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Dear Friends,

Like many of you, my thoughts recently have focused on the tragedies we witnessed in Texas, Louisiana and Missouri. I spent the weekend reflecting on these horrific events and I still find myself looking for the right words to express how I feel. I hope to elaborate on some of my thoughts in an upcoming newsletter.



Today I wanted to share with you some of the highlights of our Commission meeting and give you a glimpse in to how your county government is working.

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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Highlights of Today's County Commission Meeting

2017 County Budget:

This will be the last Commission meeting before our summer break and we will reconvene on September 13th for the first of two public hearings on the 2017 budget. Having completed much of our work, we canceled today's budget workshop, but there is still time to ask questions and make comments before we finalize our budget at our September 20th meeting.

Southwood:

Recently, we have received calls and emails from the Southwood neighborhood about increased crime in the area. At today's meeting, the Commission will authorize the Community Development District (CDD) to exercise their power to increase security in the unincorporated portion of the neighborhood. The City Commission has a similar item on its agenda for July 13th for those areas inside the city limits. We hope that this action in partnership with local law enforcement will help address recent issues in Southwood.

Leon County Energy Improvement District:

In 2010 the County Commission adopted an ordinance creating the Energy Improvement District and a local Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program for residential property. In 2012 the program was expanded to include commercial property.

Leon County has taken a leadership role nationally and has successfully helped resolve issues with the State and Federal government.

The PACE program will offer grants and loans for residential property and low interest loans for commercial property to improve the energy effect and resiliency, which will not only save property owners money and provide work for local contractors, but will also help us reduce our carbon footprint.

The PACE program, in partnership with the private sector, will launch this fall and we will share more information and training opportunities for contractors and Realtors as it becomes available.

Leon County Commissioner becomes President of National Association of Counties (NACo):

On July 25th in Los Angeles, our very own Commissioner Bryan Desloge will be sworn in as the President of the National Association of Counties.

Bryan has been working hard on behalf of Leon County and the more than 3000 counties nationwide as part of NACo's leadership team. Commissioner Desloge's term as President will not only provide a steady and collaborative voice for counties nationwide, but will allow us to highlight the great work and results we've seen in Leon County.

We are also excited to host the NACo Board of Directors meeting and Rural Action Caucus in December. This meeting will bring hundreds of elected leaders and staff from across the country to our community, contributing to our local economy and allowing us to highlight our many assets.

To learn more about these agenda items and others, including

COCA Capital Improvement Grants, Solar Permitting Enhancements, Water Quality Program and CRA Expansion, view the agenda [here](#)

Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the following 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

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
 - Board of Adjustment and Appeals
 - Big Bend Health Council
 - Canopy Roads Citizens Committee
 - Development Support & Environmental Management Citizens User Group
 - Education Facilities Authority
 - Investment Oversight Committee
 - Tourism Development Council
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Events in the Community

July 20 - [Steve Miller Band](#) at the Pavilion at the Centre of Tallahassee (7:00pm-10:00pm)

July 21 - [Food for Thought: _Innovation in Hospitality_](#) at DOMI Station (6:00pm) - FREE

July 23 - [Furry 4th Saturday Adoption Event](#) sponsored by the Leon County Human Society at the Humane Society Office (10:00am-2:00pm)

July 27 & 28 - [League of Women Voters Candidate Forums](#) at the Tallahassee City Commission Chambers in City Hall, 300 S. Adams Street (5:30pm)

August 5 - [Sundown Summer Concert Series](#) at Cascades Park - Two Foot Level w/ Black Cat Bones and Avis Berry (7:00pm-10:00pm) - FREE

Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

July 12, 2016

1:00 Workshop on Adult Civil Citations (view the Workshop materials [here](#)).

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

6:00pm: Second Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Amendments to the Leon County Land Development Code to Allow Outdoor Sport Shooting Ranges in the Rural Zoning District.

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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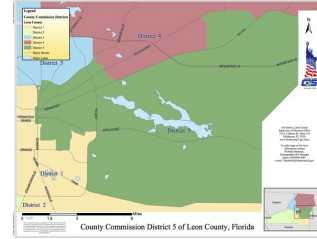
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