

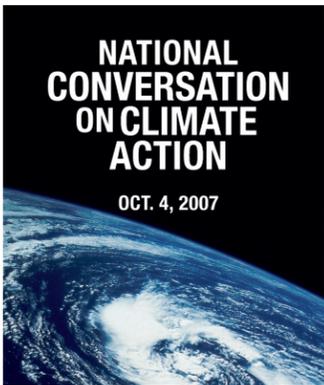


The Leon County LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

Leon County Hosts National Conversation on Climate Action Discuss the Hottest Tips and Facts on Global Warming

WHO: Leon County Board of County Commissioners, International Council on Local Environmental Initiatives, Greenovation, and other community partners
WHAT: "National Conversation on Climate Action," Community Meeting on Global Warming
WHEN: Thursday, Oct. 4, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
WHERE: Program Room, Main Library, located at 200 W. Park Ave.



Leon County invites citizens to be a part of a National Conversation on Climate Action to discuss the science and what is needed at the local level and beyond to solve global warming. The County is on the forefront of developing methods for a more sustainable future and is a member of the International Council on Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) – Local Governments for Sustainability. ICLEI-member cities and counties across the nation are hosting similar conversations this Thursday.

The National Conversation is designed to highlight and catalyze local efforts to address global warming, build local awareness and facilitate community engagement. Participants at the event will hear from Leon County Commissioners, a climate authority, County staff, as well as partake in an interactive discussion about climate conditions and what is and can be done in Leon County. For more information on the National Conversation on Climate Action, please contact the Public Information Office at 606-5300. For more information on ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, visit www.iclei.org.

Join the Leon County Veterans Day Parade

Leon County is hosting the annual Veterans Day Parade on Monday, Nov. 12, at 11 a.m. The Veteran Services Division is currently accepting applications for those who would like to participate in the parade. Applications can be found online at www.leoncountyfl.gov/vets and are due Nov. 1. If you would like a chance to give back to Big Bend veterans, volunteers are needed from 8 a.m. to noon to serve as parade marshals and custodians. For more information, please contact Veteran Services at 606-1940.



Health Department Offers Flu Shots For High-Risk People



Beginning this week, the Leon County Health Department is giving flu vaccinations to individuals who are at high risk for complications from the flu. Some high risk populations include people with long-term health problems, children from 6 months to 5 years of age, adults over 50, pregnant women, residents of long-term

care facilities and people with weakened immune systems. Health care providers and people who live with or care for those at high risk for complications from flu are also encouraged to receive the flu vaccine. Shots are \$22; however, individuals with Medicare Part B do not have to pay for the flu vaccine if they present their Medicare card. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 488-2223.

Title Wave Used Book Sale

The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System is holding its annual Title Wave Used Book Sale, a benefit for Friends of the Library, on Saturday, Oct. 13, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 14, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., in the garage of the Main Library, facing Bronough Street. You can pick up used books, videos, DVDs, and more – all for great prices. For more information, please contact the Main Library at 606-2665 or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/library.

Woodville Community Center Grand Opening

Citizens are invited to the Grand Opening of the brand new and much-anticipated Woodville Community Center on Thursday, Oct. 25, at 10 a.m. After the ribbon-cutting ceremony, there will be a tour of the community center and fun, fall activities. Located at 8000 Old Woodville



Road, between Woodville Highway and the St. Marks Trail, the center houses two small meeting rooms, a computer lab, and one large meeting room, which can be divided into two by a screen. Residents will be able to use the center for Senior Days, fitness classes, homeowners' meetings, the Boys and Girls Club, Scout meetings, Pop Warner meetings, and more. For more information, please contact the Public Information Office at 606-5300.

Leon County Partners with State Agencies to Recycle Old Carpet from Renovated State Building

Leon County is contributing to the protection of the environment through partnerships with state agencies and private sector businesses. During the recent renovation of the Bob Martinez Center, Leon County worked with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and the Florida Department of Management Services to recycle nearly 5.5 tons of old carpet, which was replaced with an environmentally friendly alternative. The Bob Martinez Center is one of DEP's office buildings, housing approximately 900 state employees. After removing the carpet, DMS took it to the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility. Working with Paved Recycling, Inc., a local recycling and recovery company, the materials were then separated and sent to Shaw Industries' Evergreen Nylon Recycling Facility in Augusta, Georgia.

The Evergreen Nylon Recycling Facility is the only post-consumer, cradle-to-cradle, closed loop, nylon 6 fiber recovery facility of its kind in the world. Through their innovative proprietary technology, the nylon 6 fiber in the carpet is broken down and reconstituted into its original building block material. The material is then used in carpet products again and again, without product degradation. This process uses less energy and saves millions of gallons of fuel and crude oil annually.

Woodmen of the World Donate Flags for County Facilities



Woodmen of the World, a national service organization, has generously donated new flags and poles for three Leon County Parks & Recreation locations, including Miccosukee Community Park, J. Lewis Hall, Sr. Park, and the soon-to-be-opened Woodville Community Center. The flags are part of the organization's "In Honor And Remembrance Project," which pays tribute to the heroes and victims of Sept. 11, 2001.

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Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 9 Commission Meeting, 3 p.m.**
Public Hearings, 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 15 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Retreat,**
9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Wakulla Springs Lodge
- 17 Mayor/Chair Meeting, 11:30 a.m.**
City Hall, Conference Room 4F
- 23 Commission Meeting, 3 p.m.**
Public Hearings, 6 p.m.
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