RECONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE OVER LITTLE MONTEOCHA CREEK ON N.E. 21ST STREET HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND THE ROADWAY IS NOW OPEN TO VEHICULAR TRAFFIC.

DURING HURRICANE IRMA THE ROADWAY AND BRIDGE WERE SEVERELY DAMAGED. THE COUNTY HAS RECONSTRUCTED THE BRIDGE WITH AN INCREASED CAPACITY TO PASS FLOOD WATERS. THE COUNTY WILL BE REIMBURSED $1,240,770.16 FOR CONSTRUCTION COSTS BY FEMA FOR IRMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION.

NOW ACCEPTING FY20 NATURE AND CULTURE DESTINATION ENHANCEMENT GRANT APPLICATIONS.
applications for the Nature and Culture Destination Enhancement Grant Program. In order to support and enhance Alachua County as a culturally interesting and vibrant destination, the Alachua County Board of County Commissioners has allocated a portion of the Tourist Development Tax revenue to aid in the operations and promotions of nature, arts, and cultural events.

Read more and fill out an application.

Brian Singleton Appointed President of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents

Alachua County is very proud to announce that Assistant Public Works Director Brian M. Singleton has been appointed President of the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents (FACERS). The mission of FACERS is to foster and maintain a high professional spirit among the members, provide instructive and entertaining programs of interest to the members, and to provide an organization through which the public works programs may be coordinated among Florida's Counties, Municipalities, and other governmental agencies.

Read more about Brian Singleton's appointment.

Watch this short video of Brian being appointed.

Public Meeting on Initial Public Access Plans for Four Creeks Preserve

The Alachua County Parks and Conservation Lands Department, Alachua County Forever Program is hosting a public meeting on Thursday, July 18, 2019, to discuss plans for initial public access to Four Creeks Preserve. The meeting is from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Youth Building of Trinity United Methodist Church (4000 N.W. 53rd Ave., Gainesville).
View a flyer for the Four Creeks Preserve Meeting.

The preserve is scheduled to open to public access on September 28, 2019. This public meeting will provide citizens the opportunity to learn about the initial plans for public access and trail location, as well as land management strategies.

Find out more about the meeting and the preserve.

**Arts in Public Places - Lady Justice Unveiling at the Public Defenders Office**

On June 19, 2019, the Public Defender's Office and the Arts Council of Alachua County unveiled a new statue, "Lady Justice" by artist James Gabbert.

[Watch a video about the Lady Justice unveiling.](#)

**Independence Day Schedules 2019**

Other than emergency services, all Alachua County government offices will be closed on Thursday, July 4, 2019, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Residential curbside collection service for solid waste, recycling, and yard trash will be delayed by one day due to the observance of Independence Day on Thursday, July 4. Collection regularly scheduled for Thursday will be picked up on Friday. The regular schedule will resume on Monday, July 8.

[Get more information about the Independence Day schedule.](#)

**Florida Healthy Babies Meeting**

The Florida Department of Health in Alachua County (DOH-Alachua), and the Department of Children and Families' Child Fatality Prevention Partnership are hosting a Florida Healthy Babies meeting on Friday, July 26, 2019, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Thomas Coward Auditorium (224)
S.E. 24th Street, Gainesville). The event is free and open to the public. Babies are welcome.

Read more about the Florida Healthy Babies meeting.

July Extension Programs

Livestock and Forage Field Day

Commercial Horticulture Programs.