



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



November/December 2020 News & Updates

Upcoming Meetings

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) Retreat

- Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 8:30am
- Tallahassee City Commission Chambers, 300 S. Adams St. (Second Floor)
- Learn more [here](#).

Board of County Commissioners Annual Retreat

- Monday, January 25 at 9am
- Information for the Board of County Commission Retreat on January 25, 2021 will be posted [here](#) by January 19, 2021.

Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting and Public Hearings

- Tuesday, January 26
- Regular Meeting: 3pm
- Public Hearings: 6pm
- County Commission Chambers, County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street
- Information for the Board of County Commission Meeting on January 26, 2021, will be posted [here](#) by January 19, 2021.
- Leon County will be broadcasting the meeting on Comcast channel 16, Prism channels 16 & 1016-HD, the Leon County Florida Channel on Roku, the County's [Facebook](#) page, [YouTube](#) channel and

Hello,

I hope you are doing well. As 2020 draws to a close, I wanted to send you some important local information about the New Year's holiday and COVID-19 vaccine distribution:

The New Year's Holiday

As the number of COVID-19 cases continues to rise, the safest choice for New Year's is to stay home this evening and celebrate with the people you live with or virtually with loved ones elsewhere. For tips on ways to safely usher in 2021, click [here](#).

Also, certain Leon County facilities will be closed and services will be changed for New Year's Day. Learn more [here](#).

Latest Information on the COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution on Leon County

On Tuesday (Dec. 29th), the Florida Department of Health in Leon County (Leon DoH) began offering COVID-19 vaccines to high-risk health care workers and to those 65 and older.

Leon DoH has a limited supply of vaccine so they are making appointments based on the order of requests received. We were notified today that, due to the high demand for the COVID-19 vaccine, Leon DoH is not accepting incoming phone calls to schedule appointments. Instead, residents 65 and older can request an appointment by visiting the Department of Health's online vaccine registration portal by clicking [here](#).

Leon DoH is administered by the State of Florida's Department of Health, not Leon County government. So while your county government is not managing or overseeing the vaccine distribution, we want the vaccine to be distributed as quickly as possible and will be doing all we can to assist Leon DoH. Find more information at <http://leon.floridahealth.gov/>.

Also within this newsletter is information about applying for Leon County's Children's Services Council, getting a flu shot, internet safety tips for kids, and other announcements. I hope you'll find this info useful.

the County's [website](#).

Best wishes to you and your family for a better, brighter 2021,

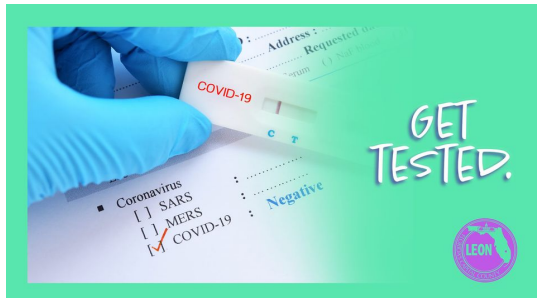


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P.S. If you have friends and family who might be interested in receiving this newsletter each month, please ask them to sign up at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor. Thank you!



Covid-19 Testing

Interested in a free COVID-19 test in Tallahassee-Leon County?

Check out the County's "Testing Information" page at LeonCountyFL.gov/COVID19 and find a free testing site near you.



Rick Elected Leon County Commission Chairman

At the November County Commission meeting, the Board selected Rick to be the 2020/2021 Chairman of the Leon County Commission. Although the next year will be challenging year, Rick and the entire Commission are dedicated to working with our community to make it one of regrowth and rebuilding.



Interested in Serving on the Children's Services Council?

Are you a Leon County resident interested in helping Leon County's children live up to their full potential? The Children's Services Council (CSC) was overwhelmingly approved by Leon County voters and we're now looking for 5 citizens to join the CSC and make a real, long-lasting contribution to kids' futures. Applications are due on Jan. 13th, 2021. [Click here for details and to apply.](#)

Mayor/Chair Meeting



Rick recently attended his first Mayor/Chair meeting as County Commission Chairman. In addition to discussing local Covid concerns, Rick brought up several ideas he is working on, including help for North Monroe and working to decrease food insecurity. Thanks to Monica Casey and WCTV for covering this meeting. [You can see the WCTV report here](#) and you can [watch the meeting in its entirety here](#).

Please email us at MinorR@leoncountyfl.gov if you would like to add your name to the list of neighbors receiving updates on North Monroe efforts and/or decreasing food insecurity.



Follow Rick on Facebook

Rick now has a Facebook page for County business. This is a great place to get updated County and other important news. If you have not yet started following Rick's County Facebook page, [you can find it here](#).



Reduction of Food Insecurity Added to FAC Legislative Agenda

Earlier this month, the membership of the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) met at the 2020 Legislative Conference to vote on FAC's legislative platform for the 2021 Legislative Session.

One of the new guiding principles passed at the conference was one proposed by Leon County, which provides that FAC supports increased state funding and policies that reduce food insecurity among Floridians, in order to:

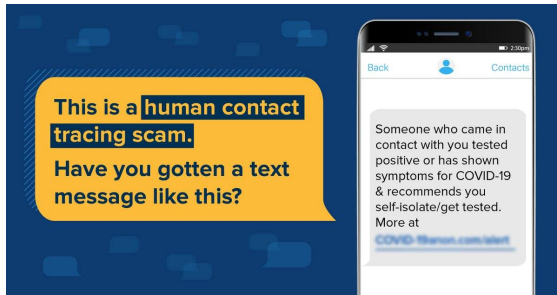
- 1) increase the health and productivity of those currently without consistent access to healthy food,
- 2) consequently reduce the demand for public health and human services,
- 3) improve the financial security of those in need, and
- 4) accelerate the recovery and increase the resiliency of Florida's economy in the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.



Download the Citizens Connect App

Do you have a way to receive emergency alerts and other public safety notifications? The Leon County Citizens Connect App allows you to receive important and emergency news and alerts on your phone in real time!

Download through Google Play <https://bit.ly/3oyJtDx> or the Apple App Store: <https://apple.co/2Twdaa4>



Help Covid-19 Contact Tracers, Not Scammers

Learn how to tell the difference between a real contact tracer and a scammer. Legitimate tracers need health information, not money or personal financial information. [Click here to learn more.](#)



Be Sure to Get Your Flu Shot

Flu shots are recommended for everyone six months and older as the best protection against the flu and its complications. Protect yourself and the most vulnerable around you by getting a flu shot today.

Flu vaccinations are now available at the Florida Department of Health-Leon County Roberts & Stevens Clinic (1515 Old Bainbridge Rd).

Flu shots are FREE for adults with qualifying insurance and there is no cost for children. Call 850-404-6403 to schedule an appointment today!

Viral Voices: Sharing Your Pandemic Experience

The *Viral Voices: Sharing Your Pandemic Story* project empowers Leon County citizens in grades K-12 to share their personal narratives about life during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Make your voice heard; we're looking for your stories, poems, letters, photographs, artwork, spoken word, music and short videos. Share your experience, whether it is inspirational, funny, sad or frustrated. Your stories are part of our County's history. [You can submit your story and learn more about the project here.](#)



Drop Off Old Tires for Free

To help prevent breeding grounds for mosquitoes, Leon County, in partnership with the Department of Environmental Protection, is hosting its tire amnesty event for citizens to drop off tires for free.

The event continues through May 28 or until available funds are depleted. Social distancing guidelines are in place. Residents may dispose of up to 25 passenger car tires free of charge.

Since this began on October 1, residents have dropped off over 90 tons of tires!

[Visit here to learn more.](#)



Library Lecture Series: Designing for Healthy and Engaged Communities

In case you missed it, our latest Library Lecture Series featured The Great Spaces Summit with Suzanne Nienaber.

You can still [check out the lecture](#) to learn more about the role of design in advancing health, happiness, and community pride.



#Love Your Local

Although the holiday season is behind us, the Office of Economic Vitality (OEV) is still encouraging Tallahassee-Leon County to #LoveYourLocal.

It's more important than ever to support our



small, local businesses. In fact, small businesses are truly the backbone of the economy, as they support 4 out of 5 jobs in the state of Florida

According to the American Independent Business Alliance, for every dollar you spend at a local retail business, 67 cents stays within the local economy. This means more of each dollar you spend at a local, independent business gets spent on local wages, local suppliers, and local livelihoods than when you shop at chain retailers and restaurants. These small businesses also help preserve our unique culture, maintaining the charm and appeal we appreciate.

[Click here to learn more about OEV's #Love Your Local campaign.](#)

JOIN OUR FAMILY

- Positive team culture
- Competitive starting pay
- Florida Retirement System benefits

Leon County EMS is Hiring Paramedics

Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hiring full-time Paramedics! We offer great benefits, opportunities for advancement, advanced training and a wonderful team atmosphere.

With Leon County EMS, you can do your best work, working with the best, to serve the best. To learn more about the job, the requirements, and how you can become part of our Leon County family, go to:

<http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/emscareers>



Cold Night Sheltering

On Christmas night, Rick and his family delivered chili and hot cocoa to guests awaiting transport to the cold night sheltering sites. Big thanks to Ms. Vickie and all of the amazing volunteers and staff.

If you or someone you know is in need of cold night sheltering, please call the Big Bend Continuum of Care Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at (850) 792-5015. For after hours or weekends, call the CESC/Kearney Center Cold Night Shelter Supervisor at (850) 542-8599.

Media & Tech Safety



**INTERNET SAFETY
TIPS FOR KIDS AND
PARENTS**

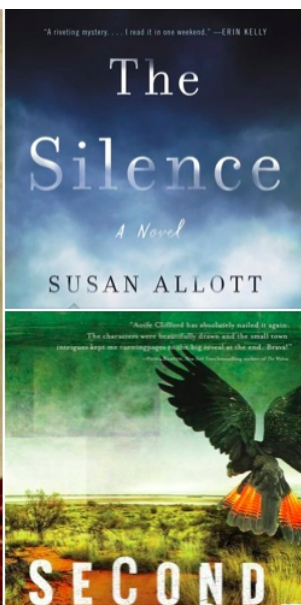
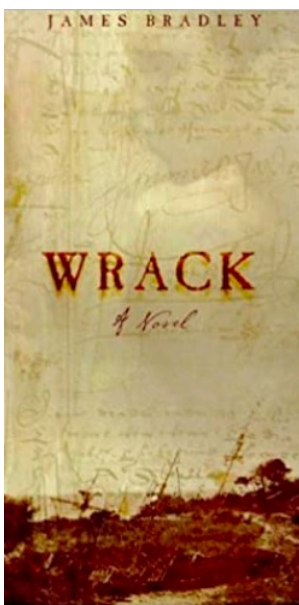
Parents

Learn about protecting your child's privacy online, privacy settings for your computer and more.

<https://www.common sense media.org/privacy-and-internet-safety> is a good source of entertainment and technology recommendations for families.

For more resources:

<https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/.../Children.../Parents-Page>



Mystery Book Club

Join the Leon County Library for Mystery Book Club through Zoom!

This month's discussion will be on Australian mysteries.

Thursday, January 21 at 6:30 p.m.

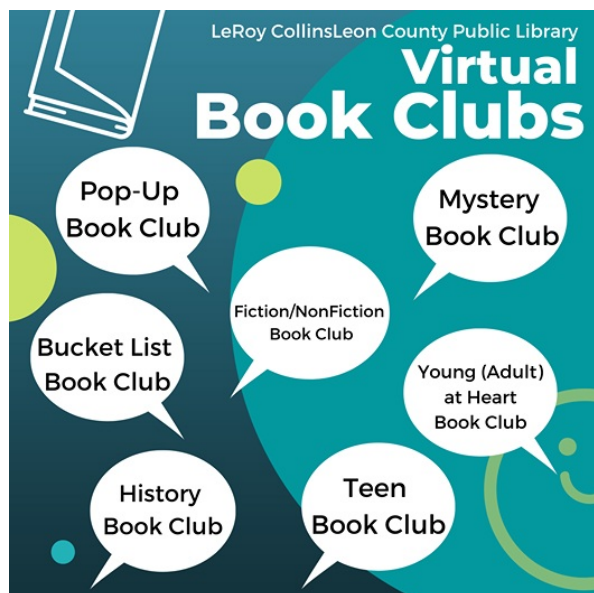
Register for the Zoom link here:

https://zoom.us/j/7JUpf-urpz0oHdlwNifr52_BwfbIRh5kL9ka

You will be sent an email with the Zoom link automatically.

For suggested titles:

<https://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/.../Australian%20mysteries...>



Virtual Book Clubs

Have you tried out our library's virtual book clubs?

They have book clubs for all readers! Check out the calendar for times, days and titles.

<http://cms.leoncountyfl.gov/Library/Calendar/locationId/11>