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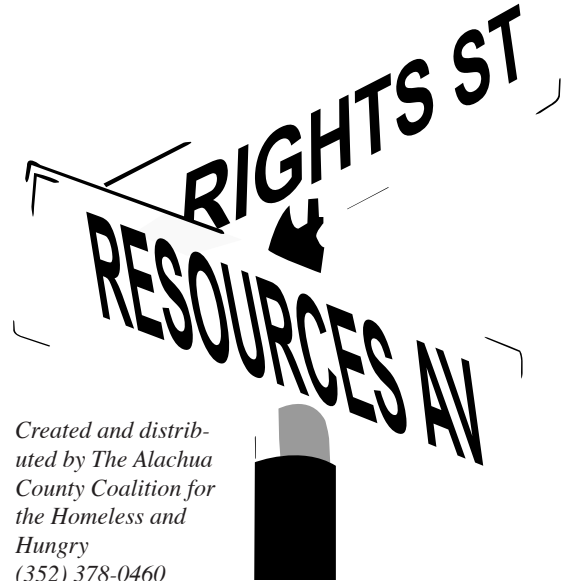


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413 S. Main St.
2. **The Salvation Army**  
639 E. University Ave.
3. **Gainesville Police Dept.**  
721 NW 6th St.
4. **Shands Hospital at UF**  
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### Shelters

*Police clearance is required prior to entering the shelters. Obtain clearance at Gainesville Police Dept., 721 NW 6<sup>th</sup> St. \*Photo ID required\**

- St. Francis House**, 413 S. Main St. 378-9079  
Women, men, families w/children, cold nights
- Salvation Army**, 639 E. University Ave 376-1743  
Single men, cold nights
- Interfaith Hospitality Network** 378-2030  
Families w/children
- Corner Drug Store**, 1300 NW 6th St 334-3833  
Interface Youth Shelter
- Chrysalis Community** 514-6792  
Women in recovery from prostitution & substance abuse
- Peaceful Paths** (800) 393-7233  
Victims of domestic violence
- Pleasant Place** 373-6993  
Pregnant and parenting teens
- Arbor House** 371-2229  
Pregnant and parenting mothers

### Free Health Care

- Helping Hands Clinic** Mon. 5p-7p  
419 NE 1st St.
- Equal Access Clinic** Thurs. 6p-9p  
625 SW 4th Ave.

*Unless noted, all phone numbers are 352 area code*

### Meals

**B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner**

- St Francis House** (L) daily 10:30-1:30  
413 S. Main St.
- Salvation Army** (D) daily 4:00-5:00  
639 E. University Ave.
- Fire of God Ministries** (B) Fri. 10a, (D) Sat. 7p  
1414 NE 23rd Ave
- HOME Van** (D) Tues., 7p & Thurs. 6:15p  
Downtown Plaza
- Holy Trinity Episcopal** (B) Sun. 7a, (D) Fri. 6-7p  
100 NE 1st St.
- Catholic Worker House** (D) 1st, 2nd, 3rd Sun. 6p  
218 NW 2nd Ave.
- Passage Ministries** (D) Wed. 6p  
639 NE 15th St.

### Legal Assistance

- Three Rivers Legal Services** 372-0519  
Direct legal services
- Southern Legal Counsel** 271-8890  
Civil rights violations
- Florida Institutional Legal Services** 375-2494  
Civil rights in jails & prisons

### Hospitals

- Shands (UF) 372-4321
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## FACTS ABOUT STREET RIGHTS

### GAINESVILLE STREET LAWS

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**CAMPING IN PARKS**—It is illegal to camp in public parks. You can sleep in a park during the day, but you **CANNOT BE THERE AFTER THE PARK IS CLOSED**. *City Ord. 18-20(2)*.  
**PARK CURFEW**—It is illegal to be in a public park when it is closed. Parks are generally open from 6:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m., unless otherwise posted. Check posted signs at each park. Hours are enforced even if there is not a posted sign. *City Ord. 18-19(a)*.

**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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**URINATING OR DEFECCATING IN PUBLIC**—It is illegal to go to the bathroom in, or in view of, public areas. *City Ord. 17-8*.

**OCCUPYING A PARKED CAR**—It is NOT illegal to sit in or sleep in a parked car if you are following driving and parking rules. You CANNOT leave your car on a public street for more than 72 consecutive hours or in a city parking lot for more than 48 consecutive hours. You must also comply with parking rules on private property. *City Ord. 26-47(b)*.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT**—It is illegal to block the movement of people or cars on public streets or sidewalks. *City Ord. 17-4*.

**PANHANDLING**—It is illegal to aggressively panhandle or beg. You CANNOT ask someone for money after they have said “no.” You CANNOT block the sidewalk, touch people, threaten, or intimidate them. It is generally legal to ask someone for “spare change” or to hold a sign, but you CANNOT do so within 12 feet of an outdoor café, a building entrance or exit (public or private), a line to enter a building or event, a pay phone, or an ATM machine. You CANNOT panhandle at public events, in public restrooms, at a bus stop or other public transportation area, on private property, or at any other place where there is a sign that says “No Panhandling Permitted”. *City Ord. 19-80*.

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- Never resist a police officer when being detained or arrested. Keep your hands in view and avoid making sudden movements when approached by a police officer, and never touch him/her or his/her equipment.
- If you feel that you have been wrongfully arrested or that you are a victim of police harassment or mistreatment, you should contact an attorney or file a formal complaint with the police department.
- You have a right to file a complaint against a police officer or sheriff’s deputy if you feel that your rights were violated. To do so, contact: (1) GPD Internal Affairs Unit at (352) 334-2445 (during business hours) or a GPD supervisor at (352) 334-2400 (after normal business hours) or go to the front lobby of GPD at 721 NW 6th Street; or (2) Alachua County Sheriff’s Office at (352) 367-4000 and ask to speak with the employee’s supervisor (if the supervisor is unknown or unavailable, you may file your complaint with any employee).
- If you are stopped by the police, you should ask for the names and badge numbers of the officers. It is helpful to write down this information immediately, along with the date, time, and location of the incident.
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United Way 2-1-1	2-1-1 or 332-4636
Gainesville Police Dept	334-2400
Alachua County Sheriff’s Office	367-4000
Emergency Assistance for Homeless Vets	376-1611x7461
VETSPACE ( <i>Veteran housing and referral service</i> )	955-3080
DCF ( <i>Food stamps/TANF/Medicaid eligibility</i> )	(866)762-2237
Gainesville Community Ministries ( <i>Emergency Assistance, food, clothing</i> )	372-8162
Catholic Charities ( <i>Emergency food</i> )	372-0294
Meridian Behavioral ( <i>Mental health services</i> )	374-5600
Lazarus Restoration Ministries ( <i>Cothing and Food</i> )	336-0200
Alachua County Crisis Center Hotline	264-6789
Alachua County Social Services	264-6750
Florida Works Career Center	955-2245
Goodwill Job Junction	335-1311
HIV/AIDS testing & counseling	334-7900
Social Security Administration	375-4178
Center for Independent Living	378-7474
Court Services	338-7390

## Substance Abuse & Detox.

Alcoholics Anonymous	372-8091
Narcotics Anonymous	376-8008
Bridge House Detox	374-5614
VA Treatment Program	374-6089
Metamorphosis	955-2450

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