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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

I hope you will find time to get out and explore our wonderful community. Whether you are looking to visit one of our great local parks, or the new Smokey Hollow Barber Shop at Cascades or attend one of our many great local events, you can always find something to do on the [Visit Tallahassee website](#).

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. You can also find me on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

P.S. You're receiving this newsletter because you inquired about government services in the past. If you do not want to receive future newsletters, please click the "unsubscribe" button at the bottom of this email.



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Word of South Festival*

Public Hearing to Consider Background Checks and a Waiting Period for Private Gun Sales in Leon County

At our last County Commission meeting, staff brought us an agenda item with options that would require background checks on all buyers in private gun sales and impose between a 3- to 5-day waiting period for private gun sales. Voters approved an amendment to Florida's Constitution in 1998 giving counties the authority to require criminal history checks for any firearm sale. Currently,

private gun sellers at gun shows or garage sales are not required to run the mandatory three to five day background checks that public gun dealers do, which is commonly referred to as the [Gun Shop Loophole](#).

The Commission unanimously approved moving forward with an ordinance requiring background checks and imposing a 3- to 5-day waiting period for gun sales when any part of the transaction is conducted on property which is open to public access. A Public Hearing to vote on the proposed ordinance is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 10th at 6:00 pm**. The public hearing will allow us to hear from residents on this issue and take a final vote on the ordinance.

The ordinance would be enforced by local law enforcement and code inspectors within their jurisdiction. Law enforcement would make arrests or issue a Notices to Appear (NTAs) for those individuals not in compliance. Code Inspectors would attend gun shows and if a violation of the Ordinance is witnessed the inspector would immediately contact law enforcement.

I am confident that we can and should find a way to make this happen. I am aware that this does not solve all of the problems, but it is one piece of the puzzle and we should do all we can to keep our community safe while protecting individual rights.

County Commission to Award Bid to Formally Close the Solid Waste Landfill

At our upcoming Commission meeting on Tuesday, April 10, we will vote on a bid to formally close the landfill site to the burying of any future waste. **The bid award will be made to COMANCO Environmental Corp., the lowest responsive bid received.**

In July 2015, the Commission accepted a status report in which we moved forward with the phased closure of the landfill and developed a long-term master plan for the Apalachee Regional Park.

The Board has been putting money aside for years in a special fund, contemplating this closure. And based on diligent work by staff, we have already seen a cost savings of more than \$4.5 million from the initial proposed budget, with some of the work already completed by County employees.

This closure project includes all the materials, commodities, supplies and labor to properly cover the remaining portions of the landfill site previously used to bury waste. The project will include:

- Hauling/spreading
25,500
truckloads
of
dirt
(**more
than
50%
of
hauling
has
been
completed**);

- 64
acres
(or
2.8
million
square
feet)
of
a
physical
cover
to
be
placed
over
the
landfill;
- A
second
64
acre
physical
cover
of
Geocomposite
plastic
placed
over
the
landfill;
- A
final
layer
of
top
soil
(3,000
truck-
loads)
and
turf/sod/hydroseeding
covering
74
acres;
- 4
miles
of
piping
to
ensure
proper
drainage;
- Installation
of
34
passive
gas
wells;

This phase of the landfill closure operation is anticipated to begin in May 2018 and not end until May 2020. Significant process will continue on the implementation of the park master plan during the closure process, and construction of additional amenities are dependent on the closure occurring in 2020.

Join a Citizen Committee Today

Applications are being accepted for these current and upcoming 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: SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov

- Affordable
Housing
Advisory
Committee
 - Architectural
Review
Board
 - Board
of
Adjustment
and
Appeals
 - CareerSource
Capital
Region
Board
 - Minority,
Women,
&
Small
Business
Enterprise
Citizen
Advisory
Committee
 - Planning
Commission
 - Tallahassee
Sports
Council
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Events in the Community

April 12 - **Holocaust Remembrance Day with Guest Speaker, Dr. Kurt Piehler**, presented by the Holocaust Education Resource Council at Congregation Shomrei Torah (7:00pm) - FREE

April 12 - **Medical and Health Care Hiring Fair** presented by CareerSource Capital Region at FSU Turnbull Conference Center (9:30am-12:30pm) - FREE but registration is required

April 12 - **University Philharmonia Concert** presented by Florida State University College of Music at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall (7:30pm) - ticket prices vary

April 12-15 - **You're a Good Man Charlie Brown** presented by the Young Actors Theatre - ticket prices and performance times vary

April 13-15 - **Word of South: A Festival of Literature & Music** at Cascades Park - FREE

April 18 - **Employment and Community Resource Fair** presented by the Florida Dept. of Corrections, Leon County Probation Office & U.S. Probation Office at the North Florida Fairgrounds (9:30am-1:30pm) - FREE

April 18 - **TechEXPO** presented by TalTech Alliance at FSU Turnbull Conference Center (8:00am-4:00pm) - ticket prices vary

April 20, 21, 27 & 28 - **Days of Dance** presented by the FSU School of Dance at The Nancy Smith Fichter Dance Theater - ticket prices and performance times vary

April 21 - **Tallahassee PrideFEST** presented by The Family Tree Community Center at Kleman Plaza (12:00pm-5:00pm) - FREE

April 21-22 - **LeMoyne Chain of Parks Art Festival** presented by LeMoyne Arts in downtown Tallahassee (10:00am-7:00pm) - FREE

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

April 10, 2018

3:00 pm: Leon County Commission (view the Commission agenda [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

6:00 pm: **Public Hearings:**

- Joint
County/City
Adoption,
Transmittal
and
Rezoning
Public
Hearings
on
the
2018
Cycle
Comprehensive
Plan
Amendments

■ Public
Hearing
to
Consider
an
Ordinance
Requiring
Criminal
History
Records
Check
and
Waiting
Period
for
Purchase
of
Firearms

■ Public
Hearing
on
a
Proposed
Ordinance
Amending
the
Official
Zoning
Map
to
Change
the
Zoning
Classification
from
the
Lake
Protection
(LP)
Zoning
District
to
the
Lake
Protection
Node
(LPN)
Zoning
District

■ Public
Hearing
on
Tax
Equity
and
Fiscal
Responsibility
Act

(TEFRA),
Adoption
of
the
Resolution
and
Approval
of
the
Interlocal
Agreement
with
Holy
Comforter
Episcopal
School,
Inc.

■ Public
Hearing
to
Consider
an
Ordinance
to
Provide
for
a
Code
of
Ethics
Upon
Voter
Approval
at
the
November
6,
2018
General
Election

■ Public
Hearing
to
Consider
an
Ordinance
to
Amend
Article
IV
of
Chapter
2
of
the
Code
of
Laws

of
Leon
County,
Florida,
Regarding
the
County
Attorney

April 24, 2018

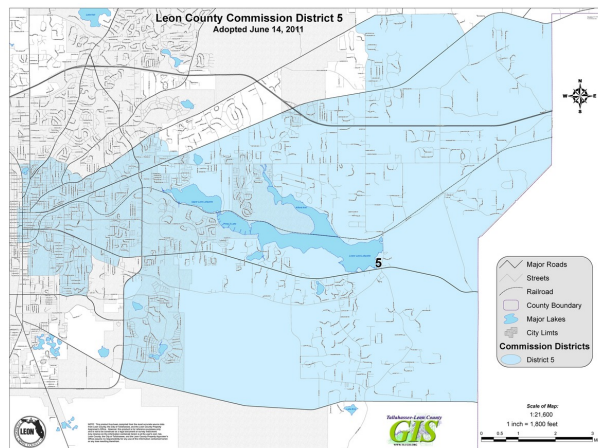
9:00 am - 3:00 pm: Leon County Commission Preliminary Budget Workshop - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

3:00 pm: Leon County Commission (view the Commission agenda [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

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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[Leon County Emergency Information Portal](#)
[Leon County Online Services](#)
[Report a Problem/Request Service](#)
[Leon County Libraries](#)
[Leon County Parks](#)
[Tallahassee/Leon County Nature Trails \(Trailhassee\)](#)



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