



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



September/October 2019 News & Updates

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, October 29 - Full Commission interviews for County Attorney applicants, 12:30 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Tuesday, November 5 - Rick's Mobile Office Hours, 6:30 p.m. - Tapestry Senior Living Lakeshore, 2516 West Lakeshore Drive

Tuesday, November 12 - Board of County Commissioners Regular Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Tuesday, Nov. 19 - Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m. - City Hall, 2nd Floor Commission Chambers - 300 South Adams Street

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



Hello,

This is one of my favorite times of the year... the weather finally grows cooler and my five-year-old daughter Madeline gets excited about trick-or-treating, pumpkins, and costumes. This year she's dressing up as a snow tiger (!) and her 11-month old sister Charlotte will be wearing Madeline's hand-me-down owl costume.

It's also the end of fiscal year 2019, and as I look back on Leon County's accomplishments over the past 12 months, I'm thankful for the opportunity to be serving you and your neighbors. Some of the County's highlights, noted in our [2019 Annual Report](#):

- Being named by Southern Living as one of the South's Best communities.
- Launching a multi-year budgeting plan that will maintain county government's fiscal viability and avoid \$4.6 million in tax and fee increases.
- Becoming a model for other governments with our unprecedented emergency response to Hurricane Michael.
- Responding to nearly 45,000 calls to first responders.
- Eliminating fees at all Leon County rural waste sites.
- Helping veterans claim more than \$18 million in benefits they deserve.
- Serving more than 1.5 million library customers.
- Winning 12 [NACo](#) awards for national best practices in emergency response, water quality improvement plans, litter reduction, etc.

And there's much more to come... we have some exciting projects planned for the next fiscal year, so please stay tuned.

From our family to yours, Happy Halloween!

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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!

P.P.S. In recognition of October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, we've gone pink for this newsletter. For more info about how Leon County is participating in BCAM, click [here](#).

Neighbors' Concerns About Adult Entertainment Businesses

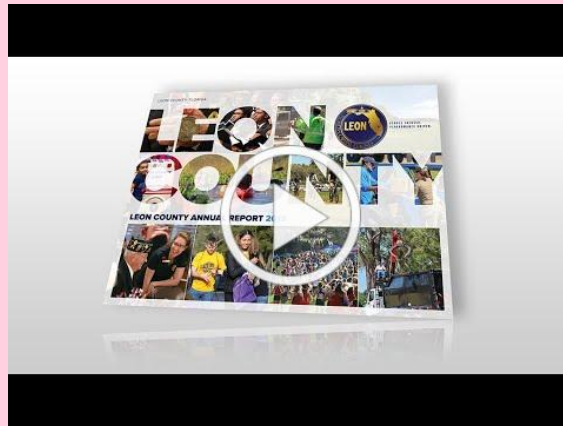
After the opening of Hustler Hollywood on North Monroe, our office received many calls and e-mails from neighbors in the area concerned about the store and its effect on the area. Rick consulted with the County Attorney and met with many of the neighbors who had reached out to our office. Based on the feedback from these conversations, at the September 24th County Commission Meeting, Rick made a motion asking the County Attorney to present the Board with options that would prevent the proliferation of adult-oriented businesses along North Monroe and throughout Leon County. We are happy to report that Rick's motion passed and the County Attorney will present these options at a future meeting.

If this is an issue that you care about, please join us at Rick's Mobile Office Hours (see below). If you cannot make the meeting but want to stay informed on the issue, please e-mail us your name, address and phone number so that we can add you to our group of concerned neighbors.

CLICK HERE if you want to be added to the list of neighbors concerned about the proliferation of stores like Hustler Hollywood.

The Leon County 2019 Annual Report

The **Leon County 2019 Annual Report** has been released! Click the graphic below to watch the video summary and click [HERE](#) to view the full report. Congratulations to all those who contributed to the report and a big thanks to the incredibly dedicated County staff who work so hard throughout the year.



[LeonCountyWater.Org](#)

Our County water bodies are an integral part of our community fabric and history. Accordingly, we are thrilled to introduce Leon County's newest website: [LeonCountyWater.Org](#), which is likely the most comprehensive - and definitely the best-looking - water website around!

This one-stop water resources website answers the most common and important questions about local water bodies, describes the regulations in place to protect our water resources, and educates the public on strategies to reduce pollution of our lakes, rivers and streams.

When you get a chance, please take a look at this incredible resource. We're sure you'll love it as much as we do!



The Longest Table

Join Rick on **Sunday, October 27** at The Longest Table

to share a meal and engage in meaningful conversation about how we, as a community, can enhance the quality of life enjoyed by Tallahassee and Leon County residents.

This year The Longest Table will take place along Duval Street, behind City Hall. Click [HERE](#) to register and [HERE](#) to learn more.



New Leon County Dog Park!

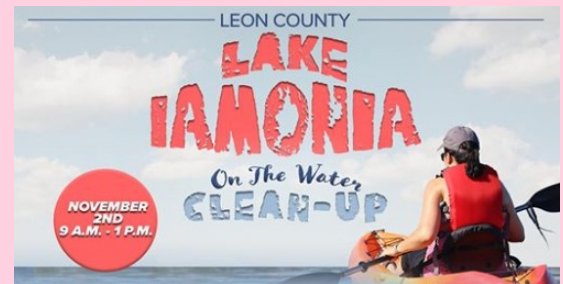
Bring your furry friends **Thursday, October 31 at 2:00 pm** for the grand opening of the new Bradfordville Dog Park! The park, which will be located at **6808 Beech Ridge Trail**, will have a large off-leash area that is perfect for spending time in the great outdoors with your pets.



Lake Iamonia on the Water Clean-Up

Join Rick on **Saturday, November 2nd** for the Lake Iamonia on the Water Clean-Up.

Volunteers will spend the morning in canoes and kayaks cleaning up litter – there will even be prizes for the strangest, largest, and oldest items found! Canoes and kayaks will be provided for those that don't have their own, and beginners are welcome to join, as instructors will be on-site. Lunch will be served afterwards. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.



Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection

When hazardous waste is disposed of through traditional means, chemicals and other pollutants can harm the local environment by infiltrating the ground water and soil. Leon County Solid Waste Management Division is dedicated to decreasing these toxic landfill items through its monthly Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) & Electronics Collection events.

Hazardous Waste Collection Events are scheduled on the first Saturday of the month between September and May as an additional service for residents. Next month's event will be on **Saturday, November 2nd**. More information can be found [HERE](#).



Public Meeting - Midtown Area Transportation Plan

The Capital Regional Transportation Agency (CRPTA)

has been listening to residents' ideas about improving Midtown's mobility and vibrancy. Now they are seeking your input as we continue work on the development of the Midtown Area Transportation Plan. Based upon the feedback received, several opportunities for the Midtown area have been developed and are scheduled to be shared on **Wednesday, November 6 (6 pm – 7:30 pm)**. The meeting will be held at the Tallahassee Senior Center (1400 N. Monroe Street) and held in an open-house style, so feel free to attend at any time between 6 pm and 7:30 pm. At the meeting, we'll be seeking your input on what options best reflect your vision for Midtown. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Leon County and the American Legion to Honor Veterans at Operation Thank You

In its continuous and long tradition of supporting local veterans, Leon County has partnered with the American Legion Sauls-Bridges Post 13 to host the Operation Thank You Veterans Day Breakfast on **Monday, November 11 from 6:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.** At 8 a.m., a ceremony will be held to honor all veterans and remember those who dedicated their lives in service to our country. The breakfast event will take place at the American Legion located at 229 Lake Ella Drive.



Leon County Commissioners, County staff, American Legion members, and volunteers will be on hand serving breakfast to veterans. Each veteran in attendance will receive an Operation Thank You Commemorative Challenge Coin. The event is free and open to the public.

Throughout the year, Leon County works with veterans one-on-one to ensure that they have access to the benefits and resources they deserve. From handling benefit claims, managing the Veterans Emergency Assistance Program, working with community partners, and much more, Leon County has helped local veterans receive more than \$18.9 million in claim actions.

Following Operation Thank You, join us for the Veterans Day Parade at 10:45 am along Monroe Street.

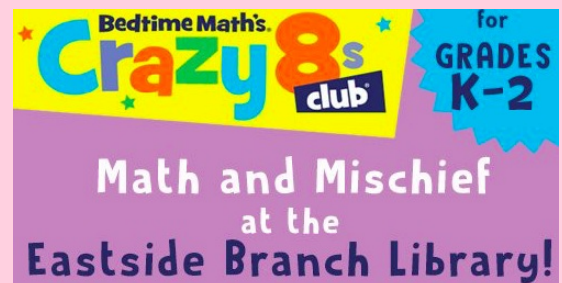
Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8's Club at the Eastside Branch

Bedtime Math's Crazy 8s Club is a totally new kind of math club for children in kindergarten - 2nd grade, where you'll build glow-in-the-dark structures, crack secret spy codes, medal in the Toilet Paper Olympics and more!

The Math Club will be held every Wednesday from 1:30pm – 4:30pm for 8 weeks beginning on **Wednesday, October 2nd**, and ending, Wednesday, November 20th, at the **Eastside Branch Library**.

All events are **FREE** and sponsored by the Bedtime Math Foundation. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Alert System for Child Care and Preschool Facilities

At the County's Annual retreat last December, Rick asked County Staff to explore an alert system for child

care and preschool facilities.

As a result of this request, the Consolidated Dispatch Agency recently teamed up with the PEARLS Program (Preschool Emergency Learning System) to implement the PAWS Program (Preschool Advance Warning System) in Leon County. This state-of-the-art system will ensure that more than 150 licensed childcare facilities throughout Leon County and Tallahassee are informed of any active threat in their immediate vicinity through timely messages right from the 911 dispatch center.



We are very grateful to everyone involved in making this program a reality for Leon County. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Neighborhood Events

Rick recently attended the Eastgate Neighborhood Association Pancake Breakfast, the Forest Heights-Holly Hills Area Neighborhood quarterly meeting, the Woodgate Neighborhood Association Ice Cream Social, and Sustainable Tallahassee's Electric Vehicle Expo. All of these events were wonderful opportunities to answer questions, make new friends, listen to neighbors' concerns and provide updates on what is going on in the County.



If your neighborhood or organization has an annual meeting or event coming up, please let us know!



Climate Strike

On September 20th, Rick was proud to join protesters on the steps of the Historic Capitol as part of the International Climate Strike. This photo shows Rick with local organizer Charlotte Stuart-Tilley, who last spring Rick presented with a proclamation recognizing her for raising local awareness on climate change.



Purpose Built Communities

Rick was proud to join other local leaders recently at a press conference announcing that Tallahassee-Leon County has been designated a Purpose Built Community.

The goal of this effort is to invest, support, and coordinate efforts to end intergenerational poverty in the South City neighborhood. Learn more

[HERE](#).



Tallahassee Community College's Social Justice Week

This week is Social Justice Week at TCC and Rick helped kick off the events by speaking to students on this year's theme, "Homelessness, Hunger and Poverty".

Click [HERE](#) for more information about TCC's activities this week.



You're invited to
**Leon County Commissioner
Rick Minor's
MOBILE OFFICE HOURS**

Come talk to Rick as he discusses neighbors' concerns, including issues related to adult entertainment businesses

NOVEMBER 5, 2019 | 6:30 PM
TAPESTRY SENIOR LIVING LAKESHORE
2516 WEST LAKESHORE DRIVE