Public Education

- The REACH mentoring program developed by Miss Sylandi Brown will begin this fall in Pulaski County Middle School. Archway worked with Sylandi to develop a program that will help middle school students withstand peer pressure and reach their goals in life. Thanks to Cindy Conner, Pulaski County Middle School and Superintendent Williams for your support.

- Archway helped coordinate a meeting between the Deacons and Stewards and Jeanne Cyriaque, African American Programs Coordinator for the State of Georgia Historic Preservation Division, to talk about plans to restore the old school on Lumpkin Street. A number of UGA students have already been hard at work on planning for the project. ComSouth, Archway and Sylandi Brown conducted the first oral history interviews in July. Thanks to ComSouth for their support of this restoration effort.

Leadership Development

- The 2013 Pulaski Tomorrow Class is underway. This year’s class has 17 participants. Graduation will be held on Tuesday, October 22. Dr. Matt Bishop, Director of UGA’s Fanning Institute for Leadership Development will deliver the keynote address. Please make plans to attend.

- Pulaski Tomorrow’s Board of Directors held their first meeting at the Opera House on July 25. This is an important first step in the process to become a non-profit 501 C-3. Special thanks to Ana Maria Lugo who has taken on the tremendous role of organizing this effort and to the Opera House for hosting.

- Sonya Jones, our Pulaski County 4-H agent and a member of Pulaski Tomorrow, is leading a local team to develop a leadership skills curriculum for Pulaski County Youth. She will be working with Dr. Carolina Darbisi and Dr. Matt Bishop from UGA’s Fanning Institute for Leadership Development on this project.

- Join Pulaski Tomorrow for lunch on the 2nd Thursday of each month to socialize. Check the Pulaski Tomorrow Facebook page for the location. The next lunch is Thursday, August 8. Everyone is welcome to attend.

- The Hawkinsville Hoops League completed its second season on July 12 with a championship game played at Central Georgia Tech. Over fifty teens participated in this year’s program that was founded by three Pulaski Tomorrow alumni: Jeff Tarver, Tyler Jenkins and Nevin Shennett.

Community Health

- New Taylor Regional Hospital Administrator, Nikki Paulk, has joined the Archway Executive Committee.

- Archway has worked with Georgia Southern and Taylor Regional to complete the CHNA community health assessments. The top health needs identified by the community are: community health education, issues involving youth, image of hospital, heart disease, access to healthcare and misuse of the ER. The complete report can be found on the Taylor Regional Hospital website.

- Archway will assist Vonnie Berryhill with planning the next HHS Teen Maze to be held in the Spring of 2014.
Economic Development

- Archway and the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) are currently working on an agritourism development plan with Tom and Karen Hunt, who plan to expand their current facility.

- UGA students are working on a water trail map that will span the entire Ocmulgee River, and identify landings and amenities along the way to help encourage tourism along the Ocmulgee.

- Archway and SBDC will kick off a community business survey at the Chamber Board meeting on September 6 to find out about the needs of local businesses. There will also be a breakfast meeting open to everyone in the business community at the Annex on September 6 to talk about the needs of local business. Please make plans to attend.
  - Archway is currently working with United Pulaski to improve visibility and marketing of the spec building.
  - Archway is currently working with United Pulaski to market Pulaski County more effectively by collaborating with our regional partners.
  - UGA’s Georgia Gaze program was in town the week of July 15 to take economic development photos and update the community’s Camera Ready inventory. Thanks to Lee Slade and Manse Jennings for showing Brittainy Lauback around town.

Government Service Delivery

- UGA Landscape architect student, Mario Cambardella, recently completed a site plan for the fire house museum that will be included in a grant submission for the project.

Housing

- Archway will continue to support the Housing efforts of Hawkinsville and Pulaski County. Thanks to Rachel Pitts for her involvement and support on the Boys and Girls Club project.