



# The Leon County LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

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## Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners held its 2009 Reorganization of the Board Ceremony on Nov. 17, in the Commission Chambers of the Leon County Courthouse.

Clerk of Courts Bob Inzer swore in District 5 Commissioner Bob Rackleff as Chairman and District 3 Commissioner John E. Dailey as Vice-Chairman. For the next year, Chairman Rackleff will serve as the official representative of the Board, leading official meetings and signing contracts on the Board's behalf. The next task for the new Chairman will be to preside over the Board's Annual Retreat on Monday, Dec. 7, at the Goodwood Museum & Gardens Carriage House, where the Commissioners will discuss ongoing challenges facing the County. During this annual long-term strategy session, Commissioners will deliberate numerous issues that will be significant matters before the Board in the coming year.



(From left to right) Commissioner Cliff Thael (At-Large), Commissioner Akin Akinyemi (At-Large), Vice-Chairman John E. Dailey (District 3), Chairman Bob Rackleff (District 5), Commissioner Jane G. Sauls (District 2), Commissioner Bryan Desloge (District 4) and Commissioner Bill Proctor (District 1).

## Leon County, Top of Florida Host 'The Big Kickoff'



Leon County Parks & Recreation and the Top of Florida (TOF) Soccer Club announce the third annual Winter Soccer Academy Program kickoff, which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to noon at Apalachee Regional Park.

Soccer players of all skill levels can hone their techniques while competing in the fun and competitive atmosphere of the day's events.

The kickoff will feature a meet 'n' greet with the coaches, clinics with TOF personnel, scrimmages, exhibition matches and events for the entire family.

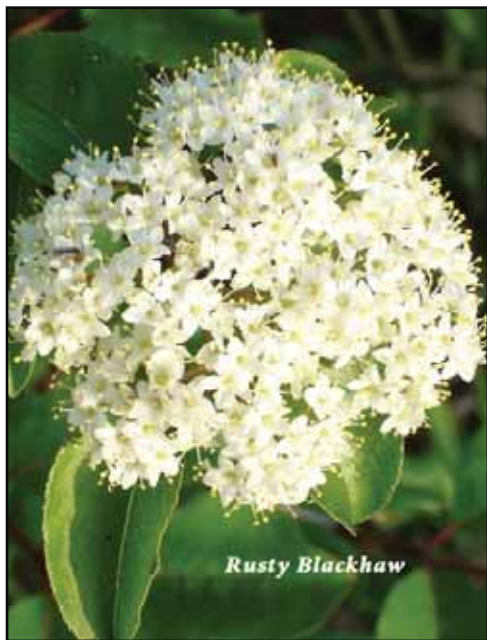
There will also be opportunities throughout the day to register to play on a team this season. Participants must be between 4 and 18 years of age as of July 31, 2009. The fee is \$49, which includes insurance, jerseys, matching socks and referees. Participants can receive a discount on their registration if they still have the blue jersey from last year. Scholarships are available for those in need of financial assistance.

Parents can also register online at the Top of Florida Soccer Club website, [www.TOFsoccerClub.org](http://www.TOFsoccerClub.org). For more information, please visit the website or contact Leon County Parks & Recreation at (850) 606-1470.



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

The Leon County Department of Public Works is proud to offer the 2010 Adopt-A-Tree public tree planting program. If you live inside Leon County, but outside of Tallahassee city limits, you may qualify to have a Rusty Blackhaw planted on your property for free. A Rusty Blackhaw is a small, native tree that has a showy display of white flowers in the spring.



By agreeing to water the tree three times a week for one year, Public Works will plant the tree anywhere between your house and any publicly-maintained road or any privately-maintained road with public access. To have a tree planted on your property between Jan. 31 and March 30, 2010, simply fill out an application and place a wooden stake at the desired location. Public Works 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 form, fill in the required information, and send it to the address below no later than Jan. 31, 2010. You may complete an online form at [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov). No phone requests will be accepted. For more information, please call (850) 606-1400.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## County Collects Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics

Leon County is holding the next household hazardous waste and electronics collection on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Rd. It will be open to residents only; businesses must contact the Hazardous Waste Center to make an appointment.

Certain items may not be accepted. For more information, contact the Leon County Solid Waste Management Division at (850) 606-1800. For the full monthly drop-off schedule, visit [www.leoncountyfl.gov/hhw/collection](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/hhw/collection). The Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Pkwy., is also open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

## December 2009 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

**7 Board of County Commissioners Board Retreat**  
9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Goodwood Museum and Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Rd., Carriage House

**8 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the Leon County Research and Development Authority (Innovation Park)**  
12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Board of County Commissioners Workshop to Review and Discuss the Status of Existing Initiatives of Leon County's Sustainability Program**  
1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing**  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**9 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)**  
3 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers