

CALENDAR OF EVENTS Zumba classes every Thursday,
6-7 PM Archer United Methodist Church

- Protocol Workshop, Friday, June 3rd, 2:30 PM
- YULEE DAY FESTIVAL, Saturday, June 4th, downtown area, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- Commodities Distribution, June 6th, Wilson Robinson Park, 1-2 PM.
- Water Conservation Workshop, Tuesday, June 7th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Personnel Committee Meeting, Wednesday, June 8th, Archer City Hall, 3:00 PM
- Energy Efficiency Committee Meeting, Archer City Hall, Wednesday, June 8th, 5:00 PM
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Rail House Grill, Thursday, June 9th, 5:30 PM
- Commission Protocol Workshop, Monday, June 9th, Archer City Hall, 3:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning meeting, Tuesday, June 14th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Archer Historical Society, Thursday, June 16th, Old Depot, 6:30 PM
- Recreation Committee Meeting, Tuesday, June 21st, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Codes Enforcement Board Meeting, Tuesday, June 28th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM

ARCHER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2011



We all miss Mayor Frank Ogborn, who is going to be out for a while recovering from knee surgery. We decided not to ask him to write a mayor's letter this month! We are sure he will be fine, but keep him in your prayers.

YULEE DAY!

JUNE 4th, 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Don't forget to attend Yulee Day! The parade begins at 10:00 AM. There will be lots of vendors, music, good food, tours of the Depot Museum, and fun! At 2:00 PM there will be a ceremony to honor Veterans and a local Native American group will present a Flag Retirement Ceremony.

LEARN HOW TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR UTILITY BILL BY SAVING WATER! THERE WILL BE FREE DOOR PRIZES!

TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH, ARCHER CITY HALL, 7:00 – 8:00 pm

WATER SAVING TIPS:

- *Minimize landscape irrigation
- *Repair dripping faucets and toilets (replacing a flapper or o-ring often does the trick.)
- *Limit showers to 5 minutes.
- *Only run the dishwasher when it is full.
- *Turn off the water while washing dishes, shaving, and brushing teeth.
- *Set your clothes washer to the appropriate water level for the size of the load you are washing.

ENERGY-SAVING CURTAINS

Commissioner Parker has found some energy-saving curtains at Walmart. The brand name is Eclipse Curtains. They are energy-saving, noise-reducing blackout curtains. They save 25% on home heating and cooling costs. They are inexpensive and come in several different colors. If you are interested in saving on your utility bill, check them out!

ARCHER'S HURRICANE SHELTER

We are pleased to announce that Archer now has a shelter for people to go to in case of hurricanes. Archer Elementary School, at 14533 SW 170th Street, now has adapted their cafetorium to serve as a hurricane shelter.

THERE WILL BE A RETIREMENT RECEPTION HONORING

Janice Shepard

*Archer Elementary School tenure from
1978 through 2011*

Sara Kaye

*Archer Elementary School tenure from
1984 through 2011*

Thursday, June 2nd, 2011

3:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Bethlehem Presbyterian Church

Fellowship Hall

16970 SW 170th Street

Archer, Florida 32618

No gifts, please, just your presence.

For more information, call Mary Hope, 495-2130

LETTER FROM CAROLYN KHALFANI

Dear Supporters,

Archer Community Access Center (ACSC) is pleased to submit this request for a contribution on behalf of students living in rural Alachua County.

ACAC provides after-school tutoring, public Internet access, 4-H programs, and youth sports programming as part of its overall crime prevention/youth development program. We partner with other youth service organizations within our service area, including Alachua/Levy 4-H Extension, the City of Archer Recreation Department, Alachua County Youth Build, Job Corps, Corner Drug Store, and local faith-based organizations. These funds will be used to help cover general expenses incurred in the day-to-day operations of providing those services listed, including: Internet service, utilities, rent, study supplies, transportation, and program fees.

JOSIAH WALLS, continued

When Josiah Walls ran for the U.S. Senate, someone fired a bullet which missed him “by inches.” His opponent, Silas Niblack, was a former slave owner. When Walls won the election, Niblack accused him of fraud, saying a black man could not possibly win against a white opponent. When Walls ran for senate for a second term, he beat Niblack again, this time by more than 1,600 votes! Although he was a senator, he could not stay in hotels in Tallahassee or Washington, D.C. because of his race.

Walls graduated from law school, started his own law firm in Gainesville and served as the first black mayor of Gainesville. He set aside land in Florida A. and M., an African American university, and served as the director of this university until his death in May 1905.

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**ARCHER HISTORY CORNER:
JOSIAH WALLS**

Josiah Walls was born a slave in Virginia in 1842. During the Civil War, he was forced to fight for the Confederacy, but when he was captured by Union forces, he changed sides and fought for the Union. He joined the first black infantry regiment and became a sergeant major. At the end of the war, he purchased farm land near Gainesville.

He married Helen Ferguson. He worked for a lumber camp, but he quit the job because women were not allowed at the lumber camp, and he missed his wife. Then he got a job teaching school in Archer.

At the beginning of Reconstruction, former slaves were allowed to vote. In Alachua County at this time, blacks outnumbered whites and could therefore out-vote them.

Our summer program (June through August 2011) will be instrumental in keeping students involved in healthy fun-filled learning activities, serving as a deterrent to crime and other risky behaviors.

Sincere Thanks,
Carolyn Khalfani, ACAC President

ARCHER RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Sign up now for Fall Sports

Football Conditioning Camp is July 25-29 at the Archer Community Center and Recreation Center Field. Tackle Football Practice starts Tuesday, August 2nd. Flag Football, ages 5-8, starts the first week of school. Cheerleading for elementary and middle school starts August 2nd. Soccer for ages 5-14 starts the first week of September, Stop in at Archer City Hall, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM or at the Old Archer Fire Station on Thursdays from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for an application for Fall Football, Soccer, Flag Football, and Cheerleading. Coordinator. Contact: Carolyn Khalfani, 251-0588, or City Hall, 495-2880.



Archer Water Rates to Increase in June

On January 10th of this year the City Commission voted to modify the method of billing and rates of the city's Potable Water System. One of the major changes to the billing system was the removal of the 3000 gallons of water allowance built into the base rate. The Base rate is currently \$15.31 and provides for an allowance of 3000 gallons of water. The new residential base rate will be \$11.70 but will have no minimum water allowance included. Commercial Base rates were also reduced from \$18.71 to \$17.50 and the water allowance discontinued. In addition to the change in the base rate the current system of seven tiers of billing rates was reduced to 4 levels. These rate changes were the result of a three month study conducted by the

Florida Rural Water Association. The purpose of the study was part of an effort to reorganize the Water fund into a true enterprise fund and require the fund to stand on its own without support from other city funds (a requirement of Florida Statutes). Using the new billing structure the water fund will be able to fund a depreciation account for the replacement of pumps and water lines. The new billing will also allow the Water fund to operate without having to transfer monies from other Funds. new billing software. **The bill you receive at the end of June will reflect the new rates.** The city in working with Alachua County will be hosting a citizen's workshop on water conservation and what you can do to conserve water in your home or business. This workshop will be held on June 7th at 7:00 PM at City Hall. The city also has available at City Hall pamphlets which have suggestions on the conservation of water. Look on the reverse of this letter to see samples of old and new charges along with the old and new water use tiers.

