



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



January 2019 News & Updates

Welcome to our Leon County District 3 e-newsletter. We'll strive to make this monthly message a valuable source of information for you about upcoming events, current issues, and exciting projects in our community. If you have friends and family who might be interested in receiving this info each month, please ask them to sign up at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor.

In the coming months, your County Commission will deliberate next year's budget and comprehensive plan / land use proposals. I'll do my best to keep you informed as things progress, and please don't hesitate to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Jodi Wilkof, if you have any comments or suggestions.

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

All the best,

Rick Minor

Commissioner, Leon County District 3

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Upcoming Events

- **TODAY** (Thursday, January 31) - **Rick's Mobile Office Hours**, 5:30-7:00 p.m. - Country Kitchen (See Below for Details)
- **TODAY** (Thursday, January 31) - **Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Public Meeting**, 5:30-7:00 p.m. - Jack McClean Community Center; Click [HERE](#) to learn more.
- Saturday, February 2 - **Spring Seed Library Kickoff**, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m - Northeast Branch Library (See Below for Details)
- Sunday, February 10 - **African-American Read-In**, 2:00-4:00 p.m. - Leroy Collins Leon County Main Library (See Below for Details)
- Tuesday, February 12 - **Board of County Commissioners Regular Board Meeting**, 3:00 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers
- Tuesday, February 19 - **Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency**, 1:30 p.m. - City Hall, 2nd Floor Commission Chambers

Leon County Board Retreat

On Monday, December 10th, Rick attended his first Board retreat, and proposed three strategic initiatives, all of which were unanimously approved by the Board:

- To promote and build upon citizen engagement by finding additional ways to increase quantity and quality of citizen input;
- To add education kiosks at boat landings to provide public information on algae blooms, fishing advisories, invasive species and water quality;



- To work with the Sheriff's Office to coordinate an alert system for local day care centers, preschools and private schools.

Read more about the retreat [here](#).

Leon County wants YOUR ideas!

Since 2017, Leon County Government has implemented more than 200 citizen ideas to improve the programs we offer. From Parks and Recreation, to Library Services, to VolunteerLEON, we're continuously looking to engage citizens as co-creators of our one-of-a-kind community.



Please send YOUR ideas to [Rick](#) or [complete this form](#).

Can't remember that one great idea just now? Download the Citizens Connect mobile app from the App Store or Google Play and you can send us your bright ideas on the go!

[App Store](#) | [Google Play](#)

Citizens Committee Website

Leon County recently redesigned our Citizen Committee website. The new page makes it very easy and intuitive to learn about committees, find current and future vacancies, and apply to serve.



Check out the redesigned site [HERE](#).

Soul Santa

Rick joined many other public officials for the annual "Soul Santa" event, at the LeVerne Payne Community Center. Thank you to the City of Tallahassee and all of the volunteers who brought so much happiness to the children who attended.



Spring Seed Library

Visit the Northeast Branch Library on Saturday, February 2 from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. to check out seed packets and get gardening tips.

This fun and educational opportunity is a collaborative effort between the [Library System](#), [Sustainable Tallahassee](#), and the [UF/IFAS Leon Extension](#). Learn more [HERE](#).



Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Public Meeting

The CRTPA and Blueprint will be hosting a Public Meeting at the Jack McLean Community Center on January 31 from 5:30 - 7:30 PM to receive citizen suggestions on bicycle,



pedestrian, and other transportation needs, concerns, or desires for the following corridors:.

- Springhill Road (Capital Circle, SW to North Lake Bradford Road)
- North Lake Bradford Road (Stadium Drive to Orange Avenue)
- South Lake Bradford Road (Capital Circle, SW to Orange Avenue)

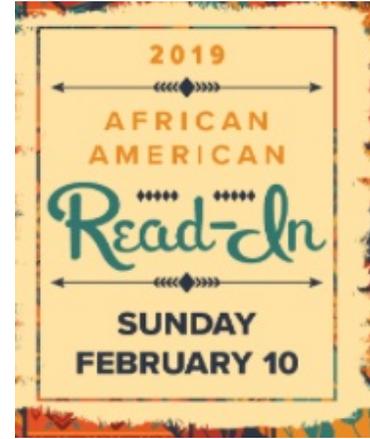
For more information, click [HERE](#)

African American Read-In

Celebrate Black History Month with Leon County at the African American Read-In. Throughout the afternoon, hear book selections across a variety of genres by African American authors. Join the discussion about the impact of African American literature while sharing your favorites and impressions.

Sunday, February 10, 2019, 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Leroy Collins Leon County Main Library
200 West Park Avenue

For more information visit [HERE](#) or call (850) 606-2665.



MLK Foundation Honoree

Rick was recognized as an honoree at the MLK Foundation's annual celebration in honor of Dr. King's birthday

The MLK Foundation has served the Leon County Community for over 30 years, striving for equality, freedom, and non-violence for all citizens.



This Month in Leon County History

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

[Click here to find out about the Grand Opening of the Leon Hotel in January 1883, and the fascinating story behind the hotel.](#)



District 3 Neighbor Spotlight: Patricia Armstrong

Each month, we highlight a District 3 resident of interest. This month's Neighbor Spotlight is **Patricia Armstrong**, an Autism Navigator Coach with the FSU Autism Institute.

Learn more about Patricia and the cutting edge work she is doing [HERE](#).



Pets of Leon County

This month's featured pets are **Max** and **Rudy**, who live in **Woodgate**, in District 3. [Click here](#) to learn about these two adorable dogs and thank you to **Ilana Palazesi** for sharing them!

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](#).



"We're Bringing Our Office To You!"



WFSU's Tom Flanagan interviewing Rick at his first Mobile Office Hours at Salty Dawg.

Mobile Office Hours

Between the day Rick was elected and the day he was sworn-in, he held three "Mobile Office Hours" sessions. These are great opportunities for constituents to come and discuss any issues. Our mobile office hours are typically held in neighborhood restaurants and coffee shops -- they're informal and no appointment is needed.

Our next "Mobile Office Hours" will be **TODAY** (Thursday, January 31, 2019) from **5:30 pm - 7:00 pm** on , at **Country Kitchen**, 3840 North Monroe Street (in the same plaza as the Lake Jackson Community Center). Special guests include Sherry Carpenter ([Lake Jackson Aquatic Preserve Manager](#)) and Johnny Richardson (Leon County Water Quality Scientist). Please stop by if you can!