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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

Spring and early Summer is always a busy time for Leon County and many in our community. Although the kids are out of school and many are preparing for summer vacations, the County and many organizations are wrapping up big projects and preparing for next year.



On June 1st we kicked off Hurricane Season with a series of events including 'Prepare Now', part of our Citizen Engagement Series, and our second annual 'Build your Bucket Event' which attracted hundreds of people who wanted to prepare for hurricane season. We learned a lot from Hurricane Hermine and have already implemented many of the 100+ recommendations from our Hurricane Hermine After-Action Report. We also just released the 2017 Disaster Survival Guide. [Click this link to see the Survival Guide.](#)

On June 20th, the Commission will hold its second Budget Workshop as we continue to develop the 2018-19 County Budget. These workshops allow us to hear from staff in our ongoing review of funding proposals of all the county departments and programs.

I also wanted to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners of the 2017 Innovation Park TechGrant Program. Melanie Simmons, President & CEO of [Kyndermed](#) and Reamonn Soto, Founder and Product and Business Manager of [Sensatek Propulsion Technology, Inc.](#)

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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Big Bend Continuum of Care Board

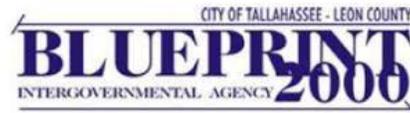
I was appointed to the Big Bend Continuum of Care (BBCoC) by the Leon County Commission in 2014 and served two (2) terms as the first Board Chair. The BBCoC is a planning and oversight body for the eight-county region of the Big Bend of Florida, which includes Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla. The purpose of the BBCoC is to develop, coordinate and implement strategies to help end homelessness in the Big Bend. Across the US, every County is a member of a 'Continuum of Care' and this is the only way we can receive critical funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Florida Department of Children and Families to provide temporary and permanent housing for our homeless neighbors.

The BBCoC has worked closely with the Big Bend Homeless Coalition to establish the organization and we appreciate their hard work and leadership in recent years. However, the Boards of both BBHC and BBCoC decided that it would be better to separate the day to day work of the organization so that BBHC can focus on their important work providing services to homeless families and others, while participating in the BBCoC as a partner along side many other non-profits.

The BBCoC Board is excited to announce a new partnership with the Apalachee Regional Planning Council, whose nine County region overlaps with six of the eight BBCoC Counties. This partnership will allow us to work more closely with our neighboring counties, to hire an Executive Director who will focus exclusively on the work of the Continuum, and increase opportunities to partner with non-profit, faith based and local government organizations to prevent and end homelessness in the Big Bend.

Blueprint Update

Later today the Leon County Commission and Tallahassee City Commission will meet jointly, sitting as the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency (IA) Board. The IA is responsible for overseeing the project planning and construction of all Blueprint projects.



There are several Blueprint infrastructure projects in District 5 that are currently underway, or soon to begin, which I wanted to provide you with an update:

Imagination Fountain at Cascades Park - Improvements to the fountain are ongoing and all work is expected to be completed by the end of June.

Magnolia Drive Improvements & Multi-Use Trail:

Pontiac Dr. to Chowkeebin Nene - Construction plans are complete and this project will go to bid

once a final easement is obtained.

Circle Dr. to Apalachee Pkwy. - Right-of-way acquisition will begin in fall of 2017 with construction to begin in early 2019.

South Meridian St. to South Monroe St. - Design permits will be submitted this summer with construction to start in the fall of 2018.

Headwaters of the St. Marks Floodplain - This project conducts an analysis of the floodwaters generated in the St. Marks and Lafayette basins with the potential to provide flood insurance relief to property owners east of Chaires Cross Road. Funding for this project is being proposed for fiscal year 2018.

Franklin Boulevard repairs - Crews are currently working to design and repair "weep holes" that were found under portions of the roadway, causing surface indentations. All remedial work will be completed by the end of summer 2017.

The IA will also consider a prioritization process of the Blueprint 2020 projects, and receive an update from the new Office of Economic Vitality (OEV) and consider OEV staff recommendations for appointments to three (3) new committees. Read more about these committees in an [article in last weeks Tallahassee Democrat](#)..

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

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Events in the Community

June 15 - **"Build a Greener World: Everyday Sustainability"** presented by the Leon County Library Adult Summer Program Series at the LeRoy Collins Leon County Main Library, Program Room A (2:00pm) - FREE

June 15-18 - [Florida Animation Festival](#) presented by the Tallahassee Film Society at All Saints Cinema - Ticket prices and times vary

June 17 - "[Build a Better Backyard](#)" presented by the Leon County Library Adult Summer Program Series at the LeRoy Collins Leon County Main Library, Program Room A (11:00am) - FREE

June 17 - "[Press the Chest](#)" CPR 2017 hosted by Leon County Government at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center (10:00am - 12:00pm) - FREE

June 19 - [Council of Neighborhood Association's \(CONA\) 37th Annual Awards Reception](#) at the Woman's Club of Tallahassee (6:00pm) - FREE

June 24 - [Artopia](#) presented by Big Bend Cares at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center (7:00pm - 10:00pm)

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

June 13, 2017

3:00 pm: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board meeting (view agenda [here](#)) - Tallahassee City Commission Chambers, City Hall

June 19, 2017

1:00 pm: Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (view the agenda [here](#)) - Tallahassee City Commission Chambers, City Hall

June 20, 2017

9:00 am: FY 17/18 Budget Policy Workshop (view the budget workshop agenda [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

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

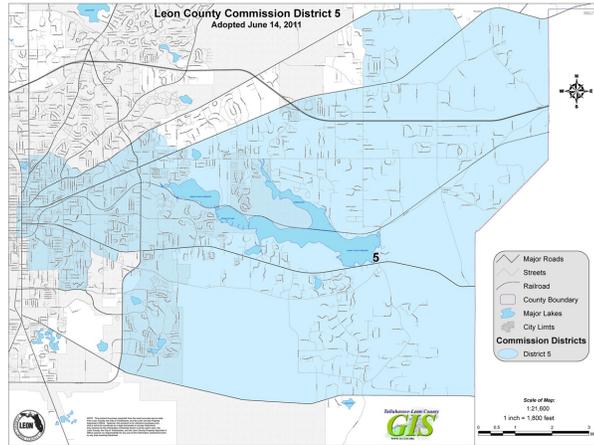
6:00pm: Public Hearing(s) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

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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- [Leon County Parks](#)
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