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Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

As we settle in to summertime, it seems like everyone is busy and the 'summer break' is a thing of the past, but I hope you get a chance to relax with family and friends, and escape the heat as often as possible.

At tomorrow's County Commission meeting we will consider several critical issues including modifying our Animal Ordinance to strengthen rules regarding tethering and to establish an Animal Abuse Registry. We will also consider a Paid Parental Leave program for Leon County employees and ratify actions taken at our 2018 Budget Workshop.



*Photo Credit: Bob Howard from 2017
Word of South Festival*

I am also excited to present Proclamations recognizing Chef Shackfrica 'Shac' Simmons as the winner of the Food Network's Show Chopped and the 25th Anniversary of Capital Medical Society's We Care Network. As always, you can find a link to the full agenda below and we will provide updated information on some of these issues in future newsletters.

Although the County Commission will not meet again until September, many of the Boards I have been appointed to will continue to meet this summer and, as always, Gary and I along with our County staff will be here should you need anything this summer.

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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National Disability Voter Registration Week

July 17-21, 2017 has been designated as National Disability Voter Registration Week. The Leon County Supervisor of Elections and Leon County Government have joined together to promote this week with vote machine demonstrations and a series of voter registration drives at each of our library locations.

Our libraries are a great place to learn how to use official voting machines and to get registered to vote. These exercises allow new and potential voters time to recognize the ease of use, flexibility and security of the voting machines.

Voting machine demonstrations & voter registration drive

Sunday, July 16 - 3 pm to 6 pm

Main Library, LeRoy Collins Public Library, 200 W. Park Ave.

Monday, July 17 - 3 pm to 6 pm

Main Library, LeRoy Collins Public Library

Tuesday, July 18 - Noon to 3 pm

Voter registration drive

Woodville Branch Library, 8000 Old Woodville Rd.

Jane G. Sauls Fort Braden Branch Library, 16327 Blountstown Highway

Wednesday, July 19 - Noon to 3 pm

Voter registration drive

Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library, 2817 S. Adams St.

Lake Jackson Branch Library, 3840 N. Monroe St., Suite 300

Friday, July 21 - Noon to 3 pm

Voter registration drive

Northeast Branch Library, 5513 Thomasville Rd.

Eastside Branch Library, 1583 Pedrick Rd.

Apalachee Regional Planning Council/Florida Regional Planning Council

In December of 2016, I was appointed to the [Apalachee Regional Planning Council](#) (ARPC) and to the [Florida Regional Planning Council Association](#)

(FRPCA).

The Regional Planning Councils have historically focused on regional development and land planning. However, in recent years, ARPC like most of the 10 Regional Planning Councils in Florida, has dramatically expanded services and coordination among the nine (9) counties in our Apalachee Region.



Today, ARPC provides counties and cities in the Big Bend a range of services from economic development and emergency planning to transportation and technical assistance. The ARPC also provides Board members with an opportunity to improve coordination and communication among the nine (9) counties and many cities in the Big Bend.

We have a unique opportunity to collaborate with our neighbors across the Big Bend to manage our growth and protect our environment in a way that prepares us for the coming storms, help local businesses, improve transportation and expand industries like oyster ranches and bike tourism. I am excited to be a member of the Apalachee Regional Planning Council Board of Directors and look forward to working with the Board and Staff.

Join a Citizen Advisory Committee Today

Currently, applications are being accepted for the 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

- Citizens
Charter
Review
Committee
- Code
Enforcement
Board
- Water
Resources
Committee

Events in the Community

July 10 - [African Caribbean Dance Theatre](#) presented by Leon County Public Library at LeRoy Collins Public Library (6:30pm) - FREE

July 10-13 - [Tallahassee Chinese Art Exhibition](#) presented by Foster-Tanner Fine Arts Gallery at Foster-Tanner Fine Arts Gallery- FAMU (10:00am - 4:00pm) - FREE

July 13 - [Teen Thursdays: Library's Got Game: Tabletop Edition](#) presented by Leon County

Public Library at LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library (4:00pm - 6:00pm)

July 15 - [The Dead Keys and the Midtowners](#) - Sundown Summer Concert Series at Capital City Amphitheater at Cascades Park (7:00pm - 10:00pm) - FREE

Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

July 11, 2017

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

6:00pm: Public Hearing(s) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

July 13, 2017

9:30am: Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) meeting (view the CRA agenda [here](#)) - City Hall, City Commission Chambers

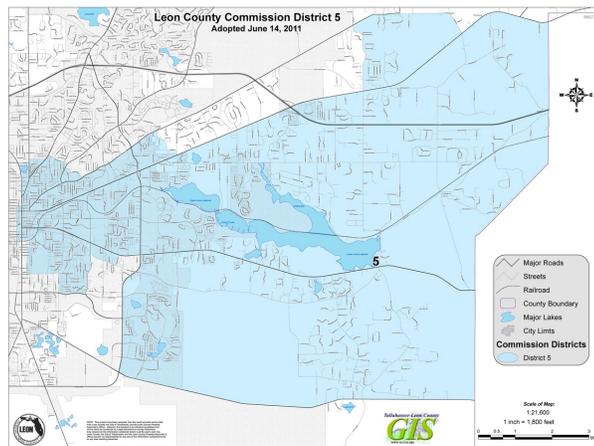
July 20, 2017

10:30am: Apalachee Regional Planning Council (ARPC) meeting - 2507 Callaway Road, Suite 200

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

[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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