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Leon County Pays Tribute to America's Military Personnel



The Leon County Board of County Commissioners proudly supports all of America's heroes who have bravely defended our freedoms. On Nov. 11, Leon County citizens will join other Americans in honoring our nation's veterans. You are invited to join your fellow citizens in recognizing our military veterans at the Leon County Veterans' Day Parade. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. and proceed along Adams St. to Pensacola St., ending at the Civic Center. Applications to participate in the parade must be submitted to the Leon

County Veteran Services Division by Nov. 8. For more information, please call 488-8462.

While downtown for the parade, please stop at the Leon County Courthouse to see the WWII memorial. The life-size bronze statue of a World War II veteran was dedicated in 2001. It is the work of local artist, Sandy Proctor. Memorial bricks that can be engraved with the names of WWII veterans are available for purchase. For more information, please call Leon County Facilities Division at 488-1948.

The Leon County Commission consistently shows its support for local military men and women. Leon County was the first government to approve a military grant program providing financial assistance to local military personnel who have been called to active duty. Since its inception last year, the program has helped dozens of local military families. The grant pro-rates the amount of time the resident served in active duty. Applications are currently being accepted for those who served in active duty from Oct. 1, 2003 to Sept. 30, 2004. Homeowners can qualify for a grant equal to their pro-rated Leon County Ad Valorem property taxes. Service members who do not own homes can apply for a pro-rated \$600 grant. The application period is from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2004. To view Leon County's policy on the grant program and to print an application, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov or call the Leon County Veteran Services Division at 488-8462.

Leon County Takes Steps to Promote Brownfields

Leon County planners are looking at industrial and commercial sites in Leon County that can be designated as brownfields, and thereby qualify for state funding and other incentives that



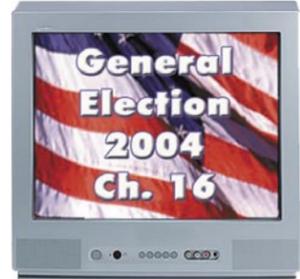
can stimulate the redevelopment of property. What is a brownfield? It's a site that is perceived to be impacted by contamination, which is hampering redevelopment. The state's Brownfield Program provides a wide range of incentives to businesses, including tax credits, a cash refund for each new job created, access to loans, tax incentives allowing for the full deduction of cleanup costs, and liability protection. Currently, Leon County has two brownfields – the Gaines Street Redevelopment Area and Cascades Park. These designations enable local government and the private sector to take advantage of certain tools that promote reinvestment in property. If you own property that could qualify as a brownfield, please contact Craig Diamond with the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department at diamondc@talgov.com or 891-8621.

Fallen Hero is Honored with Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award

James Michael Goodwin was named Volunteer Firefighter of the Year at VolunteerLEON's *Fire & Safety Day* last month in recognition of his outstanding dedication and service to our community. Goodwin passed away from cancer last December, and his leadership and guidance have been sorely missed. In addition to his job as co-owner of Goodwin Roofing Company, Goodwin spent 20 hours a week as a volunteer firefighter with the Chaires-Capitola Volunteer Fire Department. He was in charge of purchasing and maintaining the vehicles, but he also served a secondary role as guide and mentor to the younger volunteers. The Leon County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award is sponsored by the Earl Bacon Agency. As this year's winner, Goodwin's name will be added to a plaque that hangs in the Courthouse rotunda.

General Election Results to Be Aired on Comcast Channel 16

The public can learn the results of Tuesday's local general election by tuning in to Leon County's Government Channel, Comcast Channel 16. After the polls close at 7 p.m., the Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office will post the results on its website www.leonfl.org/elect,



as they become available. The results will be displayed on big screens in the Leon County Commission Chambers on the 5th floor of the Courthouse and carried live on Channel 16. For more information, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov.

Capital Cascade Trail Master Plan Community Workshop #2

Tuesday, Nov. 30, 6 p.m.

Florida Department of Transportation Auditorium
605 Suwannee St.

For more information, please contact Dave Bright, Planning Manager, Blueprint 2000 & Beyond, at 891-1880.

Help Build a Ramp and a Better Life for Your Neighbor



All across Leon, Gadsden and Wakulla Counties, there are people who are unable to leave their home due to a disability. That's why community volunteers will roll

up their sleeves to help out in an event called 6 Days 6 Ramps, on Nov. 12, 13, 17, 18, 19, and 20. Over the course of the event, volunteers, along with local AmeriCorps members, will build six ramps at six homes across the community, enabling residents to leave their home without assistance, some for the very first time. We need your help! You can make a difference, either by volunteering or by contributing the materials needed to build ramps. VolunteerLEON, in partnership with Albertsons, Volunteer Florida, AmeriCorps, Ability 1st, and the Department of Environmental Protection, is pleased to support this project. To find out more information and/or to register to volunteer, please visit the website at <http://6days6ramps.volunteerflorida.org>.

November 2004

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 11 Veterans' Day**
County Offices Closed
Parade 11 a.m. (see above article)
- 16 Swearing-In Ceremony and Reorganization of the Board** 2:30 p.m.
Commission Meeting 5 p.m.
Public Hearings 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 18 Joint City/County Workshop on Cycle 2005-1 Comprehensive Plan Ammendments** 2 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 25 & 26 Thanksgiving Holiday**
County Offices Closed
- 30 Workshop - Fairgrounds Market Feasibility Study** 2:30 p.m.
Commission Meeting 5 p.m.
Public Hearings 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers

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