



The Leon County

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Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

EMS Week Honors Emergency and Ambulance Service Providers

The Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department is celebrating EMS week May 16 through May 22. This serves to recognize the men and women who dedicate themselves to saving the lives of others. Leon County assumed responsibility of EMS on January 1, 2004. Since then, Leon County EMS has improved ambulance response times and teamed up with the Tallahassee Fire Department to provide advanced life support (ALS) inside the city limits. ALS is the treatment of life-threatening medical emergencies using techniques including cardiac defibrillation and the administration of drugs intravenously.



Leon County EMS is committed to preserving life, improving health, and promoting safety. This year's EMS week theme is: "EMS: There When You Need Us," emphasizing that no matter what the emergency or when it occurs, EMS is there to provide immediate life-saving care and transportation. To learn more about the Leon County EMS Department, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov.

Watch Commission Meetings on the Leon County Website

Leon County citizens can now watch Leon County Commission meetings on their personal computer. With a click of a mouse, visitors to www.leoncountyfl.gov can view live or archived Leon County Commission meetings. From the home page, click on "County Commission" and then "Watch the Meetings." The archive includes meetings from 2002 forward. The video is best viewed on high speed Internet connections. Commission meetings are also broadcast live on Comcast cable channel 16.

Visit www.leoncountyfl.gov

Youth can Learn Skills for Success at 4-H Workshop

Many teenagers spend their summers trying to make an extra buck. If your teen is considering getting a part-time job, Leon County 4-H can help. 4-H is hosting "It's A Jungle Out There: How to Enter the Job Scene" on Wednesday, June 9 through Friday, June 11. This three-day workshop will provide ninth through twelfth graders with valuable information and insight on how to dress for success, complete a job application, and give a successful interview. Activities will include field trips, practice interviews and managing a new income. Cost for the program is \$36 per person. Space is limited and payment secures your spot. Registration is taken on a first come, first served basis. The deadline is Tuesday, June 1. For more information, please contact Jeanette Gaskins with 4-H at gaskinsj@mail.co.leon.fl.us or 487-3009.



ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

National, state and local leaders are honoring and celebrating the contributions made by small businesses across the country. May 16 through May 22 marks the 21st Annual Small Business week celebration. This year's theme is "Small Businesses-The Key to Growth in America." Leon County is giving special recognition to those entrepreneurs who have made outstanding contributions to our community.

There are several events planned for Small Business Week 2004. They include:

Tuesday, May 18 - Doing Business with the State. One-on-One Sessions with Purchasing Officials, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Betty Easley Conference Center

Tuesday, May 18 - Small Business Awards Reception, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Heavenly Catering Banquet Hall

Wednesday, May 19 - Small Business of the Year Recognition Luncheon, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m., Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center

For more information, contact the Leon County Office of Minority/Women Business Enterprise at 488-7509.

Leon County Expands Military Grant Program

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved expanding a grant for military families to include additional deployed military men and women. The Board extended the qualifying date from October 1, 2002 to October 1, 2001, to include individuals who were mobilized and deployed following the events of September 11, 2001. Leon County residents who have been mobilized and deployed in support of current military campaigns including Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, or Iraqi Freedom, qualify for the grant. The grant to qualified military service members is the greater of either prorated Leon County ad valorem property taxes or \$600.00.

Grant applications should be submitted to the Leon County Veteran Services Division before June 30, 2004. For more information, please visit the Veteran Services Division at its new location at 918 Railroad Avenue, call 488-8462, or visit the Website at <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/ADMIN/veteran/VETS.asp>.

Leon County Participates in Dog Bite Prevention Week

Dogs can be man's best friends, but large or small, any dog can bite. The injuries are often serious and can even lead to death. Each year, dogs bite nearly 4.7 million people, and more than 800,000 people, mostly children, require medical treatment. In Leon County last year, 300 people sustained dog bites.



To help prevent dog bites in this community, the Leon County Animal Control Division is raising awareness as part of Dog Bite Prevention Week (May 16-22). To schedule a class for your school or community group, call Leon County Animal Control at 487-3172.

As part of this awareness week, there will be a Pet Adoptathon on Saturday, May 22 at the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. County and City animal control officers will provide information on safety and dog bite prevention while local dog clubs will provide obedience and behavior training. For more information about Dog Bite Prevention Week activities, call 487-3172.

May 2004 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 11 Workshops** 1 p.m.
- Commission Meeting** 5 p.m.
- Public Hearings** 6 p.m.
- Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 17 Metropolitan Organization Meeting** 1 p.m.
- City Hall, Commission Chambers
- 25 Workshops** 1 p.m.
- Commission Meeting** 5 p.m.
- Public Hearings** 6 p.m.
- Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 31 Memorial Day**
- All County Offices Closed

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