

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Zumba classes every Thursday, 6-7 PM, Archer United Methodist Church
- OPENING OF THE ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER, Tuesday, August 2nd, 2:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, August 8th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, Tuesday, August 9th, 7:00 PM
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Rail House Grill, Thursday, August 11h, 5:30 PM
- Recreation Committee Meeting, Tuesday, August 16th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, August 22nd, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Codes Enforcement Board Meeting, Wednesday, August 23rd, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Hello everyone,

The Mainstreet Broadband service will be up and running very soon. This will give the citizens a second choice for their wireless service and bring in a little money for the city. Good work Commissioners!

I have signed a letter along with the Florida League of Mayors urging Congress to adopt a balanced approach toward raising the debt ceiling and to renew their focus on a job growth agenda. Manager Glanzer and I will be attending the Florida League of Cities annual meeting in August. It is important for Archer to be represented so your concerns are heard.

I really enjoyed the second part of Josiah Walls. Many thanks to the contributor, and thank you Vice Mayor Zander for a great newsletter.

If you have spent any time outside lately, you know it's been hot! Your pets will be needing more water just like you.

See you at the Archer Community Center Grand Opening!

Frank Ogborn, Mayor, City of Archer

IN THE EVENT OF A HURRICANE

Hurricane shelters are a last resort. If you have family, friends, or a hotel to go to out of the area, it would be preferable to living in an emergency shelter. The decision to open shelters will depend on the severity of the event as well as local needs, and therefore, not every shelter listed below may be opened for a particular incident. **DO NOT CALL 9-1-1** for shelter or storm information. Call 9-1-1 only for a life threatening emergency.

If someone has a special need, he or she should enroll in the Alachua County Special Needs Registry. The county maintains a resident registry and arranges for transportation and shelter during a disaster. To register, call: 352-264-6500.

Bring to the shelter: enough non-perishable food for 5 days, medicine and baby needs, games for children, bedding and a change of clothes for the entire family. Pets brought to a shelter will be transported to Alachua County Animal Shelter and can be picked up after the storm.

Our local shelter is at Archer Elementary School.

THE GRAND OPENING OF THE ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER WAS A GREAT SUCCESS!

After the prayer and blessing by Pastor Ron Days, and a Welcome Address by Mayor Frank Ogborn, Commissioner Roberta Lopez thanked all the many people who had helped with the salvation of the old school gymnasium, which is now our beautifully restored Archer Community Center. There were numerous well-known speakers and guests, including Lee Pinkson and Paula DeLaney, Alachua County Commissioners.

Lizzie Jenkins showed us a very interesting power point of all that was done to restore this wonderful old building!

Milton Morper, nephew of the Mr. Morper who owned Morper's Dairy in Archer long ago, played beautiful music on the wonderful (recently tuned) old piano which was donated to us. The building can be rented for special events!

ARCHER RECREATION:

Fall football has been cancelled due to lack of participation. Those who are interested in participating in fall football should contact the City of Newberry, which has an ongoing program.

TRANSPORTATION

The bus has started the twice-a-week service to Butler Plaza. The bus will pick up in front of the NAB building every Tuesday and Thursday starting at 7:45 AM and will run every hour and twenty five minutes thereafter until the last pickup at 3:33 PM. The cost is \$1.00 for a one way trip to Butler Plaza and the return trip will require another \$1.00 fee. People living three-quarters of a mile from the route may call ahead and be picked up in front of their house for a \$2.00 one way fee. The return trip back to the house will be another \$2.00 one way fee. The bus service will be provided on a six-month trial basis, and if Archer does not develop an adequate usage rate, the service will be discontinued.



ARCHER HISTORY: DOLLIE NATTIEL

Dollie Nattiel was born a slave on the sugar plantation of David Levy Yulee in 1855. When she was nine years old, Dollie, with her mother and siblings, were moved to Yulee's Cottonwood Plantation in Archer (across Archer Road from what is now the Kangaroo gas station).

In the museum at the Archer Depot, I found a transcript of an interview with Dollie (circa 1939, when she was about 84 years old). She said that when Senator Yulee traveled, he would take the train home to Archer and walk from there back to the plantation house. According to Dolly, Senator Yulee was very strict with his slaves and also with his overseer, and was known to fire overseers who were not satisfactory.

Dollie said that the Yulee plantation house was painted white with green shutters. It was two stories high with a gabled roof. It faced east and had a chimney at the north end, with a fireplace upstairs and also downstairs. The northwest room was the dining room, and the kitchen was in a separate building (a common practice in those days in case of a kitchen fire)

near the dining room. To the east of the house was a sawmill, and Dollie said she remembered playing in the sawdust with other slave children on Sunday afternoons.

The slave quarters consisted of two long lines of shanties to the west and the north of the house. According to Dollie, Senator Yulee required the slaves to "keep themselves clean and looking well and also their quarters looking nice."

. One overseer, a man named Mr. Claredy, would blow a bugle just before daylight to wake up the slaves.

Dollie's mother had the job of cooking and serving the meals. Dollie and other slave children had the job of chasing blackbirds out of the fields.

After the Civil War, when the slaves were freed, Mr. Yulee gave most of his old slaves forty acres of land near Archer. Dollie didn't remember what became of the Yulee plantation house, since her family moved away from the plantation once they had their freedom.

Descendants of Dollie Nattiel, including her great grandson, Herb Nattiel, still live in Archer today!

M. Zander

