

“Where Nature and Culture Meet”

Roland Loog, CDME, CMP, Director
Nancy Fischer, CMP, Director of Sales
Marcheta Keefer, Sales Manager

Monday, August 18, 2008

Dear Travelers and Evacuees,

VisitGainesville would like to extend our very best wishes to each of you during this difficult time. Our first wish is that you remain safe and sound; this is best accomplished by using common sense. Alachua County has a rumor control number that is set up by the Emergency Management Department to keep everyone informed about the situation in the area and the state of Florida. The phone number for rumor control is 311 should that number not work dial 352 264 6557 for all other emergencies call 911.

Please make yourself familiar with your hotel's emergency plan should storm conditions reach the Alachua County area. Unless directed otherwise do not leave your room, except in the case of an emergency. Stay tuned to local TV and radio stations as long as possible for information on the forecast and conditions in the area. Once the storm has passed please be very careful as you exit your room, the hotel and the surrounding area. Be aware that electrical lines may be down and could be dangerous, proceed with great caution. If you leave the area and notice power outages have affected the traffic signals please abide by the following rule: each intersection with non-functioning traffic lights should be considered a 4-way or an all way stop.

We hope that you will make the best of this situation and learn about our area's many attractions and events. If weather permits we invite you to enjoy our great museums, historic sites, theaters and natural wonders. The hotel front desk has information on things to see and do in Alachua County. After you call it a day, make it a night in one of Greater Gainesville's fine dining establishments.

Please feel free to call VisitGainesville with any question you may have. As our visitors to our area we hope your stay is as comfortable and safe as possible.

Sincerely,
The Staff of VisitGainesville
352 374 5260