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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends,

As 2016 draws to a close, I hope that everyone enjoys a wonderful holiday season with family and friends. All my best to you for a happy and healthy 2017!

December will be busy for the Commission as we hold three (3) important meetings. On Monday, December 12th we will meet for our **Annual Retreat** to establish our next five-year Strategic Plan. And on

Tuesday, December 13th, we will hold our final **County Commission meeting** of the year and also conduct a workshop to review the **Hurricane Hermine After-Action Report**.

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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2016/17 County Commission Strategic Planning Retreat

On Monday, December 12th, the County Commission will hold its annual retreat to establish our next five-year Strategic Plan.

The retreat will allow us to review the progress we have made on our current initiatives and to use the time to identify new initiatives which support and advance the Strategic Priorities: the Economy, Environment, Quality of Life and Governance.

Over the past five (5) years, the Commission identified **154 Strategic Initiatives** which have supported and advanced the Board's vision for our community. In all, 148 of these (or 96%) have been completed and 6 (or 4%) are still currently in progress.

The process of building and formulating our new five-year Strategic Plan is dependent on good data. Here are just a few of the data and statistics that we track and use to help in this exercise:

Permits: Building permits for new construction have rebounded over the past five years. In 2015, permits for new single-family home construction reached their highest annual level since 2007, while year-to-date 2016 permits are on pace to exceed 2015 totals. [See the statistics here.](#)

Veterans: According to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Leon County's Veteran Services Office assists approximately one-fifth of the local veteran population securing more than \$20 million in VA benefit claims and VA Medical Care funding. [See the statistics here.](#)

Recycling/Energy Efficiency: In 2015, Leon County increased its recycling rate to 54%, exceeding the State's recycling goal of 50%. The County also leveraged more than \$1.5 million in energy efficiency retrofit grants for County buildings resulting in over \$800,000 annual energy savings. [See the statistics here.](#)

Visit Tallahassee/Tourism: Eight consecutive years of Tourist Development Tax collections speaks well for the vitality of Leon County's tourism industry. The Division's success in attracting meets, matches, tournaments, etc. for youth and adult groups plays a critical role in the overall visitor mix. Including events at FSU, FAMU and TCC, our sports tourism industry accounts for \$31.6 million in direct spending, and accounted for nearly 40,000 hotel room nights last year. [See the statistics here.](#)

[Click here to view the entire retreat packet.](#)

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: HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov

- CareerSource Capital Region
 - Human Services Grants Review Committee
 - Tallahassee-Leon County Affordable Housing Workgroup
 - Library Advisory Board
 - Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise Committee
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Events in the Community

December 9-31 - [LeMoyne Center for Visual Arts 53rd Annual Holiday Show](#) at LeMoyne Center for Visual Arts (10:00am-5:00pm) - FREE

December 10 - [2016 USATF National Club Cross Country Championships](#) at Apalachee Regional Park (8:00am) - FREE

December 10 - [Cascades Park Holiday Stroll](#) sponsored by the City of Tallahassee (6:00pm-8:00pm) - FREE

December 10-11 - The Tallahassee Ballet presents [The Nutcracker](#) at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall on the FSU campus - Ticket prices and show times vary

December 14 - FSU Student Opera Society Presents: [Amahl and the Night Visitors](#) at First Baptist Church of Tallahassee (7:30pm-9:00pm) - FREE

December 15 - [World Ballet International Gala of Dance 2016](#) at Lee Hall Auditorium on the FAMU campus (7:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

December 12, 2016

9:00am: County Commission Annual Strategic Planning Retreat at Goodwood Museum & Gardens ([view the Strategic Planning packet here](#))

December 13, 2016

1:00pm: Workshop on the Hurricane Hermine After-Action Report ([view the After-Action report here](#))

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting ([view the Commission agenda here](#))

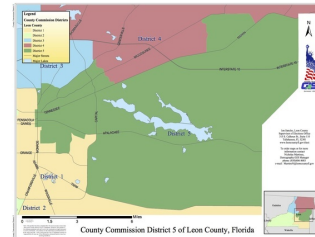
6:00pm - Public Hearings:

- 1). First and Only Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of an Ordinance Amending Chapter 4, Article II of the Code of Laws of Leon County, Florida, Regarding Animal Control.
- 2). First and Only Public Hearing on Adoption of the Annual Update to the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvements Schedule.

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

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



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