



"Educate and inform the whole mass of the people... They are the only sure reliance for the preservation of our liberty." Thomas Jefferson

The Power of the Community...

On Saturday, August 27th, I was proud to be part of a strong and determined group of people who woke up early and braved the stifling heat to march around the streets of the southside and pick up garbage. We broke up into several teams of people and walked different streets picking up cigarette butts, beer cans, used napkins, and various other items I dare not mention. On my team were a handful of teenagers, both black and white, who were taking the job quite seriously and working vary hard. At the end of the day we all gathered in a room at a Tallahassee Housing Authority community center and discussed the importance of the day. One of the day's organizers said a woman stepped out of her house and asked him why we were picking up the trash because it would just be thrown down again. His response... "That's okay because we will be back to pick it up again."

I haven't stopped thinking about that response. People working together to improve the way a community looks and feels... and not stopping in spite of the circumstances. That's the power of the community.

Let Your Voice Be Heard...

The fundamentally most important thing I do as a County Commissioner is to represent the voice of the residents of Leon County. This is especially important during the budget process. Through this, my first budget season, I have discovered that spending your money is a daunting task that requires thoughtfulness and occasionally a loss of sleep. I encourage you to come to the public hearings this month—let your voice be heard. Come out and look me in the eyes and hold me accountable for the decisions I make. I am elected to serve you and I want to hear from you.

September 6, 2011



Commission Meeting Schedule

- September 13, 2011
12:00 pm: Workshop on Economic Development
3:00 pm: Regular Meeting
6:00 pm: Public Hearing

Upcoming Public Hearings

Public Hearings begin at 6:00 pm

September 13, 2011

First Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

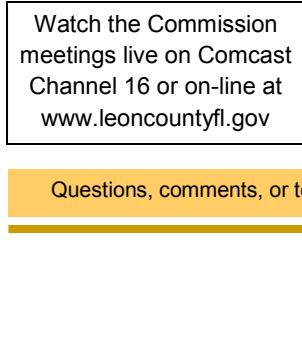
September 19, 2011

Public Hearing for Blueprint 2000 Operating and Capital Budgets for 2012***

September 20, 2011

Second Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012

***This public hearing will be held in the City Commission Chambers



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