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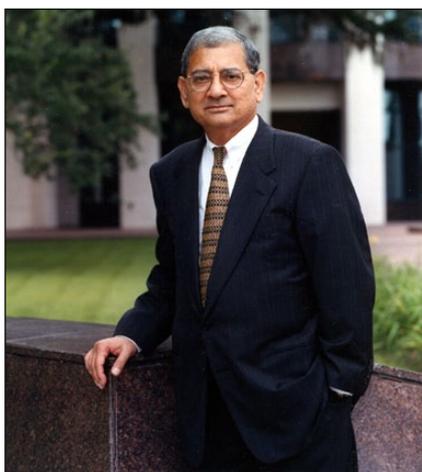
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## Veteran County Administrator Parwez Alam Retires

Board Selects Long-Time Deputy County Administrator Vincent Long as Replacement



Parwez Alam

An emotional County Commission recently accepted the resignation of Parwez Alam, affectionately called "PA," the Leon County Administrator of 22 years and one of the longest-serving administrators in Florida. Alam's last day will be June 29.

Commissioners held a deliberate dialogue about the future of the County and how they would fill their top position, discussing their individual

and collective reasoning regarding a selection process, as well as the challenges that lay ahead for the County in these uncertain times.

The Board selected long-time Deputy County Administrator Vincent S. Long to serve as Alam's successor. Long has worked for Leon County for more than 16 years under the mentorship of Alam and has helped build the County into one of the best managed and most respected county governments in Florida.

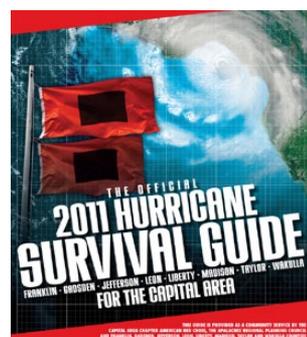
During this time, Long has been the lead staff person on some of the County's most important policy and management issues, including the creation and oversight of Leon County EMS; the creation of the Office of Sustainability; the consolidation and transformation of Leon County Tourism; and the functional consolidation of Leon County EMS and City of Tallahassee Fire Department. He officially begins June 30.



Vincent S. Long

## Area Leaders Announce Beginning of Hurricane Season, Stress Preparedness

Today marks the beginning of the 2011 hurricane season, and Leon County wants its residents to be prepared. The annual Hurricane Survival Guide, which has been distributed in local and regional publications and is available at [www.HaveAHurricanePlan.com](http://www.HaveAHurricanePlan.com), will help residents make important decisions both before and after a storm.



From deciding whether to stay or go when a storm is headed toward the region to knowing what supplies to keep on hand, the Survival Guide is essential for County residents. The best time to prepare for a storm is now. For more information, contact Leon County Emergency Management at (850) 488-5921.

## County Names 2011 Neighborhood Recognition Award Winners



Vice-Chairman Akin Akinyemi presents Majestic Oaks, Golden Pheasant and Killearn Homes with awards on May 9.

Leon County named Patricia Kees-Saffer as the 2011 County Neighbor of the Year at the Council of Neighborhood Associations' 31st Annual Meeting and Awards Reception.

Golden Pheasant was named the winner of the Small Neighborhood of the Year category for the County; Killearn Homes won for the Large Neighborhood category, and Majestic Oaks took top honors for the County's unincorporated category. For more information, contact the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300.

## Leon County's Project SEARCH Makes History

Program for Students with Disabilities Graduates its First Class June 3rd



After 10 months and three internship rotations, 10 Leon County students will soon become the first graduating class of the Leon County Project SEARCH Program. Project SEARCH is a national employment model designed to help individuals with disabilities gain work experience, be competitive and transition into full-time work, and the new program under the Leon County Board of County Commissioners will be holding its first graduation ceremony June 3.

Leon County is only the third government in the country to host Project SEARCH, and it is the only public or private agency in the Big Bend area that offers this program. The graduates will receive a certificate to mark their successful completion of the program on Friday, June 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Frenchtown Renaissance Center, 435 N Macomb St.

For more information, contact Leon County Project SEARCH Coordinator LaKendra Cunningham at (850) 606-2416 or the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300.

## Press the Chest CPR 2011



Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS), in collaboration with the American Heart Association, Capital Regional Medical Center, Tallahassee Memorial Hospital's Bixler Emergency Center, the Southeastern School of Health Sciences and Cumulus Broadcasting, will host "Press the

Chest 2011," a communitywide CPR event, on Saturday, June 4, at the Leon County Civic Center, 505 W. Pensacola St., from 10 a.m. until 12 noon.

EMS personnel will be teaching the new recommendations for Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), an emergency rescue procedure, which were updated by the American Heart Association in 2010. The previous recommendation of A-B-C (Airway-Breathing-Compressions) method has been changed to C-A-B (Compressions-Airway-Breathing). Participants will also be taught the importance of high-quality CPR and doing CPR correctly.

Each participant of "Press the Chest 2011" will receive an American Heart Association "CPR Anytime" kit, which contains a CPR manikin, DVD and educational materials and supplies. These kits are for the participant to keep and to encourage them to train family and friends.

For more information, please contact EMS Capt. Sally Davis at (850) 606-2113 or [DavisSal@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:DavisSal@leoncountyfl.gov). To register for the event, go to [www.leoncountyfl.gov/LCEMS](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/LCEMS).

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## June 2011

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 14 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing**  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 20 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)**  
12 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)**  
1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- Blueprint 2000 Intergovernmental Agency (IA)**  
3 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 27 Board of County Commissioners FY 2012 Budget Workshop**  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 28 Board of County Commissioners FY 2012 Budget Workshop**  
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers (only if needed)
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Joint City/County Commission Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2011-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers