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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

Thank you to everyone who is staying engaged in our community and for your support and dedication to making Leon County a wonderful place to live, work and play. There is so much happening around the County that I always try to provide a snapshot in to some of the issues that the Commission is considering and projects that your Leon County government is instrumental in providing.

Below, I wanted to highlight a few issues that the Commission will take up on Tuesday; the possible creation of a Children's Services Council and a Clean Energy Initiative & Climate Action Plan. I hope you will take a few minutes to read through this information. I would also welcome any feedback you may have on these or other issues.

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](#).

P.S. You're receiving this newsletter because you inquired about government services in the past. If you do not want to receive future newsletters, please click the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of this email.



*Photo Credit: Bob Howard from 2017
Word of South Festival*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kristin Dozier'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Kristin' and last name 'Dozier' clearly legible.

A Children's Services Council

At Tuesday's County Commission meeting we will hear an overview from our staff on existing research relative to the issues impacting children in Leon County. This report comes to us as we are set to decide in June whether or not to place an initiative on a future ballot to create a Children's Services Council (CSC) in Leon County.

Currently, eight other Counties across the state have established independent CSC's; [Broward](#), [Hillsborough](#), [Martin](#), [Miami-Dade](#), [Okeechobee](#), [Palm Beach](#), [Pinellas](#) and [St. Lucie](#). Each of these counties invest property tax dollars to fund programs and services that improve the lives of children and their families.

On June 19th, we will hold a public hearing to decide on whether to proceed with creating a Children's Services Council by putting a referendum on the 2018 ballot. I encourage anyone who is interested in this issue to either attend our May 22nd Commission meeting or our June 19th Public Hearing. All meetings are open to the public.

Leon County Begins Work on Multi-Million Dollar Projects to Improve Water Quality

Leon County will begin construction this month on the first of five septic-to-sewer projects in South Leon County located in the [Primary Springs Protection Zone](#) to improve water quality for citizens. Matching nearly \$9 million in grant funds from the State of Florida with another \$9 million in local funds, the County will convert septic tanks to central sewer, removing nutrients from the groundwater and protecting natural resources.

The first phase of the project includes the design & construction of central sewer lines, home connections and septic tank removals for up to 200 homes in the [Woodside Heights](#) neighborhood, located near Woodville Highway and Capital Circle SE.

Later this year, a second phase will expand septic-to-sewer in the following neighborhoods: [Annawood](#), [Belair](#), and [Northeast Lake Munson](#). These three projects will eliminate nearly 380 additional septic tanks and improve water quality, bringing the total to nearly 600 potential septic tank eliminations in the Primary Springs Protection Zone.

Designs for central sewer for Woodville will also begin, and tentative future funding could lead to the elimination of more than 1,200 additional septic tanks in the Primary Springs Protection Zone.

Leon County Becomes First County to Sign Sierra Club's Clean Energy Initiative

Leon County recently furthered its commitment to clean energy and sustainability by signing the [Mayors For 100% Clean Energy](#) endorsement. Previously only available to cities, Leon County is the first county in the nation to sign this endorsement.

Launched by the Sierra Club in 2017, the Mayors For 100% Clean Energy endorsement has already been signed by 196 cities across the U.S.. The initiative calls on local elected leaders to support a vision of 100% clean and renewable energy in their communities. By signing the pledge, Leon County will work with community partners and citizens to realize this goal.

Join a Citizen Committee Today

Applications are being accepted for these current and upcoming 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: SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov

[Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#)
[Architectural Review Board](#)
[CareerSource Capital Region Board](#)
[Planning Commission](#)
[Water Resources Committee](#)

Events in the Community

May 23 - [Leon County Citizen Engagement Series: *Prepare Now. When Disaster Strikes, It's Too Late to Plan*](#) at the Public Safety Complex (6:00pm) - registration suggested - FREE

May 24 - [Guardian Ad Litem Foundation Volunteer Appreciation Reception](#) at Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church, 1645 Phillips Rd. (5:30pm-7:30pm) - FREE

June 2 - [Juke Joint Jam Florida](#) at Carr Lake on Orchard Pond Plantation (10:00am-8:00pm) - ticket prices vary

June 7 - The film, [Big Sonia: Survivor, Grandma, Diva](#) presented by the Holocaust Education Resource Center (HERC) at All Saints Cinema (7:00pm) - suggested donation \$10

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

May 22, 2018

3:00 pm: Leon County Commission (view the Commission agenda [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

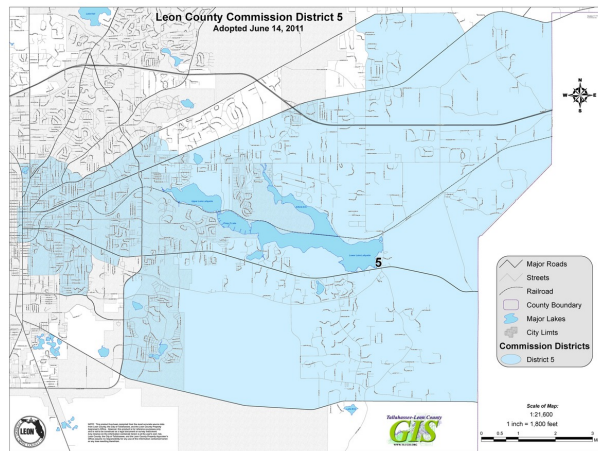
May 24, 2018

9:30 am: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) (view the CRA agenda [here](#) when available) - City Hall, City 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.**

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