



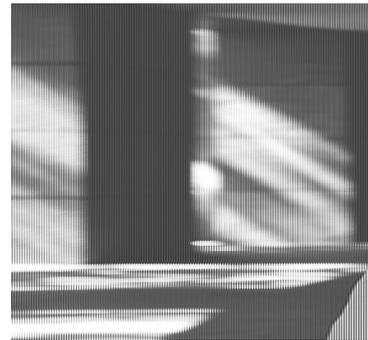
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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Friends,

It's an honor to continue serving as your County Commissioner for District 5. There are great things happening in our community and I wanted to share a few with you.

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 [Facebook](#).



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Cascades Park Celebrates a Birthday

This month Cascades Park celebrated its one-year anniversary. The park has quickly become a favorite place for residents and visitors of Leon County.

The 22-acre park was the signature project of Blueprint 2000, designed mainly as a stormwater facility to relieve flooding from

Franklin Boulevard and from neighborhoods as far north as Tharpe Street.

Each day joggers, walkers and families enjoy the amenities that the park has to offer. The [Capital City Amphitheater](#), located inside the park has seen multiple touring concerts over the last year with many more scheduled for 2015.

Happy Birthday, Cascades Park!

Leon County Research & Development Authority (LCRDA) Update



The LCRDA at Innovation Park recently launched a feasibility study to determine if our community could support a wet lab space for start-up and existing businesses. A lab of this type is one of the most requested types of spaces by high-tech and research-based companies.

The addition of a wet lab space could help transform Innovation Park in to a hub for commercializing homegrown technology in Leon County. The study is expected to be completed in 10 to 12 weeks.

To read more about the developments at Innovation Park [click here](#).



Your Leon County Budget

The 2014-15 adopted budget is \$228 million (a 2.7% increase from last year).

Property values have grown 4.1% since last year.

The County Commission balanced the 2014-15 budget while not increasing the millage rate.

For the first time in seven years, Leon County increased the budget, which is still \$57.1 million less than the budget in 2008.

Leon County continues to maintain the lowest net budget, the lowest net budget per resident and the second lowest number of employees per capita than any other like-sized county in Florida.

The Commission began developing the 2015-16 budget this month when all departments submitted their requests to the Office of Management & Budget. We will hold a budget workshop in July where a proposed budget will be presented to the Commission. In September, the Commission will hold two (2) public hearings that allow for citizen input, and a final vote on the new budget will occur in September.

Find out more about the Leon County budget [here](#).

Relay for Life Fundraiser

This year I am honored to serve as the Honorary Chair of the Relay for Life, North Leon.

The Relay will take place on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at Chiles High School. Members of each team will take turns walking or running around the track in this overnight community fundraising event.

Currently, more than 50 teams are signed up for the event with all proceeds raised benefiting the [American Cancer Society](#). If you or someone you know is interested in forming a team contact Shelia Griffin at sheila.griffin@cancer.org or 850-329-4545.



Events in the Community

March 22 - [Tallahassee Bach Parley](#) "Bach & Son's" at St. John's Episcopal Church (3:00pm)

March 27 - [13th Annual Goodwood Garden Symposium](#) at Goodwood Museum & Gardens

March 27- 28 - [Springtime Tallahassee](#) in downtown Tallahassee.

March 28 - The Tallahassee Winds, featuring Marvin Goldstein and the Tallahassee Boys Choir at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (7:30pm)

April 10 - [The Avett Brothers](#) at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (6:00pm)

April 11 - [Sublime with Rome](#) at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (7:00pm)

April 11- 12 - [Word of South](#), a festival of literature and music at Cascades Park

April 17-19 - [Southern Shakespeare Festival](#) at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park

April 18-19 - [LeMoyne Chain of Parks Annual Art Festival](#) (10:00am-5:00pm)

April 26 - [Wilco](#) at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (5:30pm)

Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

April 14, 2015

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

6:00pm: Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2015-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

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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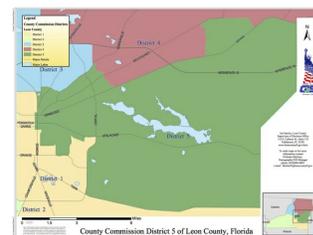
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