



The Leon County LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

Board Takes Bite Out of Mosquito Control Fee



Leon County residents who are tired of battling those blood sucking mosquitoes in their backyard can now call on Leon County to help control the irritating insects, at no cost. Leon County residents who request mosquito control hand-fogging services will not be charged for the first two calls, thanks to a measure recently adopted

by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners.

Prior to June 28, residents have been charged \$25 for each request to the Mosquito Control Division for hand-fogging services. This method controls the Asian Tiger mosquito population, which is primarily breeds in containers and is active during the daytime hours. Leon County also conducts routine mosquito control maintenance with fog trucks, which does an excellent job in controlling nighttime mosquitoes, but is ineffective in controlling the adult Asian Tiger mosquito. To request the hand-fogging service, you can call 487-3174. For more information on mosquito control measures, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/mosquito.

Save Both Money and the Environment at the Leon County Swap Shop

At the Leon County Swap Shop, one citizen's trash is another's treasure. Part of the Hazardous Household Waste (HHW) program, the Swap Shop allows County residents to reuse household chemicals by "swapping" them at the Solid Waste Management Facility, 7550 Apalachee Parkway. Residents can pick up items such as:



- Insecticides
- Household cleaners, polishes, and disinfectant products
- Weed killer and related gardening/landscaping chemicals
- Paint (all types: latex, acrylic, water-based, etc.)
- Wood varnish, lacquer, weatherproofing, stains, etc.
- Automotive products (brake fluid, WD-40, motor oil)

Items at the Swap Shop are FREE, and residents do not have to provide anything in return. If you have an item you think is eligible for the Swap Shop, please give it to the site attendant to be screened by HHW staff before being placed in the shop. Leon County cannot make any guarantees about the quality of Swap Shop materials. This program is for residential use only, and we ask that participants take no more than five items per visit. Please call HHW at 922-0400 for more information.

Grant Helps Fund Construction of Jackson View Park



The Florida Department of Environmental Protection awarded \$200,000 in grant funding to Leon County for the construction of Jackson View Park. The funds are part of a Federal Land and Water Conservation Grant. Last year, the Board of County Commissioners approved \$250,000 in Blue-Print 2000 sales tax dollars

to construct the park, located off Highway 27 on Clara Kee Road.

The additional grant money will speed up the County's plans to build the much-needed recreational facility in the Lake Jackson area, that will include trails, playground equipment, open greenspace, and parking. Construction is expected to begin in Fall 2005 with completion some time in the winter. For more information, contact Leon County Parks and Recreation Director Pat Plocek at 488-0221.

Help Leon County Pay Tribute to Military Personnel

You can honor Leon County's heroes who are actively serving in the military by submitting their photo to include in storefront display and online. The exhibit, located at 115 S. Monroe St., is a collaboration of the Leon County Veteran Services Division, the Downtown Improvement Authority, the building's owner, Russell Price, and Commissioner Bob Rackleff, a retired naval officer.



Any current or former Leon County resident who has served on active duty since September 11, 2001, may submit a photo to be used in the display. Any type and size photograph may be submitted. Each submission should be labeled with the name, rank, and branch of service. Photos can be mailed to: Military Display, Leon County Veteran Services Division, 918 Railroad Ave., Tallahassee, FL 32310, or email to DavisLar@leoncountyfl.gov. For more information, contact Veteran Services at 488-8462. The photographs can also be viewed on the Leon County website www.leoncountyfl.gov/honor, where visitors can search by last name or view the entire photo album.

Killearn Lakes Sewer Project Public Information Meeting Replayed on Channel 16



If you missed the Public Information Meeting on the Killearn Lakes Sewer Project last month, you can watch replays of the meeting on Comcast Channel 16 today, July 5 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Tuesday, July 12 at 10 a.m.

Life-Saving Devices Now Located at Courthouse Facilities

When someone is in cardiac arrest, every second counts. Should that happen at a County facility, trained employees will be able to act quickly while paramedics are on the way. The County has installed automatic external defibrillators (AED) at eight County locations including the main library, the Courthouse rotunda, the third and fifth floors of the Courthouse, the Community Services Building on Apple-



yard Drive, the landfill, and the Public Works Operations Center on Miccosukee Road. AED's are compact, easy-to-use versions of the defibrillators used on Leon County ambulances. If used in the first few minutes of a cardiac arrest, AED's have proven to significantly increase the survival rate. Studies have shown that AED's are the one piece of equipment that can be used by the lay public to provide the most successful treatment to cardiac arrest victims. Leon County Emergency Medical Services is working with community partners to promote and support the increased availability of AED's in public spaces county-wide.

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Board of County Commissioners Schedule

12 Commission Meeting 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers

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