

ARCHER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2010

RECREATION

The City of Archer and the Recreation Department say it is time to get involved in sports. We have beautiful parks for folks of all ages to use. Currently, the city has youth flag football for ages 4-17 going on. We are meeting two times per week: one time for practice and the other for the game.

The successful Zumba classes are now meeting at Santa Fe Community College (Archer) on Mondays at 4:30 and 6:00 PM.

We continue to have ongoing registration for our fall sports. We would love to see more participation so that we can continue to build a Recreation Program all can be proud of and also participate in.

If you have any questions, call Russell at 353-5272 or visit City Hall. Remember, we need participants to be successful.

The City of Archer Recreation Department is happy to work with you to register your children in the City's Fall Sports Programs. Early registration for fall sports offerings starts on June 1st. Registration forms are available at Archer City Hall and online at the City's website, www.cityofarcher.com.

The City asks that parents of children who register seriously consider volunteering. We are recruiting volunteers, coaches, team sponsors. If you are an individual who may want to sponsor a child whose family may have problems paying league fees we need your help also. We need as many participants as possible. Don't miss out on the fun, and tell your friends and neighbors to get involved.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

Wishing all of our citizens a wonderful summer!

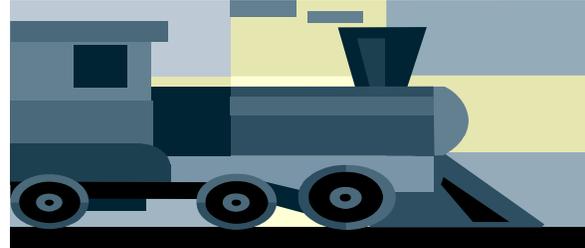
I was able to attend the 5th grade class graduation at the Archer Community School, and I must say that I was impressed with the students and the faculty. It was a pleasure for me to present plaques to all five of the City of Archer Junior Commissioners and a monetary award to the most improved and most outstanding student. Many of our local students have gone through the Junior Commission program, and it is our hope that they will someday serve in local government.

Our City Manager, John Glanzer worked very hard to improve the City of Archer website. This is still an ongoing project, and we will continue to make improvements. Take a moment and see the changes.

Please plan to attend our monthly meetings on the second and fourth Monday of each month. We need your input!

Mayor Roberta Lopez

YULEE DAY WAS A BIG SUCCESS!



Everyone had a great time on Yulee Day, June 5th. There was a parade, cannon firing, Civil War re-enactors, vendors, good food, storytelling, and tours of the museum and of our unique 105-year-old foundry!

If you missed Yulee Day, be sure to put it on your calendar for next year, the first Saturday in June, which is near the time of the birthday of David Levy Yulee, our first Florida senator, who owned Cottonwood plantation right here in Archer!

ARCHER FAMILY HEALTH CARE

It's convenient, it's also affordable, and it's right across the street from City Hall. It's provided by the UF College of Nursing. Services are available on a sliding scale for qualified patients.

FLORIDA HISTORY CORNER:



OSCEOLA

Asi-yaholi (called Osceola by people who couldn't pronounce his name) had reason from earliest childhood to hate white people. Andrew Jackson raided his tribe, and Osceola's family fled to the south and joined the Seminoles in what is now Alachua County.

The Treaty of Moultrie Creek (1823) offered Seminoles a reservation and cash annuities. But white people wanted the land, which had rich soil, and, in a gross violation of the treaty, Congress passed a law in 1830 called the Indian Removal Act, which stated that all Indians must be removed from Florida.

Wiley Thompson, the Indian agent at Fort King (in what is now Ocala), was furious with Indian chiefs who refused to go west. A few chiefs agreed and signed the document, but the young Osceola stabbed the document with his knife, saying, "The only treaty I will execute with is this!"

Thompson had Osceola arrested and put in prison. Later, Osceola agreed to sign the removal document, and Thompson freed him

and gave him a rifle as a gift. He did not suspect that Osceola would later kill him with that very rifle.

On Dec. 28, 1835, Major Francis Dade led 108 men from Fort Brooke towards Fort King. Chief Micanopy and his men attacked, killing all but two of Dade's men.

That same day, Osceola went to Fort King and shot and killed Wiley Thompson.

In October of 1837, General Thomas Jesup persuaded several Seminole chiefs to surrender. Osceola told Jesup he would discuss a treaty, but only under a flag of truce. Jesup agreed. But he violated the truce and had Osceola and the Indians with him captured and sent to the prison at the fort in St. Augustine. Later Osceola was transferred to Fort Moultrie, an island prison off the coast of South Carolina.

Jesup spent the rest of his life trying to justify his actions to those who disapproved.

At Fort Moultrie, Osceola contracted an inflammation of the tonsils called quinsy. When he found out his doctor was the brother-in-law of Wiley Thompson, Osceola refused treatment. On January 30, 1838, Osceola knew he was about to die. He called his people and the doctor together, shook hands with each of them, then lay down with his knife on his chest and died.

M. Zander

MEETINGS:

Archer City Commission:
June 28th, 7 PM, City Hall
July 12th, 7 PM, City Hall
July 26th, 7 PM, City Hall

July 19th 6:30 PM
Joint City Commission
Recreation Committee Meeting

July 22nd Budget Workshop
City Hall 6:00 PM

Codes Enforcement Board:
July 27th, 7 PM, City Hall

Recreation Committee:
July 6th, 6 PM, City Hall

Archer Chamber of Commerce
2nd Thursday of Month
Rail House @ 5:30 PM

Summer Flag Football
Old Fire Station
June 29 6:30pm
July 6,13,20,27 6:30PM
July 1,10,17,24,31 9:30AM

Archer Historical Society:
The third Thursday of every month, 6:30,
SFCC (Archer campus).

Zumba and Zumba Gold: exercise classes,
6PM (Zumba),
4:30 (Zumba Gold), SFCC (Archer
campus).

City choosing Engineering firm to look into City Sewer

The city has entered into discussions with Baskerville Donovan out of Lutz Florida for the purpose of examining the feasibility of the city developing a city sewer system. Pending

successful contract costs Baskerville-Donovan will provide a three phase scope of services which will define costs, funding mechanisms and potential service areas for a proposed system.

City Codes Enforcement

With the summer growing season on us we ask that every one make an effort to keep our yards and vacant properties mowed and cleaned up. We also are seeing a number of disabled or junk cars showing up in yards and lots around town. Both of these issues are codes violations. We ask that citizens make every effort to keep their properties mowed and remove junk or abandoned vehicles from their properties so that codes issues do not develop. Call City Hall if you have junk or abandoned vehicles, we can provide contacts to businesses that help in the removal of them. The City is considering Minimum Housing Maintenance Standards for dwellings within the city. These standards will help allow for the identification and repair of substandard dwellings and the removal of dwellings declared unsafe by the Archer codes board.



Do you need a ride?

Did you know The Alachua County Community Transportation System provides a door-to-door service? They are committed to providing safe and reliable transportation. Staff and drivers are helpful, courteous, and on time. Rates vary, depending on your eligibility.

For more information, get a copy of the Rider's Guide at City Hall.