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Leon County Commissioner
District 5

Dear Friends:

It seems that on any given weekend in April and May you can always find an amazing festival or concert somewhere in our community, and this year is no exception. This weekend both [PrideFest 2018](#) and the [LeMoyné Chain of Parks Art Festival](#) will be taking place in downtown Tallahassee. Next weekend you can hear the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra perform in their annual [Pops in the Park](#) at Southwood's Central Park Lake and on May 12th & 13th you can enjoy the [Southern Shakespeare Festival](#) at Cascades Park.

I will also be participating in the [Over The Edge](#) fundraising event this weekend. On Saturday, I will rappel over the edge of the Doubletree Hotel as part of this urban adventure, raising funds to support programs of [The Living Harvest](#), the [Good Samaritan Network](#), and [The Kearney Center](#). This will be my second time going over the edge for the important cause. I hope that you can take some time over the next few weeks to get out in to the community and check out these wonderful activities.

If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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County Commission to Hold First Workshop on 2019 County Budget

Next Tuesday, the Commission will meet to begin developing the County budget for 2019. This workshop will be one of three that we hold to discuss the programs and services that are funded in the County's budget. I wanted to provide a few highlights in to the array of programs that we will consider throughout the budget process.

Miccosukee Rural Community Sense of Place Plan:

The goal of this plan is to strengthen the connection between residents of the Miccosukee community through improvements to public spaces and civic initiatives. Staff from the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department met recently with residents from the Miccosukee Rural Community to receive input on a wide variety of topics including development and permitting, land use and density, services, canopy roads, community characteristics, and transportation. The County will consider a multi-year funding strategy to implement the Sense of Place Plan, including:

- \$250,000 from FY 2018 funds to begin implementation of the plan
- \$775,000 from Livable Infrastructure for Everyone (L.I.F.E.) funds in FY's 2020 through 2023
- Possible funding of \$750,000 from the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Livable Infrastructure for Everyone (L.I.F.E.) Program:

In 2016, the Commission created the L.I.F.E. program that would be funded by the Blueprint 2020 tax for infrastructure improvements and sense of place amenities for areas outside of the [Urban Services Area](#). Included as part of the sales tax extension approved by voters in 2014, is a dedicated 2% of the annual collections to fund the L.I.F.E. Program. Projections for the first five

years of the program (FY's 2020-2024) are estimated to be approximately \$4.5 million. These funds will be used for projects in the following categories:

- Waterline extension for potable water or fire protection
- Water supply enhancements (tanks and wells) for fire protection
- Culvert repairs/replacements or upgrades
- Sense of place amenities
- Small stormwater projects (less than \$250,000)
- Traffic intersection realignments
- Traffic safety and emergency access projects
- Stormwater erosion and soil stabilization projects
- Cost sharing for the 2/3 Road Improvements Program

- Recreational amenities

Expansion of Solar Energy at County Facilities:

At our February 13, 2018 Board meeting, the Commission approved reallocating \$190,000 from the Deepwater Horizon (BP oil spill) settlement to fund placing solar on County facilities. Utilizing BP oil spill funds for renewable energy is a great example of the County's commitment to sustainability and expanding the utilization of alternative renewable fuels. The recommended facilities include:

- Leon County Courthouse
- Leon County Transfer Station
- Leon County Northeast Branch Library
- Apalachee Regional Park Restroom Facility

Funding to Construct Dog Parks in Unincorporated Leon County:

During a recent Board retreat we discussed opportunities to expand recreational amenities throughout the community. Staff looked at the locations of the current dog parks and determined that all were within the city limits, with no publicly accessible dog parks in unincorporated Leon County. Staff evaluated existing County park facilities considering available acreage, water sources, existing shade, current usage, compatibility with a dog park, and geographic dispersion. Based on the criteria, the following three (3) locations were determined to be ideal for the construction of dog parks:

- J. Lee Vause Park (NW Leon County)
- Robinson Road Park (Woodville)
- Apalachee Regional Park (East Leon County)

The Commission will consider setting aside \$30,000 in FY's 2019, 2020 & 2021 for design and

construction of these three dog parks in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Join a Citizen Committee Today

Applications are being accepted for these current and upcoming Leon County Committee vacancies.

Applications for appointment can be completed online [here](#) or downloaded, completed, and either e-mailed or faxed to -- Fax: (850) 606-5301 or Email: SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov

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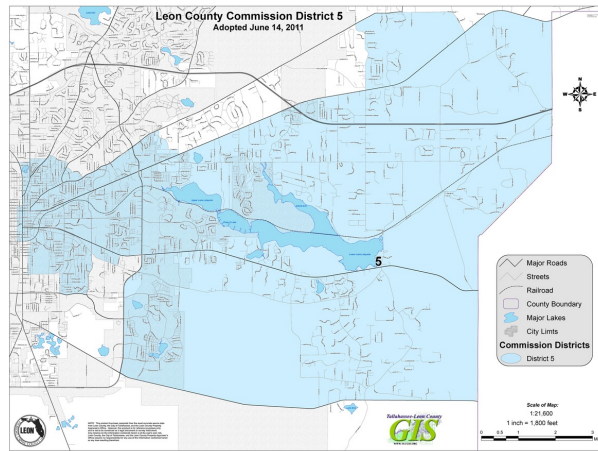
9:00am - 3:00pm: Leon County Commission Budget Policy Workshop (view the Budget Policy Workshop agenda [here](#) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

The Leon County Commission generally meets every other Tuesday at 3pm on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse (Commission schedules and agendas are listed [here](#)). Residents can view live coverage of Commission meetings on Comcast channel 16 or stream it live through the [County's website](#). **All meetings are open to the public.**

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