



# The Leon County LINK

Green Edition!

## Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

The Link is published the first Wednesday of each month in the local section of the Tallahassee Democrat.

### Neighborhood Energy Challenge



Starting April 15, Leon County residents will compete to see which neighborhood is the biggest loser... of energy consumption and greenhouse gases.

The Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA) is hosting the Tallahassee Neighborhood Energy Challenge over a six-month period to see which neighborhood can achieve the largest overall reduction and the largest average reduction in electricity usage through October 15, 2009. The County has already challenged all employees to participate.

Individuals can sign up at [www.tallyenergychallenge.com](http://www.tallyenergychallenge.com) or at any local library branch to become part of a neighborhood team. For more information, contact Leon County Sustainability Coordinator Maggie Theriot at (850) 606-5380 or email [TheriotM@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:TheriotM@leoncountyfl.gov).

### Leon County Takes Part in Annual Renewable Energy Expo

Leon County At-Large Commissioner Akin Akinyemi spoke recently at the Sunshine State Renewable Energy Expo, an annual event hosted by the Florida Renewable Energy Producers Association (FREPA), at the Mary Brogan Museum of Art and Science.

As a representative of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Akinyemi led a discussion on the federal stimulus package and the role political figures and policymakers' actions will have in Florida's energy initiatives and its future.



### Put Waste in its Place County Picks Up Your Hazardous Waste

Leon County's Solid Waste Management Division will be holding hazardous waste roundups in April and May:

> City of Tallahassee's CASH for TRASH | April 18 | 8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | City's Solid Waste Services Facility, 2727 Municipal Way

> Household Hazardous Waste Roundup | May 2 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Tallahassee Mall behind Ross

Items that will not be accepted include household garbage, yard waste and construction/demolition debris. For more information, call (850) 606-1816, visit [www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW/roundups2.asp](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW/roundups2.asp) or e-mail [LobinskeR@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:LobinskeR@leoncountyfl.gov).

### The Largest Book Club You'll Ever Join

Starting April 1, the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System kicks off **The Big Read**, a community read and discussion of "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury.

Copies of the book will be available from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the main library and from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at branch libraries starting April 1, and a kick-off reception with the Tallahassee Writers Association starts at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, April 4, at Holiday Inn North, 2725 Graves Rd.

For more information on the month-long Big Read event, including important dates and times, contact the Library System at (850) 606-2610 or visit <http://TheBigRead.leoncountylibrary.org>.

### County Promotes Home Ownership at Homebuyer Showcase



In its continuing effort to promote home ownership, Leon County Health and Human Services representatives took part in a Homebuyer Showcase at the North Florida Fairgrounds.

Leon County, which funds unincorporated home projects through the Tallahassee Lenders Consortium, had an opportunity to tell visitors about County-sponsored home-rehabilitation programs, benefits for low-income applicants, down payment assistance and more.

For more information, call the Leon County Housing Services Division at (850) 606-1900.

### Leon County Achieves Tree City USA Status



TREE CITY USA

Leon County has once again been named a Tree City USA Community by the Arbor Day Foundation for its commitment to community forestry. It is the third consecutive year that Leon County has received this national recognition.

To qualify for Tree City USA status, a town or city must meet four standards: having a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, a comprehensive community forestry program and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation. For more information, contact Right-of-Way Management Superintendent Tom Jackson at (850) 606-1417 or visit the Leon County website, [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov).

Leon County holds its annual **Earth Machine Compost Bin Sale** on Saturday, April 25, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Tallahassee Mall in front of Ross. The bins will be sold for \$30 on a first-come, first-served basis (cash and checks only). Call (850) 606-1827 for more information.



## April 2009

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

**9 Board of County Commissioners Cycle 2009-2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments Workshop**  
1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, Commission Chambers

**Leon County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**, 3 p.m.  
County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Leon County Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing**, 6 p.m.  
County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**20 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Retreat**, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Bradley's Pond, 9002 Bradley Rd. (off Centerville)

**21 Leon County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**, 3 p.m.  
County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**22 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)**, 3:30 p.m.  
City Hall, 300 S. Adams St., Commission Chambers