



Bryan's Brief July 2013

Well our monsoon season is definitely in full swing. It's great that the drought has ended and good to see all the flowers blooming, but the rain is definitely taking a toll on County resources associated with public property maintenance and stormwater issues.

I'm honored to share with you that I was elected as the President of the Florida Association of Counties and our County Attorney Herb Thiele was elected for the fourth time as President of the Florida Association of County Attorneys. We're working closely with the sixty seven counties in Florida preparing to respond to and mitigate any State and Federal legislation that could have negative impacts, especially on our county, and the other residents of the State. I welcome any suggestions you may have as proposed legislations are announced.

Over the next few weeks, we'll be fine tuning the FY14 budget proposal. The Budget Workshop ratification agenda item can be found at http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/view2.asp?meeting_date=7/9/2013&item_type=0. It is an add on and Item 29 is actually located at the top of the page – Click on [Item 29 Ratification of Budget Workshop](#).

Budget Workshop Ratification of Solid Waste Collection – We heard you on the solid waste mandatory universal collection and at the July 9th Commission meeting, we authorized abandoning a mandatory universal solid waste collection service and implemented a fee structure for use of the Rural Waste Service Centers (RWSC) intended to eliminate the general revenue subsidy. The rates are as follows: a flat rate of \$10 a month for unlimited use; a usage fee of \$2 per bag; \$2 per use for yard debris, and \$4 per use for bulky materials. The Board also authorized the closure of the Blount RWSC. We asked staff to bring back a mid-year status report regarding how the RWSCs were functioning under the new pay system and the amount of usage by the residents served by the centers. Of course, the budget will not be final until after the public hearings in September but I do not anticipate changes at this time.

Bannerman/Bull Headley Rd Update – our contractor began work again the first week of June after school ended and we are on target to complete the project in August before school starts. Thanks for your patience. I'm looking forward, as I know all of you are, to ending my briefings on this project and get this intersection up and running again.

Rhoden Cove and Meridian Rd Intersection Improvement – we're beginning the utility relocation to install a north bound, left turn lane on Meridian Rd. This project is scheduled for completion August before school starts again.

Killearn Lakes Unit 2 Stormwater Project Improvements – I've been looking forward to telling you that we have the permit issues resolved on this project and we should begin work within the next 60 days. The work should take from six to nine months to complete. You can find more information on this project at http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/view2.asp?meeting_date=7/9/2013&item_type=0 and scroll to Agenda Item 25. Your Homeowner's Association has a plat of the area where work is scheduled.

Bannerman Rd Widening Project and Thomasville/Proctor Rd Recreation Property – great news – the revised Sales Tax Committee's proposed project list has the Northeast Connector Corridor: Widening of Bannerman Road listed as number 26. The proposed northeast park project is listed as number 48. Both are in the first tier of proposed projects – a very good place to be. The list is still subject to change, but at least we're being considered now for funding. For more information, go to <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Home/LeonCountySalesTaxCommittee/AgendaandMinutes> and scroll down to the June 13 meeting information.

Proposed Bannerman/Thomasville Rd Development – The first of two public hearings was held July 9 on a proposed development agreement for Bannerman Rd project. There will be at least five to six more public hearings on this development over the next year. I encourage all of you to read the agenda item to become more familiar with this project and please let us know if you have questions. Thanks to all of the neighborhood leaders who are taking the time to review the item to understand and work with the developer and staff on issues. To review the agenda item, go to http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/view2.asp?meeting_date=7/9/2013&item_type=0 and scroll down to Item 33.

Micosukee Ball Fields – based on community input, a new softball field and T ball field will be added. Work will begin soon and should be completed by next February. The existing fields will also be enhanced with the addition of a water source for irrigation – green fields!!!! You can read the agenda item at http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/view2.asp?meeting_date=7/9/2013&item_type=0 and scroll down to item number 23.

Orchard Pond Toll Road - The Orchard Pond Toll Road is progressing through the review process. At the July 9th County Commission meeting, the first and only public hearing was held on a proposed agreement that details the construction and ultimate transfer of the roadway to the County. More information on this item can be found at http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/coadmin/agenda/view2.asp?meeting_date=7/9/2013&item_type=0; agenda item 34.

It is truly a privilege to serve as your District IV Commissioner and I commit to you that I will continue to do the best job I can in representing you and our community. As always, I welcome your input and appreciate all of you who act as my eyes and ears in the District. Many of the improvements we've already made, or are currently working on, came from citizen suggestions or observations. As you plan for your neighborhood/homeowner's association meetings, please let me know the dates and times so that I may join you. Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns, deslogeb@leoncountyfl.gov or 606-5364.

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