

1. ST. FRANCIS HOUSE
413 S. MAIN ST.
2. THE SALVATION ARMY
639 E. UNIVERSITY AVE.
3. GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPT.
721 NW 6TH ST.
4. FLORIDA WORKS
4800 SW 13TH ST.
5. ALACHUA CO. HOUSING AUTHORITY
703 NE 1st ST
6. FIRE OF GOD, 1414 NE 23RD AVE.
7. GVL COMMUNITY MINISTRY
238 SW 4TH AVE.
8. BRIDGE HSE. DETOX CTR.
4400 SW 13TH ST.
9. ALACHUA CO. SOCIAL SVCS
224 SE 24TH ST.
10. ALACHUA CO. HEALTH DEPT.
224 SE 24TH ST.
11. DCF, 1000 NE 16TH AVE.

GAINESVILLE STREET CARD



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(area code 352)

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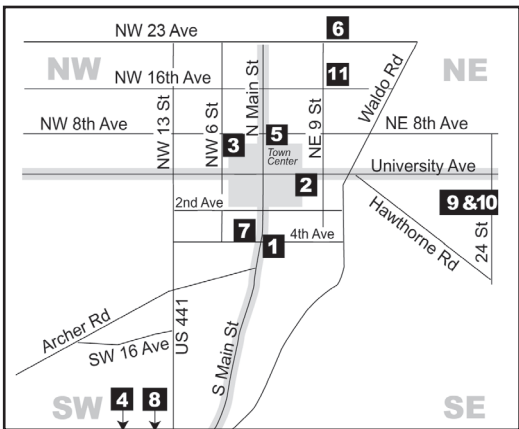
- ST. FRANCIS HOUSE, 413 S. MAIN ST. 378.9079
Women, men, families w/children, cold nights
- THE SALVATION ARMY, 639 E. UNIVERSITY AVE 376.1743
Single men, cold nights
- INTERFAITH HOSPITALITY NETWORK (families/children) 378.2030
- CDS INTERFACE YOUTH SHELTER (under 18) 244.0618
- CHRYSALIS COMMUNITY 514.6792
(women in recovery from prostitution & drug abuse)
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MEALS

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- HOME VAN
Dinner, Tues 7p & Thurs 5:30p @ Downtown Plaza
- HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL, 100 NE FIRST ST.
Bkfst, Sunday 7a; Dinner, Friday 6p
- CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE, 218 NW 2ND AVE
Dinner, 6p on 1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays
- WARRIORS FOR CHRIST Dinner, Sunday 4p @ Downtown Plaza
- SISTER HAZEL Dinner, MWF 8:30p @ corner Univ Ave & NW 6th St

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TRESPASSING: It is illegal to be on private property if (1) you were not invited and there is a posted “No Trespassing” sign, or (2) the property owner has filed a written request with the police to keep people off his/her property. Just because you don’t see a “No Trespassing” sign, does NOT mean you are not trespassing. Fla. Stat. 810.09.

CONSUMING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES IN PUBLIC: It is illegal to drink alcohol or to possess any type of open container with alcohol in it in any public place (if the seal on a bottle or can is broken, you are breaking the law). It is legal to drink on private property (unless you are trespassing). City Ord. 4-4; 76.3(e).

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Alachua County Housing Authority	372.2549
Center for Independent Living	378.7474
DCF (Food stamps/TANF/Medicaid eligibility)	(866)762.2237
Gainesville Community Ministries	372.8162
Catholic Charities (Emergency food)	372.0294
Meridian Behavioral (Mental health services)	374.5600
Alachua County Crisis Center Hotline	264.6789
Alachua County Social Services	264.6750
Florida Works Career Center	955.2245
Goodwill Job Junction	335.1311
Three Rivers Legal Services	372.0519
Social Security Administration	375.4178
Fire of God Ministries (emerg. assist.)	375.0200
St. Vincent de Paul (food pantry-Fri.)	284.9657

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