



The Leon County

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Leon County presents the Citizen Engagement Series

"Balancing Budgets and Exercising Fiscal Stewardship: Making Hard Choices in Challenging Times"

Thursday, March 15, 2012
6 p.m.

Leon County Health Department,
Richardson and Lewis Building
872 West Orange Avenue

In its continuous effort and commitment to engage citizens and promote transparency in the decision making process, Leon County will host "Balancing Budgets and Exercising Fiscal Stewardship: Making Hard Choices in Challenging Times," which offers citizens an in-depth look into the County budget process and invites citizens to participate in a hands-on budget balancing exercise that sheds light into the fiscal opportunities and challenges that County government faces.

The Citizen Engagement Series offers citizens the chance to gain greater insight into County government and engages them in the various issues facing the community. The Series is open to all Leon County residents.

To register, please visit www.LeonCountyFL.gov/CES or call (850) 606-5300. Registration closes on Tuesday, March 13 at 5 p.m. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, please contact:
Shington Lamy at (850) 606-5300



INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE?

Citizen participation, by way of community input, advice, and/or recommendations regarding matters brought before the Board of County Commissioners for approval, is important in developing Leon County's programs/policies and in providing quality public services to the community.



Currently, applications are being accepted for the appointment of six citizens to the recently established Tallahassee Sports Council. Applicants would need to demonstrate experience and interest in aspects of sports within Leon County.

Additionally, the Board is seeking applications for appointment of a citizen to the Value Adjustment Board (VAB), which settles disputes between taxpayers and the Property Appraiser; and, appointments of citizens to fill vacancies on the Canopy Roads Citizens Advisory Committee and Planning Commission. Furthermore, the terms of three members on the Contractors Licensing and Examination Board (CLEB) and three members on the Science Advisory Committee (SAC) will expire on March 31, 2012. Criteria for members of SAC and CLEB is as follows: members of SAC must be credentialed scientists; members of CLEB, except for the consumer representatives, must be licensed in Florida, actively engaged in the profession they represent on the CLEB, and be voters registered in Leon County.

Citizens can find a listing of committees on Leon County's website (www.LeonCountyFL.gov/committees) that includes information on committee responsibilities, member eligibility, and committee vacancies. Leon County encourages citizens to review member eligibility and, if the requirements can be met, complete and submit an application. The Citizen Committee Orientation and Training and the Committee Application can also be accessed at the County's Committee website. The application may be completed online, downloaded and e-mailed, mailed, or faxed to:

Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator, 301 S. Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, E-mail: CobleC@leoncountyfl.gov

Leon County to Reconvene Year of the Healthy Infant

County Receives Grant to Help Close the Infant Mortality Gap

Leon County has partnered with the Capital Area Healthy Start Coalition to reconvene the "Year of the Healthy Infant" – a public forum to provide resources and information to help improve birth outcomes and identify additional opportunities to reduce the rate of black infant mortality.

The community forum will be held **Saturday, March 17 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** at the Florida State University Turnbull Conference Center, 555 W. Pensacola Street. The forum, which is funded through a \$130,000 Florida Department of Health / Office of Minority Health (OMH) "Closing the Gap" grant, is free and open to the public. The day's events will include an overview and analysis of the most recent infant mortality rates, a resource fair, education classes, health screenings, an update on current community efforts and more.

The initial "Year of the Healthy Infant" forum was held in March 2008. For more information about this year's forum, please contact Leon County Office of Human Services and Community Partnerships at (850) 606-1900 / AustinL@leoncountyfl.gov.

Capital Cuisine Restaurant Week

Calling all foodies! Mark **April 12-22** on your calendar for the inaugural Capital Cuisine Restaurant Week. Come and taste some of the best culinary delights that Tallahassee and Leon County has to offer with ten full days highlighting the freshest seafood and finest in locally grown and farm-to-table foods. Come, savor and tantalize your taste buds as you sample a diversity of culinary experiences.

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Leon County Seeks Nominations for Neighborhood of the Year Program

The Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA), Leon County and the City of Tallahassee are seeking applicants for their annual Neighborhood Recognition Program, which honors the accomplishments and the successes of great neighborhoods – the foundation of this growing community.



Applications and nomination forms for Leon County's 2012 Neighborhood of the Year Program are available online at www.LeonCountyFL.gov. The application deadline is **Friday, March 23, 2012, at 5 p.m.** Late submissions will not be considered. For more information, please contact Leon County Community and Media Relations at (850) 606-5300 / cmr@leoncountyfl.gov.

March 2012

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 8 Minority Women & Small Business Enterprise Small Business Bonding and Insurance Workshop**
6 p.m., Renaissance Center, 435 N. Macomb St., 2nd Floor Conference Room
- 13 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting***
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing***
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 15 End-of-Session Legislative Dialogue Community Meeting**
7:30 a.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., Commission Chambers
- Citizen Engagement Series - "Balancing Budgets and Exercising Fiscal Stewardship: Making Hard Choices in Challenging Times"**
6 p.m., Leon County Health Department, Richardson and Lewis Building, 872 W. Orange Avenue
- 26 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) Meeting**
11 a.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)**
1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams Street, 2nd Floor Commission Chambers
- Blueprint 2000 / Intergovernmental Agency Meeting**
3 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams Street, 2nd Floor Commission Chambers
- 29 Leon County Sales Tax Committee Meeting**
4 p.m., Renaissance Center, 435 N. Macomb St., 2nd Floor Conference Room

*Live television broadcast available on Comcast Channel 16; webcast available anytime at www.LeonCountyFL.gov.