

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Thursday, February 9th, Railhouse Grill, 5:30 PM
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- City Commission Meeting, Monday, February 13th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning meeting, Tuesday, February 14th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM,
- Archer Historical Society, Thursday, February 16th, Old Depot, 7:00 PM
- City Hall closed, Monday, February 20th, Presidents Day
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, February 27th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Code Enforcement Meeting, Tuesday, February 28th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM

ARCHER NEWSLETTER February 2012



Happy February Everyone,

January 2012 is just about in the record books. I hope every one is having a great start to their new year. Tonight, January 23rd was city commission meeting night. First order of business: Vice Mayor Zander reminded me my newsletter was due. So here it is. Lots to talk about.

Lately, I have been spending a fair amount of time down at City Hall. I can tell you there is excitement in the air. Everyone at the city is approaching their jobs with a renewed energy. The office has never looked more organized and ready to carry out the business of the people. The city “yard” where we keep all the trucks, is spotless and the emergency equipment serviced and ready. We expect big things for our city this year.

There is solidarity in having a common goal. The sewer system is that goal. I don't see how we can fail with a strong commission supporting a first class management team.

Much of the work your city staff and Commissioners do goes unrecognized. For example, in December of 2011 we took care of a problem that affected the quality of the water going to a small number of our citizens. The fix also helped protect the city's infrastructure by preventing a future build up of minerals in the pipes. All this was done at a minimum cost to citizens. The other option was to tear up streets, install new pipes, repave roads, etc... very expensive and ill timed. Good job, everyone! At the January 9th Commission meeting, I was chosen to represent the City of Archer as Mayor for another year. The Mayor's position is only ceremonial. I remind myself that while I sit in classrooms and meetings for days. I remind my self that when walking the halls of the Capitol Building for hours talking to legislators. I remind myself that when I sign checks to pay the ongoing bills of the city. It's only



HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!

NEEDED: FLORIDA HISTORY STORIES

Do you or any older members of your family know any interesting stories about Archer's history? If you email them to me, I'll publish them in this newsletter. I can include the author's name or, if the author wishes to be anonymous, I can leave it out. But I know there are lots of good tales out there that the people of Archer would love to hear.

Please email your stories to me: marjoriezander@hotmail.com, and I will be very grateful!

I would also be glad to receive any stories about Florida history in general. We live in a very interesting state with a colorful history. It's a shame for stories to be lost when someone passes away, so be sure to include stories passed down in your family from parents, grandparents, etc.

Don't worry about spelling or grammar errors; I will make the necessary corrections.

Thanks! *M. Zander*

ceremonial. Archer is building a working commission that projects a continuity to all levels of government. Many thanks to those who voted their confidence in my continued work on behalf of Archer. It is an honor to give my time to represent my city.

Glenel Bowden, District Director for Corrine Brown's office spent time with Commissioners, sewer committee, and our Engineers in an open meeting on Wednesday, January 18. He commended us on the progress we have made to this point and promised to bring our sewer project to the attention of Congresswoman Brown. I want to thank Roberta Lopez for making contact with Ms. Brown's office.

Tonight, Archer city Commission voted to advance the money necessary to complete the Archer Veterans Memorial. We are hoping for completion before Memorial Day so only 90 to 100 days remain to get it finished. The city will offset the expenditure through donations and fund raising. Over \$400. was pledged in the room this evening. I love Archer's heart! Jocelyn Garcia (a veteran herself) started the memorial project ball rolling. Because of her efforts, Archer is will have a salute to veterans of all wars. Thank you Josie. Did I hear you said you would sell bricks? Billy Brame our Architect provided drawings free of charge and the city commission voted unanimously to get it done. I am so proud.

This November there will be 3 seats up for election. It is an exciting time to become part of your government. If you don't like it, change it. Volunteer on a citizen advisory board, or run for election. Come join the excitement as Archer grows. Till next time.

Mayor Frank Ogborn

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO HOLD AN EVENT?

Check out the New Archer Community Center. It is the place to be when you are planning for a banquet, wedding, plays, family reunions, class reunions meetings birthday parties, workshops, retreats and all other community events.

Please contact City Hall for more information

(352) 495-2880

THE ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER IS EQUIPPED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

- * Open space dance floor and stage with curtains**
- * Concession area with double door stainless steel refrigerator, Counter top and cabinets, Convection microwave (no stove)**
- * Heat and air conditioning**
- * Piano**
- * Tables and chairs**
- * Stage with lighting and hi-tech sound system**
- * Approximately two acres of outdoor space for other activities**

ARCHER COMMUNITY CENTER

