

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- City Commission Meeting, Archer City Hall, Monday, January 10th, 7:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning Board, Archer City Hall, Tuesday, January 11th, 7:00 PM
- Archer Chamber of Commerce, Thursday, January 13th, Rail House Grill, 5:30 PM
- Recreation Committee Meeting, Archer Hall, Tuesday, January 18th, 7:00 PM
- Archer Historical Society, Old Depot, Thursday, January 20th, 6:30 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Archer City Hall, Monday, January 27th, 7:00 PM
- Code Enforcement, Archer City Hall, January 25th, 7:00 PM
- Crime Watch meeting, Archer Church of God, January 27th, 7:00 PM

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MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW MAYOR:

Hello from Mayor Frank Ogborn,

I hope that 2011 is the year Archer becomes a place where once again businesses will grow and families will want to live. We have an historic place to call home, and I am very honored to be your Mayor.

We are working towards streaming the commission meetings live over the city website. Just log on to www.cityofarcher the second and fourth Monday of every month. Watch your elected officials in action!

In the coming newsletters, I will be telling you about the issues facing your Commissioners and city. I will ask you to share with me your opinions.

Call, e-mail, text, wire, fax or telegraph City Hall. Get involved with the government of the people and for the people. Thanks again for the privilege of being your mayor.

Frank Ogborn

Florida History Corner- MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLASS

My mother could never decide whether she named me after Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings or after Marjory Stoneman Douglass. I am proud to be named after either (or both) of them.

When my mom was a little girl, her dad was, for a brief time, the foreman for the building of the Tamiami Trail. Nobody kept that job for long. It was a dangerous, unpleasant job, involving large quantities of dynamite, not to mention alligators, water moccasins, tons of mud, and clouds of mosquitoes. Every Saturday her dad would bring the family to his worksite to show them how much progress had been made on the Trail. My mom remembered that Marjory Stoneman Douglass, a reporter for the Miami Herald, was there every weekend as well, getting information for her news articles.

Marjory was an avid reader from an early age. She majored in English Composition at Wellesley College. For a brief time she was married to a newspaperman named Douglass, who turned out to be

an alcoholic. She divorced him and soon became a newspaper reporter herself.

She was very active in the Suffrage Movement, working to get votes for women. During World War I, there were opportunities for women in the Navy, and Marjory enlisted. Later she worked for the Red Cross overseas. Then she returned to the Miami Herald.

She was concerned about the rights of African Americans and said, "Slavery was the greatest crime ever committed."

Marjory's articles were so popular that the Saturday Evening Post asked her to write articles for them as well. She was also asked to write an article for a book called "Rivers of America," but her article turned into a book: The Everglades: River of Grass.

Marjory became an avid environmentalist and worked to protect the Everglades from development. She started a group called Friends of the Everglades. She once told Senator Bob Graham that the Florida legislature should protect the Everglades, and if they didn't, "They would all spend an uncomfortable afterlife in hell."

For her efforts on behalf of the Everglades, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Clinton. When people praised her for saving the Everglades, she would say, "It's not saved yet."

Marjory built herself a small house in Coconut Grove, where she lived the rest of her life. A local high school was named for her when she was 100. At the age of 106, she taught herself French. On May 14, 1998, she died, at the age of 108, requesting that her ashes be spread in the Everglades. In 2000, she was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame at Seneca Falls, N.Y.

Marjorie Zander



CRIME WATCH

Those of us involved with Archer Crime Watch met with Deputy Lowe in December. He said he felt it was important for each neighborhood to have its own Crime Watch. It would be helpful if we all knew the neighbors on our block, and had their phone numbers and emails, so we could warn them of any prowlers or suspicious activities we observed.

There has been a lot of crime in Archer recently, and it would make us all feel safer and more secure if we were able to keep in touch with our neighbors and to know what's going on.

If we work together, we can help to protect ourselves and our neighbors from theft and vandalism. Some people have had their air conditioners vandalized (because the copper wire inside is valuable), packages delivered by the post office have been stolen off front porches, possessions left outside have been stolen, and cars and houses have been broken into.

It's nice to have neighbors watching out for each other. Please come to our Crime Watch meeting at the Archer Church of God (in Holly Hills, 502 Clayton Court) on January 27th at 6:00 PM.

RECREATION NEWS

The City of Archer Recreation Department (CARD) is opening a youth activities and after-school program in the old Fire Station.

This program is an affiliated national 4H chapter and closely coordinates with the existing 4H Trailblazers Club that has a long and rich history in our great city. The new center will be housing 4H recognized programs in Money Management, Computer Technology, and Audio Visual/Theater Production.

The center is equipped with six Internet capable computer stations, a killer ping pong table, and snacks.

The opening date will be available shortly. Check the City of Archer website for updates or check for more information in next month's newsletter.

Doug Jones



