



# The Gainesville Iguana

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## You must be a **D** to vote for Bernie!

*by Joe Courter*

Florida is a closed primary state, which means only people of a given party can vote in the primary election for that party.

To vote in the Democratic primary March 17, you must be registered as a Democrat by February 18. If you are registered otherwise, or NOT registered at all, you need to change your registration by February 18.

When Bernie came to UF in Spring of 2016, friends who were collecting signatures ran into a lot of Bernie Sanders

*See BERNIE, p. 15*



*Protesters from the Youth Climate Strike/Gainesville at the Gainesville City Hall on Dec. 6. Photos by John Moran.*

## Get involved in Bernie's campaign

*A future to believe in!*

*Not me. Us!*

*A Political Revolution Is Coming!*

As a living expression of his campaign slogans, Bernie Sanders, the only Democratic Presidential candidate not accepting corporate funds, is growing a grassroots movement of activists and organizers in communities nationwide. The campaign is currently focusing on texting and phone-banking voters in the early primary states.

To find out more, go to: <https://berniesanders.com/volunteer/> and download the BERN mobile app to learn about participating or organizing a Bernie campaign event in Gainesville or anywhere in the U.S. 🐢

## Dream Defenders takes on state attorney races

*by Dream Defenders*

The election of state attorneys with progressive policies has become a central focus of national civil rights organizations. This year, Dream Defenders, along with many allied social justice organizations, is supporting strategic state attorney races across Florida. The landslide victory of Amendment 4 is undeniable proof that the majority of Florida voters want a system that treats people humanely.

At the local level, Bill Cervone has been the acting State Attorney of the 8th Circuit for 20 years. The hard-on-crime public

official announced recently that he is not running for re-election. Yet, for years, Cervone has been grooming Brian Kramer,

*See DREAM DEFENDERS, p. 15*

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# Is it “Game Over” for Seminary Lane?

by Robert Mounts

At a final “Neighborhood Workshop” conducted on December 11 by CHW Consultants on behalf of an out-of-town investor, it was disclosed that the plan to build a large luxury student apartment complex on the vacant Seminary Lane site on NW 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue near the University of Florida – that once was set aside for “affordable housing” – is now a “by right” development.

This happened despite long-standing promises by the current owner, the Gainesville Florida Housing Corporation, that the land would be redeveloped with affordable housing to replace that which had fallen into disrepair and was demolished years ago.

The land is reportedly to be sold to the investor for \$8.5 million dollars.

The project has been scaled down just enough to avoid the cumbersome process of requesting Plan Board approval of a “Special Use Permit” (SUP) that would have allowed greater density. Now, the project requires only City staff review.

CHW Principal Gary Dedenbach said that in U6 zoning provided in the 2017 Comprehensive Plan and Land

Development Code update, up to 378 multi-family units were allowed with a Special Use Permit (50 units/acre by right, 60 units/acre with SUP). However, the project was “scaled down” to 313 units with 891 beds to eliminate the Special Use Permit (and Plan Board approval).

That’s right, the development will still accommodate 891 students in market-rate apartments in an area that once formed the western component of a historically African-American neighborhood with affordable housing.

That’s gentrification.

Dedenbach said at least eight “affordable” units for sale would be built on the east side of the project after the development was completed. Architects indicated that more affordable units could be built in that area so long as they did not consume more land. In addition, \$200,000 would be provided to the City to improve the Wilhelmina Johnson (Community) Center. He promised enhancements to 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue and unspecified improvements to the “Heritage Trail.”

How did we get here?

Quite simply, in 2017, the Gainesville City Commission approved a total re-

write of the Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code designed to make it simpler and more “user-friendly” for customers (developers and investors). It set up a “bonus system” that allowed developers much more latitude in making trade-offs in order to achieve higher density (equaling higher profits). For example, if the developer included structured parking, they could get two additional floors, by right.

None of this requires Plan Board or City Commission review or approval, so long as the developer stays within the generous zoning and permitted use guidelines set forth in the law. Only staff review and approval is required.

While “neighborhood workshops” are still required, these are not public hearings before an elected body, or even the appointed Plan Board. That is only required if the developer seeks zoning changes or a Special Use Permit in order to achieve higher density.

The sad result is that the desires of an entire neighborhood desperately trying to preserve its historic identity and character can be ignored with impunity.

Game over? ☹️

*From the publisher ...*

## Some good things need to go

Once again world events have me writing this at a moment of unknown outcomes. This one is a big one, too. Possible war. We are standing at the edge of a slippery slope. Over and over, once a war starts and soldiers are killed, it partly becomes avenging those who have died. Logic goes out the window. One of my greatest fears is irreversible decisions being made by delusional leaders, and, to be honest, fundamentalist Christians and their “End Times” beliefs, or for that matter, those who justify war and conquest with the “God is on our side” rationale. They are delusional people. And dangerous. Hopefully, cooler heads will prevail.

Moving on, this whole easy money for war, but no money for healthcare, education – you know that “general welfare” stuff – has got to be challenged. The fact is, the military part of the U.S. budget is over 50 percent. Money is there. It is madness that this is seen as normal. I can only think of one reason, that the powers that be do not want us healthy, secure and educated. Because that would put them out of their rapacious business. Why do health insurance companies oppose single payer healthcare so much? Same thing. It would mess up their good thing. Well their “good thing” is not very good for most people. Most people are just not paying enough attention, or more so, do not see a viable way to fight back against it. Well, this is 2020, and we need to see our way to start.

Naomi Klein was speaking on the NPR Ted Talks show, (<https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1045>) and made a point that resonated with me. Referring to the concept that we are all in our own silos of information, be it MSNBC, FOX, Pacifica, or NPR, it has become hard to find common points of reference. Different issues are emphasized, to the exclusion of others. Well, Naomi spoke about how even in major progressive organizations, there is a silo effect, too. Whether labor, environmental, anti-war, climate, social justice or civil rights, it takes funding to keep going, and part of that problem is big funders who are singularly focused, and thus their organizing work is, as well. The thing is, these issues are hugely inter-related, yet there is no one overarching movement to be seen, a coordinated campaign if you will.

Elections could bring that focus if a candidate came along that could bring all these issues together in a powerful way – that campaign could really drive a huge, huuge, voter turn-out. People need to become excited, to be hopeful, to be willing to work to get those independents and less enthusiastic voters out to the polls. Yes fear of Trump will motivate some, but Trump’s fear-mongering gets its power if there is no hopeful alternative. And a big turnout could have a huge effect down the ballot, too. Senate, House, even down to County Commissioners. Yes, I support Bernie Sanders, and I hope you will, too.

And if we get a Bernie, we will also be implementing a Green New Deal, or at least trying to. This would be a major restructuring of our out-of-whack system. Again, I refer to Naomi Klein, this time from a “Now This” short video (<https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1046>) about a GND. She expresses that “climate-deniers” are not the biggest problem, although frustrating for their willful ignorance. It is those dedicated to the status quo, those who want even more deregulation and this “Free Market” neo-liberal ideal to prevail. They know addressing climate change would mess up their “good thing.”

Our country has normalized a toxic system which is becoming more and more toxic for poor families, sick people and their families, and both urban people and rural people with no way out through education or employment. This is a major chance to try and start that change. If not now, when? The time is now, and it is us.

And for humanity’s sake; Please, No War on Iran! ☹️



Joe Courter

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## Editors’ picks: News that didn’t fit

☹️ **If the CIA Had Butted Out** by Ahmed Bouzid, *LA Times*

*This article appeared in the Nov/Dec 2001 Iguana. We recommend it again as a means of history and to show that we’ve been printing valuable stuff for decades. The author is the president of Palestine Media Watch. More at [www.palwatch.org](http://www.palwatch.org)*

See: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1048>

☹️ **Paid family leave joins the agenda as FL Legislature prepares to convene next month** by Issac Morgan, *Florida Phoenix*

*Help might be on the way for working parents in Florida, if the state Legislature smiles on bills introduced in the state House and Senate to provide paid family leave. The legislation would require employers to supply three months of leave to parents of newborns, or those welcoming adopted and foster children into their homes.*

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☹️ **A new kind of prosecutor helps overturn wrongful convictions** by Laura Cassels, *Florida Phoenix*

*This year, the Innocence Project of Florida helped three men clear their names and leave Florida prisons after being locked up for nearly 100 years, combined, on wrongful murder convictions.*

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☹️ **A Progressive Wish List for 2020** by Bill Lueders, *The Progressive*

*If we work hard and stay focused, 2020 can be the year we make huge gains.*

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☹️ **We Should Recapture the Optimism of the 1960s** by Lorna Finlayson, *Jacobin*

*In order to make progress in our time, we have to remember the radical promise of the 1960s — what was won, and what’s been forgotten.*

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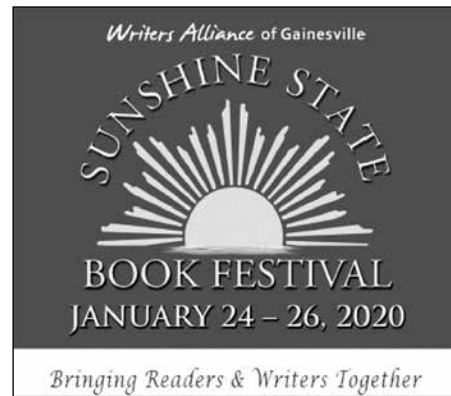
☹️ **The Ultra-Wealthy Who Argue that they should be Paying Higher Taxes** by Sheelah Kolhatkar, *The New Yorker*

*In an age of historic disparity, Abigail Disney and the Patriotic Millionaires take on income inequality.*

See: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1053> ☹️



# Sunshine State Book Festival enriches cultural landscape



by Roz Miller

The debut of the Sunshine State Book Festival on Jan. 24-26 will change and further enrich North Central Florida's existing rich cultural landscape.

Our cultural smorgasbord offers multiple preforming arts stages; supports three outstanding visual arts festivals; provides musical groups and ensembles from orchestral, band, jazz, blues; a professional dance troupe and choral groups.

What was missing was a literary arts festival recognizing the estimated two hundred area published authors living and writing among us as our family, friends and neighbors.

Book lovers and readers of all genres welcome the three days of planned free literary adventures beginning with a 'kick-off' public reception at the Matheson Museum on Friday, Jan. 24 from 5 to 7 pm. All are welcome to meet, mix and mingle with literary speakers, authors and dignitaries.

The centerpiece for the festival on Saturday, Jan. 25 will showcase 75 area authors at the Santa Fe College Fine Arts Hall from 10 am to 5 pm.

This day of "Bringing Readers and Writers Together," will give book lovers the opportunity to visit with authors they know and read and also afford readers the opportunity to meet new authors. Authors will sign books acquired during the festival for their readers' personal libraries.

Free lectures by outstanding area authors will include Kevin McCarthy, Joe Haldeman, Steve Noll, John Dunn and Lola Haskins. Also, special festival guest Hilary Hemingway will talk on "Remembering Uncle Ernest." Hilary's uncle, Ernest Hemingway, left a major imprint on Florida's literary culture.

Between the author lectures, the Saturday Author's Showcase will offer free book drawings. Little readers will like the dedicated children's corner with eight children's authors, featuring storytelling and activities.

The SFC Food Court will be open.

Ron W Haase, retired UF architecture professor and author of "Classic Cracker and The Last House" is one of the 75 participating authors. "My creative instincts have taken me from architecture to painting and now to writing," he said. "I have never been more challenged and never enjoyed myself more."

Sunday's Literary Heritage Tour further emphasizes the literary culture of north central Florida with re-enactors of Robert Frost's stays at the Thomas Hotel, now the Thomas Center, on his visits to Gainesville. William Bartram will share his story of 19th century Florida at Payne's Prairie Preserve State Park, and Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings will tell about her time in Cross Creek before it became the Cross Creek State Park.

Reading is one of life's many joys and with so many good area authors adding to the reading pool, readers will enjoy incalculable hours of reading pleasure.

The three-day Sunshine State Book Festival is slated to become an annual event. The festival is produced by the Writers Alliance of Gainesville, a 501(C)(3) non-profit.

For additional information visit: <http://www.sunshinestatebookfestival.com/> ☛

## Festival schedule

**Friday, Jan. 24,  
5-7pm Kick-Off**

Public reception at the Matheson History Museum welcomes authors, dignitaries, guests and readers

**Saturday, Jan. 25  
10am-5pm**

A showcase of 75 area authors in the Fine Arts Hall at Santa Fe College

### Hourly presentations

11am: Hilary Hemingway – "Remembering Uncle Ernest"

12 noon: Kevin McCarthy, retired UF Professor – "Gainesville's Literary Heritage"

1pm: Joe Haldeman, Nebula Award winner – "An Interview: Books, Movies and War"

2pm: Steve Noll, UF Professor – "Florida Sports History: It's More than just Fun and Games"

3pm: John Dunn "Drying Up: The Fresh Water Crisis in Florida"

4pm: Lola Haskins, – "How Heeding Florida's Past and the Natural Beauty That Survived It Can Change Our Future"

### Children's Corner

10am-5pm: a dedicated area for oral storytelling and children's activities

**Sunday, Jan. 26  
10am-4:15pm**

Literary Heritage Tour – hear from re-enactors.

10-10:45am: Robert Frost – Thomas Center

### Lunch break

1:30-2:30pm: William Bartram – Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, park entry fee is \$6 per car

3:15-4:15pm: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings – Cross Creek State Park ☛

## And the good news is ...

# Florida Supreme Court clears way for \$15/hr. min. wage ballot measure

by Lloyd Dunkelberger, Florida Phoenix

A court ruling has cleared the way for Floridians to decide next year whether they want to raise the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour.

The Florida Supreme Court unanimously ruled Thursday in favor of a ballot proposal, which, if approved by at least 60 percent of the voters next November, would raise Florida's hourly minimum wage of \$8.46 to \$10 by Sept. 30, 2021.

Annual September increases of \$1 would eventually lift the wage to \$15 an hour by 2026. Beginning in 2027, the Florida minimum wage would be adjusted annually based on an inflation index.

In a 5-0 ruling, the state's highest court said the proposed state constitutional amendment complied with the "single subject" rule – intended to prevent logrolling – for citizens' initiatives. Former Justices Barbara Lagoa and Robert Luck, who have been appointed to a federal appellate court, did not participate in the decision.

The court also ruled that the ballot language and summary were "clear and unambiguous."

The court declined to rule on a financial impact statement that, under state law, must accompany the proposal on the ballot.

The court ruling is a victory for Orlando trial lawyer John Morgan, who is leading the minimum-wage campaign and who successfully led a 2016 ballot initiative that allowed medical marijuana in Florida.

In launching the minimum wage campaign in July, Morgan said he expected the ballot proposal to face "an uphill battle."

"But just like there were hundreds of thousands of families with sick children or parents that needed medical marijuana, there are hundreds of thousands of Floridians earning the minimum wage that cannot afford to live in Florida," Morgan said. "We must fight so that all Floridians can have the dignity of earning a fair wage for a hard day's work."

The campaign to raise the minimum wage will face opposition from Florida business groups – including the Florida Chamber of Commerce – and Gov. Ron DeSantis.

"That's going to cause big, big upheaval in the restaurant industry – it just will," DeSantis told a business group earlier this year. "When you put that in the Constitution, we can't just go back and say, 'Oh, let's tweak it, let's do that.' We literally would have to go back and do another constitutional amendment." ☛

# Third House Books moves

by Heather Halak

Third House Books is celebrating our fourth year, in a new, bigger space for 2020. We will be having a soft opening of our new location on Wednesday, Jan. 15, and a grand opening party on Jan. 25 at 400 NW 10th Avenue all day. We are excited to join the Grove Street neighborhood next to Earthpets and look forward to seeing both old and new faces.

Please do not fear – we are not closed! We're just getting bigger, and better. This move has been the result of rent hikes in downtown Gainesville, frustration with city parking, and wanting to provide our customers with adequate space for local authors and other events. But we promise: we're not going anywhere, Gainesville – except just down the street. ☛



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# Community undermined by irresponsible mining

by Kate Ellison

If you follow the on-going struggle in Bradford County with the phosphate mine proposed for both sides of the New River, you know that mining brings serious risks to the rivers, streams, lakes and wetlands that many of us want to preserve for sake of the aquifer, the plants and animals living there, and for the eco-tourism that could come to our community.

Without warning, this fall a new titanium mine was proposed and then approved within a matter of weeks by the Bradford County Commission.

The Chemours Company FC, LLC, has been in charge of extensive mining operations along the Trail Ridge since it spun off from DuPont in 2015. The Trail Ridge is an elevated sandy spine that borders the Okefenokee Swamp and extends to south

of Starke. In mid-September Chemours submitted a new application for a Special Permit for Mining to Bradford County to continue mining 886 acres of this ridge along the boundary between Bradford and Clay counties, north of Keystone Heights airport and west of Camp Blanding. A new processing plant would be built over the line in Clay County.

### How did this happen?

The public notice was published in the newspaper on Oct. 3, and the hearing was held on Oct. 17. It could not have been a more rushed timeline. There was no expert review, possibly no review at all. Chemours workers packed the hearing, seeming to prevent access for those who would object. With a vote of 3-2, the permit was approved. Bradford County believes they are done with it, that there is no appeal process.

Bradford Environmental Forum (BEF) believes we have a right to appeal the County Commissioners decision to the Bradford County Board of Adjustment. We may have to go to circuit court to force the County to follow the appeal process outlined in our Land Development Regulations. We are looking for a pro bono attorney to assist us with court filings.

The land cited in the permit is owned by Suwannee River Water Management District for conservation (really!), with mineral rights leased (we have not seen the documentation) by Chemours from Rayonier Timber.

Chemours has failed to meet its existing permit requirements for its operations in Bradford, Clay and Baker counties, and is under a Consent Order from the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to address these environmental failures. DEP continues to give them more time, but Chemours does not seem to be solving critical concerns and failures. There is no evidence this track record will change.

Bradford Environmental Forum reviewed the permit application and found numerous errors, from the lack of a notary signature to failing to show ownership of the land to be mined. Filing false written statements to mislead a public servant is a misdemeanor in Florida. The Bradford County Sheriff's department was asked (and refused) to investigate a complaint about the false statements.

### Foreseen consequences?

This permit allows mining significant wetlands. The mine site is the headwaters for streams that flow into the Santa Fe Swamp and Santa Fe River. Protecting and restoring wetlands after mining is essential, and nearly impossible, with potential impacts on the Upper Santa Fe River flowing from Bradford County to O'leno State Park. Chemours' plan for restoration seems utterly inadequate.

BEF regards this mine permit hearing as an example of how Bradford County intends to handle the phosphate mine application. That is, approve it 3-2.

As with the phosphate mine, we turn to DEP and possibly the courts to enforce their environmental standards, a slow, expensive process with an uncertain outcome. To get involved, go to <https://www.bradfordenvforum.org/>, find us on Facebook or call 904-368-0291. 🐸

# New legislation threatens Santa Fe River Bill of Rights

by Merrilee Jipson

As a New Year's present to local groups looking to restore, protect and preserve living natural systems—such as rivers and springs and the groundwater that is the source of drinking water—in their individual areas around Florida, Senator Albritton, chair of the Agricultural Committee, introduced SB 1382 on January 3, 2020. Section 1 of the bill introduces a spate of new programs associated with Florida's already anemic environmental protections, complete with language such as “where technically and financially practical” that render those protections optional, giving Florida's citizens only the illusion of protection.

The real gift, though, is in Section 2 – an addition to the Florida Statutes that states that “A local government ... may not recognize ... legal standing or legal rights ... to a plant, an animal, a body of water or any other part of the natural environment which is not a person or a political subdivision ....” This is an obvious attack on SAFEBOB—the Santa Fe River Bill of Rights campaign—and other similar campaigns in Florida.

The agricultural and business communities have obviously taken notice of the almost half-dozen local Rights of Nature campaigns that have sprung up in grassroots groups all around Florida. These movements would not be necessary if the state were properly doing its job which, as Article 2, Section 7 of the Florida Constitution states, “It shall be the policy of the state to conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty. Adequate provision shall be made by law for the abatement of air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary noise and for the conservation and protection of natural resources.”

Anyone who reads the news and is honest knows that those adequate provisions have neither been made nor weaker provisions adhered to. The laws written to protect our environment are written to allow a certain amount of harm. Imagine if the laws were written so that if I assault you, there would be no ramifications as long as you are less than 15 percent harmed.

Rights of Nature groups have long recognized and been frustrated with the inadequacies of the state legal structure's inability to support the constitution as it pertains to natural systems. These groups are seeking remedies in their own communities to protect the environments in which they live.

This is democracy in action, and Albritton's attempted subjugation of community rights is a direct assault on democracy and community rights. This wrongful and dangerous legislation is borne of a growing Big Brother mentality in government that is in direct conflict with democracy. That's the thing about democracy – use it or lose it.

History will not judge well those who come down against granting rights to natural systems or giving communities the rights to protect those systems. These days, however, apparently historical judgement takes a back seat to the personal enrichment that comes from unrestrained growth at the expense of the environment that sustains all of us. Perhaps the thinking is that the ultimate collapse of our natural systems will leave no one in the future to judge.

It is in the public interest that SB1382 dies before democracy does. 🐸



## NO NEW PLANET

An Interactive Art Event



Act-I-Vision of North Central Florida Indivisible and 352Creates invite ALL local area musicians, artists, and activists to participate in a family friendly, one day pop-up arts event:

NO NEW PLANET – An Interactive Art Event  
Saturda, January 25, 10am-4pm.  
Civic Media Center,  
433 S. Main Street, Gainesville

# Driver's License Restoration Clinic

Florida has an awful situation in its judicial codes resulting in driver's license suspension for a huge array of offenses, really screwing up people's lives. Until the Legislature rewrites the overly broad suspensions, Jess Irby, our Clerk of the Court, has instituted a program to help. Periodic clinics are run to assist people in getting their situations taken care of. Yeah, folks still need to pay the fines, but this program really helps navigate the process.

The next driver's license restoration clinic is Friday, Feb. 21 at the Alachua County Courthouse. This is an opportunity for people with suspended, canceled or revoked driver licenses to meet with multiple agencies and work on getting their drivers licenses reinstated in a one stop event. The clinic only addresses driver's license issues arising out of Alachua County. One can sign up by pre-registering online and selecting an appointment time for the event. The registration deadline is Jan. 24.

Participating agencies are the Alachua County Clerk of Court, Alachua County Tax Collector, Eighth Judicial Circuit, Eighth Circuit Public Defender, Eighth Circuit State Attorney, First District Office of Regional Counsel, Alachua County Court Services, Florida Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Florida Department of Revenue, and the Florida Bureau of Administrative Review.

As a bonus, the Alachua County Clerk of Court will waive all collection agency fees on overdue court obligations, including traffic tickets, for clinic participants who pay the original obligation amount in full.

The Clerk's website has registration information, or interested people can call 352-374-3636. And pass the word on to anyone you know who can be helped with this service. 🐸

## FINDING YOUR ROLE

in the Movement for Peace and Justice



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# In memory of Arupa Freeman *by Bob Freeman with Liz McCullogh*

Arupa Freeman passed away December 22, after several months of illness.

Arupa was born Kathleen Emond in North Bennington, Vermont. She took great pride in her family’s long history in Vermont, going back to colonial times. Though raised by her grandmother in difficult circumstances, Arupa relished small town childhood memories: flying kites, picking wild strawberries, ice skating, Christmas caroling. She studied English and French literature at the University of Oklahoma.

Arupa was a follower of George Gurdjieff, the mystic and philosopher, and lived in an ashram in Carmel, California while working as an editor for McGraw-Hill Publishing. Along the way she adopted the name Arupa from the Indian mystic Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh — a Sanskrit word meaning formless or non-material.

Arupa read deeply in philosophy, religion, and mysticism. She was a spiritual seeker. She was both a Catholic and a Buddhist; jokingly she called herself a Cathuddhist. She knew that after death she would enter another life where she would be reunited with loved ones.

She moved to Gainesville, and there she met and married the painter Bob Freeman, both of them founding members of the Acrostown Repertory Theater. She supported herself with housecleaning and editing, but the work that really mattered to Arupa was writing, painting, acting, and helping homeless people. She wrote poetry, plays, and two blogs which are still available on-line: [vermontandotherstatesofmind.blogspot.com](http://vermontandotherstatesofmind.blogspot.com) and [homevan.blogspot.com](http://homevan.blogspot.com). She advocated tirelessly for the needs of the homeless, speaking to the City Commission and writing op-eds for the newspaper.

In 2002, Arupa, with her husband Bob and some friends, began



the Home Van, bringing food, clothes, medicine and other supplies to homeless people in camps and downtown parks in a big Chevy van. The Home Van came from a place of friendship, and as an informal group supported by community donations rather than government funding and grants, was able to be guided by instinct and kindness instead of rules.

In 2015 the Home Van became a food pantry, run out of Arupa and Bob’s living room with the help of a few volunteers. It provides food, medicines, tents and other supplies to the downtown homeless and marginally housed. Even in the last few months of her life, though she was quite ill, Arupa would get up to greet and give a food bag to her homeless friends.

Arupa refused most awards, but she was proud to accept the 2008 Martin Luther King Jr. Hall of Fame Award from the Martin Luther King Jr. Commission of Florida, and, in December 2019, the Rosa Parks Quiet Courage award.

Arupa is survived by her husband, Bob Freeman, and her step-children. A memorial mass was held January 15.

The final words for this obituary come from Arupa. In 2015, noting that the French root for courage is ‘heart,’ she wrote, “Courage is going out into the world, not with bravado, but with heart. I can smile at people, especially those who seem lonely or sad. Such smiles have cheered me up many times. I can be Buddha meeting Buddha wherever I go. I can appreciate the clouds, the trees, the gray squirrels who dart across the street ahead of us or sit precariously on a telephone wire.

“There is a world out there that needs to be loved; there is a loving Spirit in this universe who is always with me, helping me to get through whatever challenges life brings me. I discovered that Spirit, if invited, could teach me how to love and guide me in life decisions ... I have written poetry books, painted, and did out-reach to homeless people, the unwanted children of our harsh age. I’ve been a player, and I’ve had a life, a wonderful life. For the past 30 years I have been married to one of the greatest guys ever - another artist, who has walked with me every inch of the way.”

Bob Freeman and the volunteers intend to continue the Home Van food pantry. Donations in Arupa’s memory may be made to Citizens for Social Justice, Inc. at 307 SE 6<sup>th</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32601. 🐸

# Alachua County Charter Review Commission asks for public engagement: ideas, proposals

*by Penny Wheat, Chair  
2020 Alachua County Charter Review Commission*

In 1986, Alachua County voters approved the Alachua County Charter, giving us more powers of local self-government and freedom from State control. The Charter requires that a Review Commission of electors be appointed in 1990 and every ten years thereafter, to review the County Charter and propose amendments or revisions which may be advisable for placement on the general election ballot.

The time is now.

Appointed by the Alachua County Commission, a Charter Review Commission (CRC) for the 2019-2020 review period has been established. While the Charter allows for amendment proposals by citizen initiative and by the County Commission, this is the once-in-10-year opportunity for residents to convene, review the Charter, and consider issues significant to us in Alachua County.

Public engagement is key to this review process.

The Charter Review Commission believes that the process of deliberating local home rule authority is of great public importance, as is availability of the public information necessary to fully participate. Our website, <http://ac2020crc.us/>, contains meeting dates/information, as well as historical documents and resources. To submit a proposal, please make use of our online, fillable form located at: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1047>. You can also call the staff liaison at 352-337-6144 for more information and assistance with meetings.

As a Charter county, Alachua County voters can take advantage of direct democracy. The Florida Constitution states that charter

counties “shall have all powers of local self-government not inconsistent with general law...”

A Charter county can do what the voters decide, as long as it does not conflict with State law. In the past, Alachua County voters have amended the Charter to adopt local campaign finance regulations and to have County environmental ordinances prevail over municipal ordinances. Other charter counties have set out exceptions for topics as wide ranging as growth management and impact fees to a local code of ethics.

There is a compressed timeframe for submittal of proposals, study, legal research, and collective deliberation. A majority vote of the 12-member CRC is required to move proposals forward to three required public hearings. The County Commission must then hold a subsequent public hearing and is required to place any CRC-forwarded proposals on the ballot for voters to decide.

The 2020 Charter Review Commission welcomes your ideas and suggestions. 🐸

## Gainesville’s Housing Action Plan wants neighbors’ input

The Gainesville Housing and Community Development Department is creating a long-term Housing Action Plan, and we need input from our neighbors.

After hosting a series of public workshops in 2019, we are broadening our reach and community input in 2020 to hear from more of our neighbors about how Gainesville can provide, support and foster more affordable housing. We know many people have many different ideas about housing, and we’d love to hear from you.

Please take few minutes to answer these important questions about housing in the City of Gainesville at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/housingneed>. Your responses are 100 percent confidential. Your feedback is our starting point as we plan more in-person community discussion in 2020. The surveys will be accepted through the end of February.

A housing workshop will be offered in the near future. Watch the website at [www.cityofgainesville.org/HousingCommunityDevelopment.aspx](http://www.cityofgainesville.org/HousingCommunityDevelopment.aspx) for details. 🐸



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# When unacceptable becomes normal

by Gary Gordon

It's become a normal practice at Gainesville City Commission meetings to have people removed by armed police officers. A normal occurrence. Acceptable.

Who's being removed? Generally it's people who disagree with Commission decisions or contemplated plans. But their specific crime is speaking longer than the allotted three minutes.

When I served on the City Commission ('83-'86) we did not run a clock on those who spoke to us and we often engaged in dialogue, answering questions, sharing comments, and directing staff to answer questions citizens brought up.

I think our fundamental principle then was the Commission meeting was a meeting WITH the people, not just FOR the people.

I don't know when the clock on addressing the Commission began, and I don't know when it was decided that "if you can't say what you mean in three minutes then you haven't organized your thoughts."

The fact is, sometimes a coherent presentation of an idea and/or facts takes longer than 3 minutes. We all know it.

Recently the Commission changed its public participation rules. One change is to require speakers to pre-register—but they didn't decide on the specifics. Should one have to register an hour in advance or can

one register as the hearing is occurring?

The difference is critical but the more important question is: Why? The public hearings I've participated in since my return to Gainesville have all been orderly—except when one senior citizen was escorted out by GPD for the aforementioned crime.

One of the mainstays of democracy in Gainesville is that anyone can rise to speak without having to decide in advance or notify anyone of their intentions. Sometimes people hear something someone said and decide they want to add to it or disagree.

And I've never seen a collision at the microphone with people arguing or fighting over who's next. It's all been, to use a popular word, "civil."

"Civility" is a big word these days. It's not my favorite. Perhaps because I grew up in the 60s when confrontation was required. It's ironic that some of the same people who would shout at Richard Spencer or Donald Trump, Jr. demand civility when citizens angry about tax, utility rate and fire assessment fee increases—angry about facing the choice of medicine or heat—and angry at these new rules that decrease and add hurdles to participation protest and push the envelope to reveal some ugly truths.

Put another way: if a Republican-controlled Commission demanded civility

as they enacted these rules coupled with a string of decisions that angered liberals, progressives, radicals—Iguana readers—would that demand be met with obedience?

It is the Commission that sets the tone and it is on them to change it.

As readers of Zinn and Chomsky, we know it's necessary to flip the paradigm: Is it civil or uncivil to need more than three minutes to make a point? To attack a policy? Is it civil or uncivil to evict someone from a public meeting for going over time or challenging the Commission?

Another rule change: equal speakers on each side. Now I admit it's unclear to me if this was actually decided because I found it so incredible to even consider. In the hearing on GNV Rise approximately 65 people spoke and only four or five spoke in favor of the City's plan. Does this new rule mean there would've been only five people allowed to speak on each side and the other 60 would have to remain silent?

That's hardly the essence of participatory democracy, and it's a clear violation of the standards Gainesville has historically embraced in modern times.

And there's the change regarding emails: apparently Commissioners now get to classify (as in keep secret) some emails.

I realize all these Commissioners and the Mayor were elected by the majority of

people voting, and have experienced that criticizing any of them carries risk.

But as a former Commissioner, an Iguana-reader, and as an American, it sickens me to see people hauled out of a public meeting, and is further sickening that no Commissioners protest and that many in the community hide behind "there has to be rules" instead of genuinely exploring how to either improve the system or have it operate as it did in the early/mid '80s when people weren't hauled away.

The increasing of power of any government thru decreasing citizen participation should be a cause for alarm for everyone.

## Trials of the Century at Santa Fe College

**What:** "Trials of the Century"  
**Where:** Santa Fe College NW  
**When:** Jan. 28 and Feb. 4  
**Time:** 6:45-9:15pm

Former Mayor and current musician Gary Gordon will be teaching a Community Education class on Trials of the Century at SFCC on the Tuesday evenings of Jan. 28 and Feb. 4.

The first evening covers the trial of Big Bill Haywood for the murder of the former Governor of Idaho, in 1907. Defended by the "best defense attorney in the country," Clarence Darrow, this trial attracted national attention as it focused not only on the murder, but on the clash between Miners and Mine Owners, organized labor, management (banks, corporations), and the Pinkertons. Even President Teddy Roosevelt got involved.

The other trial the first evening is the Scopes Trial, aka "The Monkey Trial." Believe me, if you think you know about this one because you've seen the excellent drama "Inherit the Wind," then you will learn a lot more about what actually occurred -- and the ramifications reverberate today.

The second night will include the trials of Sacco and Vanzetti, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg ("the Atomic Spies"), and Caryl Chessman.

You can sign up for a single class or both. If enough people sign up for these classes there will be additional classes/trials in the Spring session. You can register by calling 352-395-5193.



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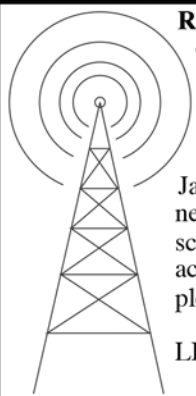
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Jacksonville's public station WJCT at 89.9 has varied news programming as well during the day - check their schedule. In addition, there's music ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night.

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For more events, event details, and irregularly updated calendar entries, see [www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar](http://www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar).

**19** CMCommunity Gardening, every Sunday at 10:30 am.

**Sunday Assembly** now at Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St): John Moran on Santa Fe River Bill of Rights, 11 am.

**Music in the Park Kickoff** w/ Dean Johannesen, James Paul Park (20 NW 9th St, High Springs), 2-4 pm, free.

**Anne and Emmett** final performance, Star Ctr Theatre (11 NE 23rd Ave), 3 pm.

**StoriesPoeticallyTold:** Vivian Filer, Cotton Club (837 SE 7th Ave), 4 pm.

**Book of Mormon** final performance at Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm, \$49-119.

**26** Crazy Horse Life & Legacy book talk, downtown library (401 E Univ Ave), 2:30-4 pm.

**2** Peace & Justice workshop, Quaker Meeting House (702 NW 38th St), 1-3 pm - see pg 6.

**National Women's Liberation** new activist orientation, CMC, 1 pm.

**"Batty" Presentation**, Fla Mus, 2 pm.

**GROUNDHOG DAY**

**9** Mummenschanz non-verbal theater at Phillips Ctr, 2 pm, \$10-40.

**Doug Macleod** plays blues, Heartwood (619 S Main St), 8 pm, \$25.

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**16** Sunday Assembly, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St): Kristen Young on 2020 census, 11 am; pg 16.

**Billy Buchanan** at High Springs Music in the Park - see 1/19; free.

**Hidden Lives Illuminated**, doc on animated films by incarcerated artists, The Wooly (20 N Main St), 5-8 pm.

**23** If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the Ig with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville, FL 32604.

**20** MLK Day: Hall of Fame Awards, City Hall, 11 am; Speakers, BD Plaza, noon; March, BD Plaza to MLK Ctr, 1 pm; see MLKCOF on Facebook.

**Witness for Immigrant Justice and Sanctuary**, NW 23rd Ave & 43rd St, 5-6 pm, every Mon.

**Grow Gvl** 3rd Mon meet-up, Working Food Community Center (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm.

**Gvl Citizens for Active Transportation** meets at CIED (530 E. Univ Ave), 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 pm.

**Weekly Candle-holding Witness** for the undocumented, BD Downtown Plaza, every Monday, 7:30-8 pm.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY**

**27** WWI, Florida, & Flu book talk, dntn library, 5:30 pm, free.

**Cancer Survivorship** Town Hall, UF HealthStreet (2401 Archer Rd), 5:30 pm.

**Democratic Socialists of America** meet 4th Mondays at dntn library (401 SE Univ Ave), 6-7:30 pm.

**Rape Aggression Defense Class** opens, Pride Ctr, 6-10 pm, 1/27-30): space limited, see [gainesvillepride.org](http://gainesvillepride.org).

**Tranquility** meets, CMC, 7 pm.

**HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY**

**3** City Charter Review meeting, GRU Auditorium (301 SE 4th Ave), 4 pm.

**10** Fla Free Speech Forum topic: Behavioral Health; Wyndham Garden Conf Ctr (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am: [floridafreespeechforum.org](http://floridafreespeechforum.org).

**Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice**, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 W 18th Ave), 2nd Mons, 6 pm.

**Women's March** meets 2nd Mons, United Church of G'ville, 6:30 pm.

**17** Grow Gvl - see 1/20.

**24** Fla Water film series, Fla Museum, 6-8:30 pm, free.

**14** Veterans Support Group, UF HealthStreet (2401 Archer Rd), 11 am-noon, Tuesdays, free.

**Alachua County Commission** meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 11:30 am & 5 pm, Cty Admin Bldg (12 SE 1st St).

**CMC Free Grocery Store** every Tuesday, 433 S. Main St, 2:30 pm.

**Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee** meets, CMC, 6 pm.

**21** Suppressed - Robert Greenwald voting rights doc, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 1 pm; also 1/22, 7 pm.

**School Board** meets, 620 E. Univ Ave, 1st & 3rd Tues, 6 pm.

**NAACP Environment & Climate Justice Committee**, W. Johnson Ctr (321 NW 10th St), 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 pm.

**PFLAG** meets 3rd Tuesdays, United Church of Gvl (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

**28** Alachua County Commish - see 1/14.

**"McCarthy Moment"** Johns Committee exhibit opens, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), 11 am, free; pg 14.

**Kayser Enneking** campaign kickoff, Blackadder Brewing (618 NW 60th St), 6-8 pm.

**Alachua County Labor Coalition** meets, downtown library room A, 6 pm.

**Trials of the Century** - pg 11.

**4** School Bd - see 1/21.

**Gvl Citizens Against Death Penalty** meets, Menno-nite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 1st Tuesdays, 6 pm.

**Resolute Rogues (NC), Uncle Mosie, & Front Porch Back Steppers**, CMC, 7 pm; pg 17.

**11** Distracted Driving Town Hall, UF Health-street (2401 Archer Rd), 5:30 pm.

**IWOC** meets - see 1/14.

**18** Last Day to register or switch parties (must be Dem to vote the Bern) - see pg 1.

**Candidate Forum** w/ League of Women Voters, LifeSouth (4039 W Newberry Rd), 6 pm.

**25** Alachua County Labor Coalition - see 1/28.

**15** Free confidential walk-in HIV testing at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F.

**Downtown Farmers' Market** every Wed, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. University Ave), 4-7 pm.

**Interfaith Dialog**, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 W 18th Ave), 1st & 3rd Weds, 7 pm.

Keep up with the CMC at F'book & I'gram for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future.

**22** More Equitable Gvl work-shop w/ Gail Johnson & Teneeshia Marshall, Heartwood (619 S Main St), 6 pm.

**Dismantling Racism**, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 W 18th Ave), 2nd & 4th Weds, 7 pm.

**Disrupt Gainesville 2.0** business talks (adults only), 1st Magnitude Brewing (1220 SE Veitch St), 5-7:30 pm, \$15.

**29** The Corporate Coup d'Etat documentary screening w/ Roots Action filmmaker & veteran journalist Jeff Cohen, CMC, 7 pm; see pg 15.

**5** FRANK Conference in Gvl, 4th-7th: see [frankgathering.org](http://frankgathering.org).

**DNA & Codes** exhibit opens, Cade Museum (811 S. Main St), 10 am-5 pm through May 3rd.

**1st Wednesday Open Mic Nite**, Satchel's Pizza.

**Vets for Peace** meets 1st Wednesdays, 7 pm - call 352-375-2563 for directions.

**"Formulas & Fairy Tales"** dance based on life of Alan Turing, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm, \$10-40.

**12** Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds, Downtown Farmers' Market, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E University Ave), 4-7 pm.

**Alachua Democrats** meet, School Bd Mtg Room (620 E Univ Ave), 2nd Weds, 6-8 pm.

**DARWIN DAY**

**19** Humanist Soc. of Gvl meets 3rd Weds, UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

IGUANA Deadline for the March issue is 2/19; write [gainesvilleiguana@cox.net](mailto:gainesvilleiguana@cox.net) or call 352-378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

**26** 1917: Original Dixieland Jass Band cuts 1st jazz record.

**16** CMC Volunteers meet every Thurs, 433 S. Main St, 5:30 pm.

**The Watson's Go to Birmingham** (play based on 1963 16th St Baptist Church bombing), MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), 7 pm Thurs & Fri, free.

**Open Poetry** Thursdays, CMC, 8 pm.

**23** "Political Division in America" talk by ex-Sen Bill Nelson & author Jon Meacham, UF Pugh Hall, 9 am (free, but tickets needed [[eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com)]).

**"Harassed"** - field research talk, UF Ustler Hall, 4 pm, free.

**NAACP** meets 4th Thurs, location tba, 6 pm.

**Hunting Nazis in US** author talk at UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

**Red Horse** at Phillips Ctr, 7 & 9 pm, \$10-50.

**30** Future of Fossil Fuels panel, UF Pugh Hall, 6 pm.

**Humanist Families of Gvl** meets, One Love Café (4989 NW 40th Pl), 6:30 pm.

**UF Young Democratic Socialists** meets, Anderson 34, 6:30 pm.

**The Committee** talk by author Sterling Watson, Matheson Mus (513 E Univ Ave), 7-8:30 pm, free - see pg 14.

**6** "Welcoming the Stranger: Immigration and American Values" talk at UF Pugh Hall Ocora, 6 pm, free.

**Changeville Music & Arts Festival** at Heartwood (619 S Main St), 6 pm Thurs, 5 pm Fri, \$15, stdts \$12.

**Sierra Club** meets 1st Thurs, LifeSouth (4309 NW Newberry Rd); topic: nature & health, 7 pm.

**13** "Anne Moody & Mississippi Voting Rights" talk, UF Pugh Hall, 4 pm, free.

**Stonewall Democrats** meet, Pride Ctr, 2nd Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm.

**Candidates Forum**, 3911 W Newberry Rd, 5:30 pm.

**Cinema Verde Environmental Film Festival** opens, Heartwood (619 S Main St), 6 pm; runs thru 2/16 - see pg 24.

**20** 1962: John Glenn orbits Earth.

**27** Humanist Families of Gvl - see 1/30.

**13th - The Musical**, Star Center Theatre (11 NE 23rd Ave), through 3/8.

**17** Gvl Arbor Day tree-planting & giveaway, Depot Park, 11 am.

**CMC Bluegrass & Old-Time Jam** & potluck, 6-9+ pm.

**I Love You Because** opens at Across-town Repertory (619 S. Main St), 8 pm; runs through 2/2, \$20 (\$15 for seniors/students/military/veterans).

**WGOT 12th Birthday Bash/Benefit**, 4 bands: The Atlantic (15 N Main), 9 pm.

**24** Sunshine State Book Festival opening reception, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), 5-7 pm; festival of local authors runs Fri-Sun at Santa Fe College Fine Arts Hall (3000 NW 83rd St), free; see pg 4 & [sunshinestatebookfestival.com](http://sunshinestatebookfestival.com).

**Lone Star Spirits** opens at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), runs through 2/16.

**Blackbird Morning**, Heartwood, 8 pm.

**Shoddy Beatles** at The Wooly, 9 pm.

**31** In Ten: SF College 10-minute-play festival, SFC Fine Arts Hall, 2 & 7:30 pm, \$9-15.

**Gvl Artwalk**, last Fridays, 7 pm - see pg 9 & [artwalkgainesville.com](http://artwalkgainesville.com).

**Double Exposure Winners' Reception**, Rosa B. Williams Ctr (524 NW 1st St), 7-10 pm, free.

**Skeleton Crew** opens at Actors' Warehouse (619 NE 1st St); runs thru 2/16.

**Youth Art Gallery** at Thomas Ctr (302 NE 6th Ave), through 3/6.

**Gay Movie Night**, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), last Fridays, 7:30 pm.

**Story Summit**, Heartwood, 8 pm.

**No Fraud, Pez**, The Atlantic, 9 pm.

**Noise Attack**, 5 Fla bands, CMC, 9 pm.

**7** Pride Youth Leadership Academy opens 7 pm, runs thru Sun, 6 pm: see [gainesvillepride.org/pyla](http://gainesvillepride.org/pyla).

**Theater Strike Force** comedy show, CMC, 8 pm.

**14** Lovestruck, The Wooly, 8 pm.

**Silent Disco**, CMC, 10 pm.

**VALENTINE'S DAY**

**21** "Babies in Cages" talk, UF Ustler Hall, 4-6:30 pm, free.

**CMC Bluegrass & Old-Time Jam** & potluck, 6-9+ pm.

**Student Fine Arts Exhibition**, UF University Gallery Fine Arts Bldg A, 7-9 pm; open through March 13th.

**Heartwood Music Fest IV**, 7 pm.

**28** Gvl Artwalk - see 1/31.

**Gay Movie Night** - see 1/31.

**Marie and Rosetta** opens at Hipp, runs through March 22: see [thehipp.org](http://thehipp.org).

**18** Community Meditation, CMC, 9-10 am every Saturday;

**Yoga class** 10 am every Saturday.

**Great Invader Raider Rally** invasive plant roundup, Morningside Nature Ctr (3540 E Univ Ave), 9-11 am.

**Hoggetowne Medieval Faire** opens, Fairgrounds, runs weekends thru 2/2.

**CMC Pop-up Free Store** (433 S. Main St) every 3rd Sat, 2-5 pm.

**"Environmental History of Eastern Alachua County"** talk by Robert Hutchinson, Hawthorne Mus & Cultural Ctr (7225 SE 221st St), 2-3:30 pm, free.

**25** Global Protest against US War on Iran: see [unacpeace.org](http://unacpeace.org).

**Antique, Floridiana, & Rare Book Sale**, Matheson Mus (513 E Univ Ave), 9 am-5 pm, \$1 (kids free).

**Pollinator Exhibit** opens at Fla Museum, 10 am-4:30 pm; bilingual; \$8 (\$7 Fla residents, \$5.50 under 18).

**No New Planet** - interactive art event hosted by NCFla Indivisible at CMC, 10 am-4 pm, free - see pg 7.

**Farm to Table** dinner: see Facebook, SwallowtailCSA; also 2/15.

**Roe v Wade show** & NWL benefit, The Wooly, 7-12 pm - see pgs 5, 24.

**Feb 1** Zero Waste USA forum, Working Food (219 NW 10th Ave), 2 pm, free.

**Veg for Life** vegan potluck, UUFG, \$2+ veg dish for 6, 1st Sats, 6:30 pm.

**Brazillfest**, Heartwood, 7-11 pm.

**Original Waffle House Burlesque & Variety Show**, Hardback Café (920 NW 2nd St), 8:30 pm, \$25-40.

**8** Alachua Audubon Backyard Bird-ing Tour - see [alachuaaudubon.org](http://alachuaaudubon.org).

**15** VegFest, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E Univ Ave), 10 am-5 pm, free.

**"Women & Girls in Science"**, Fla Mus (3215 Hull Rd), 10 am-3 pm, free.

**Pints & Predators**, 1st Mag, 12-5 pm.

**CMC Pop-up Free Store** every 3rd Sat, 2-5 pm (drop off donations, 12:30 pm).

**Florida Panther** talk by Craig Pittman, Matheson Mus, 4-5:30 pm, free.

**22** Jontavious Willis sings blues at Phillips Ctr, 7 & 9 pm, \$10-50.

**Heartwood Music Fest IV**, \$15-30.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

**29** UF Spring Break begins.

**US Navy Band**, Phillips Ctr, 7:30 pm, free (limited tix).

**1940: Hattie McDaniel** wins Oscar.



# Book talk: *The Committee* with Sterling Watson

**What:** *The Committee* Book Talk with Sterling Watson  
**Where:** Matheson History Museum  
**When:** Thursday, Jan. 30, 7 pm  
**Cost:** Free

The Matheson Museum will present a book talk with author Sterling Watson on Jan. 30. His book, *The Committee*, is a novelization of the infamous Johns Committee, a 1950s witch hunt for communists and homosexuals.

The Committee is set in Gainesville, a sleepy late 1950s Florida university city. Its characters — professors, students, townspeople rich and poor, and politicians — are both typical of such a place and unusual, even bizarre, for the challenges they face and the changes they undergo when their lives are suddenly disrupted by the nefarious workings of a shadowy group of men, The Committee, who use the powers of government and the police to investigate and reveal the most private acts of innocent men and women.

This is a story of love, both licit and hidden, war, friendship, betrayal, compromise, and finally the necessity to stand firm against the encroachments upon freedom by men who believe they do God’s and the government’s righteous work.

Set against the backdrop of political turmoil and the clash of classes and cultures — Southern, academic, patrician, and demimonde — The Committee pits protagonist Tom Stall, scholarly, ambitious, and rising in his world of teaching and administration, against two men and a woman — a colleague,

a university president, and an old friend turned deadly enemy — in a struggle for the soul of a town, a university, and an ideal.

Tension and suspense build with crushing inevitability as hidden forces and unforeseen events threaten Stall’s career and finally his very life.

A book signing will follow Mr. Watson’s presentation. 🐾

## ‘The McCarthy Moment’ opens at Matheson

**What:** “The McCarthy Moment” Exhibition  
**Where:** Matheson History Museum  
**When:** Starting Jan. 28, Tues-Sat, 11am-4pm  
**Cost:** Free

Have you ever been engaged in any homosexual activities here in Gainesville?”

This question forever altered dozens of lives at the University of Florida between 1958 and 1959. In 1956, State Senator Charley Eugene Johns created the Florida Legislative Investigation Committee. Better known as the Johns Committee, it tried to uncover subversive activity in Florida.

Their first target was the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The Committee used Communists as an excuse to prevent integration in public schools. The NAACP’s members and lawyers proved too hard for the Committee to beat. Soon an embarrassed Johns looked for easier victims.

At this time, Americans thought being gay was a shameful mental disorder. It was something to hide and keep secret. It was also illegal in Florida. This secrecy made gay people more vulnerable to the persecution of the Johns Committee. Committee members threatened people with exposure and prison if they did not cooperate. This reign of terror led to dozens of professors and students leaving the university.

Although we will never know everyone the Committee hurt, this exhibition seeks to tell their stories.

The McCarthy Moment exhibition does contain sensitive information, including self-harm, sexual acts, and persecution of the LGBTQ+ community. Museum staff is available if any visitor would like more information before entering the exhibition.

The Matheson History Museum is open Tuesday-Saturday, 11am-4pm, and admission is free.

This exhibition is funded in part by grants from Visit Gainesville Alachua County, Florida; the City of Gainesville Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs; and the Florida Department of State. 🐾

*From BERNIE, p. 1*

supporters who were not registered as a Democrat: they were Independents, Greens, whatever ... or not even registered. They had no idea they wouldn’t be able to vote in the upcoming Primary of 2016. Don’t let that be you this year!

Elsewhere you will find an informative ad from the Supervisor of Elections that will give you most everything you need to know. And remember, if you think your one vote won’t matter, there is an easy solution; multiply your vote by helping to get out the vote. Talk to friends and make sure they are registered Democrat. (If they want to switch back to whatever they can afterwards) Make sure they vote. Work with a campaign to phone bank, knock on doors, stuff envelopes, whatever. Hold a sign on election day.

All city of Gainesville residents will have City commission races on their ballots as well, more details on that in the March Iguana. There will be a city-wide voting for the at large race, and races for Districts 2 (NW) and 3 (SW) Commission seats. 🐾

*From DREAM DEFENDERS, p. 1*

Assistant State Attorney and Executive Director of the Office, to take the seat of State Attorney. Kramer is expected by local organizations to be a ‘business-as-usual’ candidate, continuing Cervone’s hard-on-crime legacy.

With Republicans finally losing the incumbent advantage in this seat, now is our best chance to prioritize progressive policies. Beverly McCallum, if successfully petitioned onto the ballot, is poised to run as the Democratic candidate. McCallum has worked as both a private and United States attorney before returning to run for the 8th Circuit seat.

We have come to understand that the general public is not informed on these matters. It is imperative that we direct our efforts towards community awareness in this 2020 election.

For the first four months of 2020, we are proud to announce that we will be leading a teach-in series. All community members are encouraged to attend.

The series will be held as follows; be on the look-out for further announcements.

**January:** Learning for Freedom: Recreating the School-to-Future Pipeline  
**February:** Learning for Freedom: Local Steps Towards Decarceration  
**March:** Learning for Freedom: Transformative Justice Now  
**April:** Learning for Freedom: Ask the Candidates

Our first teach-in is scheduled for Jan. 25 at noon. It will be free and food will be provided. Location is at GTEC at 2153 SE Hawthorne Rd, Gainesville, Florida

Through our efforts, we hope to build a collective consciousness on what transformative justice can look like in our community and what we can do, together, to reach this vision. We imagine a Gainesville – and a world – where kids will not be arrested in schools and people will not sit in jail for being unable to pay bail upfront. This will be possible with the support of a state attorney with progressive policies.

Let’s build community and learn about the issues together!

For updates, follow us on Instagram: @goddsvilledreamdefenders and facebook.com/UFdreamdefenders. 🐾



## THE CORPORATE COUP D’ÉTAT

Film showing at the Civic Media Center, Wednesday, Jan. 29, 7pm

Film maker Jeff Cohen of Roots Action will be there to introduce the film and to hold Q&A afterward.

*About the Film:*

Director: Fred Peabody  
Producer: Peter Raymont  
Executive Producers: Peter Raymont, Fred Peabody, Steve Ord, Jeff Cohen, Hans Robert Eisenhower

A democracy should protect its citizens, especially the most vulnerable among them, but increasingly the United States is failing to do so. This investigative and persuasive documentary blends the insights of philosophers, authors and journalists with the experiences of citizens of the Rust Belt in the U.S. Midwest, where the steel industry once flourished, but where closures and outsourcing have left urban areas desolate and hopeless. It’s here that Donald Trump finds some of his most fervent supporters, as he’s not considered part of the hated Washington establishment.

Journalist Chris Hedges, argues that the crisis predates Donald Trump’s election by many years. Like his source of inspiration, the Canadian philosopher John Ralston Saul, Hedges regards Trump as the symptom rather than the disease. Decades ago, U.S. democracy began selling its soul to big corporations. Lobbyists and corporatism took control in Washington, gradually undermining the will of the people. Journalist Naomi Klein recently described Trump’s administration as a “corporate coup d’état”. Hedges and Ralston Saul argue that the real coup took place long before.

Featuring: Chris Hedges, John Ralston Saul, Cornel West, Sarah Jaffe, Lee Fang, Maude Barlow, Phillip Martin



# Join the Working Family Lobby Corps

by Jeremiah Tattersall

The 2020 Florida legislative session is underway and so is our push for a pro working families agenda. We'd love for you to join the Working Family Lobby Corps in lobbying our elected officials this session. Major issues this session will be:

- Preemption and elimination of local pro-worker ordinances such as the Alachua County Wage Theft, non-discrimination human rights, and living wage ordinances.
- Another roll-back of the Florida Retirement System (FRS), most likely an increase in an employee contribution for the pension plan or outright closure of the plan to new hires.

- Forcing burdensome new paperwork and processes for union dues to hamstring pro-worker organizations.
- Funding for teacher and school support staff salaries
- Constitutional attacks on the integrity of local school boards
- Attacks on certified apprenticeships.
- Continued expansion of Florida's aggressive school privatization programs.
- Anti-choice legislation.
- Affordable and safe housing.

The session ends on March 13 and we'll have people in Tallahassee every day they're meeting. It's imperative that legislatures hear from working folks in their communities about how their decisions will affect us. Please consider signing up at [bit.ly/2019-2020WFLCRegistration](http://bit.ly/2019-2020WFLCRegistration).

A list of hotels in the area can be found at [flafcio.org/wflc/](http://flafcio.org/wflc/). We ask that you report on Mondays at 12pm for a review of the week and take a tour of the Capitol for new member lobbyists. From Tuesday through Thursday you'll report at 7am with breakfast served at 7:30am, where we'll begin the morning briefing, review legislative issues, and plan special assignments.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jeremiah Tattersall at [jtattersall@flafcio.org](mailto:jtattersall@flafcio.org) or call the North Central Florida Central Labor Council at 352-222-1991.



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### Every week at the CMC:

TUESDAYS: Free Grocery Store @2:30-4:30pm  
THURSDAYS: Volunteer Meeting @5:30-6:30pm  
Poetry Jam @8pm  
SATURDAYS: Community Meditation @9-10am  
Free Yoga @10-11am  
SUNDAYS: CMC Gardening Day @10:30am

### January:

FRI JAN 17: Bluegrass & Oldtime Jam @6-9pm  
SAT JAN 18: Free store @2-5pm, drop-offs @12:30pm  
SAT JAN 25: No New Planet: Interactive Art Workshop @10am-4pm (co-hosted by Indivisible and 352 Arts)  
MON JAN 27: Tranquility meeting @7pm  
WED JAN 29: Filmmaker Jeff Cohen of Roots Action hosts showing of "The Corporate Coup D'État" documentary @7pm  
FRI JAN 31: "Noise Attack" music show @9pm

### February:

TUE FEB 4: Music Show with Resolute Rogues (NC), Uncle Mosie, and Front Porch Back Steppers @7pm  
FRI FEB 7: Comedy show with Threater Strike Force @8pm  
FRI FEB 14: Silent Disco @10pm  
SAT FEB 15: Free store @2-5pm, drop-offs @12:30pm  
FRI FEB 21: Bluegrass and Oldtime Jam @6-9pm

Check Instagram and Facebook for more details and other as yet unscheduled events. The CMC website is under reconstruction - Facebook is the best place to keep up with new events added after this list was made.

Please support the CMC however you can:

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To get weekly announcement email, contact: [coordinators@civicmediacenter.org](mailto:coordinators@civicmediacenter.org) and request to be added to the list.

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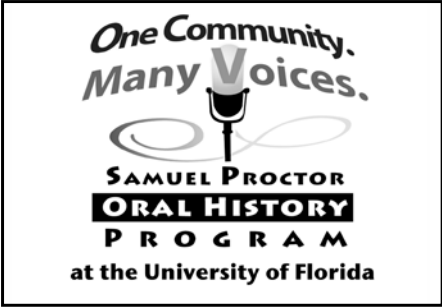
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# History and the people who make it: Mary Hall Daniels



Mary Hall Daniels [MHD], last known survivor of the 1923 Rosewood, Florida, massacre, was interviewed by Ryan Morini and Sherri Sherrod Dupree [SSD] in January, 2012.

This is the 56th in a series of transcript excerpts from the UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

**MHD:** I was born in Rosewood, Florida, June 7, 1919. Only thing I really know is what my mother told me, because I was three years old when this happened. But I can remember everything my mother told me. It all was started because of a lie; a lie of a White lady. She had a boyfriend, and there was two other people working in the house. She ran out in the streets and was hollering, “Rape! Rape! A Black man raped me!” The White men started to riot and they was driving around with shotguns and rifles in the back of a truck looking for a man they call — what was this man’s name, Ms. Dupree?

**SSD:** *It’ll come to me in a minute. He was supposed to have been a short African American man who was out there working the pulpwood.*

**MHD:** Yes, because his mother owned a lot of land there. His mother was one of the women working in the house with this woman when she ran out. They didn’t know why she did it, because, nobody didn’t do anything to her. From my understanding she had a husband, and she had a boyfriend. The boyfriend beat her up. And she ran out to put it on the Black man, I guess, to keep things from her husband. That’s what started the riot.

Late that night everyone was going to bed. My mother — my daddy had died. My daddy’s name was Charles Bacchus Hall, and he was from Nigeria, Africa. I didn’t know that until they started searching around out in the woods. My mother and five of us children, because I had two sisters was living and my twin sister’s

name was Martha. She had died as a baby.

So everybody got out to the woods. Momma start counting. One was missing, and the missing person was me, because I was the youngest. She left me in the bed. And she was too scared to go back to the house to get me. I don’t know who went back and got me, that I never knew, but somebody went back and carried [me] to the woods where my mother was. My momma could see the big flame and smoke, where everything was burned down. All the homes, all of the Black Americans’ homes, was burnt down. Everything we had was burned up. We had nothing but just what we had on, and I mean that was the gown or whatever I was sleeping in.

So we stayed out there. I don’t know who was making the round for bringing us food, but they was traveling and there was a man, and these names leaves me when I start talking about it, but he rode a horse and he came through. There was a man had broke out of jail, a gang or something, and they questioned this young man afterwards then they started a what you call it? A sale. this Black man, he bid the highest, and he won everything. Well, then they thought maybe he was the man they was looking for.

But the person they was looking for was a White man that came into Rosewood. This White man was a Mason, Masonic man. There was Masonic men during that time, and most of them was in Rosewood. This White man, he met with them. And they knew what had happened. I imagined he told them.

He was talking with this young colored man and so when they was looking for him, didn’t nobody tell who he was and where he went. They all got mad about that. They walk up to one man’s house and asked him who was this man and where was he. And he didn’t tell, because he was a Mason and the man was a Mason. At that time Masons was really Masons, and I say that because I belong to a Masonic family, too, and I’ve been about the highest degree a woman could get in the Masonic family.

The Black man didn’t tell him where or who he was. He told him, if he didn’t, that he would kill him! He said, “Well if you kill me, you can’t eat me.” They shot him down right then and killed him. They was looking for everybody, and everybody was running and hiding. And this young

man, he was helping everybody out. We all had to run. They was trying not to miss the call for the train to come to pick up the womens and the children. No men could ride the train. Nobody but just the men, the women, and the children.

Well, Momma was out there with five children. And Ms. Carrier, the Carriers, There was a lot of them because she had children and grandchildren and all. There was people from Jacksonville that came to Rosewood, because everybody wanted to kill this Black man, but they didn’t find the Black man. So they went to the Carriers’ house.

I’m saying what my mother said now. They went there to look for him. They had a bad dog there. He was hidden behind the stairway — all the houses that time was two-story buildings. They told him to come out, and he didn’t come out. That dog didn’t let nobody come in the yard. They shot and killed the dog. He was behind the steps. And there’s one White man gonna go in there to get him out the house.

When the first man stepped up, he had a Winchester rifle, and he shot and killed him. Then the rest of them kinda had to back off a little bit. That’s what gave everybody time to get to the woods. My mom was already out there with us because everybody was just scared of White people. My mother and my sister Margie, till the day she died, she was just scared.

**SSD:** *There are a couple of things that I wanted to mention here. They were looking for this short man, they said named Mingo Williams, who was working in the woods. The White man that was going with the White lady, his name was Bradley, and he was a Mason. He also worked for the railroad.*

*Fannie Taylor was the one that told the lie—that started the whole situation. She and Bradley had an altercation that morning, and he beat her up as they said—so she put it on Mingo Williams, an African American working in the area. Another thing we kinda got a little twisted here. When you were talking about the house where the White man came that night and got shot on the porch, two White men got shot, but you mentioned one. It was at the Carrier home, and Sylvester Carrier was the one with the shotgun.*

*I’m just trying to bring back some points that you talked about, but we didn’t have the names.*

*The other thing you gave reference to was James Carrier. James Carrier took Bradley away from the area, and he was a blacksmith. When they came there, they wanted to know where was the man that had raped Fannie Taylor. He said he didn’t know anything about it. So they killed him — he would not talk as you said. He was a mason, a 23rd degree mason, and he would not tell that he carried Bradley out of the area. He was the first one to be killed.*

*They also killed Sarah Carringer [Carrier] in the Carringer home. She was upstairs, and they shot and killed her. She felt that she could talk to those people because she breastfed a lot of those young men that were out there in that riot, and she knew those guys. But when she started speaking, they lost control. Somebody fired a bullet and it did cause her to lose her life. Do you know long you all stayed in the woods?*

**MHD:** My mom said it was round about a week. Only thing I knew was all the women and the children got on the train. And the train broke down.

White mens, and the ones that get on the train. They’re killing anything; the women and all. Children, too. And they was trying to get on the train, and if somebody was on there, they would knock them off. I don’t know what happened to the train. God, I never find out. They finally worked on it until they got it to start, then it took off and head for Gainesville.

**SSD:** *A White man I interviewed, Mr. Brown over in Bronson, he carried me to the area. They put men in the front and back of it to shoot if anybody came around*

*that curve while they worked on the train.*

*He didn’t know exactly what was wrong with it, but they worked all night to keep the people from coming in the woods to get close. They put wire from this area to that area. You couldn’t see the wire. So if you ran up on that wire, you cut yourself.*

*They were out there putting wire in the woods around that train to keep the guys from getting too close. This was given to me by Reverend Brown. He’s still living. He carried me to the building where the section guys lived, it was standing there at that time. They hung around there and helped until they got that train moving again. The next stop, when it really stopped, was in Archer in the woods. Y’all were hidden down in those box cars.*

**MHD:** Momma said, a man would come up there, then some of the mens, they knocked them back off the train.

**SSD:** *He told me the older girls — he called them the “older gals,” they were told to keep folks away. The folks helping them were putting those wires out. They had dogs out there trying to keep that train safe. In the movie [Rosewood (1997)], they showed something different. But it did really break down.*

**MHD:** Yeah, and I want to backtrack now. In the movie, they say she walked out there when they shot her. In Jacksonville, I met with two older ladies. One, she was kin to the Carriers, and she was in the house when she got shot. He said, “Y’all, Momma say don’t y’all cross the house. Don’t y’all get to no window or nowhere.” Say, “Stay down.” She got up and walked across the window, and whoever was out there with the rifle shot her

shadow at the window this woman with her, Minnie Lee Langley, she was there when she fell.

**SSD:** *Now, what else would you like to leave as a legacy for people to remember about you?*

**MHD:** Trust in the Lord and have patience.

**SSD:** *This is beautiful. Anything else you want to leave? Those are the kind of things that I’ll put out as quotes from you. Trust in the Lord, have patience, follow authority in the sense of trusting your parents and others in authority. And another thing you said to me the last time, that you didn’t hold any malice toward anybody.*

**MHD:** And tell the truth.

**SSD:** *Tell the truth. Now, that’s another strong legacy. Because that’s what caused Rosewood.*

**MHD:** That’s what caused Rosewood. Tell the truth. Because if you tell the truth, it go a long ways.

*A full transcript of this interview can be found by entering “Mary Hall Daniels” at <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/oral>, which also leads to a February 2012 interview on her later life in Gainesville and beyond.*

*The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program believes that listening carefully to first-person narratives can change the way we understand history, from scholarly questions to public policy. SPOHP needs the public’s help to sustain and build upon its research, teaching and service missions: even small donations can make a big difference in SPOHP’s ability to gather, preserve, and promote history for future generations. 🐢*

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# Extinction Rebellion fights for the Santa Fe



by Johnsie Cate

Join Extinction Rebellion for a direct action on the Santa Fe River to end the water grab for our springwater at Ginnie Springs. This

water use is to be used in plastic bottles and sold back to us on the grocery shelves and in vending machines.

On Saturday, Jan 18, from 10am-3pm we are planning a kayak-activism sit in at Ginnie Springs. The same people who own Seven Springs Water Company also own Ginnie Springs Outdoors campground. Seven Springs is selling the spring water that feeds Ginnie Springs and the Devil's Eye/Ear Complex to Nestlé International.

Nestlé has recently been bottling this water under the brand name Zephyrhills with an existing 20 year old permit which has been going through the permit process by the Suwannee River Water Management District (SRWMD). The SRWMD Board will ultimately decide the fate of this unreasonable water use in the upcoming months. Based on the science alone, this permit should be denied because removing water from the Santa Fe River which has Minimum Flow and Level (MFL) data

showing it is in "recovery," which means more water needs to be protected in its natural system not be removed.

This water action via kayaks and canoes. Bring your own signs or decorate your boat with the intent to bring awareness to stop this water grab from Seven Springs Water Company. Come with your own kayak or canoe and sit with us at the head spring of Ginnie Spring. There are rental businesses in the community that can serve you to secure a boat. We will not be entering the park or its land, all actions will be done by water. You will have to make plans to paddle down the river to the location and then after the "sit in" proceed down river to the take out point at the SR 47 Bridge.

About us...

The Extinction Rebellion is a necessity. Our political establishment has failed to protect its people from pollution, prevent further mass extinction of species on earth and prevent the possibility of human extinction in the near future. Therefore we must rebel to protect the livelihood of citizens and our natural world, or risk losing everything we cherish. We are a Non-Violent movement that is committed to Direct Action in the form of Civil Disobedience.

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The reports have shown us Climate Change isn't an "in the future event." The Change is now and 2019 was just the start of horrible things to come. If we are to survive we will need fresh drinking water and we don't need it to come in plastic.

Plastic is a huge problem our planet is diseased with. If we make it to 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in our seas. Nestlé is attacking earth with multiple problems. We believe people come before profit, however this isn't how corporations are run or even governed for that matter. They take what they want then sell it back to us wrapped in pollution.

Our Tampa Bay group has members from the surrounding area. We come from all walks of life. We have members of different races, sexual orientations, and political views. The Tampa Bay Chapter formed in January, 2019 had its first action on Jan. 24, 2019. Contact us at Ecowarriorprincess@protonmail.com if you are interested in forming a Chapter in the Gainesville area. 🐞

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Familiarity with databases, spreadsheets, social media, and/or graphic design are all pluses; non-profit management experience more so. Good writing and communication skills, demonstrated movement commitment, and ability to work with and inspire volunteers also required. Pay is \$14 an hour. A one-year commitment is requested.

Send your resumé and a cover letter via email to coordinators@civicmediacenter.org by Feb. 15. Selection and interviewing will begin after that. Please state a good day and times for a possible future interview with best means of contacting you. 🐞

## We got hacked!

You may have noticed that the Iguana's website, [www.gainesvilleiguana.org](http://www.gainesvilleiguana.org), has been down for the last few months. If you try to visit the site, it redirects you to our Facebook page.

This is because of a malware hack that attacked our entire website, and we're in the process of recreating it from scratch.

We hope to have the website back up before the end of January.

Thanks for your patience while we sort it out. 🐞

## Iguana Directory

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Readers: If there is inaccurate information here, please let us know. If you are connected to an organization listed here, please check and update so others can be accurately informed.

**Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc.** Protecting North Central Florida's natural, scenic, historic & recreational resources for over 25 years. ACT is the 2013 national Land Trust Excellence award recipient. 352-373-1078. [AlachuaConservationTrust.org](http://AlachuaConservationTrust.org)

**Alachua County Green Party** Part of a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. [gainesvillegreens.webs.com](http://gainesvillegreens.webs.com), [alachuagreen@gmail.com](mailto:alachuagreen@gmail.com), 352-871-1995

**Alachua County Labor Coalition** meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaigns for Medicare for All and a living wage. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, [info@laborcoalition.org](mailto:info@laborcoalition.org), 352-375-2832, PO Box 12051, 502 NW 16th Ave., 2B, Gainesville, 32601

**Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN) Clinic** is a not-for-profit (501C3) organization that provides low-cost, high-quality medical and dental care, and social services for people with and without health insurance. The clinic primarily serves residents of Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties. The Clinic fulfills its mission with the help of a broad-based core of volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, hygienists, pharmacists and counselors. Located at 23320 N. State Rd 235 Brooker, Florida 32622 352-485-1133 Note: unfortunately they are closing their medical clinic Oct 31 due to Tallahassee budget cuts. The dental clinic will remain open.

**American Civil Liberties Union** Currently no local chapter. For info on forming a new chapter, or ACLU info, contact Jax office 904-353-7600 or [bstandly@aclufl.org](mailto:bstandly@aclufl.org)

**American Promise Association** A cross-partisan, citizen-powered endeavor to amend the US Constitution to ensure We The People - not big money, corporations, unions, or wealthy special interests - govern the United States of America. To learn more, come visit us at the Downtown Festival and Art Show on Nov. 16 & 17. Community Booth #C35 in front of the Sun Center on SE 2nd Place. [americanpromise.net](http://americanpromise.net), [sandy.WeThePeople@gmail.com](mailto:sandy.WeThePeople@gmail.com)

**Amnesty International** UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; [www.facebook.com/ufamnesty](http://www.facebook.com/ufamnesty) or [UfAmnesty@gmail.com](mailto:UfAmnesty@gmail.com).

**Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI)** is a non-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened species of birds in the southeastern U.S., [www.arcinst.org](http://www.arcinst.org)

**Black Graduate Student Organization.** aims to build fellowship at UF. [bgsoatuf@gmail.com](mailto:bgsoatuf@gmail.com), facebook [ufbgso](https://www.facebook.com/ufbgso)

**Central Florida Democratic Socialists of America** A local chapter of Democratic Socialists of America focusing on local social and political activism issues to better our community. General meetings are on the 4th Monday of every month at the Downtown Library in Gainesville in Meeting Room A. [centralfldsa@gmail.com](mailto:centralfldsa@gmail.com), [www.fb.com/centralfldsa](http://www.fb.com/centralfldsa)

**Citizens Climate Lobby** builds awareness and lobbies for sensible climate policies, [btancig@gmail.com](mailto:btancig@gmail.com), 352-214-1778

**Civic Media Center** Alternative reading room and library of the non-corporate press, and a resource and space for organizing. 352-373-0010, [www.civicmediacenter.org](http://www.civicmediacenter.org), 433 S Main St., Gainesville, 32601

**The Coalition for Racial Justice** [gnv4all@gmail.com](mailto:gnv4all@gmail.com)

**The Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS)** Student-run group focusing on immigrant rights and immigrant advocacy. [www.chispasuf.org](http://www.chispasuf.org), [chispasuf@gmail.com](mailto:chispasuf@gmail.com), facebook: [chispasUF](https://www.facebook.com/chispasUF)

**Code Pink: Women for Peace** Women-led grassroots peace and social justice movement utilizing creative protest, non-violent direct action and community involvement. [CodePink4Peace.org](http://CodePink4Peace.org), [jacquebetz@gmail.com](mailto:jacquebetz@gmail.com)

**The Community Weatherization Coalition** is a grassroots community coalition whose mission is to improve home weatherization and energy efficiency for low-income households through education, volunteer work projects and community-building. The CWC welcomes new volunteers to get involved in a variety of ways, from performing audits to PR/Graphics and more. Contact: 352-450-4965 or [cwc@communityweatherization.net](mailto:cwc@communityweatherization.net)

**Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc.** Non-profit land trust working to protect Florida's rural landscapes, wildlife corridors and natural areas. 352-466-1178, [ConserveFlorida.org](http://ConserveFlorida.org)

**Democratic Party of Alachua County** Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm. in the Alachua County School Board Meeting Room at 620 E University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, [alachuadems.org](mailto:alachuadems.org)

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**Divest Gainesville** advocates divesting City financial assets from fossil fuel industries and educating on racial justice and climate change, [youngersn@outlook.com](mailto:youngersn@outlook.com)

**Divest UF** is a student-run organization and a loose collective of Gators seeking to divest the university from fossil fuels, the prison industry, and arms & surveillance companies. <http://www.divestuf.org>, Facebook @Divest UF

**Dream Defenders** is a socialist, feminist abolitionist organization, a safe space for people of color. Facebook: [goddsville.dream.defenders](https://www.facebook.com/goddsville.dream.defenders)

**Edible Plant Project** Local 100% volunteer-run collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. <http://edibleplantproject.org/contact-us>

**Families Against Mandatory Minimums** Work to reform Florida's sentencing laws and restore fairness to Florida's criminal justice system. PO Box 142933, Gainesville, FL 32614, [gnewburn@famm.org](mailto:gnewburn@famm.org). 352-682-2542

**Final Friends** helps families learn how to accomplish legal home funeral care as an alternative to employing a commercial funeral home. We are an independent group of volunteers who provide free education, guidance and support to anyone who prefers to care for their own deceased loved ones prior to burial or cremation. [www.finalfriends.org](http://www.finalfriends.org), [final.friends.org@gmail.com](mailto:final.friends.org@gmail.com), 352-374-4478

**The Fine Print** Quarterly magazine founded in 2008 with political, social and arts coverage, [thefineprintmag.org](http://thefineprintmag.org)

**Florida School of Traditional Midwifery** A clearinghouse for information, activities and educational programs. 352-338-0766 [www.midwiferyschool.org](http://www.midwiferyschool.org)

**Florida Defenders of the Environment** works to protect freshwater resources, conserve public lands, and provide quality environmental education since 1969. 352-475-1119, [Fladefenders.org](http://Fladefenders.org)

**Gainesville Area AIDS Project** provides toiletries, household cleaners, hot meals, frozen food at no cost to people living with HIV/AIDS. [www.gaaponline.org](http://www.gaaponline.org), [info@gaaponline.org](mailto:info@gaaponline.org), 352-373-4227, Open Tuesdays 10-1 and last Friday of month 5-7.

**Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty** works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets 6pm first Tuesday every month at Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 352-378-1690, [www.fadp.org](http://www.fadp.org).

**Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ)** organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. [Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com](mailto:Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com), [www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com](http://www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com), 352-377-6577

**Gainesville NOW** [www.gainesvillenow.org](http://www.gainesvillenow.org). [info@gainesvilleNOW.org](mailto:info@gainesvilleNOW.org) NOW meeting info contact Lisa at 352-450-1912

**Gainesville Peer Respite** A non-profit, non-clinical mental health community providing sanctuary and support to those experiencing emotional distress. Peer Support Warmline is available 6pm-6am; we offer wellness activities, support groups and brief overnight respite stays. Call the Warmline Support: 352-559-4559, [gainesvillerespite.org](mailto:gainesvillerespite.org)

**Gainesville Roller Rebels** - a womens' Flat Track roller derby team needs skaters and volunteer assistance, [join@gainesvillrollerrebels.com](mailto:join@gainesvillrollerrebels.com)

**Graduate Assistants United** Union represents UF grad assistants by fighting for improved working conditions, community involvement and academic freedom. 352-575-0366, [officers@ufgau.org](mailto:officers@ufgau.org), [www.ufgau.org](http://www.ufgau.org)

**Grow Radio** Non-profit provides opportunities for community members to create and manage engaging, educational, locally-generated programming to promote musical/visual arts and humanities for enrichment of the community. [www.growradio.org](http://www.growradio.org). PO Box 13891, Gainesville, 32604, 352-219-0145 (v), 352-872-5085 (studio hotline)

**The Humanist Families of Gainesville** meet the last Thursday of the month from 6 to however long they want to stay, play, talk, buy veggies, eat, dance, at One Love Cafe. Visit us on FB Humanist Families of Gainesville and leave a message.

**Humanist Society of Gainesville** meets at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of most months at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4225 NW 34th St to discuss and promote secular, humanist, atheist & agnostic social influences-[www.gainesvillehumanists.org](http://www.gainesvillehumanists.org) or [facebook.com/humanistsocietyof-gainesville](https://www.facebook.com/humanistsocietyof-gainesville); [gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com](mailto:gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com).

**Humanists on Campus** UF organization provides a community for freethinking, secular humanists. Goals include promoting values of humanism, discussing issues humanists face internationally. We strive to participate in community service and bring a fun, dynamic group to the university! Preferred contact info: [email.ufhumanistoncampus@gmail.com](mailto:email.ufhumanistoncampus@gmail.com), alternative: [j.bontems@ufl.edu](mailto:j.bontems@ufl.edu), phone- 561-374-3537

**Ichetucknee Alliance** focuses on activities to save the Ichetucknee River. <http://ichetuckneealliance.org/>, [ichetuckneealliance@gmail.com](mailto:ichetuckneealliance@gmail.com), 386-454-0415, P. O. Box 945, High Springs.

**Indivisible Gainesville\*** is one of 5800 local chapters of the national Indivisible movement, working to peacefully and systematically resist the Trump agenda. We are a group of local volunteers fighting against agendas of division, inequality, financial influence in government, and policies that neglect to benefit all American citizens equally. [indivisiblegnv.org](mailto:indivisiblegnv.org), [projectmanagement@indivisiblegnv.org](mailto:projectmanagement@indivisiblegnv.org)

**Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC)**, branch of IWW, [GainesvilleIWOC@gmail.com](mailto:GainesvilleIWOC@gmail.com)

**Industrial Workers of the World (IWW)**

**Gainesville General Membership Branch** Union for all workers, regardless of industry, trade, job, or employment status. Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 6 pm at CMC. Contact: [gainesvilleiww@gmail.com](mailto:gainesvilleiww@gmail.com)

**League of Women Voters of Alachua County** Nonpartisan grassroots political group of women and men which has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies (fairness in districting, voting and elections, e.g.) through citizen education and advocacy. <http://www.lwvalachua.org/>, [info@lww-alachua.org](mailto:info@lww-alachua.org)<<mailto:info@lww-alachua.org>>

**Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program** needs volunteers to join its advocates who protect elders' rights in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, family care homes. Training and certification provided. 888-831-0404 or <http://ombudsman.myflorida.com>

**Madres Sin Fronteras** (Mothers Without Borders) is a local grassroots immigrant-led organization that works to protect the rights of immigrants' families in our community and to ensure that all are treated with dignity and respect. Email: [msfgainesville@gmail.com](mailto:msfgainesville@gmail.com)

**MindFreedom North Florida** Human rights group for psychiatric survivors and mental health consumers. 352-328-2511

**Move to Amend, Gainesville** is an organization dedicated to amending the US Constitution to establish that money is not speech, and that only human beings have constitutional rights. Contact Alachua County Green Party for info.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)** Support, education and advocacy for families and loved ones of persons with mental illness/brain disorders. 374-5600. ext. 8322; [www.namigainesville.org](http://www.namigainesville.org)

**National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare** Local advocates work to promote/ preserve these threatened programs for senior citizens. We have literature, speakers, T-shirts. Email: [Our.Circle.Of.Care@gmail.com](mailto:Our.Circle.Of.Care@gmail.com). See national Web site to join: <http://www.ncpssm.org/>

**National Lawyers Guild** Lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers using the law to advance social justice, support progressive social movements. [nlggainesville@gmail.com](mailto:nlggainesville@gmail.com) or [www.nlg.org](http://www.nlg.org)

**National Women's Liberation** is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. Inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: [www.womensliberation.org](http://www.womensliberation.org), P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 352-575-0495, [nwl@womensliberation.org](mailto:nwl@womensliberation.org)

**NCF AWIS** - an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings

are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30pm, Millhopper Branch, Alachua Cty Public Library. Meetings open to public. [ncfawis@gmail.com](mailto:ncfawis@gmail.com) or [www.ncfawis.org](http://www.ncfawis.org)

**Occupy Gainesville** is about engaging local people in grassroots, participatory democracy, diversity and dialogue; we stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement and the rest of the people peacefully occupying public space across this county and the world. [www.occupygainesville.org](http://www.occupygainesville.org) and <https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville>

**Our Revolution North-Central Florida**, inspired by Bernie Sanders, bringing progressive voices into the Democratic party, [contact@ourrevncfl.com](mailto:contact@ourrevncfl.com)

**Our Santa Fe River** and **Ichetucknee Alliance** are two of a number of grassroots environmentalist groups campaigning to protect and restore the rivers and springs. Meets 3rd Weds at 6:30 in Rum Island building, 2070 SW CR 138, Ft White. 386-243-0322, <http://www.oursantaferiver.org/> and <http://www.ichetuckneealliance.org/>

**PFLAG (Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays)** meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Gainesville (1624 NW 5th Ave.) at 7 pm with a programmed portion and informal meeting with opportunity to talk and peruse their resource library. [pflaggainesville.org](http://pflaggainesville.org). Confidential Helpline 352-340-3770 or email [info@pflaggainesville.org](mailto:info@pflaggainesville.org)

**Planned Parenthood Clinic** Full-service health center for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Offering pregnancy testing and options counseling for \$10 from 10am-noon and 2-5pm. Located at 914 NW 13th St. 352-377-0881

**Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery** promotes natural burial practices that conserve land and reunite people with the environment. [info@prairiecreekconservationcemetery.org](mailto:info@prairiecreekconservationcemetery.org), 352-317-7307

**Pride Awareness Month** is a planning committee for spring's UF Pride events, [ufpridemonth@gmail.com](mailto:ufpridemonth@gmail.com)

**Pride Community Center of North Central Florida** Resources for the LGBT+ community, open M-F, 3-7, Sat. noon-4. Located at 3131 NW 13th St., Suite 62. 352-377-8915, [www.GainesvillePride.org](http://www.GainesvillePride.org)

**Protect Gainesville Citizens Group** whose mission is to provide Gainesville residents with accurate and comprehensible information about the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site. 352-354-2432, [www.protectgainesville.org](http://www.protectgainesville.org)

**Putnam County Florida Democratic Party**, <http://www.putnamcountyfloridademocrats.com>, check website or call for upcoming meetings, 107 S. Sixth St., Palatka - For information on volunteer activities call Fran Rossano at 352-475-3012

**Quaker Meetinghouse** Quakers have a 350-year tradition of working peacefully for social justice. Silent, unprogrammed worship Sundays at 11, followed by potluck. Visitors welcome. 702 NW 38th St. Facebook/GainesvilleQuakers for events or request Meetinghouse space at [www.GainesvilleQuakers.org](http://www.GainesvilleQuakers.org)

**Repurpose Project**, a nonprofit junk shop and community center, diverts useful resources from the landfill, redirects these items to the public for art and education, inspires creativity, and helps us all rethink what we throw away. Let's all help protect the planet and buy used. Open to the public. Tues-Sat: 10am-7pm, Sun noon-5. [www.repurposeproject.org](http://www.repurposeproject.org)

**River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding** provides innovative ways to resolve conflict and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. [www.centerforpeacebuilding.org](http://www.centerforpeacebuilding.org). 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

**Rural Women's Health Project** is a local health education organization developing materials promoting health justice for migrant and rural women. Robin or Fran 352-372-1095

**Samuel Proctor Oral History Program** focuses on story-telling, social justice research, social movement studies, oral history workshops. <http://oral.history.ufl.edu>

**Say Yes to Second Chances Florida** is a coalition of nonpartisan civic and faith organizations who are working for Florida's Voting Restoration Amendment to allow people who've paid their debt to society to earn back their right to vote. <https://www.floridiansforafairdemocracy.com/>

**Sierra Club** meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Life South Building, 4039 W. Newberry Rd, 352-528-3751, [www.ssjsierra.org](http://www.ssjsierra.org)

**Sister City Program of Gainesville** links Gainesville with sister cities in Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, and Haiti. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. (across from Gainesville HS). <http://www.gnvsistercities.org>

**Stand By Our Plan** informs the public on critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal, which we do not support. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the county's unincorporated areas; it protects valuable wetlands, [standbyourplan@gmail.com](mailto:standbyourplan@gmail.com); <http://standbyourplan.org/>

**Student Animal Alliance** UF based group that promotes animal rights through education, volunteering and social events. [facebook: student animal alliance, instagram @studentanimalallianceUF](https://www.facebook.com/studentanimalallianceUF)

**Students Demand Action** is a youth led gun violence prevention group. [sdagainesville@gmail.com](mailto:sdagainesville@gmail.com)

**Student/Farmworker Alliance** A network of youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields. On Facebook, search "Gainesville Student/Farmworker Alliance"

**Students for Justice in Palestine**, a cultural and political organization, [sjpuflorida@gmail.com](mailto:sjpuflorida@gmail.com)

**Sunday Assembly**, a secular congregation which celebrates life, meets the third Sunday of each month at 11 am at 530 W. University Ave.

(Santa Fe College campus building in downtown Gainesville). There is a talk, music, sing-alongs, discussion, refreshments and fellowship. See <http://SAGainesville.weebly.com/>

**UF College Democrats (UFCD)** meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in Little Hall 121. 407-580-4543, [Facebook.com/UFcollegedems](https://www.facebook.com/UFcollegedems)

**UF Pride Student Union** LGBT+ group open to queer folk of all sorts, including students, non-students, faculty and staff. [www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride](http://www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride)

**United Faculty of Florida, UF chapter** Run by and for faculty, the University of Florida Chapter of United Faculty of Florida (UFF-UF) represents over 1600 faculty and professionals at UF. UFF's origins lie in efforts by faculty to protect academic freedom, defend civil liberties, and end racial discrimination at UF. [www.UFF-UF.org](http://www.UFF-UF.org), 352-519-4130.

**United Nations Association, Gainesville Florida Chapter** Purpose is to heighten citizen awareness and knowledge of global problems and the UN efforts to deal with those issues. [www.afn.org/~una-usa/](http://www.afn.org/~una-usa/).

**United Way Information and Referral** Human-staffed computer database for resources and organizations in Alachua County. 352-332-4636 or simply 211

**Veterans for Peace** Anti-war organization that raises awareness of the detriments of militarism and war as well as seeking peaceful and effective alternatives. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. 352-375-2563, <http://vfpgainesville.org/>

**WELLS** (wellness, equity, love, liberation and sexuality) is a healing research collective aiding UF marginalized communities, especially QTPOC, [facebook WELLS healing and research collective](https://www.facebook.com/WELLS.healing.and.research.collective)

**WGOT-LP 100.1 FM** Community low-power radio station operating as part of the CMC. [info@wgot.org](mailto:info@wgot.org), [www.wgot.org](http://www.wgot.org)

**Women's March Gainesville** meets on the second Monday of each month: for location and agenda information, please see: [m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/](https://www.facebook.com/wmflgnv/); [www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/); [Instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/](https://www.instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/); [Twitter.com/WMFL\\_Gnv/](https://twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/) and/or email [wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org](mailto:wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org). Together we can do anything... Join Us! We Need You. Let's build this peaceful movement together!

**World Socialist Party of the United States** (WSP-US) welcomes anyone wanting to know more about Marxian socialism and our efforts to transform the dog-eat-dog-Devil take the hindmost world-created by capitalism into a democratically arranged world society of equality at [boston@wspus.org](mailto:boston@wspus.org). Upon request the Party will provide membership applications, <http://wspus.org>.

**Zine Committee** works to preserve and promote Travis Fristoe Zine Library at the CMC, new meeting time TBD - see Facebook, [cmzinecommittee@gmail.com](mailto:cmzinecommittee@gmail.com) 🐾



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