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Leon County Commissioner
District 5

Dear Friends,

There are some great things happening around our County and I wanted to include a few updates about some projects that are currently underway.

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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Newsletter



Increasing Communications with Constituents

My newsletters give me an opportunity tell you more about what the Commission is doing and how our work impacts the community, so I try to include a wide variety of topics as they happen.

In my ongoing effort to keep you informed on how your County government is working, **I'd like to expand my communications to you.** I plan to send out a quick update soon after Commission meetings with highlights of some of the important items we addressed. It is my hope that by providing updates about important issues, it will encourage residents to become more involved with the community.

I am always looking for new ways to connect with individual constituents and groups in our community. If there is a club, neighborhood association or individual you feel should receive my newsletter, feel free to forward this to them or contact me directly so I can add them.

I have also found that using social media is effective and engaging. I post all my newsletters to [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) so feel free to add me there.

Leon County Extends Armed Service Veteran Bus Pass Program for Five Years

Since December 2014, the County Commission in partnership with StarMetro has operated a pilot Bus Pass Program to provide free bus service for low-income Veterans. The program currently provides nearly 450 Veterans with a free annual bus pass and so far, more than 60,000 trips have been taken, with an average of 5,000 trips per month.



At our January 26th meeting, the County Commission approved a five-year extension to the program, so that we can continue to provide a valuable service to our Veterans who need transportation for medical and other life sustaining activities.

To get more information about this program, contact StarMetro directly at 850-891-5200 or visit the [website](#).



2016 Innovation Park TechGrant Competition

If you have an original idea for technology commercialization, consider applying for the 2016 TechGrant Program.

The Leon County Research and Development Authority is now accepting applications for the Innovation Park TechGrant competition. Apply for up to \$15,000 in tech commercialization funding, access to the TechGrant Winners' Circle, and a full scholarship to Tallahassee/Leon County's Entrepreneurial Excellence Program.

To get additional information and to download the application click [here](#). If you have additional questions, email Ron Miller at rmiller@inn-park.com.

Mark your calendars for these important upcoming dates and deadlines to enhance the competition experience:

February 16, 2016: TechGrant Application Orientation, 4 p.m., Knight Administrative Centre, 1736 W. Paul Dirac Drive

March 14, 2016: Application deadline

April 11, 2016: Finalists announced

May 19, 2016: Elevator Pitch Night event, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Goodwood Museum & Gardens' Carriage House

Fred George Greenway and Park Scheduled to Open

Leon County's newest Greenway and Park will officially be opening on **Feb. 17th**. The Fred George Greenway & Park was acquired through [Blueprint 2000](#) sales tax dollars, funding from Leon County and a [Florida Communities Trust](#) grant. The 175-acre park is located in northwest Leon County at Fred George Road and Capital Circle NW.



Amenities will include miles of hiking trails, a multipurpose field to host Pop Warner football games, a regulation-size baseball diamond for Little League games, a playground with concession stand with bathrooms and two storm-water ponds that will double as a habitat for wood storks and other wildlife.

The Park will also include an education center and museum with artifacts from the park's namesake, Fred George.

Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the following Leon County Committee vacancies:

- Adjustment and Appeals Board
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- * Contractors Licensing and Examination Board
- Development Support & Environmental Management Citizens User Group
- Human Services Grant Review Committee
- Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise Committee
- Water Resource Committee

The application may be completed online [here](#) or downloaded, completed, and either e-mailed or faxed to:

Fax: (850) 606-5301 or Email: HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov

Events in the Community

February 4 - February 7 - [Anne Frank Exhibit](#) presented by The Holocaust Education Resource Council at FSU's Museum of Fine Arts - FREE

February 7 - [42nd Annual Tallahassee Marathon & Half Marathon](#) (7:30am)

February 10 - "[Walking With Dinosaurs: Prehistoric Planet 3D](#)" at the Challenger Learning Center

February 11 - The Village Square presents "[Speed Dating Your Local Leaders](#)" at St. John's Episcopal Church - FREE

February 15 - [A Conversation with Microsoft Chairman John Thompson](#) at Lee Hall Auditorium on the FAMU campus (10:30am) - FREE

February 18 - [League of Women Voters' Hot Topics Luncheon](#), featuring Pamela Goodman, President of LWVFlorida at Capital City Country Club (11:30am) - call 850-309-3005 to reserve a spot

February 23 - [Tallahassee Winds](#) concert at Opperman Music Hall (7:30pm) - FREE

February 27 - [Leon County Humane Society 4th Saturday Adoption Event](#) at LCHS offices

February 27 - [O.A.R. featuring The Hunts](#) at the Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (7:00pm) - ticket prices vary

Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

February 9, 2016

1:00pm County Commission Workshop on Infant Mortality (Workshop agenda available [here](#))

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

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

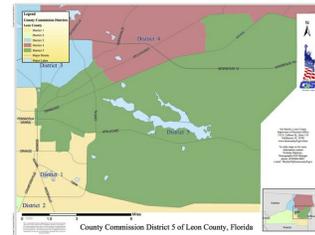
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