



THE LEON COUNTY LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

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Installation & Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners



The Leon County Board of County Commissioners held its 2012 Installation and Reorganization of the Board Ceremony on Tuesday, Nov. 20, in the Commission Chambers of the Leon County Courthouse.

Newly-elected At-Large Commissioner Mary Ann Lindley, along with incumbent District 2 Commissioner Jane G. Sauls and incumbent District 4 Commissioner Bryan Desloge, were sworn in by Chief Judge Charles Francis.

Clerk of the Court Bob Inzer swore in At-Large Commissioner Nick Maddox as Chairman, and District 5 Commissioner Kristin Dozier was selected as Vice-Chairman. For the next year, Chairman Maddox will serve as the official representative of the Board, leading official meetings and signing resolutions on the Board's behalf. One of his first tasks was presiding over the Board's Annual Strategic Planning Retreat on Monday, Dec. 10, at Goodwood Museum & Gardens, where the Board discussed ongoing challenges facing the County. During this annual long-term strategy session, Commissioners discussed and recommended revisions to the Board's Strategic Priorities and Strategic Initiatives, which focus upon the Economy, Environment, Quality of Life, and Governance.

(Left to Right) District 1 Commissioner Bill Proctor, District 3 Commissioner John E. Dailey, District 5 Commissioner Kristin Dozier (Vice Chair), At-Large Commissioner Nick Maddox (Chairman), At-Large Commissioner Mary Ann Lindley, District 4 Commissioner Bryan Desloge, District 2 Commissioner Jane G. Sauls

Leon County Tourism Work\$: Attracting Visitors, Creating Jobs

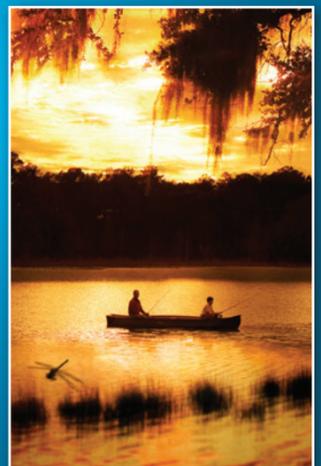
In its continuous focus and commitment to engaging citizens, Leon County will hold its first Citizen Engagement Series session of the New Year highlighting the Leon County Tourism Development Division efforts to attract visitors and spur economic growth.

Thursday, January 31, 6 p.m.

Four Points by Sheraton
Downtown Tallahassee
316 West Tennessee Street.

Registration opens **Monday, January 7** at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CES.

For more information, call **(850) 606-5300**.



Arbor Day Celebration

Leon County, in partnership with the City of Tallahassee, will celebrate Arbor Day on **Saturday, January 26, 2013** at Lafayette Park.

Please join us as we plant 120 trees and shrubs in our effort to reforest the park with a variety of native species.

Contact Tom Jackson at **(850) 606-1500** for more information.



Energy Efficiency Grants Available



Not-for-profit organizations serving low-income, disadvantaged or disenfranchised individuals and families in the Tallahassee/Leon County area may apply for funding to implement energy conservation projects through a partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee involving Leon County and other community partners in the Community Carbon Fund.

Leon County recently donated \$15,000 to the Community Carbon Fund. The fund assists with projects that help human service organizations to cut utility costs by improving energy efficiency, while also improving environmental quality. Eligible projects must improve an organization's physical facility through actions such as installing insulation, replacing thermostats or water heaters, and updating light bulbs and fixtures.

Applications are available online at:

www.SustainableTallahassee.org/ccfFundingAvailability

Completed applications are due no later than January 25, 2013.

Note: The Notice of Project Funding Availability was announced at the Leon County Sustainability Summit on October 31, 2012.

Make Your Smartphone Smarter

Did you get a reader, tablet, or smartphone for the holidays? Fill it with free ebooks and audiobooks that you can download from the Leon County Library website!

Go to www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Library/ and click on "Download E-Books and AudioBooks." All you need is your library card.



Let's Get Growing!

What's involved in starting a community garden? Find out at free information sessions at the Leon County Extension Office, 615 Paul Russell Road, **Friday, Jan. 18, 10-11:30 am**, and **Tuesday, Feb. 5, 6-7:30 pm**.

Presenters will be **Trevor Hylton**, Extension Community Gardening Specialist, **Janis Piotrowski**, Fort Braden Community Garden Manager, and **Kathryn Ziewitz**, Leon County Sustainability Coordinator.

For more information, contact Kathryn Ziewitz at **(850) 606-5383** or by e-mail at ZiewitzK@LeonCountyFL.gov.

Fabulous Foods Winter Cooking Classes

Presented by **Leon County Cooperative Extension**

Come cook with us! Learn together and leave with valuable information and tested recipes.

All Classes 6 - 8 PM • 615 Paul Russell Road

Cost: \$15/Person. Pre-registration required.

Contact Kendra Zamojski at

(850) 606-5200 or hughson@ufl.edu.



January 24: "Soup"er Bowl

February 28: Florida Seafood

March 21: 5 Ingredient Recipes

April 25: April Herbs

Adopt A Tree Program 2013



Leon County is proud to offer the **2013 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 Southern Magnolia "Little Gem" planted on your property for free. The Southern Magnolia "Little Gem" is a variety that is known for small stature and early blooming.

If you agree to water the tree three times a week for one year, Leon County 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 February and March 2013, simply fill out an application online at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/AdoptATree and place a wooden stake at the desired location. Public Works will try to get as close to the designated area as possible. One tree per household per year will be planted.

The application deadline is **Thursday, January 31, 2013**.

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January 2013

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

1 New Year's Day, Offices Closed

8 Board Recess, No Meeting

21 Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday, Offices Closed

29 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the Septic System Management Options*

12 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.,
5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting*

3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.,
5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearings*

6 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.,
5th Floor, Commission Chambers

*Live television broadcast available on Comcast Channel 16; webcast available anytime at www.LeonCountyFL.gov.