



# Kristin Dozier

## Leon County Commissioner District 5

Friends,

The spring season in Leon County is always a busy time. Our community recently played host to several very successful events, including Springtime Tallahassee, Word of the South and the Southern Shakespeare Festival. It's events like these that make our community so special.

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](mailto:dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov). You can also find me on [Facebook](#).



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## Leon County Solid Waste Facility

At a recent budget workshop, the County Commission approved a [plan](#) to close the solid waste facility on Apalachee Parkway, which accepts only construction debris and construction materials. Currently, all household waste is hauled and disposed of at a regional facility in Jackson County.

Other activities at the site will continue to operate, including free mulch for the public, the rural waste center and swap shop, hazardous waste and electronics recycling and yard waste/tire disposal.

The existing recreational activities located at the [Apalachee Regional Park](#) will not be impacted, and could possibly expand in the future. The move to close this facility will eliminate a proposed budget shortfall of nearly \$1.3 million.

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## Third Americas Competitiveness Exchange (ACE)

Last month I had the honor of participating in the Third Americas Competitiveness Exchange on Innovation and Entrepreneurship, hosted by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Agency (EDA).



I joined participants from 28 other countries on a six-day trip, where we visited more than 40 advanced technology centers, innovation hubs and public-private partnerships.

### Some of sites we visited:

[Natural Resources Research Institute](#) within the University of Minnesota- Duluth — a research-based institute.

[Mayo Clinic](#) in Rochester, Minnesota — a nonprofit medical practice and medical research group that employs more than 3,800 physicians.

[City of LaCross, Wisconsin](#) — the largest city on Wisconsin's western border, a college town and a city recognized as a regional technology and medical hub.

[The Food Enterprise Center](#) in Viroquo, Wisconsin — an incubator for food entrepreneurs and social investors.

[Wisconsin Institutes for Discovery](#) — a transdisciplinary research institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

It is my hope that what I learned from the exchange can help expand Leon County's efforts to diversify its economy and create more jobs at all levels. To have the EDA select someone from our community to participate in ACE is an important indication that we're on the right track.

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## Events in the Community

May 9 - [A Walk Through Living History Parade & Festival](#) at Speed Spencer Stephens Park (9:00am-4:00pm)

May 9-10 - [Spotlight on Dance](#) at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall

May 13 - [The Beach Boys](#) at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (7:00pm)

May 14 - [LCRDA/Innovation Park Elevator Pitch Night](#) at Goodwood Carriage House Conference Center (5:30pm-7:30pm)

May 14-26 - [Capital Cuisine Restaurant Week](#)

May 16 - [Operation Thank You](#) at Cascades Park (8:30am)

May 16 - [22nd Annual Tour of Gardens](#) at Maclay Gardens State Park (9:00am)

May 28-June 14 - Theatre Tallahassee Presents: "[Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile](#)"

May 29 - Domenick Argento's "[Postcard from Morocco](#)" presented by Florida State Opera (7:30pm-9:30pm)

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

### May 12, 2015

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

6:00pm: Three (3) Public Hearings:

- 1) First of Two Public Hearings on Proposed Revisions to the Bradfordville Chapter 163 Development Agreement
- 2) First and Only Public Hearing on a Resolution Adopting the 2015 Tallahassee-Leon County Local Mitigation Strategy
- 3) First and Only Public Hearing to Consider the Adoption of a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 18, Article V of the Leon County Code of Laws Entitled "Solid Waste"

### May 26, 2015

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

6:00pm: Joint City/County Adoption 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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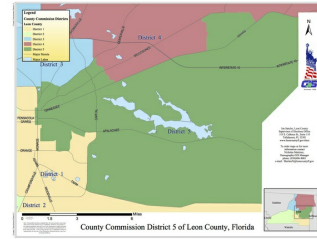
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