FISCAL YEAR 2012 MARKS INAUGURAL LAUNCH OF CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT SERIES

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT SERIES 2012 SESSIONS

January 2012

Leon County Basics: Our Government, Our Community

March 2012

Balancing Budgets and Exercising Fiscal Stewardship: Making Hard Choices in Challenging Times

May 2012

Emergency Medical Services: Preserving Life, Improving Health, Promoting Safety

August 2012

LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System: Inspiring A Love of Reading and A Life of Learning

October 2012

Leon County Solid Waste Management:

Beyond the Curb, Where Does It All Go?



Emergency Medical Services Session

In line with its commitment to foster greater citizen participation, Leon County launched the Citizen Engagement Series at the beginning of the year. The Series, which was introduced by County Administrator Vincent S. Long and approved by the Board of County Commissioners as part of Leon County's "People Focused, Performance Driven" culture, offers citizens the chance to gain greater insight into County government operations and engages them in various issues facing the community.

Citizens are given the opportunity to get a unique, in-depth experience in their County government's efforts to balance economic, environmental and quality of life goals for the community. The Series kicked off in January 2012 with a broad overview of the role and responsibilities of County government. Subsequent sessions during the year featured the County's budget process, Emergency Medical Services, LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System, and Solid Waste Management Division. Many residents have participated in the Citizen Engagement Series expressing their appreciation of the County's efforts to demonstrate that citizens are stakeholders in the success of the community.







Leon County Basics Session



Article in the Tallahassee Democrat

County talks trash

Citizens learn about solid-waste operation and benefits of recycling



Gary Gentry holds up a pizza box while Robert Mills places a piece of lumber on the table during a trash sorting competition at a Citizen Engagement Series event hosted by Leon County at the Solid Waste Management Facility. MICHAEL SCHWARZSPECIAL TO THE PROMOTE OF THE PROM

By TaMaryn Waters

On trash days, city and county curbs are lined with garbage and recycling bins but few residents can answer. Where does my trash go from here?

It depends on what's being tossed. Dozens of curious residents spent Thursday evening hearing more and posing questions about Leon County's S8-million solid-waste operation during a citizen engagement event. They learned curbside collection for trash, recyclables and yard debris is just the beginning of a long, involved process.

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Machinery tops a plastic-lined landfill at the Leon County Solid Waste Management Facility on Thursday.

HERE'S SOME QUICK STATS FROM THE 2012 FISCAL

173,000 tons of trash went to

17,000 tons of yard debris was

18,000 gallons of paint, about

40,345 tons of waste is recycled by Marpan Recycling at its facility on Woodville Highway.

10,000 tons of cardboard was recycled at the The Apalachee Solid Waste Facility.

Source: Leon County Solid Waste Operations



Solid Waste Management Session

"LET'S BALANCE!"

The "Let's Balance!" Budget Exercise was introduced in March 2012 as part of the County's Citizen Engagement Series on Balancing Budgets and Exercising Fiscal Stewardship. Developed internally by the Office of Management and Budget, the budget balancing exercise shed light into the fiscal opportunities and challenges that County government often faces. Citizens had the opportunity to experience the many obstacles and challenges that elected officials and staff regularly face when developing a budget while being prudent with taxpayers' money and providing high-quality services.





LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System Session







Balancing Budgets and Exercising Fiscal Stewardship Session