



Bryan's Brief December 2013

The holidays are here and we're getting ready for great meals, great football and cold weather.

Solid Waste Collection – To say that waste collection has been a challenge is an understatement. It seems that when the route information was turned over to Waste Pro there were many address/neighborhood omissions. They started off October 1 with what they thought were their routes only to find they had to bring in additional trucks and staff to collect all the areas they were unaware were subscribed for services. They also had to collect all the containers Waste Management refused to pick up. Their phone lines were overwhelmed and even with additional personnel, it was all but impossible to get through to anyone. Our staff in our Solid Waste Department has tried to pick up the slack and we seem to be on the tail end of the decreasing performance. If you are still having problems, please call Waste Pro at 606-1899. If your concern is not address, call our Solid Waste staff at 606-1800. As always, I'm here too if you need me.

Bannerman/Bull Headley Rd Update – it's finished – finally!!!! Please let me know if you have any suggestions for improvement.

Killearn Lakes Stormwater Project Improvements – Great news – they are in the replanting stage of Unit 2 in the Tuscvilla/Bridgewater area. Work will begin in Unit 3 in the Southbrook area in January. The HOA has a graphic of the area where we will be working and we'll be leaving door hangers with contact phone numbers if you have issues during the construction phase. Staff will have biweekly progress meetings with the contractor and will provide information to the HOA as the project moves forward.

Bannerman Rd Widening Project and Thomasville/Proctor Rd Recreation Property – both projects are still included in Tier I on the Sales Tax Committee's proposed project list. The list is still subject to change, but at least we're still in the hunt for funding. For more information, go to <http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Home/LeonCountySalesTaxCommittee>.

Proposed Bannerman/Thomasville Rd Development –The developer has been holding meetings with the various neighborhood groups to modify the settlement agreement regarding the development mix. The apartments have been deleted from the project and the developed has proposed increasing the commercial area. I know that there are concerns with traffic congestion in the area and our staff is looking at interim improvements to address those concerns.

Beech Ridge/Kinhega Roundabout – as requested by the neighborhood, we are adding two east bound lanes and staff will meet with the Neighborhood Association soon to discuss the design.

Micosukee Ball Fields – regretfully this project is on hold. The School Board owns the property and they have some concerns with the proposed improvements that need to be addressed. We're hoping to resolve those quickly.

Deer Lane Stormwater project - we have the permits in hand and the project should be going out to bid next year.

Meridian/Rhoden Cove Intersection Improvement – the utility relocation at the intersection has been completed and we're in the construction phase - completion in a couple of months.

Lauder Pond (south of Thomasville Rd) is under construction to repair leaks to bring it back into compliance so it meets Bradfordville Stormwater Standards.

Lexington Pond Stormwater Project (on Meridian) is underway and will address stormwater quality that comes out of Market Square and drains into Lake Jackson and flooding on Meridian.

Killearn Acres FEMA Map Revisions – Staff is in the process of reviewing the FEMA maps in the Killearn Acres area. Some properties were mapped incorrectly and we're working with FEMA to correct the maps based on actual flood elevations.

Gun Control Issue – I voted with the majority of the Commission not to bring back further information on the sell of weapons by unlicensed vendors at gun shows. I have not received any data that indicates there is a problem here in Leon County and the cost for enforcement was estimated at approximately \$100,000 (deputy, benefits, vehicle, equipment, etc.) Additionally, the County Attorney and the Sheriff recommended against moving forward. I'm adamantly opposed to meaningless legislation, especially when we have many other programs and services that have a documented need, yet we're having difficulty funding them with the economy as it is now. I received about 1500 emails on this issue and many were from NRA members across the country. What was more meaningful to me is the number I received from our residents and I had hundreds opposed to this issue and less than ten in support of it. That just about says it all for me.

I consider it an honor and 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 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. Happy holidays to all and may you all have a joyous New Year!



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