

ALACHUA COUNTY "VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY" PRECINCT NEWS - NUMBER 10.

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Kim Barton, our Elections Supervisor, has twice recently published guidance. See Gainesville.com (Sunday, June 17, "Consider Your Voting Options" & Sunday, July 8, "Your Vote is Safe"). Kim introduces Mike Bruckman, Vote - by - Mail - Coordinator. Call (352) 374-5252 to update your voter status. He sent me a postage-prepaid form requesting my ballot signature, etc. Cynthia & I observe that not all citizens access local print media regularly. Pay close attention to the "Local & State" plus the Sunday "Issues" section (ie: Sun. July 8, Horace Moore's headline: "Civic Life is as Important as Education" is a good read (let him know). It's on those who care to share good news. Every Precinct Representative can be a "Messenger". (that's how America got started). Our DEC "Editorial Board" can include all Representatives. Each Precinct has access to "digital platforms" to maintain "Committees of Correspondence". The early Patriot "Committees" operated to develop civic "operation networks" leading to larger democratic behaviors: "Liberty & Justice for all". "Fired up & ready to go?"

What think ye of "add-on sticky messages" to yard signs, etc. that say as big as is room for: "VOTE BY MAIL (352) 374-5252"? How about year-round signs on private property with that message? Know a business owner willing to give window space or other messaging space to GOTV using a Ben Franklin system? (printing & postage)... VOTE BY MAIL t-shirts are always stylish & a conversation starter. Smile...it works.

Carole Fernandez (League of Women Voters) Gainesville.com (Sunday, July 1): "League backs four of 13 amendments on ballot". #3 & #4 resulted from "citizen initiatives". #9 & #13 came from Constitution Revision Commission. Check it out... BANG - BOOM How is freedom best celebrated? "If you don't like the news, try making some of the good stuff". People can exchange goods & services with currency and/or "good will". When people exchange good ideas, everyone is better off. That's a path for community, cultures, civilizations, & species. "That pie has no edges". Ummm...

Who reads the Gainesville Guardian? They appear free each Thursday at School Board HQ, Library HQ, several laundromats (?), Court House (which one?), & the Clock restaurant. Who will submit material? Share your "discovery". "Messengers" needed. Same opportunity for "neighborhood / homeowner newsletters". Let's walk the talk.

Some candidates raised campaign \$ and have no opponent. How might that \$ be used constructively to promote Democracy and "Civic Etiquette"? Watch this space...

We got feedback about "Alachua County Visions 20/20" (1994?) The 40 foot long "Time line of Alachua County" was conserved. If reproduced and displayed in schools & elsewhere, history could enlighten our futures. You interested? Call me.

Want to be part of an emerging podcast? We can channel voices from our past. Horace G. Davis (Buddy), Gainesville Sun editorial writer, got a Pulitzer Prize in 1970. He told how Alachua County was the last county in America to be de-segregated....

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