



The Leon County

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## Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

### Solid Waste Division Hits a Home Run for Air Quality and Plans for a New Park

Residents near the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility on Apalachee Parkway can breathe easier knowing the facility poses no danger to their health. Air samples at the landfill were analyzed for asbestos and other toxins, and the results indicated that pollutants were undetectable. The Leon County Commission requested the study following concerns expressed by nearby residents. The findings of the Air Emissions Monitoring Report will be shared with citizens at a public meeting on Thursday, Aug. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Woodrun Baptist Church, 8203 Apalachee Parkway. There will also be an open house at the facility on Thursday, Sept. 2 from 4 to 7 p.m.



Meanwhile, construction of two multi-use recreational fields at the Solid Waste Management Facility will begin soon. This is part of a plan to convert areas of the landfill into a regional park. These fields will accommodate youth football, soccer, t-ball, coach pitch baseball, and volleyball programs. There is also \$1 million allocated for the Apalachee Regional Park in the proposed FY 2004-05 budget to be considered by the Leon County Commission in September. The public can provide input at the Aug. 26 meeting on the type of recreational facilities they would like to see constructed. Completion of the park is scheduled for Fall 2004.

### Does Your Child Have the Immunizations He or She Needs for School Entry?



Prior to entry into kindergarten, all children must have the following immunizations: five diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis, four polio, three hepatitis B, two measles, one mumps, one rubella and one varicella (chickenpox).

In addition, students entering or attending seventh grade must have documentation of a second measles shot, hepatitis B series, and a tetanus-diphtheria booster.

The Leon County Health Department will provide special immunization clinics at various sites in our community during the summer months. These clinics will provide free immunizations for students needing immunizations for kindergarten or seventh grade entry. Any other child needing immunizations may also be immunized at the locations and times listed below. No appointment is needed for your child to be immunized during these special immunization clinics.

A parent or legal guardian must accompany all children receiving immunizations at the Health Department. Please bring a copy of your child's immunization record and Social Security card, if available.

For further information, contact the Leon County Health Department at 487-3186.

#### Immunization Schedule

- Wednesday, Aug. 4 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Walker Ford Community Center
- Saturday, Aug. 7 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Governor's Square (Lower Level, Dillard's Court)
- Tuesday, Aug. 10 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Roberts & Stevens Clinic (1515 Old Bainbridge Road)
- Wednesday, Aug. 11 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Dr. B. L. Perry Library Branch
- Thursday, Aug. 12 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Municipal Way Clinic

**IMPORTANT!** During the special clinics listed above, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine will only be available at the Municipal Way Clinic and the Roberts & Stevens Clinic sites.

### Four Historic Markers Now on Display Around the County

Citizens can learn more about four Leon County historic areas and the events that took place there with new historic markers now on display. The markers are located at the Old Ft. Braden School, the Chaires community (in front of the old school at Bloxham Street/ Chaires Cross Road), the Miccosukee community (in front of the Miccosukee Methodist Church at Cromartie Road), and the Jacksonville, Pensacola and Mobile Railroad Company Freight Depot (in front of the Amtrak station on Railroad Avenue). The markers were financed in part with historic preservation grant assistance provided by the Florida Department of State, assisted by the Historic Preservation Advisory Council. Leon County will continue to pursue additional grants to purchase signs for other County historical resources. For more information, please contact Don Lanham, Historic Preservation Coordinator, at (850) 488-3331, ext. 143.



### Extension Offers Free Workshop for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

If you are a grandparent who plays a role in raising your grandchildren, take advantage of this free workshop being offered by the Leon County Extension Office. *Grandparents Raising Grandchildren* is a four-part series that covers understanding and guiding behavior, building positive relationships, community resources, and legal issues. Classes will be offered on Wednesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Sept. 1, 8, 15, and 29, at the Leon County Agricultural Center, 615 Paul Russell Road. To register or for more information, call the Leon County Extension Office at 487-3006.

### Check Out Leon County's 2003/04 Highlights and Accomplishments

Citizens can learn how the Leon County Board of County Commissioners is working to protect health and safety, improve neighborhoods, improve roads and infrastructure, enhance services, boost economic development, and more in the new 2003/04 Highlights and Accomplishments report. The publication is available at [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov) under *Spotlights*. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 488-9962.

### Library Opens Small Business Resource Center

Starting a small business is risky. Success depends primarily on the entrepreneur's planning, organization, and maybe even a little luck. For those dedicated to making their dream of their own business come true, the library can help with its new Small Business Resource Center, located inside the main branch library at 200 W. Park Ave. The center includes new books about various types of businesses as well as marketing information, business forms, and other useful start-up information. A new specialty subscription database, called Personal and Business Forms on File, offers a wide range of forms to assist in starting and operating a business. All of these materials are supported by a wide range of subscription databases and other resources useful in business planning already available at the library. The Small Business Resource Center is open during the main branch library's regular hours of operation. Call 487-2665 for more information.

# August 2004

Board of County Commissioners

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No Commission events scheduled

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