

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Joint City Commission Alachua County Commission Meeting**, Monday, April 11th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- **Planning and Zoning meeting**, Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- **Chamber of Commerce Meeting**, Thursday, April 14th, Railhouse Grill, 5:30 PM.
- **Recreation Committee Meeting**, Tuesday, April 19th , Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- **Archer Historical Society**, Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, Old Depot, 7:00 PM
- **City Commission Meeting**, Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- **Code Enforcement Meeting**, Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- **ZUMBA Dance Classes**. Every Thursday starting April 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 7 PM at the Archer United Methodist Church

# ARCHER NEWSLETTER APRIL 2011



## **Hello from Mayor Frank Ogborn**

This month I would like to tell you about Georgianna Thompson. Georgianna wears two hats for the city. She is the Utility Billing Technician and our Receptionist. She is originally from Charlotte, NC but has called Florida home for the last four years. Georgianna has two sons and two grandchildren. She has a degree in Criminal Justice. Georgianna began her tenure with the City as a volunteer in February 2010 and was hired full time when the position came open in May. She has proven to be a valuable addition to the City staff. Make sure to say hello to her the next time you're at City Hall, and tell her thanks for the job she does.

The contract to renovate the storm water retention ponds in Holly Hills has been awarded to R.E. Arnold Construction. Mr Arnold maintains his business in Archer and has been very generous in helping the city. I would like to thank Mr. Arnold for his continued support and I am sure he will do a great job on the ponds. I see the Family Dollar store is open for business. Congratulations and welcome to our community. June is just around the corner. You know what that means. Yulee Days. I am proud to be your Mayor for this historical event. Some people say that back when the railroads were here, Archer was at its peak. I like to think we haven't reached our peak yet! I just heard the 12:00 o'clock whistle at Maddox Foundry, must be time for lunch. Until next time.

**Frank Ogborn**



**Light up the Night**  
**EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**  
**HOSTED BY FAMILY LIFE COG**  
**April 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M. at Maddox Field**

**FREE FOOD-GAMES-INFLATABLES-EGGHUNTS-PRIZES  
GIVEAWAYS-KIDZZONE WORSHIP GATHERING**

<b>6:30 P.M.-</b> Infant-3 year old egg hunt	<b>7:30 P.M.-</b> Kidzzone Worship Gathering
<b>6:30 P.M.-</b> 4-6 year old egg hunt	<b>8:00 P.M.-</b> Prize Giveaways
<b>7:00 P.M.-</b> 7-8 year old egg hunt	<b>8:30 P.M.-</b> Glow in the dark egg hunt
<b>7:00 P.M.-</b> 9-12 year old egg hunt	

## **ZUMBA RETURNS**

After a short hiatus from the Archer scene the free exercise program offered by the Choices Program has returned to Archer. Every Thursday night at the Archer United Methodist Church from 6:00pm to 7:00 pm the Zumba dance program will be offered.

## **ARCHER HISTORY CORNER**

### **Ruby McNair**

Ruby McNair was our second woman mayor (the first was Pearl Maddox). Mrs. McNair was very influential and did many things for the city of Archer. She began her service career at the age of 14, when she served doughnuts to a motorcade going through Archer for the opening of the Tamiami Trail.

Later she served as president of the Archer Historical Society and was influential in getting the depot for the Archer Historical Museum.

She followed in the footsteps of her father, Monroe Venable, who was mayor of Archer for twenty-five years!

The most important thing she did for Archer was to obtain funds to build a new water system, which made more industry possible and gave the town fire protection. She also arranged for Archer to get its first fire truck. Previously, the water had been provided by a privately owned well, which did not provide enough water for businesses.

“With industry,” said Mrs. McNair (in a 1964 article in the Gainesville Sun), “comes people, employment, and better living. As far as outsiders moving to Archer and changing our people, it just

won’t happen. We have had newcomers from time to time. They don’t change us. First thing you know, they are living just like us, doing the same things we do.”

Ruby and her family lived for a few years in High Springs, where she was the president of the PTA. Then they moved back to Archer in 1959. She was very active in the Eastern Star and was matron in the High Springs chapter and later in the Archer chapter of Eastern Star.

The old Archer jail never had any prisoners at that time, so they used it to store food in the event of a civil defense emergency. (Remember, this was in the 60’s.) “We never had anyone in jail, so it seemed like a good place to store the supplies,” said Mayor McNair.

Mrs. McNair was also responsible for the erection of the arch over the entrance of the Laurel Hill Cemetery, as well as the marker showing where Confederate soldiers were buried.

From the age of ten, she was active in the Archer United Methodist Church.

Other women who held offices in Archer at the same time as Ruby included Anne Stalvey, a city councilwoman, and Mrs. S. L. Shoemaker, who was the city clerk and treasurer.

Mrs. McNair said that the goal of Archer women in politics was not to take the place of men, but to “do the work and make real the potentialities of which we are capable for our entire community.”

*M. Zander*

## **THE GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP**

**When: Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Where: Public Works Facilities**

**Maddox Park**

**(next to ACFR Station 27)**

**7156 SW Archer Road**

**Please have items at curbside by 8:00 AM,  
Saturday morning (April 16<sup>th</sup>).**

**No paint, batteries, petroleum products, or  
solvents.**

**4 tire maximum**

**Drop-off available at Public Works,  
8:00 AM- 12:00 noon**

## **THE NEW CITY OF ARCHER RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

### **SIGN UP TODAY!**

**Stop in at the Archer City Hall or at the Old  
Archer Fire Station for an application.**

**The Recreation Department is offering recreational  
programs and adult volunteer opportunities!  
Running, kicking, cheering**

**Contact: Carolyn Young Khalfani 281-0588**