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Leon County Commissioner  
District 5

Dear Friends,

There are some great things happening around our County and I wanted to include a few updates for you. I hope that my newsletters are informative and that they give you a small glimpse in to how your County government is working.



If there is ever anything I can help you with, please feel free to call me (850) 606-5375 or just email me at [dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:dozierk@leoncountyfl.gov). You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

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## Community Events

The month of April is always a busy time for our community and this year is no different!

It was great to see so many people attend [Springtime Tallahassee](#), [Word of South](#), [LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival](#) and [Southern Shakespeare Festival](#).

Thanks to the staff, volunteers and sponsors who organized these fantastic events!

And the fun continues this coming weekend with the [Health Communities Festival](#) at Cascades Park, the [Tallahassee Jazz & Blues Festival](#) at the Tallahassee Museum and the [Tallahassee Symphony's, Pops in the Park](#) at Cascades Park, just to name a few.

These events are a reminder of our diverse community and the immense talent that we have here in Leon County. These events also attract visitors from across the region and serve as a great economic engine that helps to build and sustain our local economy.

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## 2016-17 County Budget

Every year the County Commission must develop and pass a budget to fund essential services. Next Tuesday marks the beginning of that process with the first of three budget workshops. The budget workshops provide an opportunity for our staff to present the economic outlook for the upcoming fiscal year and for the Board to discuss specific programs and services. There will be many opportunities for citizens to participate in this process and, as always, we will keep you updated in future Newsletters.



Below are some preliminary projections for the upcoming budget:

### **Property Taxes**

The preliminary budget calls for no increase in the government-levied millage rates for the upcoming year.

### **Other Budget Highlights**

Increased funding for social service agencies through the Community Human Service Partnership (CHSP) for a total of \$1.2 million.

Establishment of a \$1 million economic development incentive fund for the newly created Office of Economic Vitality. The County's portion would be \$500,000 with an equal match from the City.

To view the entire Budget Workshop packet, [click here](#)

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## WFSU-FM Spring Pledge Drive

On Thursday, April 21, I will be an on-air host for the WFSU Radio Spring Membership Drive and I need your help to reach my goal! Tune in to 88.9 FM, and if you're out of area you can listen live at [WFSU.org](http://WFSU.org).

Please consider donating during my shift tomorrow. It's simple...just call in to 850-644-WFSU (9378) or toll free at 1-877-999-WFSU. If you can't call tomorrow you can also donate right now by clicking [this link](#).

This Friday is the final day of Pledge Drive, so I hope you will consider supporting WFSU and all of their wonderful programming that they provide to our community.

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## Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the following Leon County Committee vacancies.

Applications for appointment can be completed online [here](#) or downloaded, completed, and either e-mailed or faxed to -- Fax: (850) 606-5301 or Email: [HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov)

- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
  - CareerSource Capital Region
  - Contractors Licensing and Examination Board
  - Development Support & Environmental Management Citizens User Group
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## Events in the Community

April 22 - [Boz Scaggs](#) at the Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (8:00pm) - Ticket prices vary

April 22-23 - [Days of Dance](#), presented by the FSU School of Dance at the Nancy Smith Fichter Dance Theater - Performance times and ticket prices vary

April 22-23 - [North Florida Homeless/At-Risk Veterans Stand Down](#) at the North Florida Fair Grounds

April 23 - [Leon County EMS Safety Fair](#) at Governor's Square Mall (10:00am) - FREE

April 23 - [Honor Flight Car Show](#) fundraiser hosted by the Tallahassee Car Club at the Department of Transportation located off Apalachee Parkway, near Cascades Park (10:00am-2:00pm)

April 24 - Legal Services of North Florida's [40th Anniversary Celebration Brunch](#) at the DoubleTree Hotel (1:00pm)

April 26 - [The Tallahassee Winds](#) in concert at Opperman Music Hall (7:30pm) - FREE

April 30 - [8th Annual Nene Fest](#) and 5k & Fun Run at Optimist Park (3:00pm-9:00pm)

April 30 - [Honor Flight Welcome Home Celebration](#) at the Flightline Group hangar (7:00pm)

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

### April 26, 2016

9:00am: Budget Policy Workshop (Budget Workshop agenda [here](#))

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting (view the Commission agenda [here](#))

The Leon County Commission generally meets every other Tuesday at 3pm on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse. (Commission schedules and agendas are listed [here](#).) Residents can view live coverage of Commission meetings on Comcast channel 16 or stream it live through the [County's website](#). All meetings are open to the public.

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## Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

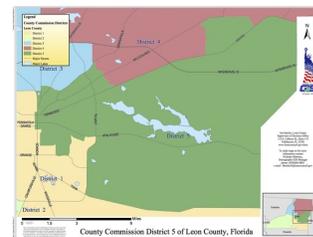
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