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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

I hope that you had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with friends and family. As most are aware, the 2019 Hurricane Season begins next week and runs through November 30th. Our community has been impacted by three different hurricanes in three years. Although we did not suffer the same devastating impact as our eastern neighbors, we know it could have been much worse for us and it should strengthen our resolve to always be prepared for storms. I've included some very important information in this newsletter to help you become better prepared for the next storm.

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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Word of South Festival*

Hurricane Michael After- Action Report Update

Last October Hurricane Michael made

Hurricane Michael After-Action Report

Report and Recommendations to the Leon County
Board of County Commissioners

landfall as a Category 5 hurricane near Mexico Beach. Leon County experience tropical storm-force wind gusts that downed trees, blocked roads and caused widespread power outages. Nearly 1,200 homes were damaged in the county including 25 that were totally destroyed.

Following the Hurricane, our staff conducted an extensive after-action review of preparedness, response and recovery actions taken. The After-Action Report presented 83 findings and 68 specific recommendations to build upon the community's successful response efforts.

At today's County Commission meeting we will receive an update from our staff who has worked hard since the hurricane to implement all of the recommendations contained in the report. We will also consider an agreement between Leon County and the State of Florida for the storage, maintenance and use of 205 state-owned generators that were purchased immediately following Hurricane Michael.

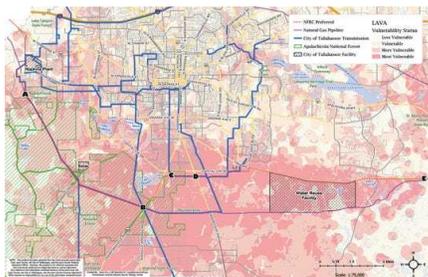
[Read the entire Hurricane Michael After-Action Report here](#)

Preparing for the 2019 Hurricane Season

June 1 is the official start of Hurricane Season and residents should start preparing now. In an effort to help residents prepare Leon County government, the City of Tallahassee and various community partners will host the 5th Annual *Build Your Bucket* disaster preparedness expo. on June 1 (9am until noon) at the [AI Lawson Multipurpose Center](#) on the FAMU campus.



Join us for this event and learn more about how to prepare, respond and recover in the event of a disaster. **The first 800 households will receive a free disaster preparedness bucket with some items from the [Build Your Bucket checklist](#).**



Open House Planned for Gulf Power Transmission Line Project

Next week Gulf Power Company/NextEra Energy will hold an Open House in Leon County to share details with residents about their proposed transmission line project through the Panhandle.

Residents from Leon and Jefferson counties are invited to attend this event on Tuesday, June 4 from 3pm to 8pm at the North Florida Fairgrounds (441 Paul Russell Rd.).

If constructed through Leon County the transmission line project could impact many residents along Tram Road and other areas of our county. If the preferred route is allowed to proceed, the 90-foot concrete transmission line poles could result in reduced property values, loss of property and homes, and dramatically impact the quality of life for residents. We are also concerned about the potential environmental impact on our springs and aquifer, the impact to historic structures, and the potential safety hazard of placing large concrete poles on a two-lane, rural road with few street lights.

In response to actions taken by the Leon County Commission, the Jefferson County Commission and the Tallahassee City Commission, representatives from NextEra/FPL scheduled meetings with several Commissioners and staff from each Commission. In these meetings we learned that NextEra and the City of Tallahassee are considering an existing gas pipeline easement as an alternative route for the transmission lines in eastern Leon County. I applaud the City Commission's strong support for residents of Tram Road and I fully support their efforts to find a viable alternative that will help protect the environment and quality of life in eastern Leon County.

Based on a suggestion from Sean McGlynn, Chair of the Wakulla Springs Alliance, I asked our GIS staff to prepare a map that compares the Leon County Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment data with the "preferred" Tram Road route and the gas pipeline alternative. Late last week, I released a [map](#) that shows that the current route being proposed impacts the most vulnerable area of concern for the aquifer. By collocating the project south of Tram Road along an existing gas pipeline the project would lessen the impacts on our environment. More importantly, it would spare residents along Tram Road the eyesore of 90-foot concrete poles in their front yards, the possibility of reduced property values and potential safety hazards along a two-lane, rural road.

Although utilizing the gas pipeline route would benefit Leon County residents by reducing the potential impact on our aquifer and other sensitive areas, this alternative does not help all residents in Jefferson County.

[View Leon Aquifer Vulnerability Assessment map here](#)

Join a Citizen Committee Today

If you are looking for new ways to get involved with your local government, consider applying for a Leon County citizen committee. Applications are being accepted for these current and upcoming Leon County Committee vacancies:

[Advisory Committee on Quality Growth](#)

[Architectural Review Board](#)

[Board of Adjustment & Appeals](#)

[CareerSource Capital Region](#)

[Planning Commission](#)

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

Events in the Community

May 29 - Leon County Citizen Engagement Series presents [Prepare Now. When Disaster Strikes](#) at the Public Safety Complex (911 Easterwood Dr.) - 6:00pm-8:00pm (FREE)

May 30 - [Food Truck Thursday with Two Foot Level](#) presented by the Tallahassee Food Truck Association at Lake Ella - 5:30pm-8:30pm (FREE)

June 1 - 5th Annual [Build Your Bucket](#) disaster preparedness expo. presented by Leon County government, City of Tallahassee and community partners at the Al Lawson Multipurpose Center (1800 Wahnish Way) - 9:00am-noon (FREE)

June 2 - [Bach Parley Spring Concert & Annual Reception](#) at St. John's Episcopal Church - 3:00pm (Donation suggested)

Upcoming Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

May 28, 2019

3:00 pm: Leon County Commission (view the Commission agenda [here](#)) - 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.**

Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

[Leon County Commission, District 5 Map](#)

[Leon County Emergency Information Portal](#)

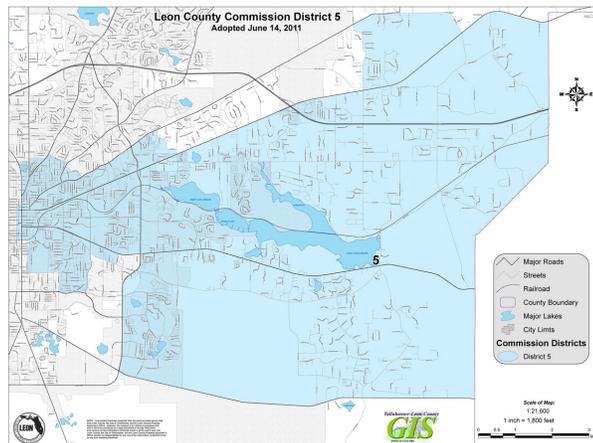
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