



City of Gainesville Agenda Item Report

File Number: 2024-556

Agenda Date: February 6, 2025

Department: Office of Communications & Marketing

Title: 2024-556 Informational Item: Upcoming City Events List (NB)

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Description: An informational report to summarize upcoming events of interest to the City Commission.

Fiscal Note: There is no fiscal impact.

Explanation: The following provides a list of events coordinated or supported by the City of Gainesville from February 12, 2025 through February 28, 2025.

Community Gun Violence Prevention Alliance Meeting Santa Fe Blount Center and Online

Wednesday, February 12

5 – 6:30 p.m.

Summary: Regular meeting of the Community Gun Violence Prevention Alliance.

Great Invader Raider Rally Morningside Nature Center

Saturday, February 22

9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Summary: Join us as we celebrate nature, community, and the beauty of our native ecosystems! Stop by this free community event to learn and explore as you engage with games, guided hikes, and community organizations and vendors.

Florida Invitational Step Show: The Stroll Depot Park

Saturday, February 22

Noon – 3 p.m.

Summary: Join us on Saturday, Feb. 22 from 12 to 3 p.m. at Bo Diddley Plaza for a free celebration featuring a step show/stroll by Black Greek organizations from Florida and the Southeast, local youth dance groups, and music. Enjoy food trucks and community tabling by Divine Nine organizations. Hosted in partnership with the

University of Florida's Black Student Union and Florida Invitational Step Show Committee.

Evergreen Cemetery Anniversary Celebration

Evergreen Cemetery

Sunday, February 23

1 – 3 p.m.

Summary: Join us to celebrate the past and future of Gainesville's historic Evergreen Cemetery. Discover exciting updates like the Digital Grave Locator App, arboretum designation, and new services including a pet cemetery, eco-friendly natural burials, and a columbarium. We'll also unveil the beautifully enhanced entrance, creating a welcoming space for all.

Matthew Lewey, Intergenerational Celebration

The Historic Thomas Center

Sunday, February 23

3 – 5 p.m.

Summary: An afternoon of lemonade and conversation on the life story of African-American pioneer Matthew Lewey, the postmaster for Newnansville, educator at Union Academy, Civil War veteran and state legislator. In partnership with the Cultural Arts Coalition, the Alachua County Remembrance Project, the University of Florida School of Journalism, UF Smathers Library and the City of Gainesville's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs.

Vision Zero Open House

The Historic Thomas Center

Wednesday, February 26

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Summary: The open house will highlight transportation safety efforts as part of Gainesville's Vision Zero Initiative. The event aims to raise awareness of safety issues, trends and solutions. Input from the public is welcome.

Gainesville Fire Rescue Community Safety Day

606 SE Depot Ave.

Friday, February 28

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Summary: GFR is hosting a Community Safety Day. This includes a Crisis Intervention and De-Escalation Training, Stop the Bleed and Narcan training. It is free and open to the public.

Strategic Connection:

- Goal 1: Equitable Community
- Goal 2: More Sustainable Community
- Goal 3: A Great Place to Live and Experience
- Goal 4: Resilient Local Economy
- Goal 5: "Best in Class" Neighbor Services

Recommendation: The City Commission receive the informational list.