



The Leon County LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

Leon County Prepares for Possible Property Tax Reform Legislation



On-going property tax reform efforts in the Florida legislature could greatly impact local governments' revenue. Leon County is taking proactive steps to prepare for the possibility of reduced revenues, to avoid any interruption in essential services, and to protect current positions. The next 120 days will reveal what reform legislation will become law. At that point, the County will have

greater certainty and will be in a position to budget and resume operations accordingly.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, the Board of County Commissioners endorsed the County Administrator's implementation of a hiring freeze for all personnel, with the exception of those that significantly impact the essential service level to Leon County citizens, such as paramedics, all travel which had not yet been approved, and a delay of capital projects which had not yet begun, such as community centers, branch libraries, greenways, and other projects.

While the level of service that departments and divisions provide may be reduced, citizens can rest assured that essential services will remain unaffected. For detailed information, please visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/admin/agenda/workshop_material07.asp.

"Summer Snapshot" Greenway Photo Contest

Calling all shutterbugs! Leon County Parks and Recreation is kicking off its second annual "Summer Snapshot" Greenway Photo Contest this month, and the contest will continue through Sept. 30, 2007. Residents and non-residents alike are encouraged to visit the J.R. Alford Greenway or the Miccosukee Canopy Greenway to capture that perfect image. Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third place, and winners will be presented with plaques at a Board of County Commissioners meeting.



All photos submitted for the contest will be posted on the Leon County website to display photographers' talents and the beauty of the County's greenways. For more information and contest rules, please visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/parks or call the Public Information Office at 606-5300.

Looking to Buy a Home? Come to the 2007 Homebuyer Showcase



The Tallahassee Lenders' Consortium will provide the community with information and resources on buying a home on Saturday, March 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the North Florida Fairgrounds. Parking and admission is free, and there will be a tour of local homes, activities for children, and giveaways.

Homebuyer workshops will cover subjects such as assistance programs, how to become a homeowner, understanding your credit, and making an offer. For more information, please visit www.tallahasseelenders.org or call 222-6609.

Be a Leon County Neighborhood of the Year

Remember, the application deadline for Leon County's Neighborhood of the Year Award is Friday, March 23. This year, the County will recognize outstanding neighborhoods in three categories: Small (200 or fewer homes), Large (more than 200 homes), and Unincorporated Area (outside the city limits), with an additional category for Neighbor of the Year. Applications can be found at www.leoncountyfl.gov. If you have any questions, please contact the Leon County Public Information Office at 606-5300 or email pio@leoncountyfl.gov.

Leon County Growth & Environmental Management Moves

In order to better serve citizens, the Leon County Department of Growth & Environmental Management (GEM) will be moving to the Renaissance Center in Frenchtown, located at 435 N. Macomb St. and will begin business in the center on Monday, March 19, at 8 a.m. The new location will offer a "one-stop shop," as



Tallahassee-Leon County Planning and the City of Tallahassee Growth Management Departments will be housed in the same facility.

Business hours and contact numbers will remain the same. GEM's Tharpe Street location will permanently close on Friday, March 16, at 5 p.m. For more information, please contact GEM at 606-1300.

Finding Mosquitoes Before They Find You



Throughout mosquito season, March through October, blue-shirted Leon County Mosquito Control technicians work morning and night to control the County's mosquito population. Their quest: finding and fighting mosquitoes before they find you. This month, Leon County Mosquito Control is resuming their full service program of inspections, treatment

of breeding areas, spraying of adult mosquitoes, disease surveillance and helping residents to reduce the sources where mosquitoes live and reproduce.

Although mosquitoes are mainly an outdoor nuisance, some pose a more serious danger as transmitters of diseases including West Nile Virus, St. Louis Encephalitis or Eastern Equine Encephalitis.

Services such as hand-spraying yards and small properties, or truck-spraying neighborhoods and large properties, are conducted at the request of residents. For information about any of Leon County Mosquito Control services, please call 606-2200 or visit our website at www.leoncountyfl.gov/mosquito.



Get Property Information Online

Citizens can easily access a wealth of information on properties all over Leon County with online "Property Information Sheets," developed by the Tallahassee-Leon County Geographical Information Systems (GIS) department. The website offers a wide variety of pertinent information displayed on one viewable and printable page. Users can search by address or tax ID number to find up to 65 different types of information about a specific property, including a site map, property tax information, school zones and much more.

The "Property Information Sheet" is accessible to anyone with an Internet connection. Simply visit www.tlcgis.org, click on the "I-Maps" button, then click on the "Property Information Sheet" link, and start searching for the property in which you are interested.

March 2007 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 13 Workshop on the Provision of Healthcare Services, 12 p.m.**
Commission Meeting, 3 p.m.
Public Hearings, 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 26 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting, 3 p.m.**
City Hall, 300 S. Adams St., 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 27 Workshop on Emergency Medical Services, 12 p.m.**
Workshop on Proportionate Mitigation Strategies, 1:30 p.m.
Commission Meeting, 3 p.m.
Public Hearings, 6 p.m.
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