

ALACHUA COUNTY "VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY" PRECINCT NEWS - NUMBER 2.

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Can we become "Big Tent" Democrats within our precincts? The average percentage of registered voters is @ 50% for Dems, @ 25% for Reps, & @ 25% No Party Affiliation. (Nearly half of citizens in our county who could vote don't) Roads, parks, schools, & public services within your Precinct don't have a politically partisan purpose. Neighbors are allies.

Total taxes collected by Alachua County govt., School Board, and Gainesville, hover at @ one-half Billion \$ yearly. Divide by 63 Precincts & the tax bill per Precinct is @ 6-8 Million \$ per yr. Will go up. When we elect the U.S. President, each Precinct can elect two men & two women from the two major parties to be Precinct Representatives. Most of these positions are filled by volunteers who self-select. Few citizens are aware of this process, its history, or who their Precinct Representatives are or what the Precinct could prevent or accomplish in their "Public Interest" if the Precinct were organized, informed & engaged. Can you get elected? Try.

A "Well-Being Index" for our County in terms of financial, social, physical, and community can improve to higher levels when guided by enlightened leadership & civic engagement. We can get there by building consensus-seeking social democracy processes. (Google for Community Dashboard. You'll find many examples of American communities that benefit from seeing "gauges" of their well-being indicators. Knowledge can lead to effective improvement. Will you support our "Dashboard"?

The non-partisan "Big Tent" in our Precincts can house our efforts to support collective happiness & find satisfaction in achieving goals. Our Patriot Founders created the Precinct process. It is on us to re-construct Democracy – one Precinct at a time. Learn by doing "Creative Civics". Your Precinct can meet where it votes. Make arrangements soon. Get Precinct maps from Elections Office or on-line. Study your geography.

Find and enjoy the book "Benjamin Franklin: the Genius of Kites, Flights, & Voting Rights" by local author Seymore Block. Our Library has it or can order a copy (if necessary) via Inter-Library Loan. Call 334-3940.

It takes a community to build community. You're the person you've been waiting for. Jim Notestein Pct. 57 372-2107.