



The Leon County LINK

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Recycle Christmas Trees, Styrofoam and More

The holidays bring extra trash into everyone's home, and Christmas trees, Styrofoam, and cardboard fill garbage carts quickly.

Leon County recycles Christmas trees into yard mulch, available for free to County residents. To recycle a tree, remove all ornaments, lights and tinsel and place the tree on the curb on a regular yard trash pick-up day. Residents can also bring trees to any of Leon County's four Rural Waste Service Centers. Call **(850) 606-1824** or visit the division's website, www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SolidWaste/RuralSites.asp, for locations.

Bulky, white Styrofoam is not collected curbside, but it too can be recycled. Be sure to bring Styrofoam to the Solid Waste Management Facility, 7550 Apalachee Parkway.

For more information, contact Leon County Recycling at **(850) 606-1823** or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/recycling.

Leon County Legislative Delegation Meeting Scheduled

The Board of County Commissioners will host the Leon County Legislative Delegation for a public hearing on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Commission Chambers on the fifth floor of the Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St. The meeting will also be shown on Comcast Channel 16 and webcast on the Leon County website, www.LeonCountyFL.gov.

This annual hearing provides an opportunity for citizens and local officials to address the Legislative Delegation regarding any state-level issues or concerns they may have. Residents wishing to address the Legislative Delegation simply need to fill out a speaker's card upon arriving to the meeting. The delegation is comprised of members of the State Senate and House, including Senators Charlie Dean and Bill Montford, as well as Representatives Alan B. Williams, Michelle Rehwinkel Vasilinda and Marti Coley.

For more information, please contact Ken Morris, Director of Legislative Affairs and Economic Development for Leon County, at **(850) 606-5300**.

Construction Management "Mini Series"

The Leon County M/WSBE Division has partnered with the Florida State University Supplier Diversity Office and other organizations to present the Turner School of Construction Management's "Mini Series" in order to prepare local small construction and construction-related industry vendors to become skilled competitors in the market place.

A free Meet/Greet Kickoff Reception will be held on Monday, Feb. 21, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the FSU Training Center, 493 Stadium Drive.

Free educational classes will be held Feb. 22, 23 and 24 from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the same location. Registration is required and is first-come, first-served. To wrap up the week, there will be a Reverse Trade Show on Friday, Feb. 25, from 4 to 6 p.m.

Please contact the Leon County M/WSBE Division at **(850) 606-1650** for more information.

County Collects Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics

Leon County is holding the next household hazardous waste and electronics collection on Saturday, Jan. 8, 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 monthly schedule of dropoffs, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/hhw/collection.

The Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway, is also open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m.- 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

Sports Council Opens 2nd Grant Cycle



The Tallahassee Sports Council, a division of Leon County's Tourism Development, also known as Visit Tallahassee, is currently accepting grant applications for the second cycle of sporting events with visitor impact that will take place spring, summer and/or early fall (prior to Oct. 1) of 2011. The Special Event Grant Program is designated to promote Tallahassee-Leon County as a preferred visitor destination.

To be considered for funding, the event must attract overnight visitors to the Tallahassee-Leon County area with a direct impact on transient lodging, including hotels, motels and campgrounds. Additional funding considerations include preference for events scheduled during traditionally low occupancy periods, number of out-of-town visitors, event scope and duration.

The first cycle of granted events for the current fiscal year included more than 60 sporting events with an anticipated 17,500 room nights and 34,000 visitors, which is expected to generate an estimated \$16 million in economic impact.

The application deadline for the second grant cycle is 5 p.m., Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, for events happening between March 4 and Sept. 30, 2011. Applications can be found online by visiting the Visit Tallahassee website at www.VisitTallahassee.com/Meetings-And-Events by clicking on "Funding Assistance/Grants" on the right-hand navigation panel. For more information, contact the Tallahassee Sports Council at **(850) 606-2306**.

January 2011 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 10 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)**
12 p.m. - 1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)** 1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 11 Leon County Legislative Delegation Meeting**
6 p.m. - 9 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 18 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the County's 2/3 Paving Project Program and the Private Road Repair Program** 12 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the Mental Health Court** 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
- 25 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the Unincorporated Area Universal Waste Collection** 12 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