friday, April 29 for a **Golf Scramble to support parks, recreation and cultural programs through the GAP Foundation**. There is a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The cost is \$80 per golfer or \$300 per foursome. The event is at Ironwood Golf Course, 2100 NE 39th Ave. Stop by the Pro Shop to register or call 352-393-8500 with any questions.

**Athletics and Aquatics contact: Jeff Moffitt – 352-393-8732**

- ✓ Due to construction delays, the **Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool will remain closed for the remainder of the winter season and part of the spring schedule**. Updates on the status of this repair/replacement project will be posted on [www.CityofGainesvilleParks.org](http://www.CityofGainesvilleParks.org) and [Facebook](#). For additional information, or for any questions or comments, please contact Recreation Manager Shannon Keleher at 352-393-8526 or [keleherse@cityofgainesville.org](mailto:keleherse@cityofgainesville.org).
- ✓ PRCA is pleased to offer two new sports for adult athletic leagues. **Adult Coed Basketball** features two divisions with 3-on-3 and 5-on-5 teams. The **Adult Coed Volleyball** has competitive and recreational leagues. Each sport is offered for those 18 years and older, with games starting in March. For fees, registration dates, required forms and more, please visit the [Adult Athletics Web page](#).
- ✓ Don't strike out - make a home run by **signing a team up for Adult Coed Softball!** Two coed leagues and a men's league are offered. Registration closes March 10 and the season begins March 14. For fees, registration dates, required forms and more information, please visit the [Adult Athletics Web page](#).
- ✓ **Baseball for All is a free, adaptive program** is offered through a partnership with the non-profit corporation Noah's Endeavor, Inc., for children with special physical and developmental needs. The program teaches children to be comfortable on the field, while they have fun and learn important

safety skills. For additional information, please contact Noah's Endeavor at 352-275-9639 or [info@noahsendeavor.org](mailto:info@noahsendeavor.org) or visit their website at [www.noahsendeavor.org](http://www.noahsendeavor.org). Baseball for All is offered at Westside Park, Ball Field #3 (1001 NW 34<sup>th</sup> St.) the following Sundays from 2–4 p.m.: Feb. 21, Feb. 28, March 6, March 20, April 3, April 10 and April 17.

**Environmental Education contact: Sally Wazny – 352-334-3326**

- ✓ **Environmental education programs resume at Morningside Nature Center!** The free, educational and fun-filled programs at Morningside Nature Center start in September and continue through May!
  - C'mon home to the Living History Farm and experience a time when the rooster's crow and the rising sun, not an alarm clock, welcomed a new day! During **Living History Days**, interpreters portray day-to-day life on an 1870 Florida farm. Living History Days take place the first Saturday of the month from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. The farm is open to the public from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday all year long. The remaining Living History Days dates are March 5, April 2 and May 7. Step back in time, enjoy nature, and experience Florida as it was!
  - Morningside Nature Center has a farm, ee—i—ee—i—oh! On this farm, youngsters (with an adult) can meet and greet farm animals by helping staff with afternoon feeding on the Living History Farm. This program is free, but the animals love donations of carrots, squash, apples, sweet potatoes, and melons (please give these items to a staff member and not directly to the animals). With a sheep here—and a cow there—learning about heritage breeds is fun! The **Barnyard Buddies Program** takes place Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at the Living History Farm.
  - At the **Frogs and Friends Friday** program, children (with an adult) can join a Morningside Nature Center animal caretaker for an exciting and educational program featuring live amphibians and reptiles. Join the fun, get the facts! This free program begins at 2 p.m. in the Education Building. The remaining Frogs and Friends Friday dates are March 4, April 1 and May 6.

Morningside Nature Center is located at 3540 E. University Ave., approximately three miles east of downtown Gainesville. For more information, please call 352-334-3326.

**Cultural Affairs contact: Russell Etling – 352-393-8532**

- ✓ **352Creates @ Lot 10 is Friday, Feb. 26 from 4-7 p.m.** This is **an interactive and fun event** that features a sing-a-long, hands-on art activities and a variety of experiences to celebrate the creative spirit in all of us. As part of the activities, a brief ceremony will dedicate the completion of the 2015 phase of the spectacular [352walls/Gainesville Urban Art Initiative](#) murals, many of which are on the sides of the buildings surrounding Lot 10, which is located on the corner of Southwest Second Avenue and Southwest Second Street. At 7 p.m., immediately following the dedication, there will be a Walls Walk. 352Creates is a community-wide “day of art-making” organized by the University of Florida Health Science Center and the Arts in Medicine Program. Visit [www.352Creates.com](http://www.352Creates.com) for more information, and join the [Facebook group](#) to learn more about 352Creates events all around town.
- ✓ PRCA, in cooperation with Shakerag Culture Center, Inc., is pleased to announce upcoming **Jewel Box Concerts at the Historic Thomas Center**.
  - **Atlantic City Boys: Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)**. Tickets are \$20 at the door (cash or check only, please) or can be purchased online, in advance, with a credit card for only \$18 at <http://bpt.me/2497396>. The Atlantic City Boys bring a blast from the past! Relive the experience of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. The Atlantic City Boys' show is a tribute to them and several of the other classic vocal groups. The show is presented with personality, charm and great

vocal talent. The Atlantic City Boys are four dynamic lead singers who have wowed audiences at Las Vegas, Walt Disney World and, of course, Atlantic City! Now they lend their world class vocals to the rock-n-roll harmonies of the '60s -singing the hits of The Drifters, The Beach Boys and, of course, Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons. The Atlantic City Boys encourage flash photography, wild screaming and rushing the stage during their performances. So get ready to clap and sing-along because here they come!

- **Notorious Folk in Concert – “Through Many a Land”**: **Thursday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.)**. Tickets are \$15 at the door, cash or checks only, please. Lauded as "sparkling" and "exhilarating," Notorious musicians Eden MacAdam-Somer and Larry Unger present a thrilling musical experience in genres that span many continents. With Eden on fiddle and vocals and Larry on guitar and banjo, their music lights up the hall with rhythm and sonority. Their performances are always new and exciting, featuring traditional American, Celtic, and Eastern-European tunes and songs, swing, blues, classical music and the group's original compositions. Notorious Folk in Concert is sponsored by PRCA and the Gainesville Old-time Dance Society.

The Historic Thomas Center is located at 302 NE Sixth Ave. in Gainesville. For additional information, please contact Russell Etling, cultural affairs manager, at 352-393-8532, or contact Joseph Saccocci, Shakerag Culture Center, Inc. vice president, at [jsaccocci@cox.net](mailto:jsaccocci@cox.net) or 352-373-5514.

- ✓ In February 1856, the ground now known as Evergreen Cemetery received its first burial from the newly-named community of Gainesville, Florida. To commemorate this historic date, the **Evergreen Cemetery Associates, Inc. along with PRCA, will host a ceremony dedicated to the history of “This Wondrous Place” Sunday, Feb. 21**. The event will focus on the Babyland Renewal Initiative, which strives to place simple memorials on the unmarked graves of infants. The commemorative event begins at 2 p.m., and will also include history talks on James T. Thomas, Evergreen's founder, and on Dr. Sarah Robb. There will walking tours lead by historian and association president Burton J. "Jimi" Brown, PhD. Music will be performed by Beverly Smith and John Grimm, with Chuck Levy adding to the experience, noting Evergreen Cemetery as an important cultural and community landmark. Evergreen Cemetery is located at 401 SE 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. For more information, please visit [www.ThisWondrousPlace.org](http://www.ThisWondrousPlace.org).
- ✓ A **Social Media Seminar Workshop** will be conducted by VisitGainesville and the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department. Two sessions (10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 2-4 p.m.) will be offered **Tuesday, Feb. 23 in the training room of the Old Library Building**, located at 222 E. University Ave. It will be led by Visit Gainesville's Director of PR and Marketing, Mary Reichardt. The seminar will be primarily for Tourist Product Development grant recipients, but is open to local businesses and organizations. To reserve a seat or for more information, please contact VisitGainesville at 352-374-5260.
- ✓ **Thomas Center Galleries: ANIMA UNVEILED *The Self*** by Emanuel Torres Pérez is in the Thomas Center's Main Gallery Friday, Jan. 15–Tuesday, March 15. This is a solo exhibit of introspective and conceptual self-portraiture by an award-winning, young Puerto Rican artist, which features contemporary works of multimedia drawings, paintings and prints. The event is free and open to the public. **The ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Visual Arts Program Showcase (K-12)** is in the Thomas Center's Mezzanine Gallery Saturday, Jan. 16 – Saturday, Feb. 20. **The ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Visual Arts Program Showcase (Secondary)** is in the Thomas Center's Mezzanine Gallery Saturday, Feb. 27 – Saturday, April 2.

**Nature Operations contact: Linda Demetropoulos – 352-393-8445**

- ✓ **Take the challenge to protect Gainesville's natural areas!** The Gainesville Greenway Challenge is a year-round effort whose aim is to restore natural habitat in Gainesville by

removing invasive non-native plant species that threaten an ecosystem's health. Join the challenge and help us to eradicate the region's most aggressive invasive plants in Gainesville's nature parks! Groups or individuals can sign up for the Gainesville Greenway Challenge by registering on its [website](#). For more information, contact [gnvgreenwaychallenge@gmail.com](mailto:gnvgreenwaychallenge@gmail.com) or call 352-393-8428.

## Economic Development & Innovation

**Economic Development & Innovation: contact Erik Bredfeldt – 352-393-8614**

- ✓ On Monday, Feb. 22, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **meet with staff from the Purchasing Division to distribute RFP submittals for parking lot no. 2 and associated redevelopment**. The Economic Development & Innovation Director and evaluation staff will meet with the Purchasing Division to review the evaluations for the parking lot no. 2 and associated redevelopment submittals on Wednesday, Feb. 24.
- ✓ On Monday, Feb. 22, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **meet with Strategic Planning staff to discuss performance measures and their link to the strategic planning and budget process**.
- ✓ On Thursday, Feb. 25, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend the monthly GACRAA meeting** at Gainesville Regional Airport.
- ✓ On Monday, Feb. 29, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend a meeting of city and county staff regarding economic development** and its relationship to the Blue Ribbon Committee's work on Economic Competitiveness. In addition, the EDI Director will **attend the first meeting of the Minority-Owned and Minority-Oriented Opportunities Committee**.
- ✓ On Wednesday, March 2, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will have a routine monthly **call with staff from the Florida Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research to discuss the status of the existing contract and work with local companies**.

## Gainesville Police Department

**Gainesville Police Department contact: Officer Ben Tobias – 352-393-7525**

- ✓ The [Gainesville Police Department Community Calendar](#) provides information on crime watch meetings and other community meetings, such as the Black-on-Black Task Force. Please view the calendar for meeting dates and locations.

*The next report will cover March 3-16, 2016. Items for submission to the report are due to the Communications Office no later than Thursday, February 25. For more information, please contact [Laura Rawson](#) at extension 8740.*