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Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

Leon County Introduces Jackson View Park

Amidst the sounds of laughing and playing children, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners hosted a grand opening for Jackson View Park and its new playground equipment last month.

Leon County's newest park is located at 2585 Clara Kee Blvd., off of North Monroe St., just north of Perkins Road. Citizens from all over the County can come and take a stroll along the mile-long, looping walking trail, take in the lovely view of Lake Jackson from the observation pier, or enjoy an outdoor meal at one of the 12 covered picnic tables scattered throughout the beautifully landscaped park.

The playground equipment, designed for children ages five to 12 years old, is comprised of a swing set, climbers, slides, activity stations and more. Both the walking trail and the rubber surface of the playground are handicap accessible.

For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at 606-1470 or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/parks.

You Can Make a Difference During an Emergency

In a continuing effort to coordinate a strong Leon County disaster response, VolunteerLEON invites you to become part of a growing team of county employees and citizen volunteers who are stepping up to volunteer with the Volunteer Reception Center Team and/or the Emergency Operation Center's Citizens Information Line during times of disaster. If you work well under pressure, have good interpersonal skills and like working with people, we need you. There are two ways to become involved:

Citizens Information Line
Volunteers ensure that the most current information is always available to residents. Staffing the Citizens Information Line includes responding to questions from the public via telephone, alerting the Public Information Office of any rumors or misinformation and trends in calls, and working closely with VolunteerLEON to assure that all community needs are routed to the appropriate individuals.
Training Date: Wednesday, May 14, or Wednesday, May 28
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Leon County Sheriff's Office Division of Emergency Management, 535 Appleyard Drive
RSVP: bushj@leoncountyfl.gov

Volunteer Reception Center
The Volunteer Reception Center is activated following a disaster, and serves as the starting point for both volunteers and people or agencies needing volunteer assistance. Staffing the Reception Center includes processing applications, interviewing potential volunteers, matching individuals with requests from Leon County, the American Red Cross, and nonprofit organizations who need help following a disaster.
Training Date: Friday, May 9, or Friday, May 30
Time: 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Location: Leon County Community Room, 918 Railroad Ave.
RSVP: bushj@leoncountyfl.gov

For more information, contact Jeri Bush, Director of Volunteer LEON and ESF 15 Coordinator, at 606-1970, or visit www.volunteerleon.org.

Get Paid and Gain Experience with the Summer Youth Training Program

Summer is a time when most students look forward to enjoying a vacation, but for some, summer is a good time to explore career opportunities. The Leon County Summer Youth Training Program is designed to allow students to do just that. This six-week program introduces participants to the workplace, imparts valuable employment skills, and provides a summer income for Leon County youth between the ages of 14 and 21.

This year, there are 65 positions available. All positions are for 20 to 25 hours per week and will pay $6.79 per hour. Summer youth workers have the opportunity to gain experience in a variety of locations throughout Leon County, including Public Works, EMS, Parks & Recreation and several others. Students may apply for a maximum of two jobs. The 2008 Summer Youth Training Program is scheduled to run from Monday, June 16, through Friday, July 25. Applications are due Friday, May 9. For more information or to fill out an application, please visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/HR/summeryouth or contact Larmond Boatwright in Human Resources at 606-2413.

Get Involved with County Government by Serving on a Committee

Citizens play an important role in the shaping and developing of Leon County programs and policies. The Leon County Board of County Commissioners counts on citizens' input, comments, and recommendations in order to provide quality public services to the community.

There are 40 citizens committees that address a variety of issues including transportation, housing, parks and recreation, and more. Citizens interested in serving on a committee, board, or council can visit the County's Web site to complete a Board-Appointed Citizen Committee's Orientation and Training and fill out an application. Go to www.leoncountyfl.gov and click on "Citizen Committees" on the left-hand menu. There, you will find a listing of committees and information regarding committee vacancies, committee responsibilities and member eligibility.

Applications can be mailed to Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator, at 301 S. Monroe Street, Suite 502, Tallahassee, FL 32301, or faxed to 606-5301. For more information or to e-mail an application, please e-mail coblec@leoncountyfl.gov or call 606-5311.

May 2008
Board of County Commissioners Schedule

8 Joint County/City Public Hearing on Cycle 2008-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, 6 p.m.
City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

13 Budget Workshop, 12 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Meeting, 3 p.m.
Public Hearings, 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

19 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting, 12 p.m.
Capital Region Transport. Planning Agency Meeting, 1 p.m.
City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

21 Mayor/Chair Meeting
City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 4th Floor, Room 4F

26 Memorial Day
County Offices CLOSED

27 Workshop on Cycle 2008-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments, 1:30 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Meeting, 3 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers