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Dear Friends,

Happy New Year! 2015 was a great year and we are off to a good start as we begin 2016, with continued growth in our local economy and new opportunities for our community.

Over the holidays, I spent time reflecting on several news highlights that illustrate the continued growth of our local economy and our focus on entrepreneurs/growing local businesses. I thought I would share the links with you in case you missed them.



Danfoss Turbocor broke ground on a new 50,000 sq. ft. Research and Development facility at Innovation Park. This investment will create new jobs and will host representatives from major companies and introduce them to the benefits of doing business and R&D in Leon County. (Click [here](#) to read the story)

In November, community partners came together for the 3rd year to host events focused on entrepreneurs as part of **E-Month**. Leon County has been part of this effort since the idea was first discussed at our Stakeholders meeting in 2012. (Click [here](#) to read the story)

DOMI Station presented its 2015 Annual Report to the Commission in December. This report highlighted the number of businesses and jobs created by start-ups working with DOMI, including **HWind Scientific LLC** which was acquired by Risk Management Solutions in October. Although RMS is a global company, HWind Scientific will be based in Tallahassee. (Click [here](#) to read the DOMI report)

Click [here](#) to read more about WHind Scientific LLC.

FSU received a \$100 million donation from Jan Moran and The Jim Moran Foundation to create the Jim Moran School of Entrepreneurship. This generous gift will further our efforts to create a thriving entrepreneurial community in Leon County. (Click [here](#) to read the story)

Gov. Scott appointed our very own **Cissy Proctor as Executive Director of Florida's Department of Economic Opportunity**. As someone who understands our local and regional economy, we look forward to working with Director Proctor to increase the State's investment in our area. (Click [here](#) to read the story)

The Tallahassee Democrat reported that our local economy should continue to improve in 2016. 'Bright 2016' with Focus on Growth (Click [here](#) to read the story)

We made a lot of progress in 2015 and I am very hopeful we will see more successes in 2016 and beyond.

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](#).

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Leon County Holds Public Meeting TONIGHT to Discuss Future of Apalachee Regional Park

In 2015, Leon County discontinued landfill activities at the Solid Waste Management facility that shares space with the Apalachee Regional Park. While several Solid Waste services will continue to be offered at the location, including Household

Hazardous Waste collection, Rural Waste Collection Services, free mulch and the Swap Shop, the closure of landfill cells opens opportunities for additional park activities on the property.

A public meeting will be held TONIGHT to seek input on the continued success of Apalachee Regional Park. The meeting is scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Renaissance Center, 435 N. Macomb Street.

Tallahassee Startup Week 2016

Startup Week celebrates the achievements of entrepreneurial communities in cities across the globe. It brings entrepreneurs, local leaders, and friends together over five days to build momentum and opportunity around your community's unique entrepreneurial identity.



[Click here](#) to see a list of all the scheduled events in our community.



LCRDA Members Talk Success, Future Development with WFSU Perspectives

On January 14 at 11 a.m., members of the LCRDA Board of Governors, and LCRDA Executive Director

Ron Miller will join Tom Flannigan in an exclusive interview to discuss the exciting things that have occurred at Innovation Park and the exciting developments you might see in the near future.

Tune in to the interview locally on WFSU's 88.9 or stream it live [here](#).

Leon County Citizen Engagement Series: Let's Balance the Budget!



Leon County will host its "**Lets Balance the Budget!**" simulation game, to let residents

get a first hand look at the types of decisions Leon County Government has to make over the course of the budget process.

The series promotes citizen engagement by hosting innovative ways to interact with County work areas.

Join us on January 28th at 6pm at the LeRoy Collins Main Library. Participants are encouraged to register [here](#).

Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

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

- Adjustment and Appeals Board
- Affordable Housing Advisory Committee
- Development Support & Environmental Management Citizens User Group
- Human Services Grant Review Committee
- Minority, Women & Small Business Enterprise Committee
- Science Advisory Committee
- Water Resource Committee

The application may be completed online [here](#) or downloaded, completed, and either e-mailed or faxed to:

Fax: (850) 606-5301 or Email: HollowayS@LeonCountyFL.gov

Events in the Community

January 8 - February 7 - [Anne Frank Exhibit](#) presented by The Holocaust Education Resource Council at FSU's Museum of Fine Arts - FREE

January 9 - [SCIturday](#) at the Challenger Learning Center – Chemistry for Kids (10:00am)

January 9 - The [Tallahassee Symphony Presents Devotion and Dance](#) at Rudy Diamond Concert Hall (8:00pm) - ticket prices vary

January 10 - 2nd Sunday [Tours of Spring House](#) (2:00pm - 4:00pm) - prices vary

January 16 - "[Robots](#)" in IMAX 3D at Challenger Learning Center - ticket prices vary

January 30 - [Museum of Florida History's](#) Annual Children's Day - FREE

January 30 - Readers Theatre Dinner Performance of Two Gentlemen of Verona, presented by [Literacy Volunteers of Leon County](#) at the Women's Club of Tallahassee (6:00pm - 10:00pm) - ticket prices vary and are available by calling 850-606-2644

Upcoming Commission Meetings & Workshops

January 26, 2016

3:00pm: County Commission Meeting (Commission agenda will be available [here](#) on Monday, Jan. 18)

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.

Helpful Links and District 5 Amenities

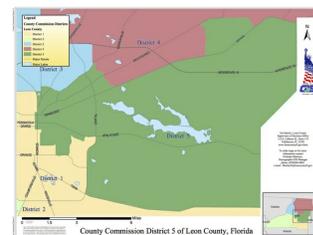
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