



The Leon County

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Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

Board Seeks Volunteers for Two New Citizens Focus Groups



The Board of County Commissioners recently approved the formation of two new citizens focus groups that fall under the Department of Public Works. The first is the **Transfer Station Citizens Liaison Committee**, under the Division of Solid Waste Management, and the second is the

Apalachee Parkway Regional Park Planning Committee, under the Division of Parks and Recreation.

The **Transfer Station Citizens Liaison Committee** will be comprised of seven members, including neighbors, customers, and adjacent business representatives. The committee will act as a liaison between County staff and adjacent neighborhoods. It will address issues regarding Transfer Station operations, future improvements, permit modifications or changes to operating procedures. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Transfer Station, please call Norm Thomas, Director of Solid Waste Management, at 488-1505.

The **Apalachee Parkway Regional Park Planning Committee** will be made up of nine citizens that will provide input regarding the new recreational facilities planned for the existing Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility (Landfill), located on Apalachee Parkway. The committee will review options for the facility and provide their recommendations to the County. All citizens are encouraged to call Parks and Recreation at 488-0221 with their ideas and suggestions for this community park.

If you are interested in serving on either of these focus groups, applications can be completed on-line at www.leoncountyfl.gov under *Citizen Committees*, or you can call Leigh Root at the Department of Public Works at 488-8003 to have a hard copy mailed to you. Appointments to both of these groups will likely occur in April.

Commission Meetings Now Replayed on Comcast Channel 16

If you miss a Commission meeting, you will now be able to catch it again on Comcast Channel 16. Commission meetings are broadcast live on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Beginning Tuesday, March 1, recordings of the meetings will be broadcast the following Tuesday. You can also watch archives of past Commission meetings on the web at www.leoncountyfl.gov, under *Commission Meetings*.



Spring Brings Mosquitoes and the Need to Take Precautions



It's mosquito season again, and the Division of Mosquito Control would like to remind you to take the necessary precautions to protect yourself against bites and mosquito-borne diseases. First, take steps to make sure your home is mosquito proof. Check the screens on all windows and doors, and pour out any standing water where mosquitoes can lay their eggs. Try to avoid being outdoors during dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are most active. Be sure to wear light-colored clothing, and try to limit skin exposure by wearing long-sleeve shirts and pants. Also, repellents containing DEET have proven to be the most effective against mosquitoes.

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Storefront Display Pays Tribute to Local Military Heroes

The Division of Veteran Services invites military personnel, their families and friends to submit photographs for a storefront display of local men and women who have served on active duty since September 11, 2001. The display, at 115 South Monroe (the former Black Cat News), serves as a way to honor the service of Leon County's men and women in uniform. The exhibit is a collaboration of the Leon County Veteran Services Division, Downtown Improvement Authority, the building owner, Russell Price, and Commissioner Bob Rackleff, a retired naval officer.



The photographs will also be displayed on the Leon County website. Visit www.leoncountyfl.gov and click on the link under *Spotlights*. Any current or former resident of Leon County who has served on active duty since September 11, 2001, may submit a photo. This includes active duty, reserve, and National Guard personnel. Any types of photographs may be submitted. Submitted photos that are too large or too small can be scanned to adjust the size and image. Each submission should be labeled with the name, rank, and branch of service. Please mail photos and label information to: Military Display, Leon County Veteran Services Division, 918 Railroad Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32310, or email to DavisLar@leoncountyfl.gov. For more information, call Larry Davis at 488-8462, or Kate Brady at 922-3948.

Take Advantage of Leon County's Private Dirt Road Repair Program

Many people do not know that the Division of Operations, in addition to maintaining County roads, also provides repair services for private dirt roads. For a fee, County crews can provide the following services:

- Grading, balancing, and spot repair of the roadbed
- Pulling and shaping of existing roadside ditches
- Stabilization materials (clay/sand) by the cubic yard
- Aggregates (gravel) by the ton

Upon receipt of the repair application, staff will review the request to determine if the requested repairs meet all applicable program criteria. For more information or to request an application, please call 487-3070.



March 2005

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

14 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting 3:00 p.m., City Hall, Commission Chambers

Please Note: The Board of County Commissioners Meeting Scheduled for March 8 has been cancelled due to the National Association of Counties Legislative Conference in Washington, D. C.

22 Commission Meeting 3 p.m.
Public Hearings 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers

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