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Leon County Commissioner  
District 5

Dear Friends,

Summer is almost upon us and there are a lot of exciting things happening in Leon County. I wanted to provide an update on a few of them and continue to give you a glimpse in to how your County government is working.



I am especially excited about the first ever [Great Leon County Scavenger Hunt](#) scheduled for May 14th. This was an idea I brought to the Commission as a way of highlighting some of the hidden treasures that our community has to offer. You can find more info. about the Scavenger Hunt in the section below.

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 [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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## Innovation Park TechGrant Elevator Pitch Night

On May 19th, five (5) start-ups will compete for \$25,000 in technology commercialization grants at the annual Leon County Research & Development Authority Elevator Pitch Night.

The finalists will present five-minute "elevator pitches" to a panel of judges and an audience of investors, mentors, and researchers. Two winners will be chosen at the end of the event.

Congratulations to the five finalists:

[Efficient Systems, LLC \(Bicycle Capital\)](#)

[Inner Harbor Partners for Improved Performance, Inc.](#)

NP Group, Inc.

[PointCatcher, Inc.](#)

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The TechGrant was first launched in 2005 to demonstrate its commitment to supporting the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Leon County. Since 2005, 20 companies have benefited from \$362,000 in grants awarded for the commercialization of their technologies.

While money is essential for start-ups, participants also get the opportunity to work with a communications professional prior to the event to work on their pitch and to meet with 'alumni' of the program after the event, helping us track their progress and continue to improve the program.

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## The Great Leon County Scavenger Hunt

Leon County Government will hold its first ever community-wide scavenger hunt on May 14. This is a family-friendly event open to all ages and is a great way for families to discover some of our community's hidden treasures.



Participants can begin the hunt between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. at one of the following locations:

- B.L. Perry Branch Library
- Fort Braden Branch Library
- Lake Jackson Branch Library
- Northeast Branch Library
- Eastside Branch Library

Participants will pick up a Scavenger Hunt Treasure Map that features County parks, local cultural institutions, and locally-owned restaurants, and will have opportunities to earn prizes along their journey.

I hope you will take part in this fun event! To learn more about the hunt, click [here](#).

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## Warm Temperatures Means More Mosquitoes - Drain and Cover!

As we enter mosquito season, please take the necessary precautions to reduce the amount of contact with mosquitos. The best way to prevent mosquito-borne diseases is to stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business.



Here are 3 easy suggestions to help protect yourself and your family:

- Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.
- Cover your skin with clothing and use mosquito repellent.
- Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out.

For additional information click this [link](#).

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## 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](mailto:HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov)

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- CareerSource Capital Region
- Contractors Licensing and Examination Board
- Development Support & Environmental Management Citizens User Group
- Tourism Development Council

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## Events in the Community

May 6-7 - The Tallahassee Ballet presents [The Firebird](#) at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall - Ticket prices and performance times vary

May 7 - Leon Schools [Arts & Music Fest](#) at Kleman Plaza (9:00am-4:00pm) - FREE

May 11 - United Partners for Human Services [17th Annual UPHS Conference](#) at the TCC Center for Workforce Development (8:00am-5:15pm)

May 14 - [22nd Annual Tour of Gardens](#) at Maclay Gardens (9:00am-5:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

May 15 - The Tallahassee Symphony presents [Superhero Fortissimo Battles Dr. Dissonance!](#) at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall (2:30pm) - Ticket prices vary

May 20 - [Emancipation Day Celebration](#) at the Knott House Museum (11:30am-1:00pm) - FREE

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

### May 10, 2016

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

#### 6:00pm: Public Hearings

Second Public Hearing to Consider Proposed Revisions to the Land Development Code to Provide Private and Charter School Siting Standards.

First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance Amending Section 13-58 of the Leon County Code of Laws, Relating to Alcohol in County Parks.

First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance Amending Chapter 9 by Enacting a New Article VI of the Leon County Code of Laws Entitled "Human Trafficking".

First and Only Public Hearing to Consider a Proposed Ordinance Amending the Review Process for Accessory Dwelling Units.

### May 24, 2016

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

6:00pm: Joint City/County Adoption Hearing on Cycle 2016-1 Comp. 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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## Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

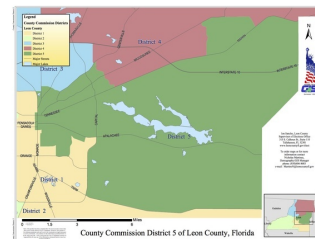
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