



From the Office of...

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Leon County Commissioner, At-Large

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

-Thomas Jefferson

## May, 2013

### **The Value of Books: Children's Book Week**

I wish I had understood the value of reading when I was a child. Certainly I would read, however, most of it was for school and only a little for personal enjoyment. As an adult I am fortunate to have developed a voracious appetite for books.

If you read my blog you will already know that I am a student of history and biographies. Right now my book of choice is *The Path to Power* a biography of Lyndon Johnson by Robert A. Caro.

It is my intention as a father to instill a love of reading in my daughters now so they will grow up understanding the value of books. The week of May 13 – May 17, Leon County will celebrate Children's Book Week. The celebration starts on Monday, May 13 from 6:30 – 7:30 pm in the first floor program room of the Leon County Main Library at 200 West Park Avenue with four local authors participating in a panel discussion moderated by junior fiction author Adrian Fogelin. The authors will talk about their life experiences and the journey in having their works published.

The celebration continues each afternoon from 4:00 – 5:00 pm with an hour of reading aloud in the Youth Services section at the Main Library.

Bring your favorite young person to the library next week – or pass the information on to someone you know. The love of reading is best developed young and there is no better place to show children the value of books than the library.

*"I have from my Youth been indefatigable studious to gain and treasure up in my Mind all useful and desirable Knowledge, especially such as tends to improve the Mind, and enlarge the Understanding."*

Benjamin Franklin - Silence Dogood Letter #3 - April 30, 1722 -

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick".

## **Commission Meeting Schedule**

### May 14, 2013

3:00 pm: Regular Meeting

6:00 pm: Public Hearings (listed below)

### May 28, 2013

3:00 pm: Regular Meeting

6:00 pm: Joint City/County Adoption Hearing on Cycle 2013-1 of the Comprehensive Plan Amendments

*\*All Workshops, Meetings and Public Hearings are subject to change.\**



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## Upcoming Public Hearings

**May 14, 2013 - 6:00 pm**



*View the BOCC agenda at [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov) or click the picture above.*

First and Only Public Hearing on Consideration of Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 10, Division 7, Entitled, "Historic Preservation District Designation Revisions"

Public Hearing for Brushy Creek Road Stormwater Control and Drainage Improvements Project Proposed Special Improvement Liens and the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

Public Hearing for Terre Bonne Subdivision Street Improvement Project Proposed Special Improvement Liens and the Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Roll

First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Leon County Code of Laws at Chapter 16, Article II; Chapter 18, Article II, Division 2; and Chapter 18, Article IV, Division 2

Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Hearing Regarding the Goodwood Museum & Gardens

*Public hearings are held at the Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor (301 South Monroe Street)*

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