



The Leon County LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

County Hosts Public Information Meeting to Address Killearn Lakes Sanitary Sewer Project



Residents in Killearn Lakes Units I and II are invited to attend a public information meeting on plans to install a sanitary sewer system to address the chronic septic tank failures in the area. The Board of County Commissioners approved the construction and installation of a low-pressure sewer system because it would provide the

timeliest and most cost-effective solution to the sewage problems.

Representatives from Leon County Public Works, the City of Tallahassee Water Utility Department, and engineering consultants, PBS&J, will provide the latest information on the design, construction, connection, costs, and available financing options. The public will also have an opportunity to ask questions about the project.

Construction on the system is anticipated to start in September and will last approximately nine months. Then, it will be up to residents to connect to the new service.

For more information, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov, www.klpsewer.com, or call Leon County Public Works at 488-8003.

LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library Kicks Off Summer Programs

Did you know that children who don't read over the summer vacation months can experience a significant loss of reading skills gained during the school year? Experts recommend that children be exposed to books and reading during the summer months to help mitigate this loss. Read by the pool, listen to books-on-tape in the car, and of course, take part in your public library's summer activities.



The library is getting ready for a sizzling, fun summer. As in previous years, we will feature our self-paced summer reading program, "Read Around Florida," an entertaining and engaging way of keeping children reading throughout the vacation months. But there is more! The library system will be offering special programs with professional performers, everything from African drums, dance, lizards, storytelling and even an acrobat. If your children prefer a more hands-on activity, then perhaps our interactive workshops will be of interest, or a book club, or even directing a film. For the little ones, we'll have special story times and our ever-famous *Baby Time* programs. There is something for everyone at your Library!

Visit our website at www.leoncountyfl.gov/library or call 487-2665 for details on all our summer activities. As always, all activities are absolutely free; however, some programs may require pre-registration.

Blueprint 2000 Public Information Meeting
Capital Circle Northwest/Southwest
Expanded Project Development & Environmental Study
Thursday, June 30, 6:00 p.m.
Tallahassee Community College Student Union
Call Bonnie Pfuntner at 891-1880 for more information.

Leon County Recycling Teams Up for Pilot Cell Phone Project

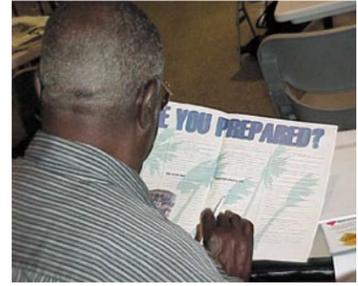


Leon County Recycling is teaming up with the Big Bend Victim's Advocate Coalition (BBVAC) to recycle cell phones. Members of BBVAC include the Leon County Sheriff's Office, the Florida State Attorney General's Office, MADD, and other non-profit organizations. The groups are working with a local vendor, RMS Communications, to service the program. RMS will test all the phones and reprogram them to call 911. They

then will be placed in the 911 Phone Bank, a service that gives free phones to victims in need. If you would like to donate an old cell phone, there is a drop-off site at the Solid Waste Management Facility at 7550 Apalachee Parkway. Other drop-off locations will be available in the coming weeks as the program is rolled out Countywide. For more information, please call Leon County Recycling at 414-9346 or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/recycling.

Get Storm Ready With the 2005 Hurricane Preparedness Guide

June marks the beginning of the 2005 hurricane season, and emergency management experts say it's not a matter of "if" a hurricane or tropical storm is going to hit our area, but "when." That's why it's critical for all Floridians to have a disaster plan and family preparedness plan. In order to help citizens prepare, the

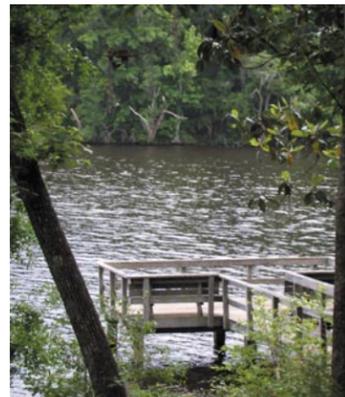


Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross and emergency management divisions from across the eight-county region have rolled out the *2005 Hurricane Survival Guide*, stressing the importance of preparing for severe weather. More than 165,000 guides will be distributed in weekly and daily newspapers across the Big Bend. The guide provides critical information about hurricane preparedness, including what supplies residents need, how to develop a family preparedness plan, and more. The guide will also be posted on the Leon County website at www.leoncountyfl.gov.

In addition to the guide, citizens can also visit the Division of Emergency Management at <http://lcs.leonfl.org/em.htm> or the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross at <http://www.tallytown.com/redcross/ds> for more information on tropical storm and hurricane activity, and preparedness tips.

ATTENTION: On May 24, the Board of County Commissioners approved providing a link on the Leon County Website to the Leon County Sheriff's Office sexual predator database. Citizens can access this link from the home page at www.leoncountyfl.gov under *Spotlights* or they can go directly to <http://lcs.leonfl.org/sexpred.htm>.

Protect Our Water Quality by Preventing Illicit Activities



The entire Leon County community takes pride in our beautiful streams and lakes. However, each of us needs to do our part to protect them. Perhaps one of the greatest threats to our water is pollutants in stormwater runoff, the water that flows over the land during, and immediately after, a rainstorm. As this water flows, it collects all kinds of material, from sediment and leaves to pesticides and automobile fluids. These

contaminants can have a dramatic effect on our wildlife, fish, plants, and surface water quality.

Leon County wants you to prevent or report any illicit activities you may see by calling 891-1002 in Leon County or 891-0000 in the City. Illicit activities are those which intentionally or accidentally introduce pollutants into our stormwater systems. Illicit discharge, dumping, spills, and connections pose a great risk to our water resources. Examples include vehicle fluids, chlorinated swimming pool water, fertilizer, or grass clippings that are dumped into a stormwater system.

For more information, call Leon County Public Works at 488-8003. Together we can protect our water.

June 2005

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 14 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 16 Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2005-02 Comprehensive Plan Amendments** 6 p.m.
City Hall, Commission Chambers
- 20 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting** 3 p.m. City Hall, Commission Chambers
- 28 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers

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