



The Leon County

LINK

Connecting Citizens
with Leon County
Services

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EMS Partners with 2-1-1 Big Bend

Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), in partnership with 2-1-1 Big Bend, is providing referral services for patients when the needs of the patient go beyond medical issues.

Many times Leon County EMS personnel notice unmet needs, such as housing, food assistance, transportation, or other needs that could be met by other public service agencies in the region. With this new program, EMS personnel will provide information to the patient and family about how to contact 2-1-1 Big Bend and make a referral if the patient asks for it.

"2-1-1 Big Bend is a great program that refers people to the services they need, and we at Leon County EMS are happy to provide the avenue for the citizens who need those valuable services," said Chief Tom Quillin.

2-1-1 Big Bend is a regional referral agency that helps people in the community deal with abuse and neglect, hunger, family support, mental health, disaster services, housing, legal issues, household needs, transportation, employment and income assistance, substance abuse, suicide, and much more. Leon County EMS understands that meeting the needs of the citizens we serve will improve the lives of everyone in Leon County.

For more information, contact Leon County EMS at (850) 606-2100 or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/ems.

Volunteer Firefighter Fire Truck Round-UP

Citizens are invited to have some fun and thank their Leon County Volunteer Firefighters at the same time at the 13th Annual Fire Truck Round-Up on Saturday, Oct. 16, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Sun Trust parking lot, located at 3522 Thomasville Road.

At 11 a.m., the Jack Harron Volunteer Firefighter of the Year Award will be announced, and the recipient will receive a trophy from the Earl Bacon Insurance Agency.

There will be demonstrations of the Jaws-of-Life, fire truck equipment for the kids to see and explore, free hot dogs and soda, and a drawing for toys and fire safety items. For more information, call the Volunteer Center at (850) 606-1970.



The Big Read Is Back

Leon County will become one large book club October 9 through November 11, when the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System hosts its second Big Read.

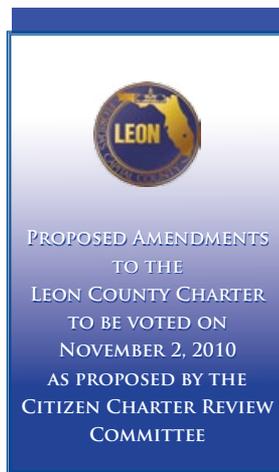
County residents are invited to come together to read, discuss and explore "The Things They Carried" by Tim O'Brien. The award-winning book is a tale of the Vietnam War and considered one of the finest books ever about combat. It is also a brutal, sometimes funny, often profound narrative about the human heart how it fares under pressure, and what it can endure.

A limited number of free copies of the book will be available at the Kick-Off Celebration on Saturday, Oct. 9, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Main Library Program Rooms. The library system also has copies available for checkout, both individually and in book club kits.

The Tallahassee Film Society is partnering with the library again to bring a visual element to The Big Read. They will show "Coming Home" at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 22, at All Saints Cinema.

On Wednesday, Nov. 3, Dr. Lance deHaven-Smith, a professor at Florida State University's Reubin O'D. Askew School of Public Administration and Policy and Vietnam veteran, will present the keynote for the Big Read. The Big Read will conclude with the Library's participation in the Veteran's Day parade.

All events are free of charge and open to the public. For a complete schedule of events, visit www.LeonReads.com or call the Collins Main Library at (850) 606-2665.



Copies of the CRC
booklet can be
downloaded from the
Charter Review
Committee
website at:

www.leoncountyfl.gov/charter

Residents Urged to Vote on Proposed Amendments

In order to ensure that Leon County residents are aware of the six proposed Charter amendments that will appear on the Nov. 2, 2010, general election ballot, an informational booklet about the amendments has been created for the public. An electronic copy of the booklet is available on the Citizen Charter Review Committee website, www.leoncountyfl.gov/charter, and hard copies are available at many Leon County facilities, including the Main and branch libraries, the Renaissance Center and the Supervisor of Elections Office.

The booklet provides a brief summary of the six Charter amendments proposed by the Committee, so that citizens are able to make an informed decision when these amendments appear on the general election ballot. The material, which was developed for educational and informational purposes, is factually based and does not advocate for or against the passage of the proposed amendments.

Each of the six proposed Charter amendments are presented with the Charter amendment summary, which provides a brief overview of the proposed amendment; the ballot title; the ballot question, including language that will appear on the ballot for voter approval; and the full text of the proposed Charter amendment.

The Citizen Charter Review Committee, which was comprised of 15 Leon County residents, including one college student, were appointed by the Board of County Commissioners and charged with reviewing the County Charter and proposing any amendments or revisions for placement on the general election ballot in November 2010.

Throughout the entire charter review process, the Board and the Committee placed emphasis on public involvement. The Committee's website was designed to provide the public with all materials and information pertaining to the charter review process, including meeting agendas, meeting minutes and presentations. The website provided residents the ability to email any questions, concerns and comments to the Committee at 2010charter@leoncountyfl.gov.

Additionally, each meeting was broadcast live on the Committee's website and re-aired on Tuesdays on Comcast Channel 16. Several press releases were distributed to media partners to promote citizen participation and input.

For more information, contact Special Projects Coordinator Shington Lamy at (850) 606-5300.

October 2010 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

7 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Public Meeting 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m., Leroy Collins Public Library, 200 W. Park Ave., Program Room A

12 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting 3 p.m. County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Joint City/County Commission Adoption Hearing on Cycle 2010-2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

18 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Retreat 9 a.m.-1 p.m., TCC Capitol Center, 300 W. Pensacola St., Kleman Plaza

Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA) 1:30 p.m., TCC Capitol Center, 300 W. Pensacola St., Kleman Plaza

19 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the 2011 State and Federal Legislative Priorities 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

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