

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Zumba classes every Thursday, 6-7 PM, Archer United Methodist Church
- July 4<sup>th</sup>: CITY HALL CLOSED
- Sewer Committee Meeting, Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 12<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Rail House Grill, Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM
- Recreation Committee Meeting, Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Codes Enforcement Board Meeting, Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM

# ARCHER NEWSLETTER JULY 2011



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## **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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Flag Football, ages 5-8, starts the first week of school. Cheerleading for elementary and middle school starts August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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.

There is a great need for adult volunteers as coaches, parent helpers, and a Soccer Program Coordinator. If you are interested in any of these, please contact City Hall for more information. There is a downloadable form on the City's website for coaches and volunteers. You can fill out the form and return it to City Hall or come by and pick one up in person.

The fall practice schedule follows. Specific dates and times will be announced once teams are determined. Check back here for that information when it becomes available.

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## **GRAND OPENING!**

**The City of Archer**

**&**

**The Development Committee**

*Proudly present the newly renovated*

**Archer Community Center**

**“Where the community comes together”**

August 2, 2011, 2:00 PM

16639 SW 137<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Archer, Florida 32618

**Music, Recognition Awards, Refreshments**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR**

It's good to be home in Archer!

Many of you know I was out for the last couple of months having both knees replaced. Both Debra and I want to thank everyone for their well wishes during my recovery.

I am back to work now and have news to share with you.

City Manager John Glanzer and I have been making the rounds in Tallahassee. We are working with several agencies looking for funding options for our sewer system. It has been a challenging task given the budget constraints everyone is working with. We are continuing to ask the agencies to do the right thing and fund our project to the level that all the citizens of Archer can afford to have sewer.

Our Community Center is nearing completion. The air conditioning is removing the humidity so the wood floors can be installed. Commissioner Lopez is planning a gala grand opening event. This is a building from the history of Archer, and I am excited to see it open. Please plan on attending. The date is August 2, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:00.

These are just a couple of highlights from City Hall.

Summer's here, so remember to drink lots of water if you go outside.

Frank Ogborn  
Mayor, City of Archer

## **RECREATION** continued

Field (Old Fire Station). Tackle football practice starts Tuesday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Flag football, for ages 5-8. begins the first week of school. Cheerleading for elementary and middle school ages begins August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Soccer for AGES 5-14 begins the first week of September. **WE NEED COACHES FOR ALL SPORT AND COORDINATORS FOR SOCCER, CHEER, BASEBALL, AND BASKETBALL.**

The Recreation Department is also offering programs in conjunction with the 4H Club. On the Archer City website, you can find downloadable applications for the summer 4H camps offered in Bronson and Alachua County. There are informational fliers as well, which detail locations, times, age ranges, costs, and curriculum for the camps.

Transportation will be available for the Levy County camp through the Archer 4H. Participants in the Alachua County camps are responsible for their transportation.

Swimming lessons are being offered at the Andrew Mickle Pool in Gainesville. The classes will last from June 8<sup>th</sup> through July 21<sup>st</sup>. The full class schedule, application, and contact information is contained on the City of Archer website.

For more information on please contact Carolyn Young Khalfani at (352) 281-0588.

Zumba classes are held on Thursdays at Archer United Methodist Church from 6-7 PM.

## **JOSIAH WALLS, Part Two**

*A local citizen (who wishes to remain anonymous) sent in this article, which contains additional information about Josiah Walls, the subject of last month's History Corner.*

Josiah Walls was born in 1842 to slave parents in Winchester, Virginia. Little is known about his early life. After a short term of Confederate service, he enlisted in the Third Regiment, U.S. Colored Troops in 1863. Transferred to Picolata on the St. Johns River in 1864, he married Helen Ferguson of Newnansville and in 1865 moved to Alachua County after he was mustered out.

After passage of the U.S. Military Reconstruction Act of 1867, Walls entered Florida politics as a delegate to the 1868 State Constitutional Convention, followed by election as a State Representative and later Senator from Alachua County. The 1870 nominee of the Republican Party for Florida's only seat in the U.S. House of Representatives, Walls defeated Silas Niblack after a bitter contest riddled with charges of fraud and intimidation. Josiah T. Walls thus became the state's first black congressman. Although unseated by the House near the end of his term, Walls was re-

elected in 1872. In another contested election in 1874, Walls defeated J. J. Finley, a former Confederate general, but, in 1876, was again removed from office. Walls was elected to the Florida Senate that year.

After 1879, Josiah Walls concentrated on his farming activities, first acquiring land near Newnansville in 1868, but in 1870 he moved to Gainesville. In 1871 Walls bought the western half of the block now bounded by University Avenue and NW 12<sup>th</sup> Street on the west. In 1873 he purchased a 1,117 acre plantation on the west edge of Paynes Prairie. In that year he acquired the weekly newspaper, The New Era, and was admitted to the Florida Bar.

Remaining active in local politics, Walls served at various times as Mayor of Gainesville, board member of Public Instruction and County Commissioner. Josiah was a highly successful and prosperous farmer through the 1880's until he suffered financial ruin as a result of the severe freeze of the winter of 1894-95. He moved to Tallahassee to become the farm director at the school that is now Florida A and M University. He died in Tallahassee in 1905 at the age of 63.