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Leon County Receives National Recognition

Leon County Government received national recognition from the National Association of Counties (NACo) in several different ways last month. Leon County District 4 Commissioner Bryan Desloge was elected as 2nd Vice President of NACo during the 79th Annual Conference and Exposition. Desloge will serve as 2nd Vice President for a year, before ascending to 1st Vice President the following year and then taking over as President of the association in July 2016.



Also, Leon County was recognized with seven Achievement Awards for successful public service programs, as well as a Digital Counties Survey Award for website transparency. NACo's awards recognize how Leon County provides the most cost-effective, high-quality service to citizens. These national awards highlight the successes of Leon County Government despite a downturn in the economy. Leon County remains committed to strengthening what works, abandoning what does not, receiving citizen feedback, leveraging partnerships and listening to changing needs.

The National Association of Counties (NACo) is the only national organization that represents county governments in the United States. Founded in 1935, NACo assists America's 3,069 counties in pursuing excellence in public service to produce healthy, vibrant, safe and resilient counties.



More information about Leon County's national recognition can be found at:
www.LeonCountyFL.gov

INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

Citizen participation, by way of community input, advice and/or recommendations regarding matters brought before the Board of County Commissioners for approval, is important in developing Leon County's programs/policies and in providing quality public services to the community.



Currently, applications are being accepted for the following Leon County Committee vacancies:

- **Adjustment & Appeals Board (1 vacancy - alternate member)** - Responsible for determining appeals of Land Development Regulations and granting variances.
- **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee (AHAC) (3 vacancies - refer to categories)** - Identify incentives pertinent to affordable housing and improve affordable housing feasibility.
- **Animal Shelter Advisory Board (3 vacancies - citizens living in unincorporated areas)** - Provide program support to Tallahassee-Leon County Animal Shelter.
- **Big Bend Health Council (1 vacancy - non-governmental health care consumer representing elderly)** - Provide for local representation in planning and evaluating health needs of 14-county service district.
- **Educational Facilities Authority (1 vacancy)** - Assist institutions for higher education in construction, financing and refinancing of projects.
- **Joint City/County/School Board Coordinating Committee (1 vacancy)** - Fosters the coordination of comprehensive planning and school facilities planning programs.

Citizens may visit www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Committees to review a listing of committees that includes information on committee responsibilities, member eligibility and committee vacancies; complete a committee application and review the Citizen Committee Orientation and Training.

For more information, contact Christine Coble, Leon County Agenda Coordinator, at (850) 606-5300 or CobleC@LeonCountyFL.gov.

Be a Tallahassee T.O.U.R. Guide — Only ONE Program Day Remains —

Tourists shouldn't have all the fun, so the T.O.U.R. (Tourism is Our Ultimate Resource) Guide Program gives locals a chance to experience great area attractions for FREE!



All we ask is that you tell your out-of-town friends about them, too.

A summertime tradition, Tallahassee attractions are at the center of Leon County Division of Tourism Development's (Visit Tallahassee) award-winning program that focuses on the importance of local attractions, entertainment and fun. Residents assume the role of T.O.U.R. Guides and visit participating local attractions. The four-month campaign runs May through August and offers free admission to select local attractions.

There is only ONE program day remaining:

Saturday, August 16

- LeMoyne Center for the Visual Arts, www.Lemoyne.org
- Challenger Learning Center, www.ChallengerTLH.com

For more information on the T.O.U.R. Guide Program and a list of participating partners and special activities being offered, visit:
www.visittallahassee.com/seasons/TOUR-guide/

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Bulky Item and Yard Debris Pickup

As a reminder, Waste Pro offers bulky item and yard debris pickup for all subscribers in unincorporated Leon County. A bulky item is an item that is too large to fit in your garbage cart. A special pickup should be scheduled by calling (850) 606-1899.



Waste Pro has made a commitment to pick up bulky items in less than seven days. After scheduling your bulk pickup, if you notice items waiting for longer, please notify Waste Pro.

Also, Waste Pro picks up yard debris without any special notice. Debris such as grass clippings, leaves and branches will be serviced on the same day as your waste and recycling pick up. Piles no larger than six feet in length, four feet in height and four feet wide can be picked up. Larger piles can be picked up by Waste Pro, but require notification and sometimes an extra fee. Please make sure limbs are less than four inches in diameter. If you have any questions about Waste Pro service, Leon County is here to help.

Please visit

www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Curbside

to learn about bulky items, yard debris, waste and recycling pick up.

Or call

(850) 606-1899

to speak with a Waste Pro representative.

LAFAYETTE STREET ROADWAY SOON TO OPEN EAST OF MAGNOLIA

Nobody likes road detours and the inconvenience of roadway construction, but we all understand construction is a necessary part of making our community a better place to live, work and play. And while Leon County Government is making significant improvements to Lafayette Street, we want to make sure that our community remembers the businesses impacted by the construction activity.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The Lafayette Street roadway west of Magnolia Drive is now open all the way to Cascades Park. Businesses, residents, and shoppers can now enjoy a newly constructed road with sidewalks. Lafayette Street east of Magnolia Drive will be open to traffic by the end of August.

Thank you for your patience while construction continues.

For further updates, visit:

www.LeonCountyFL.gov/ShopLafayette