

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Zumba classes every Thursday, 6-7 PM, Archer United Methodist Church
- Chamber of Commerce Meeting, Rail House Grill, Thursday, August 8th, 5:30 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, September 12th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Planning and Zoning Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 13th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Recreation Committee Meeting, Tuesday, , Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- City Commission Meeting, Monday, September 26th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM
- Codes Enforcement Board Meeting, Tuesday, September 27th, Archer City Hall, 7:00 PM

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MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Greetings everyone,

It's September now and the kids are back in school. Traffic is heavy, and it takes longer to get anything done. Give yourself some extra time and be sure to watch out for the little ones. I was at Santa Fe college welcoming the new students to class this week. Thank you, Shellie, it was great meeting everyone. What a wonderful resource we have right here in our own backyard!

It has been a very busy month for city staff. August 2nd we had the grand opening of the Archer Community Center. We started budget meetings. Not a fun time. I must tell you, from talking with other mayors that Archer is in better shape than many other cities in Florida. We are blessed, even with the mess this country is in.

City Manager John Glanzer, Commissioner Gabe Green, and I attended the Florida League of Cities annual conference in Orlando. We attended classes for three days and learned a great deal about the issues facing cities and how to help plan for Archer's future.

MOSQUITO CONTROL AT YOUR HOME SITE

For most residences, a more effective way to control mosquito populations on your property is to reduce standing water where mosquitoes can breed. The Department of Health recommends taking the following steps to reduce mosquito habitat:

- *Empty any container that holds standing water: old tires, buckets, plastic covers, and toys.
- *Change water in your birdbaths, fountains, wading pools, and animal troughs at least twice a week.
- * Recycle unused containers that may collect water: bottles, cans, and buckets.
- *Make sure roof gutters drain properly and clean your gutters in the spring and fall.
- *Fix leaky outdoor faucets and sprinklers.



Manager Glanzer and I met with Congressman Cliff Stearns, USDA, FDEP, and Suwannee River Water Management this month. We are approaching every agency possible to let them know of our sewer project and to please include us when they work on their budgets for the coming year.

Many of you already know that Commissioner Lopez is resigning effective September 13th. She and her husband Frank have worked tirelessly to make Archer a better place for all. She will be missed on the commission.

We have cancelled our fall recreation program, I am sad to say. Everyone is working so hard just to put food on the table these days, we didn't have enough community support to make it happen. Hopefully next season. I am starting my ninth month as your mayor. How time flies! Thank you again for that privilege. We (your commissioners and city staff) are working hard to position Archer for the future. New homes, more jobs, and community programs are our focus. We WILL be ready when the economy recovers. Take care, everyone. Mayor Frank Ogborn, City of Archer

FLORIDA HISTORY CORNER- THE TWO HENRYS

Henry Plant and Henry Flagler had more in common than just their first names. They were both rich businessmen, and they both had wives who were ill. They both brought their wives to Florida, because Florida was supposed to have a healthful climate. Both Henrys liked what they saw when they got to Florida, and they both decided to use their money to develop the state.

Floridians used to say that Henry Plant liked to make money and Henry Flagler liked to spend money. Plant was careful with his money, but Flagler had grand ideas and wanted to see them come to fruition. Flagler's favorite phrase was, "I want to see it done before I die."

Henry Plant came to Florida in 1853. By 1883, he owned a whole network of railroads and steamships.

Henry Flagler came to Florida in 1878. He built the Ponce De Leon Hotel in St. Augustine (now the location of Flagler College).

Plant did not want to be outdone by Flagler. He built the Tampa Bay Hotel, which was so big that guests travelled to their rooms in rickshaws pulled by hotel employees. Plant invited Flagler to the opening of his hotel. Flagler replied: "Where is Tampa Bay?" Plant sent back a telegram saying, "Follow the crowd."

Flagler also built railroads, and by 1894, Flagler's railroad lines extended as far south as Palm Beach, where he built his own mansion.

In 1894, there was a terrible freeze that killed orange groves and other crops as far south as Palm Beach. Julia Tuttle, a land-owner in the tiny, little-known town of Miami, wanted to convince Flagler to develop the area, so she sent him an orange blossom to show him that, in Miami, the orange trees had survived the freeze. Flagler was amazed that flowers were still blooming in Miami, so he built a railroad that opened the way for the area to grow.

My mom's dad was a laborer who worked on that railroad which caused Miami to become the metropolis it is today! *M. Zander*

