



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



May/June 2019 News & Updates

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, July 9 - Board of County Commissioners Regular Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Tuesday, July 9 - Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing, 6:00 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

[CLICK HERE](#) for a full list of all upcoming Leon County meetings

Hello,

I hope you and your family are enjoying the summer. Things have been busy at home -- for the first time, our daughter Madeline (5 years old) is going to summer camps, and our younger daughter Charlotte (7 months old) is sitting up on her own and crawling around the house.

And you'll see below that we've also been busy in District 3 and throughout Leon County. As always, please don't hesitate to contact [me](#) or my Chief of Staff, [Jodi Wilkof](#), if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to working with you to make Leon County an even better place to live!

Enjoy the 4th of July holiday and stay cool!

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P.S. If you have friends and family who might be interested in receiving this newsletter each month, please ask them to sign up at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor. Thank you!

Leon County Balances Budget Without Increasing the Millage Rate for the 8th Year in a Row

In its continued effort to deliberately focus on the most fiscally responsible budget possible, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, in a 7-0 vote, balanced the County's tentative budget without raising the millage rate for the eighth year in a row. The development of the FY 2020 budget reflects a continued focus on annual budget constraint and the continuous year-round internal efforts that drive innovation, produce efficiencies and realize cost savings and cost avoidances.

To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).



Lake Jackson Greenway Project

We are very excited to let you know that the Blueprint

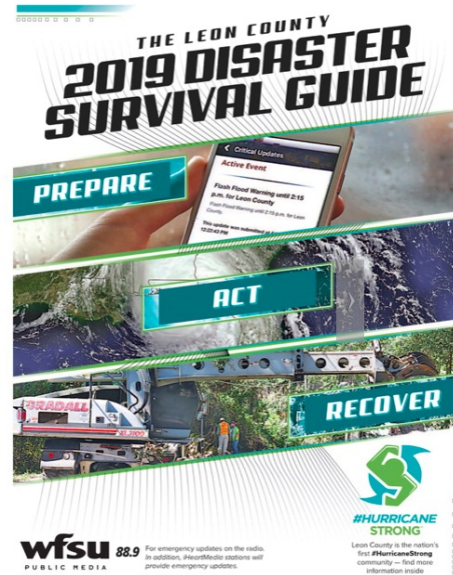
Intergovernmental Agency Board authorized staff to proceed with the procurement of planning and design services for the Lake Jackson Greenway project.

Once completed, the project will create a 3.3 mile connection from Lake Jackson Mounds State Park to Lake Ella. You can learn more about the Greenway projects [HERE](#).



Hurricane Season 2019: Prepare Now. When Disaster Strikes, It's Too Late to Plan.

Leon County is a resilient community filled with local officials, neighborhood leaders, and community partners working around the clock during disaster to keep us safe. Thanks to our community members' resilience and preparedness, the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated Leon County as the first #HurricaneStrong community in the nation, making us the model for resilience everywhere. We are proud to be #HurricaneStrong and Leon County remains committed to keeping citizens informed and prepared for emergencies. For more information and a copy of the Disaster Survival Guide, click [HERE](#).



Leon County Sandbags

Sandbags are made available by Leon County for heavy rain. *Please note that residents should not rely on sandbags to save their home from major flooding, especially fast moving hurricane storm surge flooding. Consider the severity of flood conditions before deciding whether sandbags would provide effective protection.* For information on how to use sandbags properly, both before and after a storm, click [HERE](#).



Commissioner Minor Earns FCF Certified County Commissioner Designation

The Florida Counties Foundation (FCF) presented Rick with the Certified County Commissioner (CCC) designation following completion of a comprehensive study program developed by the Foundation. Rick received the designation during an awards ceremony held at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference in Orange County, Florida.



"The program provides an overview into the intricacies of county government where commissioners can learn a variety of valuable tools necessary to assist them in their public service every day," said Florida Counties Foundation Executive Director, Eric Poole. "Those that choose to participate in the program display an exceptional commitment to serving Florida's counties."

Tallahassee Honor Flight 2019

On May 18, Rick was proud to join retired Sgt. Allen Below for the Tallahassee Honor Flight trip to Washington D.C. Each year, Tallahassee Honor Flight gives veterans the opportunity to travel to see the memorials built in honor of them and their fallen peers. Click [HERE](#) for Tallahassee Democrat's coverage of this year's trip and [HERE](#) for more information on Tallahassee Honor Flight.



School Strike for Climate

Recently, Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, a 13-year-old student with the Tallahassee Homeschool Group, organized Tallahassee's first School Strikes for Climate. She was joined by other homeschool students, as well as students from other area schools, including the Magnolia School. To recognize these students' work, Rick presented Charlotte and students from the Magnolia School with a proclamation at the May 14 County Commission meeting. Prior to that proclamation, Rick stopped by the Magnolia School to discuss climate change and other county issues with the students. .



Congratulations to FSU Baseball Coach Mike Martin

Rick recently had the honor of presenting FSU Baseball Coach Mike Martin with a proclamation from the County Commission recognizing Coach Martin on his retirement and for his many accomplishments.



Lake Jackson Emergency Room Ground-breaking

Rick had the pleasure of taking part in the ground-breaking event for Capital Regional Medical Center's new freestanding emergency room facility in northwest Tallahassee. The 10,800-square-foot facility will be on a 6-acre site located on North Monroe Street near I-10 and is slated to be done by early next year. The location of this facility will provide better access to ER services for many residents of District 3.



Podcast: A Positive Outlook for Real Estate and Politics

Jason Picht and Thom Holland recently hosted Rick on their podcast. Listen [HERE](#) to hear Rick discuss a wide variety of topics,, including:

- Rick's background and how he's really come to enjoy living and working in Tallahassee.
- The challenges Tallahassee faces with quality affordable housing.
- Rick's take of the state of the local economy.

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A positive outlook for Real Estate and Politics in Tallahassee and Leon County



How Do We Grow From Here?

Leon County Government recently joined with The Village Square to put on a fantastic presentation attempting to answer the question, How Do We Grow from Here?

With over 200 residents in attendance, this *Club of Honest Citizens* event engaged participants in a discussion on how our neighborhood, city, and county will look in the next 20 years.

Rick had the opportunity to address the audience and then attendees heard from a terrific panel of experts and community members from neighborhood associations, developers, environmentalists, and universities.

After the panel, participants engaged in conversations with other community members with questions like, how can different types of housing be woven into neighborhoods? What level of density should be allowed in rural areas? As our community continues to grow, how do we achieve sustainable development patterns within the Urban Services Area?

All in all, it was a fantastic and very helpful event and input provided will be included in the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan.



This Month in Leon County History

In every newsletter, local historian and long-time District 3 resident **Mary May** treats us to an interesting anecdote from Leon County History.

This newsletter, Mary takes up back to May 1865. Click [HERE](#) to find out what Tallahassee was like in the wake of the Civil War.



District 3 Neighbor Spotlight: Astronaut Norm Thagard

In every newsletter, we highlight a District 3 resident of interest. This newsletter's Neighbor Spotlight is **Norm Thagard**.

Learn more about Norm and his many accomplishments [HERE](#).



Pet of the Month

This newsletter's featured pet is a hedgehog! His nomination was sent to us by **Jenn Branham**. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this lovable fellow and thank you to Jenn for sharing him with us!

If you know a Leon County pet that should be featured in an upcoming newsletter, please send a photo and a short blurb about him/her [here](#).

