



The Leon County

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## Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

### Introducing the 2004/05 Board of County Commissioners



At a ceremony held on Nov. 16, Leon County District 2 Commissioner Jane G. Sauls and District 4 Commissioner Tony Grippa, who were recently re-elected to the Board of County

Commissioners, along with newly-elected At-large Commissioner Ed DePuy, received their oaths of office. The three commissioners will serve four year terms. The Board also elected veteran At-large Commissioner Cliff Thael to serve as the 2004/05 Chairman and District 2 Commissioner Bill Proctor as the Vice-Chairman. The new Board will determine Leon County's 2004/05 Priorities during its annual retreat on Monday, Dec. 13. The commissioners are looking forward to an exciting and productive new year.

### Learn More with Help from the LeRoy Collins Public Library

Many children and young adults come to the library after school to work on their homework and school projects. Now, they can receive help from qualified tutors at the library or at home via the Internet! The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System is offering an exciting service called *Live Homework Help* for students in the 4<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade and students of all ages in introductory level college courses. Every day from 2 p.m. to midnight, this service connects students to a real live tutor. Students can access *Live Homework Help* on a computer at any public library or from home. Just go to the Library's home page at [www.leoncountyfl.gov/library](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/library) and click on the *Live Homework Help* link. Select the grade level and the subject you want help in, and you will be instantly connected to an expert tutor.



If you are one of the more than twenty million Americans who will take job-related or academic exams this year, the Library is ready to help with the *Learning Express*. This service provides a wide selection of interactive practice tests and tutorial courses designed to help students and adult learners succeed on the academic or licensing tests they must pass. Practice tests include selected portions of the FCAT, college entrance exams, military and civil service exams, real estate broker exams and many others. After completing a test, it can be scored instantly and correct answers can be reviewed online. To use *Learning Express*, click on the link at [www.leoncountyfl.gov/library](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/library). Enter your library card number as your "User Name," make up your own password, and you are ready to begin!

Both services are available free of charge. For more information about *Live Homework Help* and *Learning Express*, contact the main library at 487-2665 or any branch library.

### Keep Your Pets Safe During the Holidays



As most pet owners know, our furry and feathered friends will try to get into everything during the holidays. The Division of Animal Control would like to remind you that now is the time to keep an eye out for their safety. Not only is the weather a concern, but so are the items within your pets' reach. Certain foods and plants can cause harm to your pet. Many traditional items, such as chocolate, mistletoe, and holly, will send your pet to the emergency veterinarian. If your pet does happen to swallow an object, contact your veterinarian right away. Tell the veterinarian what type of object or food was ingested. This will help speed the first aid process.

Here is a list of some common holiday hazards: Yeast dough, macadamia nuts, raisins, grapes, avocado, coffee, batteries, poinsettia, Christmas cactus, mistletoe, American holly, Christmas tree preservative, acorns, alcoholic beverages, antifreeze, liquid potpourri, electric cords, and all types of holiday decorations.

### Remember to Recycle Your Christmas Tree



After the holidays, be sure to put your Christmas tree to good use. Recycle it! Leon County Recycling, in conjunction with the City of Tallahassee, is sponsoring five Christmas tree drop off sites from Dec. 26 through Jan. 8. The sites are:

- Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (SWMF or Landfill) on Apalachee Parkway
- Tom Brown Park on Capital Circle SE
- Myers Park at 907 Myers Park Drive
- San Luis Park on San Luis Street near Park Street
- Killlearn United Methodist Church at 2800 Shamrock S.

The trees will be made into mulch for parks and other public areas. The public can also pick up mulch at the SWMF free of charge. Call 414-9346 for more information.



### 'Tis the Season to Adopt-A-Tree!



The Leon County Department of Public Works is proud to offer the 2005 Adopt-A-Tree public tree planting program. If you live inside Leon County, but outside Tallahassee city limits, you may qualify for this program. By agreeing to water the tree three times a week for one year, Public Works will plant a Fringetree (Grancy Greybeard) anywhere between your house and any publicly maintained road or any privately maintained road with public access. Simply place a wooden stake at the desired location and the tree will be planted sometime between January and March 2005. We will try to get as close to the designated area as possible.

If you are interested in participating in this program, please cut out this coupon or fill out the online form at [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov), fill in the required information, and send to the address below no later than Jan. 31, 2005. No phone requests will be accepted. For more information, please call 487-3070.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
 HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

**Adopt-A-Tree Program**  
 Leon County Division of Operations  
 2280 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

## December 2004

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 8 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting** 3:00 p.m., City Hall, Commission Chambers
- 9 Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2005-01 Comprehensive Plan Amendments** 6 p.m., City Hall, Commission Chambers
- 13 Board Retreat** 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Amtrak Community Training Room, 918 Railroad Ave.
- 14 Commission Meeting** 5 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m. Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 24 Christmas Holiday Observed** County Offices Closed
- 31 New Year's Day Observed** County Offices Closed