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LEON COUNTY

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Vision Statement
Leon County Government is dedicated to preserving and enhancing the outstanding quality of life which has made our community a desirable place to live, work and raise our children. Through the provisions of cost-effective superior services, County Government will ensure the promotion of orderly growth for the economic health and safety of its citizens.

Core Values

Leadership
Empower employees to do their best.

Quality
Provide superior services by commitment to continuous improvement and accepting differences.

Customer Satisfaction
Be enthusiastic and attentive in providing services.

Employee Satisfaction
Value employees by supporting a diverse, motivated, and involved workforce.

Professionalism
Deliver services in an honest, respectful and objective manner.

ABOUT LEON COUNTY
Leon County was named after the Spanish explorer, Juan Ponce de Leon. He was the first European to explore Florida in 1513 in search of the "Fountain of Youth" and named the state after the Spanish word for "flowery."

Leon County is home to Florida’s capital, Tallahassee, which was established in 1824. Legislative and executive offices, the State House, and Senate chambers are located here. As a political subdivision of the state, the County is guided by an elected, seven-member Board of County Commissioners.

Five members of the Board are elected to serve specific commission districts and two members are elected at-large. Leon County is a Council-Manager form of government, and the County Administrator is appointed by the Board to oversee all functions, directives and policies. Florida Statutes, Chapter 125, establishes the powers and duties of the County Commission and the County Administrator. As of November 12, 2002, Leon County is governed by a Home Rule Charter.

Leon County Board of County Commissioners
(From Left to Right) At-Large Commissioner Cliff Thaell, At-Large Commissioner Akin Akinyemi, District 3 Commissioner John E. Dailey (Vice Chairman), District 5 Commissioner Bob Rackleff (Chairman), District 2 Commissioner Jane G. Sauls, District 4 Commissioner Bryan Desloge and District 1 Commissioner Bill Proctor.

This document lists the annual reporting requirements of Chapter 125.74, Florida Statutes and Sec. 2-501(1), Leon County Administrative Code. 2,000 copies were printed for community distribution at a cost of $4,475.

LEON COUNTY STATISTICS
Population: 274,803
35.3% unincorporated
64.7% within city limits
Area (Square Miles): 702
Established: 1824
Charter Date: 2002
County Seat: Tallahassee
Districting: Mixed
Median Age: 31
Median Household Income: $48,318
(Source: Florida Research and Economic Database)
MESSAGE FROM THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

It is with great pleasure that I present the 2011 Leon County Annual Report, which provides Leon County citizens an opportunity to have a close look at the inner workings of their government and learn about the extraordinary accomplishments of the County’s award-winning departments and divisions.

This year, we have included photos and biographies of department and division leaders so that Leon County residents can learn more about the professionals who seek daily to provide a high level of service to the residents and visitors of Leon County.

Parwez Alam has more than 40 years of management experience, and Alam’s career has included positions in both the public and private sectors. Alam also served as an adjunct professor at Florida State University from 1986 to 2005.

The County Administrator is appointed by, and serves at the pleasure of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners. Partner Alam serves as the chief executive officer of the County, and in this capacity has primary responsibility for the recommendation and execution of the Board’s policies.

The County Administrator is charged with review and analysis of County operations, recommendations for capital and operating budgets, and the development of long- and short-term plans and procedures that have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of the Park.

In addition to these strategies, the County Administrator is required to focus on limited resources on marketing initiatives, investing in the community, and creating local infrastructure improvements while maintaining high-quality services for residents.

Parwez Alam

The Board showed its commitment to job creation by budgeting $27.7 million in capital project improvements. Based on an analysis performed through the Leon County Office of Economic Growth, the Board allocated nearly $24.2 million for capital projects, which will be completed and occupied by 2012.

In the previous year’s budget process, the Board enacted a local economic capital funding program in the amount of $14.3 million. Projects funded included the completion of Buck Lake Road, Northwest B.L. Perry Parkway, and the establishment of the Leon County Charter Review Committee. These projects were started during the current fiscal year and the County purchased the Huntington Oaks Plaza, the site for the Lake Jackson Library.

The Board’s commitment to job creation was further evidenced through the inclusion of a charter review process in the 2010-11 budget, which was established to review the County Charter and provide recommendations to the Board. Over 130 citizens participated in the process, and the Board enacted charter changes that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of County government for future generations.

The County Charter serves as the local constitution and defines the role and functions of County government. It was first adopted by the citizens of Leon County in 2002. The Committee met regularly on Thursdays at the Leon County Courthouse, alternating between morning and afternoon meetings to provide for greater citizen access. A section of the Charter was reserved for public input, which was heavily utilized by citizens to express their thoughts on Charter review issues and process.

Additionally, each meeting was broadcast on Leon County television and webcast on the Board’s website. In addition to the sessions held during the five-month span, listening to public testimony and promoting citizen participation through its website and televised broadcast.

The Committee’s work resulted in the development of six proposed amendments for the General Election Ballot, and the Board developed an informational website in order to ensure that citizens were well-informed of the proposed amendments before entering the ballot.

On November 20, 2012, the citizens of Leon County adopted five of the amendments, which will enhance the efficiency and operation of County government. This marks the first time that the Leon County Charter has been amended.

For more information, contact Specific Projects Coordinator Shonteg Lam at (850) 606-5300 or the Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300.

Citizen Charter Review Committee

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Throughout the entire Charter review process, the Board and the Committee placed emphasis on public involvement. A website was established to provide residents with access to agendas, meeting minutes and other Charter documents, and a website also gave citizens the opportunity to offer email questions and comments to the Committee.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

ATTRACTION, TRAINING, AND RETAINING A QUALITY WORKFORCE

Human Resources provides strategic leadership and direction to all Leon County Human Resources programs and processes. Human Resources works closely with others to develop new programs and retain a quality workforce. The three major program areas are OPERATIONS: Compensation & Benefits, Workforce Development, Human Resources Management. These programs integrate Leon County’s Mission and Core Values into Human Resources Services and implement Board directives and policies related to Human Capital Management.

Lillian Bennett has served as Director of Human Resources since 2004 and is a member of the National Society for Human Resources Management (NSHRM). Bennett began her career to work for Leon County in 1994 and has held leadership positions as the Assistant to the Public Works Director, Office dispatchers and made recommendations. Bennett also develops, oversees, policy guidance, training and senior level services and Assistant to the Public Works Director.

Bennett develops and implements annual program goals and objectives and provides program planning, oversight, policy guidance, training and senior level technical, assistance to managers. Bennett also develops and implements and recommends Leon County personnel policies and procedures. She leads a Human Resources team of dedicated professionals who attract, recruit, train and retain a quality workforce for Leon County.

Lillian Bennett
Director
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• Developed and implemented the Project SEARCH Program in conjunction with the Leon County School Board, Office of Student Services, Rehabilitation and Leon County School Board for students with disabilities to obtain real life work experience.

• Adopted a new employee health insurance plan design for 2011 which is a 4% increase in premium rates.

• Adhered new Leon County Personnel Policies related to adoption of Human Rights Ordinance and the provision of Domestic Partner Benefits. Proven Human Resources staff support to human Resources Advisory Committee.

• Conducted e-Appraisal and e-Assessment training for continuous performance management of County employees.

• Led the employee Wellness Work! Team, which was awarded a Star Award from Wayne Well Telephone for developing innovative wellness initiatives for Leon County employees.

• Presented several potential alternatives to reduce cost of employee health insurance plus providing medical clinic, alternative pharmacy care, well services program, jointing State of Florida program, Broker Services and a review of City of Gainesville Wellness Program.

• Negotiated new Long Term Disability Program with average cost savings of 34%-40% for county employees.

• Developed new Banner Self-Service Pay and Benefits Information System for County employees.

• Conducted a Kaplan and a self-assessment training for continuous performance management of County employees.

• Implemented and evaluated the Fitness Works program, which is intended to allow local governments to collect at least the same level of property tax revenues as the prior year.

• Over the past two years, the property tax reduction has been $13.2 million.

• The Economic Policy Institute estimates that for every $1 million spent, 9.2 jobs are created; therefore, the job creation from the capital project investments, including the Public Safety Complex, is 219 jobs.

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Herb Thiele is active in organizations that serve local government law, including the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Gainesville/Alachua County Staff. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Police Attorneys. Thiele is a skilled professional with more than 75 years of combined legal experience. The four lawyers currently on staff with the County Attorney’s Office have collectively provided high-quality, timely and cost-effective legal representation to the Board and other officials of Leon County.

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He leads a team of skilled professionals who provide legal services, including advice, guidance, and representation to the Board and other officials of Leon County, as directed.

### County Attorney’s Office

#### Serving the Legal Needs of Leon County Government

- **Received and processed 88 public records requests received through the County Attorney’s Office alone, not including those received and handled by the Law Library.**
- **Reviewed 22 agenda items for the Board of County Commissioners.**
- **County Attorney spoke on Horrified Sexes, Ethics, and Sunshine Law at various Florida forums, including the Florida Association of Counties New Counsel Certification Course, the Florida Association of County Attorney’s Annual Meeting, the Florida Bar’s City County & Local Government Law Section Annual Meeting, the Department of Children & Families, the Procurement Association, the Florida Association of Police Attorneys, the International Municipal Lawyers Association and the Gainesville/Alachua County staff.**
- **Named interim, transitioning general counsel to the Leon County Research & Development Authority’s Board of Governors, and staff provided significant contributions to the preparation of the Repeal to Proposals and hiring of a new general counsel.**
- **Provided legal support to the Human Relations Advisory Committee and legal counsel for the Charter Review Commission, staffing all meetings from November 2009 to March 2010.**
- **Collaborated on 22nd Circuit Appeal on behalf of the Florida Association of Counties and the Florida Association of County Attorneys with the Florida Supreme Court.**
- **Participated in the Supreme Court in Leon County v. Pettis, the Florida Supreme Court denied Dallet’s request for re-election, upholding the lower Court’s judgment in favor of Leon County for $350,000.**
- **Handled the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department of Health Investigation.**
- **Prepared the File Services Fee Collection Issues Notice.**
- **Closed on the Florida Gas Transmission donation to Leon County of environmentally sensitive property.**
- **Closed on the purchase of Huntington Oaks Plaza and handled related property swap of View Pointe property at Perkins Road including sublease Tenant Matters and lease agreement templates for use by TALCOR.**
- **Copyright Program for GIS and Emergency Operations Center for the Incident Training System.**
- **Drafted new or revised Policies, including Social Media Policy, Bid Proposal Policy, HIPAA Policy and the AHAC Affordable Housing Certification Policy.**
- **Handled the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Department of Leon County, as directed.**
- **Utilized the County Attorney’s Office to provide high-quality, timely and cost-effective legal representation to the Board and other officials of Leon County, as directed.**

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#### Leon County Awaits Final Decision on Energy Program

To ensure the survival of its local energy efficiency program, Leon County filed suit in federal court, against the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), the Federal National Mortgage Association (“Fannie Mae”) and the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (“Freddie Mac”) in an effort to reverse recent federal regulatory actions taken by the FHFA. The FHFA regulation would prohibit home mortgages with energy assessments from being acquired by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are intended to assist property owners by funding energy efficiency improvements on their homes and businesses through property assessment. Those actions have undermined the County’s Leon Energy Assistance Program, also known as “LEAP,” and others like it throughout the nation, which are intended to assist property owners by funding energy efficiency improvements on their homes and businesses through property assessment. The proposed policies of LEAP as annual requirements for the energy efficiency improvements, affect that will help create jobs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the entire community. Through LEAP, property owners can now “sell” their energy efficiency improvements back to the county and save on their electric and gas bills, reduce the front cost of property values and help local economic development.

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#### Leon County Joins Suit Against Online Travel Companies

In 2009, Leon County led the way by filing suit against leading internet travel companies, seeking a declaratory judgment that the companies fail to remit the appropriate amount of taxes on hotel room rentals is a violation of Florida law. The suit against such defendants as Orbitz, Expedia, Priceline, Travelocity and Hotels.com is ongoing, and Leon County has been joined by other counties, including Flagler, Lake, Manatee, Pinellas and Pinellas County.

### Leon County Wins Appeal, Awarded $334K

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SERVING THE PUBLIC INTERESTS OF LEON COUNTY CITIZENS

Public Services include Legislative Affairs & Economic Development, Public Information, Library Services, Cooperative Extension, Health & Human Services, Growth & Environmental Management, Emergency Medical Services, Property, Tourism Development and Blueprint 2000. Public Services FY 2010 highlights include:

- The Leon County Legislative Affairs office has fully transitioned from the former local government entity to a full-service legislative/affairs unit.
- Leon County Public Information Office is responsible for the development of the County’s image and conducting matters in the Leon County Government.
- Leon County Transportation department has implemented a new functionally consolidated Fire/EMS entity and the development of a Countywide fire services fee with the City of Tallahassee that would provide residents with enhanced fire rescue and emergency medical services.
- Leon County has continued to leverage available resources to execute the Board’s highest priorities.
- Leon County has successfully completed the County’s first Citizen Charter Review process, resulting in six charter amendments added to the November general election ballot.
- Leon County has spearheaded the city’s sustainable community efforts by hosting the 2010 Sustainable Communities Summit, with an attendance of 400 community members; established the Leon Energy Assistance Program (LEAP), offering financial assistance for energy efficiency improvements; and received $11.7 million for energy efficiency improvements to County buildings from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA).
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• Did you Know

- Leon County was awarded more than $26 million in grant monies for projects, including law enforcement, court-related services, disaster recovery, affordable housing and local economic stimulus projects.
- Leon County has realized $3.53 in health services for every $1 of tax revenue expended for the Primary Healthcare Program and provided more than $11 million in funding for nearly 8,000 primary care visits for uninsured patients with limited income.
- Leon County has implemented a new reorganization of Leon County tourism, branded through Leon County, which included a new destination brand logo, Visit Tallahassee, which included a new destination brand logo, Visit Tallahassee, which included a new destination brand logo, Visit Tallahassee, which included a new destination brand logo, Visit Tallahassee.
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Vince Long holds a master’s degree in Public Administration from Florida State University and is a graduate of the Harvard University. JFF of School of Government Institute for Senior Executives in State and Local Government. He is also a Certified Manager by the International City/County Managers Association. Long is also a recent graduate and active member of Leadership Florida. He is active in many community and professional organizations, including the Florida City County Managers Association and the Florida Workers Compensation Insurance Company’s Parliamentarian. The Leon County Administrator provides leadership and direction to division directors, as well as the core group of professional staff and public workers serving Leon County citizens.
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• Collaborated with the Office of Sustainability to present the first Leon County’s Sustainable Communities Summit, highlighting the County’s leadership in green initiatives and environmental responsibility.

• Conducted more than 50 press conferences, meetings and community events and distributed more than 180 news releases and advisories to promote County programs and services.

• Coordinated more than 320 bulletins for the County’s media subscription service, GoDeVal, providing residents with up-to-the-minute news at their fingertips on everything from road closures to County events.

• Implemented daily updates for the County’s award-winning Emergency Information Portal (EIP), which includes emergency alerts and associated health warnings, road closures, sandbag locations, shelter locations and status, evacuation routes and important health information.

• Played an integral role in a Countywide task force to prepare for severe cold fronts during record-breaking winter, which included Leon County’s at-risk homeless population. Staff participated in a Red Cross-sponsored news conference and distributed thousands of Hurricane Survival Guides with the support of Emergency Management and surrounding counties.

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The Public Information Office is responsible for the official management and daily operations. Before its tenure in County government, Brown started a website development company that grew into an award-winning integrated marketing and creative services firm. He has served the community as a board member of the statewide City-County Communications and Networking Association and on the board of the Challenger Learning Center of Tallahassee. An honors graduate of Florida A&M University, Brown has a background in Civil and Software Engineering and holds a master’s degree from the Florida A&M University, Morris K. Morris is a former County Commissioner and is the County’s point person on numerous issues, including property tax relief, legislative, jail overcrowding, and economic development opportunities.

Prior to joining the County, Morris worked for several offices of the Legislature, including the State Administration Council and the Office of Policy Analysis and Government Accountability. He was also selected for the esteemed Spangler’s Fellowship Program in 2003, serving as a legislative analyst for the Local Government Committee and the Safety Committee on Affordable Housing in the Florida House during the 2004 legislative session.

• Managed the County’s state and federal legislative priorities and provided weekly updates to the Board and senior staff on the progress of legislative activity.

• Collaborated with the Office of Sustainability to present the first Leon County’s Sustainable Communities Summit, highlighting the County’s leadership in green initiatives and environmental responsibility.

• Conducted more than 50 press conferences, meetings and community events and distributed more than 180 news releases and advisories to promote County programs and services.

• Coordinated more than 320 bulletins for the County’s media subscription service, GoDeVal, providing residents with up-to-the-minute news at their fingertips on everything from road closures to County events.

• Implemented daily updates for the County’s award-winning Emergency Information Portal (EIP), which includes emergency alerts and associated health warnings, road closures, sandbag locations, shelter locations and status, evacuation routes and important health information.

• Played an integral role in a Countywide task force to prepare for severe cold fronts during record-breaking winter, which included Leon County’s at-risk homeless population. Staff participated in a Red Cross-sponsored news conference and distributed thousands of Hurricane Survival Guides with the support of Emergency Management and surrounding counties.

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• Added more than a thousand photos to Leon County’s photos repository, www.LeonPhotos.org.

• Collaborated with MIT, HI, and the County Attorney’s Office to develop a social media/digital communications policy.

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OFFICE OF SUSTAINABILITY

GROWING GREEN TOGETHER

- Coordinated the Sustainable Communities Summit in May 2010, which drew nearly 60 community members to the two-day event that featured more than 30 breakout sessions and well-known authors Bill McKibben and John Robbins.
- Established the Leon Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) to offer low-cost financing for energy efficiency improvements to Leon County homeowners. LEAP is the first program in Florida to afford a property-based finance program, which is connected with the property, not the individual owner.
- Through a competitive grant award, the Office of Sustainability received $1.17 million for energy efficiency improvements to several individuals.
- In partnership with the Fleet Management Division, a Fuel Management System was implemented. By installing monitoring controls, the County will save nearly $29,000 annually over the previous service contract.
- Implemented “green cleaning” in the County Courthouse and Downtown Courthouse Annex. The “green” aspects of the service include the cleaning equipment, consumable supplies and cleaners.

WHILE REDUCING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF VIABLE SERVICES FOR TWO OF THE LARGEST COUNTY BUILDINGS, THE COUNTY WILL SAVE NEARLY $30,000 ANNUALLY OVER THE PREVIOUS SERVICE CONTRACT.

INSPIRING A LOVE OF READING AND A LIFE OF LEARNING

- A new roof-level counter van with special shelving increases the efficiency of the library’s courier service, delivering materials twice daily to all library branches.
- The seventh annual Teen Poetry Slam in April featured talented young poets performing their work at the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch, the Northeast Branch, and the Collins Main Library.

THE LEFFOLY COLLINS LEON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM

The Leffoly Collins Leon County Public Library System, named for the late Gov. LeRoy Collins, is a part of the community by providing a love of reading, promoting a dynamic resource for creative and intellectual pursuits, and enabling residents to live a life of learning.

Leon County citizens use the downtown Collins Main Library or any of the five branch libraries: the Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch, the Ft. Braden Branch, the Lake Jackson Branch, the Northeast Branch and the Collins Main Library. Bookmobile services and facilities are also available.

Cay Hohmeister was appointed Library Director in May 2010, having worked as a Library Services Manager for the system since 2004. She has also worked at the State Library of Florida and as a freelance copy editor.

Hohmeister received her undergraduate degree in History from Eckerd College and earned her master’s degree from Simmons College’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science.

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DO YOU KNOW?

- More than 1,600 children and adults attend library programs.
- The Library System received $192,000 in grants and donations, including the State Aid to Libraries Grant, Friends of the Library grant monies, National Endowment for the Humanities, the Pepsi Bookshelf, the Tallahassee Jewish Federation, and the National Endowment for the Arts.
- More than 7,000 children and adults attend library programs.
- The Library offers check out of more than 5,700 items.
- More than 3,300 people and the Library’s resources answer more than 3,500 questions.
- The Library website and databases receive 1,360 hits.
- The Library’s volunteers answered more than 2,800 questions.

Up-to-date information on the Leffoly Library is available at www.leoncountyfl.gov/library.

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• The County and City respectively adopted an ordinance to extend the appropriate sections of Chapter 15 of the Local Development Code to implement Comp Plan Reform and established a new FLU (Future Land Use) category. This amendment removed the Mixed-use B and C Future Land Use categories from the Comp Plan and substituted Residential 2 and Suburban as new FLU categories while retaining Mixed-use B as the Bradfordville Community Node. These categories are designed to preserve in the community at venues such as schools, universities, hospitals, churches, churches, neighborhood associations and civic clubs.

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The department of Tourism Development, which is called Visit Tallahassee provides staff support and assistance to the Leon County Tourist Development Council (TDC). The department works with the TDC to strengthen the local economy and quality of life through the benefits associated with a strong visitor industry.

Director Lee Daniel is a 25-year veteran of the tourism industry. He held the County in 2009, previously served as City Director for the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau, one of the largest CVBs in the United States.

Daniel is a Certified Destination Management Executive (CDME) and a master’s degree in Sports Administration. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and to market Leon County as a year-round destination.

The Tallahassee Sports Council tracked a total of 20,100 room nights and generated $22,533,848 in economic impact, as well as a total of 58,000 visitors and an estimated 23,700 in room nights.

The Master Gardener Program, in conjunction with UF/IFAS Extension, provided 12 television and 7 radio shows in cooperation with WFSU to promote Florida-friendly landscaping and community gardens. Cooperative Extension, with the help of faculty and volunteers, provided 26 garden columns and 100 magazine articles.

The Master Gardener Association, in conjunction with UF/IFAS Extension, is a new gardening program that is established. Send your question to: http://www.MasterGardener@LeonCounty.gov.
Foreclosure Prevention Assistance to struggling families provides rent, utility, and prescription assistance. The program assists families rehabilitate their homes, and helped families save their homes against foreclosure. Because of the program, these families are now current on their mortgage and at risk of losing their home to foreclosure.

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Bush also has served as Leon County’s volunteer and Donations Coordinator since 1994, and last year, she created Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD) to streamline service delivery by bringing together all of the agencies that provide disaster relief. COAD has been in operation in Leon County for more than 10,000 hours of service.

Presented the Florida Administrators Volunteer Management Certification program to 21 community-based agency managers of volunteers who completed the training. Additionally, VolunteerLeon conducted volunteer management workshops for the United Partners for Human Services Annual Conference, Florida Association of Volunteer Resource Managers, Tallahassee Senior Center, Council on Neighborhood Association (CONA) and many nonprofit organizations.

Organized and participated in Disney’s Give a Day, Get a Day program with donate of partner organizations from Big Bend Homestead Coalition to Florida Blood Service. Program accounted for more than 1,300 volunteers who served more than four months and accounted for more than 10,000 hours of service.

Executed the $25,000 Volunteer Florida Foundation Long Term Recovery Grant to provide long-term recovery assistance due to Tropical Storm Fay. All of the terms of the grant, including financial performance measures were met.

Hold a two-week-long youth leadership camp called “Camp Activate,” designed to develop youth’s self-identify and expand their leadership abilities. The camp provided acceptance of diversity and taught strategies for non-violent conflict resolution.

Fostered Directors of Volunteers Association membership and provided instrumental in setting meeting attendance.

Created online disaster portal for the recruitment, training and testing of County and participating organizations in disaster response and recovery.

Created online Citizen Volunteer Information Line and Volunteer Reception Center training modules to allow volunteers to participate easily from their desktops.

Created a Cyber Volunteer Recruitment matching system that will connect volunteers to disaster-related needs within minutes instead of hours. The system can be used during small scale disasters where power is not an issue, getting help out more efficiently.

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GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Building Review and Inspection Division
- Building Review and Inspection division regulated and implemented, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners, an inter-agency agreement with Wakulla County to provide building code administration and commercial building inspection services in the Wakulla County area. Staff have worked to ensure compliance with the Building Code and to identify potential areas for improvement.

- Staff on the division served on the Building Officials Association of Florida legislative affairs committee and worked closely with the Florida Association of Counties to monitor proposed legislation affecting the construction industry within Leon County.

- Building Inspection staff coordinated with the City of Tallahassee building inspection department to ensure consistent plan revision interpretation and field inspection procedures across jurisdictional lines in Leon County.

- Division inspection staff, consisting of seven inspectors, performed and documented approximately 16,465 inspections during the past year.

- Building inspection staff, consisting of two plans examiners, performed and documented approximately 1,256 plans reviews during the fiscal year.

- Staff from the division served on the Big Bend Chapter Building Officials Association of Florida executive board in the capacity of an ex-officio, past president, and secretary.

Development Services Division
- Development Services staff assisted approximately 1,998 walk-in and telephone customers during the past fiscal year.

- Division staff assisted approximately 1,893 walk-in and telephone customers, reviewed 26 applications for concurrency review, responded to 43 alleged code violations, and provided reviews and assistance to the Board of Adjustment and Appeals on four variance requests.

- At the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, staff provided a status report to the Board of County Commissioners regarding developments that are currently utilized for, or have been previously utilized as, open-pit/sand mine operations.

- Building Review 911 System Inspections staff reviewed 90 fire hazard abatement cases during the year.

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ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE DIVISION
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- The division assisted 1,575 contractor licensing walk-in and call customers and responded to 3,724 code compliance calls that resulted in 1,206 site inspections.

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**BLUEPRINT 2000**

**PRESERVE, PROTECT & ENHANCE THE COMMUNITY'S QUALITY OF LIFE**

- Begun construction on Cascade Park in July 2010. While residents will enjoy a Cascade Park as a recreational area, it will serve as a valuable asset to the stormwater management facility spanning 3 acres, the park will include green spaces and ponds. Existing and newly added outdoor amphitheater and other natural and cultural amenities for the Leon County community.

- Moved forward on the design and permitting for the double-box culverts beneath South Monroe Street and South Adams Street design work for the Cascades on Pond west of Railroad Square, including coordination with the Railroad Square Consultants and the City of Tallahassee/DOA purchases of right-of-way, and 60% design plans for a pond located at the southern end of Capital Cascade Trail.

- Initiated the Segment 3 Overall Concept Plan update, which is consistent with the City of Tallahassee’s FAMU Way Extension design. The purpose of the update is to incorporate the ditch stabilization and Canal Pond design improvements that have already been approved and provide overall trail and amenity concepts for the Segment 3 that will be designed and constructed over the next phases.

- Selected a consultant for the design of the Capital Connector Bridge. The proposed bridge will span South Monroe Street just south of the existing railroad overpass, connecting Cascade Park with Segment 3 of the Capital Cascade Trail and the proposed improvements along FAMU Way. The project design is partially funded from a Transportation Enhancement Grant ($120,000) provided by the Florida Department of Transportation.

- Completed the construction of the Cascade Circle Southwest, from Westubble Highway to the Railroad in October 2010, increasing the capacity and safety of the existing highway.

- Funded a design-build project for the Cascade Circle Southwest to construct the seven-mile roadway from west of Westubble Highway to just west of Crawfordville Road to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

**DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, READINESS & RECOVERY**

- The Leon County Emergency Operations Center was partially staffed to coordinate response activities for two emergencies during the last year. The first was the October 5-6, 2009 Lake Jackson Tornado, and the second was the community-wide severe weather that occurred on January 21, 2010.

- Provided leadership and coordination for temporary Civil Weather Shelters operations.

- Participated in the following emergency response exercises: C.H. Cor Hydroelectric Dam annual Exercise Plan exercise; Tallahassee Regional Airport annual Exercise Plan exercise; Outback Amenity Business Outreach Exercise; City of Tallahassee Tornado; Leon County Emergency Management Division annual full activation exercise; and Leon County Health Department emergency response exercises.

- Conducted 17 emergency preparedness workshops for senior citizens, neighborhoods, and other community groups.

- Leon County Emergency Management’s director served as President of the 2010 Governor’s Hurricane Conference.

- Facilitated three hurricane season response coordination meetings with county, city, state, and non-governmental partner agencies.

- Hosted a special delegation of government officials from El Salvador and provided information on how emergency management activities are undertaken in Florida.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

- Executive Director Jim Davis joined Blueprint 2000 in 2002. Prior to the Blueprint Management Agency, Davis worked with the Florida Department of Transportation as the Director for Partnerships and Equipment in the Office of Toll Operations, serving as the senior project manager for the StatewideSmoke Program. He also served in the U.S. Army and retired as a Colonel. Davis took on a wide variety of assignments during the military service, including the management of an arsenal in the Republic of Honduras, Chief of Staff Operations, Commander in Korea, and Professor of Military Science at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Accounting and Finance and a master’s degree in Contracts and Acquisition Management.
Assistant County Administrator

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Assistant County Administrator Al Rosenzweig has more than 25 years of experience working in local government and has worked for Leon County for 10 years. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Economics from Eckerd College and a master’s degree in Governmental Administration from the Fels Center of Government at the University of Pennsylvania.

Prior to joining Leon County, Rosenzweig was the Budget Manager for Pinellas County and worked in the Budget Office in Sarasota County. He began his professional career as a Senior Consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton in Washington, DC, and has taught as an adjunct professor at Florida State University and the County, Public Works. During FY 2009/2010, Management Services:

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Ross leads a team of two senior analysts, two analysts and a budget technician who ensure that program managers, based on the availability of revenues, receive the exact amount of resources needed to operate effectively and efficiently.

OMB produces the annual operating and capital budgets, the annual and mid-year financial reports, and conducts management reviews.

Fiscal Year 2009/2010 Budget: $247.2 Million

Where the revenue came from...

For the 23rd consecutive year, Leon County’s Office of Management and Budget (OMB) earned the Government Finance Officers Association Award. On behalf of the County Administrator, and as adopted by the Board, OMB provided the County’s Operating Budget, Capital Improvement Program and Budget in Brief online for better accessibility to the public.

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented the award to Leon County for its annual budget for Fiscal Year 2009/2010. To win, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan and as a communication device.

Ross earned the presentation award for the 20th year in a row.

Where it was spent...
Chapter Treasurer

President and Don Tobin is in his seventh term as Wendi Sellers is serving as the current Chapter as well as in leadership roles.

The Purchasing division is responsible for the procurement of supplies, equipment, and services for all departments under the Board of County Commissioners, as well as the Sheriff’s Office, the Court Administration and the Supervisor of Elections.

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MIS contains four divisions: Applications and Databases, Information and Telecommunications Technologies (ITT), Geographic Information Systems (GIS), and Justice Information Systems (JIS).

Director Pat Curtis has been with the County for more than 15 years, serving as director for the last 11. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science and a minor in Political Science and Geography and a master’s degree in Political Science and Administration. She is currently a member of the Tallahassee-Leon County GIS Consortium Executive Committee and a charter member of the Florida Chapter of URISA. She is also a Past-President of the Seven Lakes GIS Association and a member of the Tallahassee-Leon County GIS Interlocal Web Stewards.

Prior to his current position, he was Director of the Leon County Land Use Office, having previously served at Growth and Environmental Management. Hartsfield holds dual bachelor’s degrees in Political Science and Geography and a master’s degree in Political Science and Administration. He is a Certified GIS Professional and has served as President of the Seven Lakes GIS Association, as well as Past-President of the Florida Chapter of URISA, FLURISA and participating as a charter member of the committee for advancing the development of a state-wide GIS Consortium.

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MAPPING OUT LEON COUNTY

• Implemented the online benefits enrollment process for the Clerk's Office that greatly eliminated the majority of the paper process.
• Implemented a web-based budget matrix process for years of IT, Facilities, Fleet, and HR services, which eliminated the paper handling of budgets.
• Deposed and implemented credit card processing on the web for the 2010 Sustainability Summit.
• Developed an integrated case management system with self for the new testing facility and setup of new technology.
• Improved the Banner document management solution for Human Resources.
• Supported more than 80,000 visit per month from nearly 300,000 unique visitors, an average of more than 26,000 visits per day.
• Procured, installed, and provided training of Smartboards.
• Installed digital informational displays for visitors in the court schedule, Courthouse events, weather, and breaking news, as well as a view of the Board meetings and activities.

MIS won the 2010 International Compliments Award for its North Florida Peer Network, a program that has September by the Leonardo Information Technologies of the San Francisco Bay Area. The program received, including an InfoWorld Award and a National Association of Counties (NACo) Award.

MIS continues to transition the Interlocal infrastructure to a virtual environment.

Continued to support the integration of GIS into the ongoing business processes of Leon County.

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GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Tallahassee-Leon County GIS combines computer hardware, software and data to create a tool for complex decision making, analyzing and distributing patterns of geographic information. Virtually any application can be tied to a geographic location, allowing users to view every aspect of a particular site to be analyzed and applied to a problem or issue.

Coordinator Lee Hartsfield has led GIS since 2009, having previously served in Growth and Environmental Management. Hartsfield holds dual bachelor’s degrees in Political Science and Geography and a master’s degree in Geography. He is a Certified GIS Professional and has served as President of the Seven Lakes GIS Association, as well as Past-President of the Florida Chapter of URISA, FLURISA and participating as a charter member of the committee for advancing the development of a state-wide GIS Consortium.

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Wanda Hunter-Donaldson has served as director of Probation since 2005 and has been a Leon County employee for more than two decades. She is a member of the American Probation and Parole Association and has served on the Board of Directors of the Florida Association of Pretrial Professionals of Florida.

In cooperation with the divisions of Operations and Management and Information Systems, the Probation division launched an automated electronic program module, which results in a paperless workflow application process.

This program provides pre-release, post-accident and random drug and alcohol tests for all County employees. It is available to all constitutional offices, such as the Sheriff’s Office and Property Appraiser’s Office, as well as other local, state and private entities.

The process ensures the smooth and efficient operation of the criminal justice system and helps protect the people of Leon County.

More than 700 alcohol tests have been performed each month. At the request of the judiciary, Leon County successfully launched a Department of Transportation standard Drug and Alcohol Testing Program in April 2010. Since then, more than 900 drug tests and more than 904 defendants were referred to non-profit agencies to complete a Department of Transportation standard Drug and Alcohol Testing Program for the Florida Division of Criminal Justice Services.

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**PLANNING, BUILDING & MAINTAINING QUALITY INFRASTRUCTURE**

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- Completed the update of the Local Mitigation Strategy Plan approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- Brought more than 80 items before the Board of County Commissioners for review, consideration and action.
- Provided leadership and guidance on a myriad of issues across the seven divisions.

**ANIMAL CONTROL**

**DID YOU KNOW**

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**PROTECTING LEON COUNTY’S ANIMALS & CITIZENS**

- Handled 13,115 service requests resulting from 14,698 phone calls.
- Responded to 413 reported animal cruelty complaints.
- Distributed 129 vouchers to County residents for free spay/neuter services through the Florida Animal Friend (automobile license plate) grant obtained by the Animal Shelter.
- Provided information on pet care, animal safety, and dog bite prevention at a variety of community events, including Camp Barkley Summer program, the Senior Center’s Senior Day, Neighborhood Association meetings and the Santa Paws Walk.
- Completed the deployment of the Emergency Mobile Animal Shelter unit and conducted a mock animal shelter drill, in cooperation with the Leon County Sheriff’s Office and the Big Bend Disaster Animal Response Team.
- Confiscated 43 dogs involved in dog fighting or cruelty cases and, in partnership with the Leon County Sheriff’s Office, arrested the owners for alleged dog fighting and cruelty.
- Investigated 21 dangerous or aggressive animal petitions, a 75-percent increase over FY09.
- Unveiled the County’s Emergency Mobile Animal Shelter trailer, which will house and care for animals in the event of a disaster.

**DID YOU KNOW**

Hannah, the County’s four-legged representative, was honored by the Leon County Humane Society with the distinguished Purple Paw Award for her participation in the County’s Animal Bite Prevention Program.

**PUBLIC WORKS: ADMINISTRATION**

The Public Works department serves the residents of Leon County by planning, developing, and maintaining quality infrastructure. The department delivers both environmentally sustainable and cost-effective products and services. Public Works includes Administration, Engineering, Operations, Solid Waste, Parks & Recreation, Fleet and Animal Control.

Public Works Director Tony Park, P.E., has served the community in his position since 2003. He began his career with Leon County as a design engineer in 1979 and has served in several Public Works positions through the years.

Park manages a department that has seven divisions and more than 250 employees. He is a member of the national American Public Works Association and, in years past, has served as an officer of the local Big Bend Branch of the organization.

He is also a member of the Florida Engineering Society and the Florida Association of County Engineers and Road Superintendents.

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Richard Ziegler has served the County since 2001 and leads a dedicated group of professionals who provide for the safety and well-being of both citizens and domestic animals of Leon County.

Ziegler is a member, past president and board member for the Florida Animal Control Association and Big Band Disaster Animal Response Team, and his division received the Florida Animal Control Association’s Outstanding Agency Award.

The division works to improve both the area’s animal and human well-being through education, prevention and enforcement, and to provide humane animal care and control services for the citizens and animals of Leon County.

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Division Director Joe Brown has been the director of Engineering Services since 2003 and an employee of Leon County for 15 years. In addition to his public sector work, Brown has owned and operated private consulting engineering firms throughout his 30-year career as an engineer. Brown is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, the American Society of Civil Engineers, the Institute of Professional Engineers, and the Florida Institute of Consulting Engineers.

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Brown has worked in cooperation with other agencies to construct the Gadsdenville Water Tower. The facility is a redundant system that will treat water and maintain the water supply for the community.

Made drainage improvements to Joe Cotton Trail by removing an existing side drain and replacing it with a seeded pipe of sufficient size. The project prevents stormwater depression of a portion of the road.

Made improvements to the intersection of Timberlane Road and Timberlane School Road by installing the addition of left-turn lanes, related stormwater infrastructure and pedestrian and ADA facilities. This project also included a left-turn extension to the entrance of G alcoholic Elementary School.

Completed intersection improvement projects at Meridian and Bannerman and Meridian and Do Boyton roads. The project consisted of providing crossing safety for children, adding curbs and gutters to increase traffic safety, and installing traffic signals. This was a significant improvement to the intersection and was a major contributor to preventing accidents.

Completed new sidewalks along Perdido, Dampney Meago and Velas Dairy Roads using federal stimulus funds.

Completed improvements to the intersection of Timberlane Road and Timberlane School Road including the addition of left-turn lanes, related stormwater infrastructure and pedestrian and ADA facilities. This project also included a left-turn extension to the entrance of G alcoholic Elementary School.

Completed the installation of the Syn-Tech AI-Water softening system on an estimated 209 vehicles and large trucks. This device automatically records corrected mileage, MPG, and fuel usage to time. It can be programmed to identify the source location of a particular vehicle and display engine trouble codes or drivability malfunctions.

Developed a maintenance and repair program for the County’s fleet of vehicles. This program includes preventative maintenance services annually on more than 600 pieces of equipment. Major repairs have more or less been eliminated due to preventative care.

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The division of Operations manages and maintains programs and services supporting transportation infrastructure, right-of-way, sanitary sewer, water system, stormwater management, and mosquito control. The division ensures that services are provided in an efficient and effective manner, while maintaining a focus on cost-effectiveness and environmental stewardship.

Dale Walker has served as division director since 2004 and has been an employee of Public Works for more than 25 years. He holds a bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice from Florida A&M University and a Certified Public Manager from the Florida Center for Public Management.

Transportation Infrastructure

- Performed 1,484 hours of asphalt patching.
- Performed grading on approximately 30 miles of County-maintained dirt roads on a weekly cycle for a total of 1,071 miles graded during the year.
- Repair and installation of 6,522 street signs.
- Cleaned 25,268 linear feet of storm drains.
- Installed 100,791 square feet of pavement systems.
- Completed 7,055 work orders associated with mosquito control service requests, activity monitoring and preventative measures.

Operations

- Completed the construction of new truck sheds and additional office space for the Mosquito Control program. The new construction will result in better security for County resources and an increase in efficiency of operations.
- Prepared and conducted a Mosquito Control workshop that examined the no-ump policies and procedures of other programs throughout the state and county. The workshop involved considerable research and input from the County’s Science Advisory Committee and input from the County’s Science Advisory Committee.
- Moved 24.91 square miles of County right-of-way.
- Stabilized/dyed lawns of Jack Yvonne, Godbolt, Lee Reeves, and Bob Ross.
- Completed a 3,760-square-foot addition to the Electronics Recycling building. The addition improves customer service and increases operational efficiency. Now both electronics and hazardous materials can be recycled in one location.
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- Distributed more than 4,000 classroom recycling bins to County Schools, which were donated by Waste Management Inc. and ALCOA Recycling.
- Conducted 130 presentations reaching 6,007 community members including students and adults, and gave 36 tons of the Solid Waste Management Facility.
- Processed more than 30,000 lbs. of electronics.

Customer Service, Environmental Stewardship & Innovation

- Began screening debris after it was ground into mulch. This process allows for reuse in parks and public areas and prevents waste from becoming hazardous.
- Revamped the method for conducting household hazardous waste events. Rather than holding events at various neighborhoods on various dates, the events are now held at a single location and on a firm schedule. The events are held at the Public Works Operations Center on Messina Road. They are scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on the first Saturday of every month from March through September.
- The new building makes it easier for Leon County residents to put their vehicles into a covered drop-off area at each waste management facility so that residents can load their vehicles as the day progresses and deposit them as they progress, resulting in a more efficient facility for recycling and disposing on this waste.

Solid Waste

- Did you know...
- Leon County’s Solid Waste Management provides an integrated solid waste management system dedicated to excellent public service and responsible fiscal and environmental stewardship.
- The division is comprised of the Solid Waste Management Facility (the landfill), Transfer Station, Rural Waste Service Centers, Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling.
- Director Norm Thomas has led the Solid Waste Management division since 2004 and has nearly 30 years of top-level management experience in the solid waste industry. He holds a certificate in Natural Resources from the Nature Conservancy, a graduate of Leadership Gainesville, and he is a Certified Manager of Solid Waste Systems, Landfill Operator, and Transfer Station Operator. He also serves on the City of Tallahassee’s Environmental Advisory Board and the Board of the Shaping Tallahassee, N.A.E.
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• Opened the new Lake Henrietta Park and connection trail/bridge to the City trail system in Silver Lake Park. The park is located on Springhill Road and contains a 1.2-mile paved loop trail around a beautiful lake.

• Completed the acquisition of the new Fred George Greenways located at the intersection of Fred George Road and Capital Circle. The Greenway contains 105 acres.

• Constructed two new football/soccer practice fields at the Apalachee Regional Park.

• Constructed a new restroom/concession center at Apalachee Regional Park, replacing the portable toilets.

• Installed overhead projector, screens, and computer hookups at Miccosukee and Dorothy Spence Community Centers. This will provide users the capability to utilize PowerPoint or movie projection at these locations.

• Renovated the restroom at Sunset Landing which had been closed more than five years due to vandalism. With water levels in Lake Jackson returning, this building was a high priority for restoration.

• Installed new entrance signs at six County parks and repaved the entrance road, trail, and parking lots at J. Lee Vause Park.

• Worked with Pop Warner to open a new league in the Killearn area of the County.

• Completed the dock replacement at Blount Landing.

Leon County Parks & Recreation develops and maintains the pristine parks in unincorporated Leon County. The division also manages the County’s five community centers and provides quality facilities for youth athletic programs, such as Little League baseball, TOYS of Florida Soccer and Big Bend Pop Warner football.

Division Director Pat Plocek has more than 40 years’ experience in design, acquisition, construction and management of park systems. He has been recognized for the design of the first playground that had handicapped accessibility and has been recognized by the Governor of the State of Maryland and several city and county governments for outstanding work in this field.

In the past five years with the County, he has developed a new cross country track, received grant funding for several development projects, served as a Board member for the National Association of Counties Park & Recreational Officials, and worked with volunteers to expand the youth sports in the County.

DID YOU KNOW

Parks and Recreation received a federal grant to renovate two miles of trail system at the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenways.

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Job creation and economic development have long been a top priority of the County Commission, but the County has traditionally accomplished it to offset more than two years in light of the local and national economy.

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners has utilized long- and short-term efforts to promote and stimulate employment opportunities. In the County, the regional hub for business, government, and education, the County has aggressively invested in infrastructure improvements to create a top priority of the County Commission, but the County has dramatically accelerated its efforts over the past two years in light of the local and national economy.

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When a disaster strikes, it is often difficult for people to know where to turn for the latest news and information. However, residents of Leon County now have the Emergency Information Portal, which can be found at www.leoncountyfl.gov/ei, or by clicking on “Emergency Events” at the top of the County’s main website.

The portal offers a wide array of information about weather disasters and other emergency events and how to prepare for them, including useful tips on preparing and protecting citizens in the event that natural or man-made disasters occur in Leon County.

On the left-hand navigation panel, there are links to resources for preparation, response and recovery information, such as the status of available shelters, sandbag locations, road closures, local office and school closings, health advisories and volunteer information. Localized information such as rain gauges and how to create individual hurricane plans is also included. The portal is regularly updated with weather alerts, active events and other information valuable in an emergency.

For more information during a natural or man-made disaster, please contact Emergency Management directly at (850) 488-5921. For specific information on preparing for hurricane season and weather-related events, please visit www.HaveAHurricanePlan.com.

In a world where 24-hour news stations and the Internet provide as-it-happens news, the County is doing its part to stay ahead of the game. Thanks to its new media subscription service, GovDelivery, the County can provide up-to-the-minute updates on anything from emergency alerts to Countywide events.

Residents can sign up for road closures before they actually occur or be one of the first to know about County employment opportunities by signing up for the new free information service.

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