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# Public Safety Complex Opens

The new Public Safety Complex (PSC) opened, under budget and on time, on July 11 with a ceremonial first call, ribbon cutting and tours of the primary work spaces within the 100,000 square foot, \$47.5 million facility. The PSC is the new home for public safety professionals from a variety of key public safety agencies and operations, including Leon County Emergency Medical Services and the Leon County Emergency Operations Center.

During normal business hours, 140-150 employees will work in the building. As several work functions require 24-hour staffing, more than 30 people will regularly be in the facility outside of business hours. During an emergency activation, the PSC's population will grow to between 350-400 people. The building's flexible and forward-thinking design will accommodate any future staffing increases.

Public safety dispatchers for all services will now work together in the same facility under the Consolidated Dispatch Agency. This helps ensure that when assistance is needed, the closest and most appropriate unit - whether it be Fire, Police, Sheriff or EMS - will be sent. In emergencies, those seconds will help save lives.

Pictures from the grand opening can be seen at:  
[www.LeonPhotos.org/PSC](http://www.LeonPhotos.org/PSC)



## Leon County Announces Affordable Dental Care Program

Leon County will now offer an affordable dental discount card program. Through various partnerships, the dental program offers individuals and families affordable monthly and annual membership options. Leon County's dental program promotes the importance of preventive dental care, which will both save money and preserve the overall health of County residents.



Leon County's Primary Healthcare Program works to improve the health of citizens by providing quality, cost-effective health services through community partnerships. After subscribing to the dental program, residents can save from 5 to 50 percent on dental procedures, including routine oral exams, cleanings, dentures, root canals, crowns and more. An entire family can receive dental care discount coverage for a low annual or monthly cost.

Through its membership in the National Association of Counties (NACo), Leon County launches the NACo Dental Discount Card Program with the goal of helping families save money on needed dental care services. Administered by Careington International Corporation and NACo, Leon County's program offers individuals and families affordable membership options among a network of local dentists.

Regular visits to the dentist can improve a person's health by identifying life-affecting medical conditions such as gum disease (Gingivitis and Periodontitis) and oral cancer. Leon County's dental program is not insurance, so anyone can join and benefit. Also, the program does not restrict by age or income.

More information about Leon County's NACo Dental Discount Card Program is available at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Dental](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Dental) or call (850) 606-1900. Enrollment cards can also be picked up at any Leon County library.

## Leon County Receives National Award for Engaging Citizens

Recognizing counties that have made great strides to engage citizens through innovative programs, the **National Association of Counties (NACo)** awarded Leon County's Citizen Engagement Series with the NACo Achievement Award in the category of Civic Education and Public Information. The award-winning series gives citizens greater insight into County government operations and the role citizens play in the decision making process that shape policies, programs and services it delivers.



Leon County launched the Citizen Engagement Series in January 2012 as part of Leon County's "People Focused, Performance Driven" culture. Since that time, eight sessions have been attended by over 300 citizens that have received a unique, in-depth experience into County government's efforts to balance economic, environmental and quality of life goals for the community.

Founded in 1970, the annual NACo Achievement Award Program is an award series that recognizes innovative county government programs. Sessions of the Citizen Engagement Series are generally held quarterly. More information about Leon County's award winning program can be found at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CES](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CES).

## Fill Time Capsule to Preserve Leon County



Leon County is celebrating the 500-year anniversary of Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon's arrival to Florida. Leon County needs community input about unique items to fill the time capsule.

The Leon County Viva Florida Time Capsule Committee is leading the effort of recommending and collecting items that reflect life in Leon County. The committee is looking for suggestions on items to include in the capsule that would capture the events, policies, art, literature and technology that shape the community. To help fill the time capsule, visit the electronic suggestion box at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule) or email [TimeCapsule@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:TimeCapsule@LeonCountyFL.gov) by August 31.

Share your thoughts and ideas on the contents that should be included in the time capsule and participate in the photo contest.

## Picture Life in Leon County

The Leon County Viva Florida Time Capsule Committee is looking for high-resolution photos that depict life in Leon County 2013 to include in the time capsule by **August 31**.



For more information and to enter the photo contest, visit [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule).

## T.O.U.R. Guide Program Day: August 17

Enjoy FREE admission during the T.O.U.R. (Tourism is Our Ultimate Resource) Guide Program Day and discover more ways to enjoy Tallahassee. This program educates residents about the importance of tourism in our area and showcases local attractions.



Visit Mission San Luis and Maclay Gardens on **Saturday, August 17** - it's the LAST T.O.U.R. Guide Program Day of the season!

For more information go to: [www.VisitTallahassee.com](http://www.VisitTallahassee.com)

## FREE Museum Admission for Military Families

More than 2,000 museums across America offer FREE admission to active duty military personnel and their families (up to six admissions total) from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Participating Tallahassee attractions include: John G. Riley Center/Museum, Knott House Museum, Museum of Florida History and Tallahassee Museum. Present active-duty military I.D. and let the sight-seeing begin.

For more information, visit: [www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

## Add a Library Card to Your Back-To-School Supplies!

On Friday, **August 16**, from **10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**, stop in at any library in the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System for a special Open House for students and parents.

- Get a library card (FREE to Leon County residents with proper I.D.)
- See what the library offers - on the shelves and online - for students of all ages
- Learn how to Ask a Librarian
- ...And more!

Check out a storybook to reassure your little one going to school for the first time; explore our website and the authoritative information sources available for K-12 and beyond; or test your knowledge with a "practice" SAT.

For more information about getting a library card, visit [www.LeonCountyLibrary.org](http://www.LeonCountyLibrary.org) or call (850) 606-2665. Make this the best school year yet with help from your public library!

## Fabulous Foods Cooking Classes

Presented by Leon County Cooperative Extension

Come cook with us! Learn together and leave with valuable information and tested recipes.

**All Classes 6 - 8 p.m. • 615 Paul Russell Road**

Cost: \$15/Person. Pre-registration required.

Contact Kendra Zamojski:  
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**AUGUST 15**  
*No Time to Cook!*

**SEPTEMBER 30**  
*Salsa Garden*

**OCTOBER 9**  
*Cooking with Diabetes*

**NOVEMBER 5**  
*Healthy Breads*