

ALACHUA COUNTY "VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY" PRECINCT NEWS - NUMBER 3.

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When our precincts are organized & functioning, we could be more "indivisible". What comes after "indivisible"? "Liberty and Justice for All".

How did the founding patriots accomplish the America Project without digital devices? With vision & good will & patience & a "sense of humus". Our county Library District has "The Founding Gardeners" by Andrea Wulf. It reveals the functionality of small scale horticulture as a bridging & centering activity of American Patriots. Gardening is a rewarding metaphor for growing Community Wellbeing. Call me @ your "Liberty Garden" or "Liberty Tree".

Alexis Hunter, Information Specialist, Alachua County Elections office – 374-5252. She can provide an enlarged map of your Precinct. You make copies to share with your "Big Tent" companions. A "Big Tent" Precinct involves all citizens in the Precinct geography. Build consensus for civic improvement. Defend Democracy. Who's on first?

Arrange a monthly meeting opportunity at your Precinct voting site. Start developing a script / outline for your first outreach / contacts. Let's operate on the belief that responsive Precinct neighbors will be pleased you have reached out to them: "How can our Precinct organization help you?" Take notes. Leave useful information: ie; a "first edition" of a topical directory for our "Civic Health". Do they share your interest in a "Citizens Academy"? Think of yourself as a "Precinct Pioneer". Start your own "Precinct Navigator Directory". Network with "Pioneers" of other Precincts.

A functional Precinct should seek @ one percent of the registered voters (20 – 30 persons) to become engaged as "Precinct Developers". Consider accessing the record of "frequent voters" and those who voted in state-wide referenda. Consider engaging those registered "No Party Affiliation". The further you go on this "Voyage of Discovery" the easier it will become. Think of a civic symphony & chorus with rhyme & reason that intends to celebrate the opportunities of our advancing Democracy.

It takes a community to build community. We have before us a wonderful quest that must begin with an open mind. Close to Paradise.

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