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District 5

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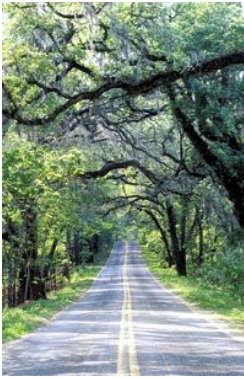
Although we only had one Commission meeting in March, it has been a busy month and we are preparing for our first Budget Workshop on April 26th. I hope that my newsletters are informative and that they give you a small glimpse in to how your County government is working.



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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Canopy Roads Citizen Committee Review

The County Commission took action at our March 8th meeting to continue the work of the [Canopy Roads Citizen's Committee](#) (CRCC) which has been in place since 1991. The CRCC has been expanded from an 8-member to a 12-member advisory committee that will continue to make recommendations to both the city and county commissions on development decisions impacting canopy roads.

While the staff proposal would have limited the types of projects that the committee could review, the Commission voted unanimously to allow the CRCC to continue to review all development projects within the Canopy Road Protection Zone, regardless of their size. The Commission also voted unanimously to hire an in-house urban forester to assist the committee.

I felt it was important for the Commission to look at the effectiveness and efficiency of the committee, and to ensure that the Committee was meeting its goals. More than 30 citizens voiced their concerns and a common desire to keep the Canopy Roads Citizens Committee an efficient and effective group and to protect one of Leon County's most unique assets.

Thank you to all who showed up for this very important issue.

National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference

Last month I attended to the NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C., where I joined more than 1,600 county leaders from across the country to discuss a wide variety of issues.



Along with educational sessions featuring members from the public, private and non-profit sectors, we met with [Congresswoman Gwen Graham](#) and [Senator Bill Nelson](#) to discuss Leon Counties legislative agenda and thank them for their past efforts. I also met with staff at the [U.S. Economic Development Administration](#) to discuss opportunities for our region.

Leon County is an active member of NACo and we received [11 NACo awards](#) in 2015 for providing innovative government programs that increase services to county residents.

Our very own County Commissioner, Bryan Desloge will be installed as the newest President of the National Association of Counties at our Annual Conference in July. As President of NACo, Commissioner Desloge will continue his advocacy on behalf of counties across the country and will be able to highlight the great work we are doing in Leon County.



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Leon County Research & Development Authority (LCRDA) and Innovation Park

I was appointed to the [LCRDA Board of Governors](#) in 2010 and since that time the Board has worked to address past issues and build an organization that will play a key role in our economic future. We have home-grown assets that will help us grow and attract businesses who want to locate in a great community with two research Universities.

At Innovation Park, we are expanding resources for startups, gathering data for targeted recruiting, developing plans to improve existing buildings and creating new amenities. Also, the finalists for 2016 TechGrant Program will be announced in a few weeks and the winners will be announced at the Elevator Pitch Night event on May 19th at Goodwood Museum.

Earlier this Spring, I participated in an Editorial Review Board session with the Tallahassee Democrat. As immediate past Chair of the LCRDA Board of Governors, I joined LCRDA Chair Anne Longman, FSU President John Thrasher, FSU Vice President of Research Gary Ostrander and FAMU Vice President for Research, Dr. Timothy Moore to discuss our progress in the past 5 years and the future of LCRDA and Innovation Park.

In case you missed the story titled "Innovation Park Headed in Right Direction" [click 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

- 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
- Value Adjustment Board
- Water Resource Committee

Events in the Community

March 29 - Film Screening of Glen Campbell's, *Ill be Me* at the Tallahassee Senior Center for the Arts (6:30pm) - FREE

March 30 - [TechExpo 2016](#) at the FSU Turnbull Center (7:30am-8:00pm)

March 30 - [TCC's Women's History Month Celebration](#) at the Ghazvini Center for Healthcare Education (6:00pm)

April 1-2 - Springtime Tallahassee. For a complete list of activities, please [click here](#)

April 1-10 - [Into the Woods](#), presented by the Young Actors Theatre (performance times and admission prices vary)

April 3 - [Pet-ucation; Helping Owners Help their Pets](#), sponsored by Leon County Government at the Woodville Community Center (12:00pm-4:00pm) FREE

April 4 - The Village Square presents the film [Selma](#) at All Saints Cinema (6:30pm) - FREE

April 8-10 - [Word of South Festival](#), a festival of literature and music at Cascades Park

April 9 - [Jason Isbell](#), with special guest Amanda Shires at Capital City Amphitheater (7:30pm)

April 15-17 - Southern Shakespeare Festival at Cascades Park. For a complete list of activities, please [click here](#)

April 16-17 - [LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival](#) presented by the LeMoyne Center for Visual Arts - (10:00am-5:00pm) FREE

Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

April 12, 2016

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

6:00pm: Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2016-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments

6:00pm: First Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Revisions to the Land Development Code to Provide Private and Charter School Siting Standards

6:00pm: Public Hearing to Adopt an Ordinance to Regulate Outdoor Dog Friendly Dining Areas

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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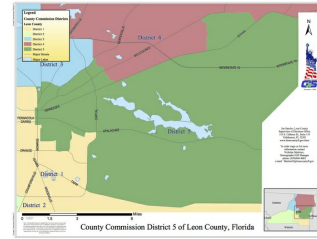
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