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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

I hope you are enjoying your summer and have had some time to relax with friends or family.

Although the Commission is in recess and we have no formal County Commission meetings during the month of August, my work as your Commissioner continues everyday. Many of the boards I have been appointed to continue to meet and I along with our dedicated County staff will be here should you need anything.

We have scheduled several important meetings in the coming months, including a [Workshop on Crime Statistics in Leon County](#) (September 12 from 12:30pm-3:00pm). The Commission will also hold a September workshop on the closure of the landfill and receive an update on the [Apalachee Regional Park Master Plan](#) which is adjacent to the landfill.

We will also hold the first Public Hearing to consider the millage rates and tentative budget for Fiscal Year 2017-18 (September 12 at 6:00pm). **I am happy to report that the millage rate for the upcoming fiscal year will remain unchanged.**

All of the Commission meetings, workshops and public hearings are open to the public so I encourage you to attend.

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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St. Marks Headwaters Greenway

Leon County has been working for several years to create the St. Marks Headwaters Greenway. The County was able to acquire 753 acres of property located in the area of Baum and Buck Lake Roads and initial design and permitting on the project began in 2015.

At our July 11th County Commission meeting, we awarded a bid for the construction of Phase 1 of the

St. Marks Headwaters Greenway - the Baum Road to Equestrian Trailhead. The work to be completed in this phase will include:

- Parking for cars and up to 10 equestrian trailers
- Three (3) picnic pavilions
- Three (3) miles of trails

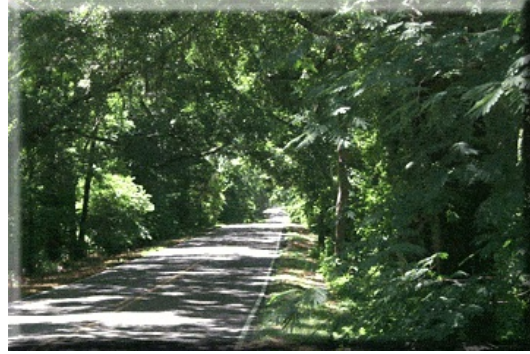
Phase II will consist of a second trailhead on Buck Lake Road with three (3) spans of boardwalk and observation platforms, a restroom facility, playground and additional trails. Phase III will open additional trails on the 754 acres of greenway property.

Funding for Phase II & III projects will be determined during the prioritization process of the Blueprint 2020 funds.

Williams Road/Old St. Augustine Road Intersection

I have received calls and emails about the

dangers that surround the intersection of Williams Road and Old St. Augustine Road. Several serious accidents have occurred there and I have asked that our staff at Leon County Public Works look in to the issue.



Staff is in the process of a traffic study and will gather traffic crash data and will make site visits for observation. They have scheduled to collect traffic volumes for each approach to the intersection soon after school starts, during the second week of September. They project that the full traffic study will be completed in early October and results will be presented to us at that time. The data collected will help guide any improvements needed to the intersection.



Paid Parental Leave for County Employees

The County Commission unanimously approved a new policy that offers up to six weeks paid parental leave for both men and women who are a part of our County family.

The policy allows employees to receive six weeks of paid leave to care for and bond with a newborn or newly-adopted child as an employee benefit.

This change will allow employees to keep their accumulated sick and annual leave for use when they return from parental leave when before, new parents could return with little to no accumulated leave. **I'm proud that we can offer this national best practice as a benefit to our hard working and dedicated employees.**

Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the 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

- Animal Shelter Advisory Board
- Citizens Charter Review Committee
- Code Enforcement

- Board
 - Council on Culture & Arts
 - Housing Finance Authority
 - Commission on the Status of Women & Girls
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Events in the Community

August 5 - [Night Prowls at the Museum](#) presented by Tallahassee Museum (7:00pm - 8:30pm) - Ticket prices vary

August 8 - [Floridiana: Funny, Fantastic, but not for the faint of heart!](#), a fundraiser to benefit Literacy Volunteers of Leon County at the Warehouse (7:30pm) - Ticket prices vary

August 19 - [2017 Big Bend Heart Walk](#) presented by the American Heart Association at Cascades Park (7:30am) - FREE

August 19 - Sundown Summer Concert Series presents [Roosevelt Collier and JB's ZydecoZoo](#) at Cascades Park Amphitheater (7:00pm - 10:00pm) - FREE

August 24-27 - [9 to 5: The Musical](#) presented by Theatre Tallahassee (8:00pm - 10:30pm) - Ticket prices vary

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

September 12, 2017

12:30pm: Workshop on Crime Statistics in Leon County - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

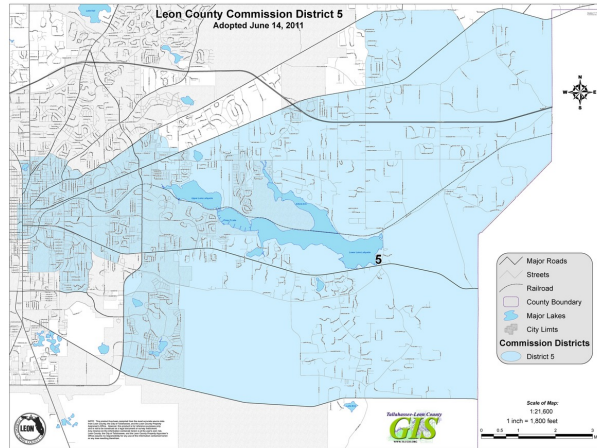
3:00 pm: Leon County Commission (view the Commission agenda [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

6:00pm: First Public Hearing Regarding Tentative Millage Rates and Tentative Budgets for FY 2017-18 - 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.

Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

- [Leon County Emergency Information Portal](#)
- [Leon County Online Services](#)
- [Report a Problem/Request Service](#)
- [Leon County Libraries](#)
- [Leon County Parks](#)
- [Tallahassee/Leon County Nature Trails \(Trailahassee\)](#)



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