



# The Leon County LINK

## Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

### Leon County Celebrates National Public Works Week



Leon County citizens are invited to celebrate National Public Works Week, which is May 15 through May 21. The awareness week is aimed at bringing attention to Public Works personnel and the important jobs they perform. To kick off the week, the County is hosting an equipment exhibit

on Friday, May 13, from 3 to 6 p.m. at the North Florida Fairgrounds, Tram Road entrance. Bring the kids and come explore the powerful pieces of equipment, and learn more about the services Public Works personnel provide on a daily basis. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 488-9962.

Leon County Public Works employees work hard every day to provide critical services to citizens. The Public Works Department is made up of several divisions including: Animal Control, Engineering, Fleet Management, Mosquito Control and Stormwater Maintenance, Operations, Parks & Recreation, Solid Waste, and Transportation.

### Keep Reading During the Summer Months!

Even though school may be out soon, the Public Library wants to remind youth that summer is a great time to read. The self-paced summer reading program kicks off May 28 and lasts until July 23. The Library will provide students who enroll with a reading log to keep track of days they read, and give weekly incentive rewards to those who report back to the Library. At the end of the eight-week program, participants will receive a certificate and additional prizes. For more information, please contact Youth Services Coordinator Maria Mena at 487-2665.

#### May's Featured Authors:

- **Rhett DeVane**, author of *The Madhatter's Guide to Chocolate* on Tuesday, May 3, 6:30 p.m., Lake Jackson Branch Library
- **Ben Green**, author of *Spinning the Globe: The Rise, Fall, and Return to Greatness of the Harlem Globetrotters* on Tuesday, May 17, 6 p.m., B.L. Perry Branch Library
- **Terry Lewis**, author of *Conflict of Interest* and *Privileged Information*, on Thursday, May 19, 12:15 p.m., Main Library
- **Martha Lou Perriti**, author of *Standing Against the Wind*, on Thursday, May 26, 3 p.m. Northeast Branch Library

Call 487-2665 or visit [www.leoncountyfl.gov/library](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/library) to find out more.

### VolunteerLEON Has Great Volunteer Opportunities for Youth



Attention Leon County youth! Are you wondering what to do this summer? VolunteerLEON has the answer. Through volunteering, you can feel the satisfaction of helping others, develop leadership skills, and build self confidence. You can also establish contacts and become acquainted with professionals, enhance their resume, and most importantly, make new friends!

VolunteerLEON has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities for youth, including the Summer Youth Volunteer Program at the Library. Students in grades 6 through 12 are eligible to participate. They must attend an orientation session, which will take place May 5 at 7 p.m., May 17 at 7 p.m., and June 4 at 1 p.m.

Another opportunity is the Service Leadership Ambassador Camp, which is June 20 through June 24 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tallahassee Community College. This fun and hands-on training will include team-building activities, identifying community needs, participating in local service projects, and more. The cost is \$45 and includes lunch, materials, and a t-shirt. Participants will earn 40 hours of community service that can be counted towards Bright Futures Scholarships or other scholarship and academic programs.

To register for these programs, please call VolunteerLEON at 921-3015. You can also visit [www.volunteerleon.org](http://www.volunteerleon.org) to find a volunteer opportunity that's right for you!

### Apalachee Regional Park Opens to the Public

Leon County citizens living on the east side of the County can soon enjoy a new location for walking, picnicking, or even kite-flying. Phase I of the Apalachee Parkway Regional Park includes multi-



purpose fields, and will officially open on May 7. This is part of the County's long-term plan to convert portions of the Leon County Solid Waste Facility (landfill) into recreational facilities. The fields will be utilized for organized sports beginning in Spring 2006. For more information, please contact the Parks and Recreation Division at 488-0221.

### County Recycling Provides Fun Learning Opportunities for Kids

Leon County produces 800 to 1,000 tons of garbage daily. Did you know that half of those materials could probably be recycled and put to better use? It is proven that if you start practicing good habits at a young age, you will likely make it a part of your daily routine as you grow older. That's why the County is providing a free summer camp program designed to teach kids about recycling and better ways to manage waste. Groups can also request educational tours of the Solid Waste Management Facility. To learn more about this fun, educational program, call 414-9346 or visit [www.leoncountyfl.gov/recycling](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/recycling).

### Animal Control Recognizes Dog Bite Prevention Week



Dog may be man's best friend, but large or small, any dog can bite. The injuries are often serious and children are often victims. More than 300 people sustained dog bites in Leon County last year alone.

To help prevent dog bites in this community, the Animal Control Division is raising awareness as part of Dog Bite Prevention Week, May

15-21. Throughout the week, Animal Control officers will teach classes to elementary students and postal carriers on how to prevent dog bites, what to do if approached by an unfamiliar dog, and general dog bite safety. Officers will also provide information on responsible dog ownership. For more information about Dog Bite Prevention Week activities, or to schedule a Dog Bite Prevention class, call 487-3172.

## May 2005

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 10 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.  
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 16 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting** 3 p.m.  
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 23 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting** 3 p.m. City Hall, Commission Chambers
- 24 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.  
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 26 Joint City/County Workshop on Cycle 2005-02 Comprehensive Plan Amendments** 2 p.m.  
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 30 Memorial Day**  
County Offices, Libraries, and Services Closed