

Prepared for the City Commission, April 21-May 4, 2016

City Manager

- ✓ The **City Commission is expected to announce Gainesville's next City Manager at the April 21 meeting.** This Tuesday, five candidates were interviewed by the whole commission, and each candidate has one-on-one interviews with the members of the commission on Wednesday. Information about each candidate is available in the [agenda backup](#).
- ✓ The **swearing-in ceremony for Mayor-Elect Lauren Poe and Commissioner-Elect Adrian Hayes-Santos is Thursday, May 5 at 12 p.m.** at the Thelma Boltin Center. This event is open to the public.
- ✓ **Share your input by April 25 with the City Commission as they prepare to develop the FY2017 budget** at <http://bit.do/gnvSurvey>.
- ✓ TEAM and LifeQuest invite you to attend the annual **Employee Appreciation Rally. The rally is Thursday, April 28 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the MLK Recreation Center.** The annual event includes free lunch and activities such as bucket truck rides, volleyball, horseshoes, a GPD K-9 unit demonstration and a "What's Your Passion?" display to showcase employees' hobbies and interests. It also features a 50/50 raffle and bake sale benefiting the March of Dimes, United Way and GRU's Project SHARE. RTS will provide complimentary transportation to and from the rally from the following GG locations:

Location	Pickup times
City Hall NE Third Street (near Health Services)	10:40 a.m. and 12 p.m.
Thomas Center NE Seventh Avenue (NW corner of lot)	10:50 a.m. and 12:10 p.m.
Public Works (pickup in front)	10:45 and 11:30 a.m.
Deerhaven (pickup at the flagpole)	10:30 a.m.
GRU - SE 3rd St. (pickup at west side entrance)	10:30 and 11:50 a.m.
EOC (pickup at Bldg. 2 parking lot)	10:30 and 11:30 a.m.
Returning busses will depart from the MLK Center at 1PM and 2PM.	

- To participate in the "What's Your Passion?" exhibit, contact Claire Bulatewicz at ext. 6847.

Capital Projects

- ✓ **Fire Station 1:** Station 1 is in the site preparation and 30 percent design phase. It is expected to go before the City Commission at the May 19 meeting.

- ✓ **Northwest Eighth Avenue:** Section A (between Northwest 40th Drive and Northwest 34th Street) and Section C (between Northwest 23rd Street and Northwest Sixth Street) are substantially complete. Construction of Section B (between Northwest 34th Street and Northwest 23rd Street) started in February. Accumulated sediment within Hogtown Creek north and south of Eighth Avenue has been removed, and flow has been restored. Rehabilitation of the Possum Creek culverts will occur over the coming weeks. Full road closure of Northwest Eighth Avenue will occur the weekends of April 22, April 30 and May 7 to allow the installation of cross culverts that will better distribute stormwater flow between the environmental areas north and south of Eighth Avenue. Until project completion later this summer, lane closures and slower traffic may be expected in this segment. For more information, please visit the [project website](#) or contact Stefan Broadus, project manager, at 352-393-8406.
- ✓ **West Sixth Street Trail Landscaping – Phase 2:** This project proposes to extend the recently completed landscaping along the Sixth Street Rail-Trail between Northwest Fourth Street and Northwest 16th Avenue. The limits for this phase of the project are between University Avenue and Northwest Seventh Avenue. Construction is expected to start in late April. For more information, please contact Stefan Broadus, project manager, at 352-393-8406.
- ✓ **Depot Avenue Segment 2:** The contractor, O’Steen Brothers Inc., is working on the final phase of the project from Southwest Third Street to west of the South Main Street roundabout. The entire Depot Avenue corridor will open by the end of June 2016. The contractor’s contact person for this project is Don Shackelford, and he can be reached at 352-459-1031. For more information, please contact Betsy Waite, project manager, at waiteed@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8405.
- ✓ **Depot Park Pump Station:** This project is approximately 25 percent complete. The proposed Depot Park pump station is located on at the east side of the southern culvert crossing of Sweetwater Branch under Southeast Seventh Avenue. The project is expected to be complete by the end of June 2016. For more information, please contact Andrew Roberts, project manager, at robertsas@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8408.

Communications Office

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

- ✓ **Gainesville 101: the 2016 Citizens’ Academy** concluded April 20. Graduates will be recognized in front of the City Commission during the evening portion of the Thursday, April 21 City Commission meeting. For more information on this program, or to register for the 2017 session, please visit <http://academy.cityofgainesville.org>.
- ✓ Broadcast staff **released the following, newly produced videos:**
 - [City Snapshot – Depot Park Construction Update](#): Construction at Gainesville's Depot Park is almost complete; here’s a sneak peek of what’s to come! The park is scheduled to open this summer.

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.

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

- ✓ **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.
- ✓ Save the date! GFR is participating in the next **Fun 4 Gator Kids Touch-a-Truck Saturday, May 21 starting at 9 a.m.** at the Northeast Complex by Citizens' Field. Admission is free. More information can be found at www.gatortouchatruck.com.
- ✓ GFR is **accepting applications for the Junior Fire Academy and the ABCs of Safety Summer Camp.** Please visit the [events tab on GFR's website](#) for more information.

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.

Public Works

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

- ✓ 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, April 21 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/>.

- ✓ Currently, the **2016 Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board (BPAB) meetings** are on the following Thursdays: April 21, 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. The BPAB advises the city and county commissions, as well as the MTPO on all bicycle and pedestrian matters in Alachua County. BPAB has current vacancies for the MTPO and the Alachua County Commission. For more information, please contact 352-334-5070 or visit www.cityofgainesville.org/bikped.

- ✓ The **Bicycle/Pedestrian Program** is coordinating/participating in the following:
 - Saturday, April 23: On-bicycle safety training course at Shand's Annual Bike Rodeo (O'Connell Center parking lot) from 9 a.m.–12 p.m. 250 Gale Lemerand Dr. Gainesville, FL. 32611. For information about the rodeo, call 352-265-0373 or email Jessica Barton at bartjs@shands.ufl.edu.
 - Wednesday, April 27: Tricycle safety at Terwilliger Elementary School.
 - Thursday, April 28: Booth at the City of Gainesville Employee Rally for the participants and family guests.
 - Saturday, April 30: Participates in the GFR's Third Fire Safety Expo (next to Citizen's Field), starting at 10 a.m. For more information on the Fire Safety Expo, call 352-393-8461 or email Krista Ott at ottkk@cityofgainesville.org.

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, or visit www.cityofgainesville.org/bikeped.

- ✓ **RTS will reduce bus service May 2–8** during the collegiate break. Some routes will not be running and others will run on a reduced frequency.
 - There will be no service on routes 38, 46 and UF campus routes.
 - Reduced frequency will occur on routes 9, 10, 12, 13, 20, 23, 34, 35 and 43. Route running times are marked with an "R" in the printed and online versions of the RTS schedule.
 - Routes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 15, 16, 17, 24, 25, 26, 43, 75 and 711 will run as normal.
 - Paratransit will run as normal.

Normal summer service will resume Monday, May 9.

- ✓ **Summer bus service is scheduled to begin Monday, May 2 with reduced service.** Changes to the summer schedule include.
 - Routes on vacation (No service May 2–Aug. 14): 19, 27, 28, 29, 36, 37, 39, 40, 62, 76, 77, 118, 121, 126, 129, Later Gator D and Later Gator F
 - Later Gator Routes will be suspended until Wednesday, June 29
 - Decreased frequency: Routes 20, 23, 34, 38, 46, 117, 125 and 127
 - On weekdays only: Routes 5, 9, 12, 13, 35 and 126
 - On weekends only: Route 1
 - Decreased hours of operation: Routes 17, 34, 38, 43, 46, 117, 119, 120 and 127
 - On weekdays: Routes 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 20, 35 and 126
 - On Saturdays: Routes 5, 12 and 20
 - Decreased hours of operation: Routes 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 11, 23, 26, 122, 125, 711, Later Gator A, B and C
 - On weekdays only: Routes 10 and 13
 - On weekends: Routes 8, 12 (Sun.), 15 (Sat.), 16, 25 and 75

- Running time adjustments: Routes 2, 6, 7, 11, 17, 26, 43, 75, 119, 120, 122, 711, Later Gator B and Later Gator C
- No changes: Routes 3, 15, 24, 25, 35 and 128

Visit the RTS website at www.go-rts.com or call 352-334-2600 for general schedule information.

- ✓ The **Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO)** is comprised of city and county commissioners sitting as a regional transportation authority for the highly populated portions of Alachua County. The MTPO meets periodically to advise the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on federally-funded transportation projects, plans, priorities, spending, etc. The next meeting is Monday, May 2 at 3 p.m. in the Jack Durrance Auditorium, which is located on the second floor of the Alachua County Administration Building at 12 SE First St. For more information, visit <http://www.ncfrpc.org/mtpo>.
- ✓ **International Bike To School Day** is Wednesday, May 4. Celebrate the first week of National Bike Month in May with the International Bike to School Day, an encouragement to have local students bike to school! Invite BPAP to your local school, afterschool program or community group to teach visibility and other safety pointers to keep you alive along our roadways. Call 352-334-5070 or visit www.cityofgainesville.org/bikped for more info.
- ✓ **To improve safety, RTS is installing solar powered lights and poles at 24 bus stops.** The new lights will allow people at bus stops to press a button to activate lighting. The lighting will make people more visible, allow for easier reading of posted schedule information and create a safer area for people to wait. The top of the bus stop will be lit between dusk and dawn making the stop easier to identify by bus operators. Installation begins the week of April 25, and is expected to be complete by May 9.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

Recreation Education contact: Ben Dillard – 352-393-8192

- ✓ **Summer vacation camp registration is now open. PRCA is happy to offer several summer camp options for elementary and middle school students.** For children in 1st–5th grade, three exciting sessions are available. Each session is action-packed, filled with exciting experiences and focuses on The Six Pillars of Character® program: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. Free swimming lessons are included in all sessions. Students in 6th–8th grade, three middle school camp sessions will focus on arts, music, video, photography, computers, personal finance, life skills and mentoring. For information on fees, times and scholarships, please visit PRCA's [camps webpage](#).
- ✓ **Romeo and Juliet Pop-Up Teen Theater Summer Camp** is July 25-Aug. 5 for kids age nine-19. We The People Theater brings Shakespeare's tale of love and passion to life at this free camp. Applicants will be interviewed and selected for enthusiasm and ability to fully participate throughout the camp program. The camp is limited to 25 participants. The camp is in partnership with We The People Theater and the University of Florida Arts in Medicine programs. To register, or for more information, please visit www.WeThePeopleTheater.org or call 352-363-1294.

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

- ✓ **The 2016 biathlon race series starts April 23.** It's time to be challenged! Come participate in six races alternating between [H. Spurgeon Cherry \(Westside\) Pool](#) and [Dwight H. Hunter \(Northeast\) Pool](#). Each race consists of a 5K run and an 800-meter swim. Don't wait–sprint to enter! Save **money**

on the registration fees by signing up at **least two days** before the race. To find out more, please visit PRCA's [biathlon webpage](#).

- ✓ On your mark, get set, go! Make a splash at one of the city's pools this summer learning or practicing your swimming skills! There are **convenient group and private lessons that are available beginning May through September**. The first three-week session starts May 9 at the Dwight H. Hunter (Northeast) Pool. For a full schedule, please visit the [swimming lessons webpage](#).
- ✓ The **next pool to open for the warmer weather is Westside Pool**, located at 1001 NW 31st Dr. **Friday, April 29!** Complete spring pool hours are posted on the [pools webpage](#).
- ✓ The purpose of the **Junior Lifeguard Summer Camp** is to increase self-confidence and promote safe behavior in the aquatic environment. Throughout the course, campers will learn a wide range of skills including first-aid, CPR and rescue techniques. The program, which is developed by the American Red Cross, will encourage campers to take on leadership roles, as well as challenge them mentally and physically. Besides learning the primary responsibilities of a lifeguard, this course is action packed with fun activities, games and free swimming! The cost is \$82.75 for city residents and \$124.25 for non-city residents. [Registration](#) is open now!
- ✓ **The next session of American Red Cross lifeguarding and safety classes start April 21.** Do you want to qualify for a great summer job? Get certified as a professional American Red Cross lifeguard! For those 15 years and older, the course is \$175 and includes books and materials. Lifeguarding re-certification and adult/pediatrics first aid/CPR/AED classes are offered as well. Please visit PRCA's [lifeguarding and safety classes webpage](#) for more information.

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

- ✓ The **Spring Native Plant sale is April 22 and 23**. Take advantage of the largest offering of native plants in north Florida during the 2016 Spring Native Plant sale Saturday, April 23 at Morningside Nature Center. Paint your yard with low maintenance, native plants! An exclusive member's sale is Friday, April 22 from 4:30-6:30 pm, and is open to members of the [Friends of Nature Parks \(FNP\)](#) and the [Florida Native Plant Society \(FNPS\)](#) only. Memberships are available at the gate. Cash, checks and debit/credit cards are accepted. The sale is hosted cooperatively by the City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department, the [Friends of Nature Parks \(FNP\)](#) and Paynes Prairie chapter of the [Florida Native Plant Society \(FNPS\)](#).
- ✓ **Earth Academy Day Camp registration opened April 18.** [Earth Academy Day Camp](#) awakens your child's innate curiosity, while encouraging an environmental ethic and service appreciation. This nature-based day camp is held at Morningside Nature Center's 416-acre nature sanctuary, and uses hands-on fun to focus attention on natural and cultural history. Instructors are career educators and science professionals experienced in working with children. In addition to a variety of theme-based, multidisciplinary projects, campers have fun with character development activities demonstrating trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Camp tends to fill quickly and space is limited so be sure to register early! Camp is open to first-sixth graders. Camp hours are 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. with early drop-off and late pickup available. The cost is \$121.50 per week for city residents and \$182.50 for non-city residents. More information is available on the [Earth Academy Day Camp](#) page.
- ✓ **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 date is 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 date is 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

- ✓ PRCA, in cooperation with Shakerag Culture Center, Inc., is pleased to announce upcoming **Jewel Box Concerts at the Historic Thomas Center.**

- **Darrell Webb Band: Friday, April 29 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://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2503981>. The Darrell Webb Band brings energy and excitement to the concert stage reaching beyond traditional boundaries. Their brand of entertainment has earned them multiple International Bluegrass Music Association award nominations.

- **Caravan of Thieves: Sunday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 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/2503996>. Driving gypsy jazz rhythms, acoustic guitars, upright bass and violin lay the foundation for mesmerizing vocal harmonies and fantastic stories. It's theatrical and humorous. It's musical and intense. It entertains, dazzles and defies classification, while welcoming the spectator to join the band throughout the performance in momentary fits of claps, snaps and sing-alongs. If Django Reinhardt, the cast of Stomp and The Beatles had a party at Tim Burton's house, Caravan of Thieves would be the band they hired.

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 or 352-373-5514.

- ✓ The **“Free Fridays” Concert Series kicks off Friday, May 6.** Downtown Gainesville comes alive every Friday night (from May 6 to Oct. 21) from 8–10 p.m. as local and regional bands are showcased under the stars. Each year, thousands come out to enjoy the free, live concerts and shows in a family-friendly environment. This year, “Free Fridays” is returning to its home at the newly renovated Bo Diddley Plaza, which is located at 111 E. University Ave. For more information, please call 352-393-8746, or view the [2016 schedule online](#). Upcoming “Free Fridays” concerts include:
 - **May 6: Tapestry Rewoven A Carole King Tribute**
- ✓ **Artist applications are now available for the 35th Annual Downtown Festival & Art Show.** With its blend of art, food and music, the Downtown Festival & Art Show has consistently been recognized as one of the top 200 shows in the nation since 1996. The Downtown Festival & Art Show is currently ranked No. 14 on Sunshine Artist magazine’s “200 Best” list of top fine arts festivals in the

nation. On Saturday, Nov. 5 and Sunday Nov. 6, 2016, more than 240 artists will display original oils and acrylics, vibrant watercolors, captivating sculptures, dazzling jewelry, decorative ceramics and vivid photography in historic downtown Gainesville. They will compete for \$22,000 in cash prizes and purchase awards. The festival attracts more than 100,000 visitors, who travel the historic streets of Gainesville to purchase one-of-a-kind art work. Visitors can savor local and international cuisine, enjoy live music from four stages, and explore the Community Information Area, featuring 50 nonprofit organizations showcasing their services. Children can enjoy free, hands-on art activities at the Children's Imagination Station. Artist applications for the Downtown Festival & Art Show are available upon request at 352-393-8536 or online at www.gainesvilledowntownartfest.org. The **application deadline is Thursday, May 5, 2016.**

- ✓ **Thomas Center Galleries:** *A STROKE OF BRILLIANCE* is in the Thomas Center's Main Gallery Thursday, March 24-Saturday, May 14. A curatorial treasure hunt yields exquisite gems of painting, poetry and literature from the work and collections of artists and authors. **The ALACHUA COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Visual Arts Program Showcase (Elementary)** is in the Thomas Center's Mezzanine Gallery Saturday, April 9 – Saturday, May 7.

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

- ✓ The **Gainesville Greenway Challenge volunteer workdays take place the first Saturday of every month from 9-11:30 a.m.** The next volunteer work day is May 7. Participants will work in local nature parks, removing non-native invasive plants to restore native habitat for the plants and animals that live there, and for people to enjoy. Groups can also arrange for special dates. Volunteers will work outdoors, and should bring sunscreen, insect repellent, protective gloves and closed-toe footwear appropriate for wet conditions. Pre-registration is required; you may fill out the form [here](#). Groups or individuals can sign up for the Gainesville Greenway Challenge by registering on its [website](#). For more information, email gnvgreenwaychallenge@gmail.com or call 352-393-8428.

Ironwood Golf Course contact – Jeff Cardozo – 352-393-8500

- ✓ **Swing into summer with Youth Golf Camp at Ironwood Golf Course.** Registration opens Sunday, May 1. This coed camp is for kids age six–17 years old (children who are six-years-old are required to take a free golf skills evaluation by appointment). There are limited spots per session. Kids will have a fun-filled day learning about the golf! The cost is \$135 per person; golf equipment is provided by Ironwood. For more information, please visit www.ironwoodgolfcourse.org.

Gainesville Arts & Parks Foundation contact – Michelle Park – 352-393-8364

- ✓ **The 2016 Golf Scramble to benefit the Gainesville Arts & Parks Foundation is Friday, May 13** starting at 1 p.m. with a shotgun start. Registration ends Friday, May 6. For more information, including registration forms, sponsorship packets, player forms and more, visit www.gapgainesville.org.

Economic Development & Innovation

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

- ✓ On Tuesday, April 26, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend a First-Step meeting, and a meeting of the Innovation Square group.**
- ✓ On Wednesday, April 27, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend a meeting** with the city manager and budget staff **regarding proposed FY17 budget year increments.**

- ✓ On Thursday, April 28, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend the monthly GACRAA meeting.**
- ✓ On Tuesday, May 3, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend a meeting to hear oral presentations for the Armory Reserve Building RFP.**

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 **Police Advisory Council is meeting Thursday, April 28 from 6–7 p.m.** The meeting location varies. Check the event calendar at www.gainesvillepd.org for details. The Police Advisory Committee meets every month to discuss current issues involving the police department and national issues. It is a committee that is comprised of leaders in the community who volunteer their time to this committee. The committee welcomes everyone to come to the meeting and discuss issues in their neighborhood with them and Chief Tony Jones.
- ✓ The **Black-on-Black Crime Task Force is meeting at the GPD Headquarters Wednesday, May 4 from 5:30–7 p.m.**

The next report will cover May 5-18, 2016. Items for submission to the report are due to the Communications Office no later than Thursday, April 28. For more information, please contact [Laura Rawson](#) at extension 8740.