



The Leon County LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

Hurricane Season is Here *Do You Have a Plan?*



The National Weather Service, National Hurricane Center predicts a very active 2006 hurricane season, and Leon County citizens need to be prepared. The first step is creating a plan. Leon County has worked diligently to make your planning easier with a public information campaign aimed at hurricane preparedness.

Not only is Leon County getting the message out that hurricanes need to be taken seriously and warnings need to be heeded, but also, through a newly-developed website, www.haveahurricaneplan.com, TV spots, billboards, and a revamped hurricane survival guide, Leon County has developed the frame for your hurricane plan. All you need to do is fill in the blanks and get connected. Visit www.haveahurricaneplan.com today to begin the first step in ensuring your family's safety this hurricane season. For more information, contact the Leon County Public Information Office at 606-5300.

Here are just a few examples of the useful tools you'll find on the website. For the comprehensive plan, go online or refer to your hurricane survival guide.



Guidelines to help you make the first decision: Should I stay, or should I go?

The tools will guide you through the decision-making process and show you what steps you should take before the storm, as the storm approaches, and after the storm, including cleanup.



Survival Kit essentials, such as:

- 2-week supply of nonperishable foods
- 1-month supply of prescriptions
- Drinking water, 2 gallons per day, per person, for 2 weeks
- Flashlights
- Batteries
- NOAA weather radio
- Infant necessities



Resources Page linking to valuable information, such as:

- Evacuation Information
- Flood Information
- Home Health Care Patients and Elderly Residents
- Plan for your Pets
- Sandbags
- Shelters
- Volunteer Information



Important Contacts, such as:

- Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross
- Leon County Emergency Management
- Leon County Public Information Office



Smart Growth Summit

Leon County has long been dedicated to guiding community growth for a sustainable and healthy future. On Wednesday, June 7, the Board of County Commissioners is taking their dedication one step further by assembling local and state planning and growth management officials to address issues developers and citizens face every day and emerging issues at Leon County's first-ever Smart Growth Summit. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 606-5300 or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/smartgrowthsummit.



Leon County's First-Ever "Summer Snapshot" Greenway Photo Contest

It's time to dust off your old 35mm or stock-up some digital camera memory cards for Leon County's First-Ever "Summer Snapshot" Greenway Photo Contest, being held now through September 1, 2006. Residents and non-residents alike are encouraged to visit the J.R. Alford Greenway, the Miccosukee Canopy Greenway, or other County greenways to capture that perfect image. Winners will be selected and prizes will be awarded.



Wildflowers at J.R. Alford Greenway

All photos will be posted on the website to display photographers' talents and the beauty of Leon County greenways. The photo contest consists of three classifications for judgment and one "Citizens' Choice" award, which consists of an online poll that allows residents to choose their favorite images. Leon County is partnering with Tallahassee Camera & Image Center to provide winners with 11" x 14" prints of their winning photos. For more information, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/parks or call the Public Information Office at 606-5300.

Recycling Pilot Program Launched at County Parks

Regardless of the amount of rainfall this summer, you can do your job to make Leon County "green." "Keep Tallahassee-Leon County Beautiful" and Leon County Parks and Recreation launched a pilot program last month at Leon County parks to encourage recycling. The program was made possible through a grant by Keep America Beautiful and Anheuser-Busch Recycling in an effort to create awareness surrounding the beautification of the communities where we live, work and play. The primary objective of the program is to educate youths on recycling. Recycling of plastic and aluminum materials will be implemented at all County parks. For a list of the parks, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/parks.



"We are excited about working with 'Keep Tallahassee-Leon County Beautiful' to bring this new recycling program to our parks," said Pat Plocek, Director of Leon County Parks and Recreation. "We take great pride in our facilities and hope to educate our children on the importance of keeping our community clean and beautiful."

Whether it is at practice, the big game, or simply enjoying the park, patrons should look for the recycling containers onsite to recycle plastic and aluminum. In addition, "Keep Tallahassee-Leon County Beautiful" will be providing a variety of educational materials to select Leon County Recreation Councils, and they will award the council that recycles the most materials through August 31, 2006, with a celebration party and a cash prize of \$500 to be allocated towards a team sponsorship.

June 2006

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 5 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting**
3 p.m. City Hall, City Commission Chambers
- 13 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m., Public Hearing on Ordinance to Implement the Comprehensive Uninsured Healthcare Plan, Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 19 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency**
3 p.m. City Hall, City Commission Chambers