

Prepared for the City Commission, July 16-August 5, 2015

City Manager

- ✓ The City Commission continues its **series of workshops for the upcoming FY16 budget** in the City Hall auditorium during the month of July currently scheduled on the following dates:
 July 21 at 10 a.m. (adopt preliminary fire assessment rate, set tentative millage)
 July 22 at 5 p.m. – CANCELLED
 July 27 at 5 p.m. (set tentative budgets)
- ✓ **311GNV, a mobile and web tool that allows citizens to report non-emergency neighborhood issues**, will be available to the public beginning Tuesday, July 21. Users can download the iPhone or Android app or use the city's website to submit service requests for issues such as graffiti, potholes, overgrown lots, or damaged or missing street signs. Beginning July 21, visit <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/openGNV/311GNV.aspx> to submit a request or download the mobile app.
- ✓ 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. Thursday, July 23, 2015. The following boards/committees currently have openings:

City Residency Required

- Board of Trustees of the Consolidated Police Officers' and Firefighters' Retirement Plan (1)
- Board of Adjustment (2)
- City Plan Board (1)
- Gainesville Enterprise Zone (3)
- Gainesville Human Rights Board (1)
- SHIP Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (10)

City Residency Not Required

- Citizens' Advisory Committee for Community Development (4)
- City Beautification Board (5)
- Gainesville/Alachua County Cultural Affairs Board (1)
- Gainesville/Alachua County Regional Airport Authority (1)
- Gainesville Energy Advisory Committee (2)
- Gainesville Housing Authority (1)
- Nature Centers Commission (1)
- Pension Review Committee (1)

- ✓ The **Alachua County Food Services Program is providing free meals to any child between 0-18 years of age**. Participating sites are providing free, nutritious breakfast and lunch while school is not in session. For a list of locations and to register, please visit <http://www.summerfoodflorida.org/>.
- ✓ **Follow @GRUStormCentral on Twitter for outage information during severe weather.**

Capital Projects

- ✓ **Cofrin Nature Park Repairs:** Cofrin Nature Park, which is located at 4810 NW Eighth Ave., remains closed for major structural repairs to stabilize the shoreline of Beville Creek, a stream that bisects the park. It is anticipated that the park will reopen in August 2015. Historic attempts by previous land owners to stabilize the shoreline from severe erosion included installation of wooden retaining walls. Over time, these walls have crumbled, and the walls and shoreline are now crumbling and falling into the creek. Park structures that are situated close to the creek are in jeopardy, and the loose dirt poses safety risks for park patrons standing too close to the shoreline.

Additionally, the water quality of the creek is compromised downstream due to the addition of silt to the water stemming from the crumbling shoreline. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department has hired a contractor to begin shoreline stabilization efforts. For public safety reasons, the entire park must be shut down while the contractor is working. Please contact Linda Demetroupolos at 352-393-8445 for more information.

- ✓ **Kiwanis Challenge Park Restroom Restoration:** The restrooms at Kiwanis Challenge Park, located at 2101 NW 39th Ave., are undergoing a restoration project. The contractor, Anglin Construction, anticipates the restoration will start in mid-July. Portable restrooms will be placed on site, as the existing ones will be closed due to construction. The park will remain open and accessible for those wanting to use it. For more information, please contact Park Operations Manager John Weber at 352-393-8186.
- ✓ **Gainesville Fire Rescue Station No. 1:** Gainesville Fire Rescue is currently reviewing three possible designs for Fire Station no. 1. Selection of a preliminary design for presentation to the City Commission is slated for August. The construction management firm has agreed to the final contract terms and will begin developing cost estimates after the preliminary design is approved. Demolition and recycling of the existing buildings on the site is planned for late this year. Construction is slated to begin in spring of 2016.
- ✓ **Depot Avenue Reconstruction Project:** The Depot Avenue roadway between Southwest Sixth and Southwest 11th Street remains closed to vehicle traffic; however, the multi-use trail on the south side of the roadway is open for use by pedestrians and bicyclists. Complications from utility conflicts may delay the opening of the roadway originally scheduled for August 24, 2015; however city staff and contractor personnel are working to achieve the opening date. Please note that RTS bus stops located at Southwest Eighth Avenue and Southwest Ninth Street are open, while the stop at Depot Avenue and Southwest Ninth Street is closed. For more information, please visit the [project website](#).
- ✓ **Old Airport Landfill Remediation:** Remediation of the old airport landfill began in April, and it is anticipated that construction will be complete in September 2015. Restoration activities include regrading slopes, removing trash from the wetlands and Little Hatchet Creek, and capping the landfill with two feet of clean soil cover. Regrading waste in the landfill is nearly complete, and the contractor, EnviroTek, is currently working on the protective cover. The project will improve the water quality in Little Hatchet Creek and enhance adjacent wetlands. For more information, please visit the [project website](#) or contact Betsy Waite, project manager, at waiteed@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8405.
- ✓ **Southwest 62nd Street/Boulevard:** The Project Development & Environmental Study (PD&E) is expected to begin in early July. The limits of the study are between SW 42nd St (just north of Archer Rd) and Newberry Rd. A draft PD&E report expected in early 2016. For more information, please contact Stefan Broadus, project manager, at broadusm@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8406.
- ✓ **Northwest Eighth Avenue Reconstruction Project:** Partial, 90 percent construction plans have been submitted to the City of Gainesville for this project. The request for qualifications for construction management services for the project was presented to the City Commission June 4. The Hogtown Creek crossing analysis is underway, and the results are expected in August. Construction is expected in late 2015. For more information, please contact Stefan Broadus, project manager, at broadusm@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8406.
- ✓ **Neighborhood Streetlight Improvement:** This project focuses on the improvement of street light conditions, using LED fixtures, along select corridors in target neighborhoods around the UF campus and the Duval area. Staff (PW, GRU, CRA) site visits of selected corridors are in progress. For more information, please contact Stefan Broadus, project manager, at broadusm@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8406.

- ✓ **Southwest Second Street Connection:** Approximately 250 feet of Southwest Second Street between Depot and Southwest Sixth Avenues is unpaved, resulting in two dead end streets. This project proposes to connect the streets with a shared-use path. For more information, please contact Stefan Broadus, project manager, at broadusm@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8406.
- ✓ **Southeast Fourth Street Reconstruction:** The design of the reconstruction of Southeast Fourth Street from Depot Avenue to Williston Road includes 11-foot wide lanes, sidewalks (as wide as feasible) and cycle tracks (separated bike lanes). Major culvert replacement at Sweetwater Branch is also included. Offsite ponds will be constructed for stormwater treatment, prior to discharging to the Sweetwater Branch. The design for the 60 percent plans is progressing, and anticipated for completion of these plans in early August. For more information, please contact Andy Roberts, project manager, at robertsas@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8408.
- ✓ **Tumblin Creek Wetland and Trash Trap:** This project includes the removal of a portion of a spoil berm to rehydrate wetlands, as well as a sediment and trash trap. This system is proposed to be permitted for redevelopment credits. The design for the 100 percent, final plans is progressing and anticipated for completion in early August. Construction is anticipated to begin at the end of 2015 as some utility work, scheduled for October 2015, needs to be completed before construction can begin. For more information, please contact Andy Roberts, project manager, at robertsas@cityofgainesville.org or 352-393-8408.

Communications Office

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

- ✓ Broadcast staff released a new *City Snapshot* on the Sweetwater Wetlands Park ribbon-cutting that the City of Gainesville held. State and local dignitaries gathered at the northern tip of Paynes Prairie Preserve to revel in the breath-taking vistas offered throughout the new park and pay tribute to the innovative wetlands filtration solution that enhances the water quality flowing into prairie's sensitive basin.
- ✓ Staff are encouraged to participate in the **Seventh Annual Gainesville Photography Contest, which runs from July 15-Sept. 7, 2015.** Finalists' work will be on display at a photo exhibition in early 2016, and the grand prize winner will be unveiled at the State of the City Address and featured in the *2015 Citizen's Report*. Complete contest rules are available online at <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/CommunicationsOffice/CommunicationsOffice/PhotoContest.aspx>.

Gainesville Fire Rescue

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

- ✓ The City of Gainesville is **accepting applications for firefighter positions.** Interested candidates should view the [recruitment flyer](#) and [National Testing Network \(NTN\)](#), website which is used to facilitate the application process. Information on how to become a [firefighter](#) can also be found on the GFR website at www.gfr.org.
- ✓ The **Gainesville Fire Rescue Strategic Plan and Standards of Cover** may be viewed on the GFR page of the city's website at www.gfr.org.
- ✓ **GFR's second comprehensive Citizens' Survey** has been published to the GFR website and shows the comparison between the 2011 and 2014 results for GFR's services.

- ✓ The **open data portal now has information on fire safety inspections and community outreach.** Please visit <https://stat.cityofgainesville.org/public-safety#operational> to view the information. Additional topics will be added by Administrative Services staff in the coming months.

GFR Risk Reduction Bureau contact: Asst. Chief JoAnne Rice – 352-393-8377

- ✓ GFR is accepting applications for its **new summer camp that is available to incoming kindergartners.** The **ABCs of Safety camp** is offered **Aug. 17-20** from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Kiwanis Safety City. Please contact GFR at 393-8461 or GPD at 393-7753 for more information.
- ✓ **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. For information on **Safe Assembly Training classes**, please call 334-5065.

GFR Support Services Bureau contact: Asst. Chief Rusty Barrett – 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 **Bicycle/Pedestrian Program** is **coordinating/participating in the following:**
 - Saturday, July 18 at 1 p.m.: Mad About Science Family Fun Day at Matheson Museum (513 E. University Ave.)
 - Wednesday, July 22 at 2 p.m.: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization – Technical Advisory Committee staff meeting at GRU Administration Building, general purpose meeting room (301 SE Fourth Ave.)
 - Thursday, July 23 at 7 p.m.: Alachua County-Wide Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Board - BPAB Regular meeting at Alachua County Administration Building, second floor, Grace Knight Conference Room (12 SE First St.)
 - Wednesday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m.: Bike Safety Presentation for Midway Learning Center at GFR's Safety City (1025 NE 13th St.)
 - Monday, August 3 at 3 p.m.: Metropolitan Transportation Planning Organization (MTPO) meeting at Alachua County Administration Building, second floor, Jack Durrance Auditorium (12 SE First St.)

Please contact us for participation at summer camps, conferences and other programs. We 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.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs

- ✓ **July is Parks, Recreation & Culture Month!** Every July, the Parks Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department encourages the community to enjoy parks, recreation and culture every day in many ways! There is fun for all in more than 85 park, recreation and cultural facilities located around Gainesville. Residents can stroll along miles of beautiful hiking trails under the shade of ancient oak trees or run on a competition-quality, 440-meter track at Cone Park. Teens will be on-the-go with Summer Heatwave teen programs (coed basketball, Teen Lounges and pool parties)! Register for summer camps, Pop Warner Cheerleading and Football and tennis! Splash and play in one of three municipal pools that offer monthly Biathlon Challenges, Junior Lifeguarding Camp, Aquabilities for children with special needs, birthday party packages, swimming lessons for all ages and other family-friendly activities. Have a ball at Ironwood Golf Course, an 18-hole, par-72 championship course. Experience the historic architecture and exquisite art galleries at the Historic Thomas Center or enjoy a Jewel Box Concert in the Spanish Court. Residents are encouraged to post photos of ways they appreciate Gainesville's parks, programs and culture around Gainesville with #HeartMyPRCA.

Park Operations contact: John Weber – 352-393-8186

- ✓ **Parks Operation crews began performing routing maintenance in nature parks this past month.** The parks include Boulware Springs Park, Bivens Nature Park, Cofrin Nature Park, Hoggetowne Creek Headwaters Nature Park, Ring Park and Morningside Nature Center. The maintenance activities include landscape maintenance, restroom inspections and trash collection. This work is a result of reorganizing the Parks Operations crews to better suit the needs of the department. This work is made possible by the transfer of medians and non-park properties to other departments and reallocating staff to work on park properties.

Recreation contact: Ben Dilliard – 352-393-8192

- ✓ **Sign up for [Summer Camp](#):** With five great options, planning for a fun-filled summer is easy!
 - [Earth Academy Day Camp](#) (grades 1–6): Nature and science-based camp offered at Morningside Nature Center
 - [Golf Camp at Ironwood](#) (ages 6–17): Children learn golfing skills
 - [Summer Vacation Camps](#) (grades 1–5): Great fun, field trips, sports and more
 - [Middle-School Summer Camp](#) (grades 6–8): Focus on art, music, video and photography, computers, personal finance, life skills and mentoring
 - [Junior Lifeguard Camp](#) (ages 11–15): All campers will learn the primary responsibilities of a lifeguard and complete a American Red Cross First Aid/AED/First Aid certification

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

- ✓ **Save some green with the Sizzling Summer punch card** when you hit the links this summer! Purchase a Sizzling Summer punch card at Ironwood Golf Course for \$10 and you get the chance to play nine, 18-hole rounds of golf (with a cart) for \$25 plus tax, and you'll receive your 10th round free! Tee times are available at this price all day Monday–Thursday and after 11 a.m. Friday–Sunday. Book your tee time now at www.ironwoodgolfcourse.org.

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

- ✓ **Swim lessons are offered for children ages 6 months to adults.** The focus is on fun, safety and basic swimming skills. Swim lessons are available **at the Northeast, Westside and Mickle Pools**. Class times depend on which level the child is in. For more information, and a full schedule, please visit the [Swimming Lessons Web page](#). The fee is \$44.50 for city residents and \$67.75 for non-city residents. **Registration is now available.**

- ✓ **Summer Heatwave is heating up** - the [Summer Heatwave Program](#) began June 15, and offers a free basketball league to teens. Participating age groups are 11–12, 13-15 and 16-18. Games will be played during the week at the Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) Multipurpose Center between 4-9 p.m., Monday through Thursday. MLK will also host a teen lounge from 6-9 p.m. on weeknights. Friday nights features many special events, such as movie nights, video game tournaments, fitness/weightlifting classes, swimming and more! Life skills will also be taught at each game by the coaches and special classes from guest speakers. The Summer Heatwave Program also has three free pool parties, part of “Operation Respect Yourself” pool parties. Although the pool parties are aimed toward teens, the pool is open and free to all who attend during the event. Food and drinks will be provided by GPD, along with music, games and fun activities. The dates and times for each pool party are as follows:
 - Saturday, July 18 from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Northeast Pool
 - Friday, Aug. 14 from 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m. at Westside Pool

- ✓ The [annual biathlon series](#), which consists of six races that alternate between Northeast and Westside Pools, began in April. The biathlon consists of a 5k run and an 800-meter swim. Early registration fees (register more than two days before each race) are \$17.25 per race for city residents and \$23 for non-city residents for each race, or \$23 for city residents and \$34.50 for non-city residents for regular or on-site registration. On-site registration and check-in begins at 7 a.m. and the race begins at 8 a.m. If you participate in four or more biathlons (before the final race), you will receive a free t-shirt and a free entry to the last race on Sept. 12. **The series continues Saturday, July 18 at Westside Pool.** For more information, or to register, please contact the PRCA Department at 334-5067.

- ✓ **Pop Warner Football and Cheerleading registration is open and spots are filling up fast!** There are no tryouts and everyone participates. Youth compete and practice with others of similar age and size. These programs are open to boys and girls age five through 15, and divisions are determined by age and weight. The regular season is August-October, and practices will be held at the MLK Multipurpose Center at 1028 NE 14th St. For more information, please visit the [youth athletics Web page](#).

- ✓ **[Aquabilities](#) is a program** 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 in the water, and to improve their swimming, motor and water safety skills. The program is at the H. Spurgeon Cherry (Westside) Pool, which is located at 1001 NW 31st Dr. Two possible class times are 9-9:45 a.m. or 10-10:45 a.m. Session 2 will be held July 20-30. Each two-week session is held Monday-Thursday. The cost is \$23 for city and non-city residents. **Please note:** any participant improperly placed into this program will be refunded and moved out of the class. For more information, please call 352-334-2187.

- ✓ **Operating hours for municipal pools are as follows:**

<u>Northeast Pool</u> M-F: 6-9 a.m., Lap Swim M-F: 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Open/Lap Swim SA: 10:30 a.m.-7 p.m., Open/Lap Swim SU: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Open/Lap Swim	<u>Westside Pool</u> M-F: 6-8 a.m., Open/Lap Swim M-F: 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Open/Lap Swim SA: 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Open/Lap Swim SU: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Open/Lap Swim
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<u>Mickle Pool</u>	
M-W: 12-5 p.m., Open/Lap Swim	
TH-F: 12-7 p.m., Open/Lap Swim (free after 5 p.m.)	
SA: 12-5 p.m., Open/Lap Swim	
SU: 1-5 p.m. Open/Lap Swim (in June and July)	

- ✓ **Aqua-Fit water aerobics** is a low/medium-intensity class offers more aerobic cardio and core training which also focuses on flexibility and total body toning. Aqua-Fit **classes are held at the Dwight H. Hunter "Northeast" Pool (1100 NE 14th St.)**. All instructors are certified. **For the month of July classes will be held from 11 a.m.-12 p.m.**

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

- ✓ The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs Department (PRCA) is pleased to announce that **seasonal passes to the Sweetwater Wetlands Park are now available**. The seasonal pass costs \$25, and is valid from May through September 2015. The pass can be affixed to a car windshield, and may be transferred to another vehicle. Bicyclists or pedestrians that purchase a seasonal pass will need to carry it on them for admission. Passes are available for purchase in person at the PRCA Administrative Office, Thomas Center, Building B, 3rd Floor, 306 NE Sixth Ave., Monday-Thursday, 7 a.m.-6 pm. Sweetwater Wetlands Park, also known as the Paynes Prairie Sheetflow Restoration, is now open to the public on holidays, Saturday and Sundays from 7 a.m. to sunset. The entry fee (without the season pass) is \$5 per vehicle or \$2 for pedestrians and bicyclists. The park is located at 325 SW Williston Road. For directions, a map can be viewed at <https://goo.gl/maps/bK9YN>.
- ✓ Be a part of helping to keep our natural areas well-maintained and free of trash and invasive plants. Individuals and organizations can be part of the **Gainesville Greenway Challenge, offering year-round volunteer opportunities for invasive plant removal**. Please contact gnavgreenwaychallenge@gmail.com to learn more!

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

- ✓ PRCA is pleased to announce that **both the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire and the City of Gainesville Downtown Cultural Series**, which includes all of the city's downtown events, **received Tourist Product Development grants from Alachua County's Visit Gainesville**, securing funding for these signature events that improve the quality of life for the community as well as make Gainesville a tourist destination for everyone! The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire and the Downtown Cultural Series both received \$25,000. The funding for the Hoggetowne Medieval Faire will be used to market outside the community. The Hoggetowne Medieval Faire is a nationally-recognized event which brings tourism into Alachua County. Survey results show that visitors traveled not only from the state of Florida, but from out of state including Louisiana and Alabama, and as far as Pennsylvania and New York. According to 2015 Faire research, more than 58 percent of the attendees were from outside Alachua County. The funding for the Downtown Cultural Series will be used for a combination of out of county marketing and production needs. The Downtown Cultural Series includes The "Free Fridays" Concert Series, the Downtown Festival & Art Show, Jest Fest!, the Downtown Countdown New Year's Eve Celebration and the Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration.
- ✓ **The Jewel Box Concert Series** at the historic Thomas Center continues with the following performance.
 - **Sam Pacetti, with Gabe Valla, performs Friday, July 31**. The doors open at 7 p.m., and the music begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$15 at the door - cash or check only, please. This special show is the last for the season - it also falls on a blue moon, so join us at the Historic Thomas Center for an evening of unique music from Sam Pacetti, with Gabe Valla. The concert is also CD release for "Origins," the much-anticipated work from Sam Pacetti's newest body of work. When these two artists come together, the duo's dexterity with eliciting melodic sounds from six strings (times two) stands out.
- ✓ **From Aug. 7 to Oct. 23, downtown Gainesville comes alive every Friday night from 8-10 p.m. as local and regional bands and performing arts are showcased under the stars at the "Free**

Fridays” concert series. Each year thousands come out to enjoy the free, live concerts in a family-friendly environment. This year’s “Free Fridays” opening was delayed due to the closure of the Bo Diddley Community Plaza for renovations. The City of Gainesville has purchased a mobile stage which will be delivered in late July. The mobile stage will be placed in parking lot no. 10 at the [corner of Southwest Second Avenue and Southwest Second Street](#) in downtown Gainesville. This is the same location that the Union Street Farmers Market occupies on Wednesdays. For more information, please call 352-393-8746. To view the complete 2015 concert series schedule, please [click here](#).

- ✓ **Thomas Center Galleries:** The *BEAUTY & THE BEASTS* art exhibition is in the Historic Thomas Center’s Main and Mezzanine galleries from Friday, June 26 to Saturday, Sept. 26. *BEAUTY & THE BEASTS* invites the viewer to explore a menagerie of images inspired by curiosity and connection with the creatures of land, sea and air. From beastly creatures to man’s best friend, the images of over 30 artists who find their muse in the animal kingdom are showcased in this expansive exhibition of drawings, paintings, and sculpture is curated by Anne E. Gilroy.

Planning and Development Services

Planning and Development Services contact: Anthony Lyons – 352-334-5022

- ✓ Three **notable First-Step meetings** are scheduled for mid-July and mid-August. A new **Alachua County Fire Rescue Station no. 9** will be proposed for the 5900 block of Northwest 13th Street, and a **new multi-family building, boutique hotel and amenity center** will be proposed for the 1000 block of Southwest Second Avenue. A new **aircraft rescue firefighting facility at the Gainesville Regional Airport** will be proposed in mid-August.
- ✓ Building Department **staff is busy reviewing construction plans** for a **new McDonald’s** on Newberry Road, a **new Metro Diner** (first one in Gainesville) at 2132 SW 34th St. and a **new parking garage for The Standard** project at 1360 W. University Ave.
- ✓ Building Department **staff is busy conducting inspections** for **Lowe’s at Butler Plaza North** and new **single family homes** in the **Weschester, Eryn’s Garden** and **Sorrento** subdivisions.
- ✓ The **Building Official will attend the Builder Association of North Central Florida monthly meeting** Monday, July 20 at Thomas Center A.

Economic Development & Innovation

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

- ✓ On Thursday, July 16, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will attend a **software demonstration regarding development services project management**.
- ✓ On Monday, July 20, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will attend an **orientation meeting at GTEC** with the City Manager and Commissioner Goston.
- ✓ On Tuesday, July 21, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend two First-Step meetings regarding proposed development in downtown and southwest Gainesville**.
- ✓ On Wednesday, July 22, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **speak with the Florida Institute for the Commercialization of Public Research** regarding a monthly update.

- ✓ On Thursday, July 23, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend a meeting on the Power District** and the **regular monthly meeting of the Gainesville-Alachua County Regional Airport Authority** (GACRAA).
- ✓ On Tuesday, July 28, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend the regularly scheduled meeting on Innovation Square**.
- ✓ On Thursday, July 30, the Economic Development & Innovation Director will **attend a meeting of the City Manager's Economic Development Team**.

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 second-ever **Junior Police Academy graduation is Friday, July 17 at 2 p.m.** in the GPD Hall of Heroes. Prior to graduation, these young participants will spend a week with Gainesville Police officers to learn how GPD functions and what the officers do day-to-day.
- ✓ A **graduation ceremony for the Gainesville Police Pastor's Academy is Tuesday, July 21 at 11 a.m.** in the GPD Hall of Heroes. The academy has run for the past 10 weeks, allowing local faith-based leaders have learned about many of the issues that face their congregations.

The next report will cover August 6-19, 2015. Items for submission to the report are due to the Communications Office no later than Thursday, July 30. For more information, please contact [Laura Rawson](#) at extension 8740.