



# Community Update



## FY20 Budget Message



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## FISCAL YEAR 2020 TENTATIVE BUDGET PRESENTATION

In the Budget Message, Manager Lieberman said, “One of my most important duties is the presentation of the Tentative Budget and Budget Message for the County Commission’s consideration. It is a common refrain these days to hear that government should live within its means. The County does that by producing a balanced budget as mandated by Florida law. Unlike the Federal government, Alachua County cannot run deficits. Our budgeted expenditures will not exceed our revenues.” She continued saying, “With the vision of the Board at the forefront, your staff has spent an enormous amount of time weighing the available funding and the many competing needs for providing services to our community.”

[Read more and watch a video of the Manager's presentation.](#)



## Short Term Vacation Rental Tax Compliance

The Alachua County Tax Collector’s Office has begun a County-wide



education campaign to notify and inform short-term rental hosts (who are listing their properties on rental booking platforms) about their responsibility regarding Tourist Development Taxes.

It is required that all short-term rental (six months or less) providers collect Tourist Development Tax and file a return with the Tax Collector's office every month. In addition to hotel and

motel rooms, short-term rentals can include an entire single-family home, room(s) within the home, mother-in-law suites, and campgrounds.

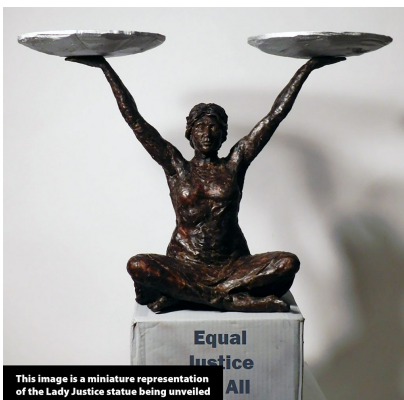
[Read more about the short-term vacation rental tax.](#)

## County Voters Invited to the Alachua County Charter Review Commission

The County Commission invites registered voters of Alachua County to apply for the Charter Review Commission (CRC). The mission of this 12 member Commission is to review the Charter and propose any amendments or revisions, which may be advisable for placement on the 2020 general election ballot. The County Commission will review applications and appoint the CRC members at their Regular Meeting on August 27, 2019. The application deadline is August 12.

[Learn more about the invitation to apply for the Charter Review Commission.](#)

## Lady Justice Statue Unveiling



Alachua County and the Public Defender's Office invite residents to the unveiling of "Lady Justice," an Alachua County Public Arts Program project. The unveiling is on Wednesday, June 19, 2019, at the Public Defender's Office (151 S.W. 2nd Avenue, Gainesville) at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served.

[Find out more about the Lady Justice Statue unveiling.](#)

## County Emergency Operations Center Shelter Communications App Wins Best Practices Award

Alachua County was awarded

a "County Government Best Practices Award" from the Florida Counties Foundation during the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference in Orange County this week. Alachua County received the award for the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Shelter Communications App that was designed and developed by the County's Information and Telecom Services (ITS) department. The County was one of only seven counties honored during the FAC Celebration Dinner.



[Learn more about the Emergency Operations Center Shelter Communications App and the Best Practices Award](#)

## Commission Seeks Proposals for CHOICES Funding



The Alachua County Commission is seeking proposals from governmental and non-profit 501(c)(3) agencies with a physical address in Alachua County for delivery of programs to aid in the reduction of health disparities and lack of access to care in the categories of medical services, oral health, and mental/behavioral health. Non-profit agencies must have a current IRS 501(c)(3) designation.

All FY 19-20 Community Health Offering Innovative Care and Educational Services (CHOICES) applications must be completed electronically via Zoom. Grants will be accepted beginning at noon on June 12, 2019, and must be submitted no later than 11:59 p.m. on July 10, 2019.

[Find out more about applying for CHOICES Funding.](#)

## 2019 Citizens Academy Graduation

At their June 11 Regular Meeting, the Alachua County Commission recognized the graduates of the 2019 Alachua County Citizens Academy program and presented the graduates with a Certificate of Completion and copy of the class photo.



[View photos and read about the 2019 Citizens Academy Graduation.](#)

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[View the 6/11/19 County Commission Regular Meeting](#)

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