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Kristin Dozier

Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

Earlier this week we approved a new **County Budget** for Fiscal Year 2017-18. For the fifth year in a row the millage rate will remain unchanged and we continue to see property values increase. We will add an additional ambulance to the fleet and half a crew to the EMS team. We also approved funding to hire 12 new positions at the Leon County Sheriff's Office.

The Commission provided funding to raise the minimum pay to a living-wage, for Leon County employees and implemented a new paid parental leave policy for both men and women.

In addition, we set aside money from tourist development funds for various amenities, including a pavilion, at the Apalachee Regional Park in District 5.

These are only a few of the highlights. If you'd like to learn more about the new budget, feel free to contact my office and we will be happy to send you additional information.

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.



Workshop on Crime Statistics in Leon County

Next Tuesday (Oct. 10), the Leon County Commission will hold a workshop on the crime statistics in Leon County. The purpose is to better understand the Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) and how law enforcement agencies use them, along with other analytics, to better understand the nature of crimes in our community.

We plan to hear from representatives from local law enforcement and criminal justice community, including:

- Leon
County
Sheriff
Walt
McNeil
- Tallahassee
Police
Chief
Mike
DeLeo
- FSU
Police
Chief
David
Perry
- FAMU
Police
Chief
Terrance
Calloway
- TCC
Police
Chief
Greg
Gibson
- State
Attorney
Jack
Campbell

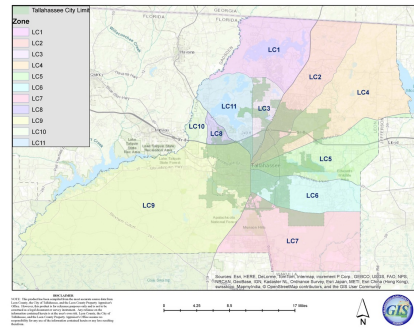
As a growing community we are facing new challenges and we realize that crime is a complex issue. I am looking forward to working with our law enforcement partners and others in the community to identify strategies that will help us reduce the crime rate, increase jobs and affordable housing and improve our quality of life.

If you would also like to review the workshop packet, click [here](#).

Hurricane Debris Removal Update

Storm-related debris collection from Hurricane Irma continues throughout the community and will continue until all debris is picked up.

With the effects of both Hurricane Harvey and Irma felt across the Southeast, the County like other communities has struggled to get FEMA approved contractors to pick-up the debris. As a result we were forced to adjust our collection schedules over the last few weeks.



We currently have 9 trucks operating sun up to sun down and working in every zone of the County (as updated on our [Emergency Information Portal](#)).

These assets include Ashbritt (the FEMA approved sub-contractor), WastePro, other sub-contractors and all of our Public Works trucks capable of doing the work. We have an additional truck coming today from Naples and we added two (2) additional WastePro trucks this morning.

Thank you for your continued patience!

[Click here to view the Debris Removal Zone Map](#)

Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the 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

- Tourism Development Council
- Human Services Grants Review Committee
- Joint County/City Bicycle Workgroup
- Library Advisory Board

Events in the Community

October 6 - [19th Annual October-Fest](#) to benefit Elder Care Services, Inc. at the Pavilion at The Centre of Tallahassee (6:30pm - 10:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

October 6 & 7 - [The Laramie Project](#) presented by Theatre TCC! at the Turner Auditorium on the TCC Campus (8:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

October 7 - [20th Annual Leon County Fire Truck Round-Up](#) at the Growing Room Child Development Center, 1271 Metropolitan Blvd. (10:00am - 1:00pm) - FREE

October 14 - [13th Annual Experience Asia Festival](#) presented by Asian Coalition of Tallahassee at Lewis and Bloxham Parks (10:00am - 5:00pm) - FREE

October 20 - [Leon Works Expo](#) hosted by Leon County Government at the Donald L. Tucke Civic Center (1:30pm - 3:30pm) - FREE

October 26 - Holocaust Education Resource Council (HERC) [2017 Remembrance Dinner](#) at the Turnbull Conference Center (5:30pm - 9:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

October 10, 2017

12:30 pm: Workshop on Crime Statistics in Leon County (view the Workshop materials [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

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

6:00pm: Public Hearings

- First and Only Public Hearing to Consider an Ordinance regarding Property Safety and Maintenance
- First and Only Public

Hearing
to
Consider
an
Ordinance
to
Implement
a
Regulatory
Framework
for
Communications
Facilities
and
Utility
Poles,
Including
the
Deployment
of
Wireless
Facilities
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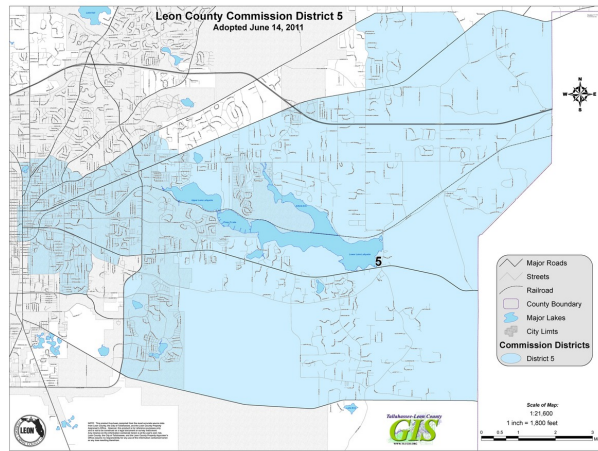
- Second
Public
Hearing
to
adopt
a
proposed
Ordinance
regarding
Medical
Marijuana
Dispensing
Facilities

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 Emergency Information
Portal](#)
[Leon County Online Services](#)
[Report a Problem/Request Service](#)

Leon County Libraries
Leon County Parks
Tallahassee/Leon County Nature Trails
(Trailhassee)



District 5 Map



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