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# Kristin Dozier

## Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

Earlier this week I was able to see firsthand the damage that the tornado caused in the eastern part of our county. I met with several people who were directly impacted by the destruction - they lost homes, vehicles and personal possessions. One resident mentioned that what probably saved his life was the weather alert he received on his cell phone just moments before his house was struck. He and his family were able seek shelter in their kitchen pantry where they rode out the tornado.



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

In the last three years we have experienced three hurricanes and now, a tornado. It's more important than ever to be prepared. Leon County government will continue to work hard every day to provide residents with the information necessary to make sure you are ready and prepared for the next event.

I would encourage all of you to check out the various weather App's that available for mobile devices and determine which one might work best for you. You can also stay connected by signing up for alerts through Leon County's [Emergency Information Portal](#).

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](#).

*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.*

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kristin Dozier'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Kristin' and last name 'Dozier' clearly legible.



## Baum Community Tornado

The EF-3 tornado that touched down last week was only on the ground for seven minutes, but the destruction was extensive. Five homes along Steeds Run, Jefferson Road and Driftwood Circle were completely destroyed. Six additional homes sustained major damage, four incurred minor damage and five properties were affected with non-structural damage.

This was the strongest tornado to affect Leon County since 1945 and only the second EF-3 tornado in Leon County in the same time span.

In response to the devastation, the County Commission took quick action by declaring a local state of emergency. As part of a comprehensive package to help storm victims recover, the Commission has waived permit fees for all repairs and rebuilding efforts and permits can now be applied for **after** the work commences.

Leon County will also prioritize eligible homeowners for funding for home replacements and repairs through the State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) program. The SHIP program provides funds to low-income people up to \$125,000 for home replacements and up to \$50,000 for home repairs.

Leon County Public Works staff along with Leon County EMS crews and the Leon County Sheriff's Office responded to the area immediately after the tornado. Public Works crews cleared debris from roads and right-of-ways and will continue to pick-up debris.

County Emergency Management teams were also in the field immediately following the storm and are still working with homeowners to finalize damage assessments.

Leon County Volunteer Services will also continue to coordinate with local nonprofit organizations providing disaster assistance and property debris removal.

**To find out about assistance call [211 Big Bend](tel:211) at 2-1-1 or [850-617-6333](tel:850-617-6333). If you'd like to volunteer with the cleanup call [Leon County Volunteer Services](tel:850-606-1970) at 850-606-1970.**

[View more photos of the destruction caused by the tornado.](#)

## Appointment to the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Statewide Water Policy Committee

I'm excited to announce that I was appointed by FAC President, Karson Turner to serve on the FAC Statewide Water Policy



Committee. The committee, made up of 37 County Commissioners from across the state, will help determine policy and recommendations for legislators and the Governor to consider.

This appointment coincides with the work I am doing locally to reimagine our approach to water issues in Leon County. We must take a holistic approach to the issue and include a process to assess our policies, identify emerging issues and engage residents about one of the most important issues facing our community and state.

The first meeting of the new FAC Water Policy Committee will take place on March 27th here in Tallahassee. I will keep you updated about our progress.

[Read the recent article about my appointment.](#)

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## Leon County's Summer Youth Program

Leon County, in partnership with CareerSource, presents its Summer Youth Training Program. The Summer Youth Training Program is open to youth between the ages of 14 and 24. The five week program provides an opportunity to earn money while gaining valuable work experience, skills-oriented training and career exposure.

Selected participants will be required to work 20 hours a week and will earn \$8.46 per hour. The program will run from Monday, June 10, through Friday, July 12. Applications will be available starting Monday, February 25, and are due Friday, March 29 by 5 p.m.

For additional information about the program, [click here](#).

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## Join a Citizen Committee Today

If you are looking for new ways to get involved with your local government, consider applying for a Leon County citizen committee. Applications are being accepted for these current and upcoming Leon County Committee vacancies:

[Board of Adjustment & Appeals](#)  
[CareerSource Capital Region](#)  
[Contractors Licensing & Examination Board](#)  
[Water Resources Committee](#)

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](mailto:SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov)

[Check out all current & future committee vacancies here](#)

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## Events in the Community

March 16 - [Kid's Day Free](#) at the Challenger Learning Center (FREE)

March 23 - Leon County [Sustainable Community Summit](#) at the J.R. Alford Greenway - 9:00am until 1:30pm ([Register Here](#))

March 29-30 - [Springtime Tallahassee](#) at various locations in downtown Tallahassee (FREE)

March 31 - Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra presents [Ode to Understanding](#) featuring the Morehouse College Glee Club and FAMU Concert Choir at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall - 3:30pm ([Purchase Tickets Here](#))

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## Upcoming Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

### March 19, 2019

1:30 pm: Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (view the CRTPA agenda [here](#)) - City Commission Chambers, Tallahassee City Hall

### March 28, 2019

10:00 am: Apalachee Regional Planning Council (view the ARPC agenda [here](#) when available) - UF/IFAS North Florida Research & Education Center, Quincy

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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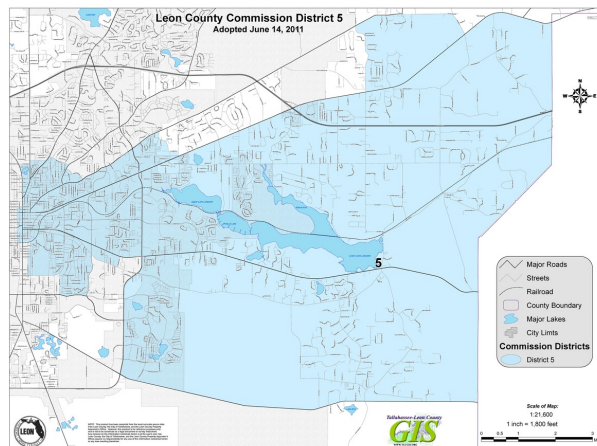
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*District 5 Map - [click to enlarge](#)*

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