



The Leon County

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## Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

### House Approves \$22 Million in Federal Transportation For Capital Circle NW

Leon County's top ranked federal funding request was approved by the House of Representatives, thanks to the strong backing of Congressmen Allen Boyd and Ander Crenshaw. The omnibus transportation funding bill earmarks \$22 million for the widening of Capital Circle NW from I-10 to West Tennessee Street (U.S. 90).



If approved by Congress, the funding will be used to improve traffic conditions and economic development along this key corridor. More than \$24 million in local option sales tax funding, as part of the Blueprint 2000 program, has already been allocated for this critical intermodal project. This new federal funding, if approved by Congress, is anticipated to quicken the project's completion and also free up \$22 million in local funding to be spent on other priority Blueprint projects.

The next step for the Transportation Equity Act (TEA-21) Re-authorization bill is a conference committee where House and Senate members will craft a final version for full Congressional approval. It is anticipated that this bill will be considered by Congress before their July 4th recess.

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners extends its sincere appreciation to all members of the Leon County Congressional delegation, including Senators Bob Graham and Bill Nelson, for their continued support in fully funding this top Leon County road project.

### Need a Summer Job?

If you are a Leon County resident and between the ages of 14 and 21, check out the Leon County

### Summer Youth Employment Program!

There are 50 positions paying \$5.15 per hour. Apply for a variety of different jobs, including:

- Park Maintenance
- Shelving Books
- Warehouse
- Maintenance
- Internet Assistance
- Lawn Maintenance
- Clerical



Call Leon County Human Resources at 487-2220 or visit [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov) for more information.

### Make a Difference with AmeriCorps VISTA

Are you looking to take a year out of your studies to get some hands-on experience? Perhaps you recently



graduated from college and you're discouraged with the current job market. Spending a year as an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteer in Service to America) could be the answer! We are seeking individuals who can develop programs engaging faith-based and grassroots organizations within Leon County. In addition, the existing AmeriCorps VISTA Youth Corps Coordinator position must be filled.

Ideal candidates for these two positions will be self-starters with a passion for program planning and development, and empowering special groups. The living allowance is \$740/month and at the end of your year of service, you have the option of being awarded a \$4,725 education stipend or a \$1,200 check. If you have a desire to help make a major impact in the community, please contact Kristy Herzog at [herzogc@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:herzogc@leoncountyfl.gov) or 921-3015 by April 23rd for more information.

### District 1 Community Meeting Tonight! "An Evening of Vision"

District 1 Commissioner Bill Proctor and the Leon County Board of County Commissioners invite the citizens of District 1 to "An Evening of Vision" Community Meeting today, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m. in Building 2 at the North Florida Fairgrounds. Topics of discussion will include a special report on the Southside Women's Health Center and redevelopment plans for the North Florida Fairgrounds. Commissioner Proctor is sponsoring a "Celebration of Hope" reception immediately following the community meeting.



### Help Keep Our Roads Beautiful and Litter-free



Leon County is known for its natural beauty, and it's a shame when people ruin it by littering. Take pride in your county by keeping roadways clean and litter-free. You can also keep Leon County beautiful by "adopting" a road. Participants in Leon County's Adopt-A-Road program remove litter from a road at least once every three months. The commitment is for two years and can be renewed. In return, Leon County will post a sign on the

road identifying the organization that has adopted the road, and will arrange for the disposal of the bagged litter. Call the Leon County Division of Operations at 487-3070 for more information.

### Come Enjoy the New Canopy Oaks Community Park

District 3 Commissioner Dan Winchester is proud to announce the opening of Canopy Oaks Community Park, located in northwest Leon County on Point View Dr. The park has a multipurpose field large enough for three simultaneous soccer games, two tennis courts, two Little League fields, and a combined restroom and concession building. Leon County has made more than \$1 million in improvements to the facility. Canopy Oaks Elementary students and staff will have access to the park for physical education classes during the weekdays, and it will be open to the community during the evening hours and on the weekends.

## April 2004

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 22 Joint City/County Public Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendments**  
6 p.m. City Hall, City Commission Chambers
- 26 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting**  
3 p.m. Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 27 Workshops**
  - Jail Population Management 1 p.m.
  - Animal Control Issues 2:30 p.m.
 Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- Commission Meeting 5 p.m.**
- Public Hearings 6 p.m.**
  - Pre-application for authorization to operate a water sewer system serving the properties within the vicinity of St. Joe, Tram, and W.W. Kelley Roads, South of Williams Road
  - To repeal Ordinance 03-09 revesting of planned unit developments (PUDs)
 Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers