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## Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

On Tuesday, May 8th, the Commission will meet to discuss several issues that are very important to our community. We will discuss the findings of the recent **ALICE Report** completed by the United Way. The report focuses on people who work, earn more than the Federal Poverty Level, but can barely cover the basics: housing, child care, food, health care and transportation.

I have provided more details in this newsletter about the **ALICE Report** and other agenda items that the Commission will be considering. I am also including an update on the Magnolia Drive Multi-Use Trail project in District 5.



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

Leon County government will also host a public meeting tonight (May 7th) to discuss the permanent closure of the landfill and the **Master Plan** for Apalachee Regional Park. Even with the permanent closure of the landfill, the **Rural Waste Center** currently located on-site will remain open to all residents.

The meeting will be held at **Woodrun Baptist Church** (8203 Apalachee Parkway). Key county staff will be available to answer questions and provide project updates.

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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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.

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## Magnolia Drive Trail Update and Inclusion of Underground Electric Utility Lines

I wanted to provide an update on this project and include information about the recent decision by the Blueprint Inter-Governmental Agency to include underground electric utility lines as a part of this project.

The original design concept for the Magnolia Drive project included a 10-foot multi-use trail directly behind the curb & gutter. Modifications to the original design will now include:

- 4'  
planted  
buffer  
with  
8'  
trail  
from  
Monroe  
St.  
to  
Meridian  
St.
- 3'  
planted  
buffer  
with  
7'  
trail  
from  
Meridian  
St.  
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Pontiac  
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Magnolia)

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Apalachee  
Pkwy.  
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side  
of  
Magnolia)

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Ave.  
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side

then  
West  
side)

The plans under the original design from Monroe St. to Apalachee Pkwy. reached the 90% stage. This redesign will require an additional 6 weeks to reach the 90% design phase (June 2018). At the 90% design phase and additional Right-of-Way (ROW) needs beyond the ones identified with the prior design will be known and that process will begin.

Typically, ROW acquisition requires 12-18 months and during the acquisition period the design plans and permitting will be finalized and readied for bid and construction.

The City of Tallahassee is designing the underground electric and will be coordinated with the consultants for the Multi-Use Trail design. The underground electric will require additional ROW for installation. The County is anticipating Fall to Winter 2019 to begin construction.

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## Workshop on the United Way of Florida's 2017 Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Report

On Tuesday, May 8th the Commission will hold a Workshop to discuss the findings of the recent ALICE Report from the United Way. The report provides county-level data on the minimum budget required for household survival and the percentage of households meeting these criteria in various geographic regions of Leon County.

Part of our discussions will focus on some of these key findings:

- 22% of households earn incomes below the poverty level.
- 19% of households earn above the poverty level but not enough to afford basic necessities.
- 62% of households

that  
rent  
considered  
"cost  
burdened"  
(spend  
more  
than  
30%  
of  
income  
on  
housing  
expenses).

Representatives from the United Way and other organizations that serve low-income households will participate in the workshop.

Click [here](#) to view the entire ALICE Report.

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## Leon County to Strengthen Hurricane Sheltering Operations

The County Commission will take up an agenda item at this week's meeting that will strengthen the plan for sheltering operations during a hurricane.

The tri-party agreement between the County, the School District and the Red Cross, lays out the responsibilities of each entity and the day-to-day duties starting 5-days out from a storm's impact.

The agreement also designates two types of shelters:

1. Host shelters  
- intended for people fleeing from other areas of the state.
2. Risk shelters  
- intended as a last resort for Leon County

residents  
in  
the  
direct  
path  
of  
a  
storm.

**Under the agreement, Leon County will:**

- \* Direct the opening of all risk shelters;
- \* Request resources from the State of Florida;
- \* Direct the FL Department of Health to open special needs shelters;
- \* Lead pet accessible shelters through coordination with the Big Bend Disaster Response Team.

**Under the agreement, the School District will:**

- \* Provide the facilities to shelter evacuees;
- \* Designate and train staff to work at the shelters.

**Under the plan, the Red Cross will:**

- \* Recruit, train and employ volunteers for the shelters and provide shelter managers;
- \* Operate all host shelters;
- \* Provide food and resources at all shelters.

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## Leon County's Participation in the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Expansion of Greater Frenchtown/Southside CRA

At Tuesday's meeting, the County Commission will consider a proposal to restructure the CRA and end the County's participation on the CRA board. If approved the restructuring plan will include:

- Discontinuing  
the  
County's  
financial  
contributions  
to  
the  
Downtown  
CRA  
district  
in  
FY  
2023;
- Equalizing  
the  
County's  
millage  
rate  
contribution  
to

the  
City's  
millage  
rate  
for  
the  
Frenchtown/Southside  
CRA  
District;

- Expanding  
the  
boundaries  
of  
the  
Frenchtown/Southside  
CRA  
to  
include  
South  
City,  
Orange  
Avenue  
and  
Springhill  
Road  
areas;

- Extending  
the  
term  
of  
the  
Frenchtown/Southside  
CRA  
from  
2030  
to  
2038;

- Discontinuing  
the  
County's  
participation  
on  
the  
governing  
body  
of  
the  
CRA.

**Approval of this restructuring plan will provide long-term savings to the County of \$23 million by reducing the County's annual contributions to the CRA.**

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**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](mailto:SmachM@LeonCountyFL.gov)

- Affordable  
Housing  
Advisory  
Committee
- Architectural  
Review  
Board
- CareerSource  
Capital  
Region  
Board
- Planning  
Commission
- Water  
Resources  
Committee

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## Events in the Community

May 12-13 - [Southern Shakespeare Festival](#) at Cascades Park - performance times vary - FREE

May 12-13 - The [Tallahassee Ballet's Swan Lake & Other Works](#) at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall - performance time and ticket prices vary

May 16 - [Innovation Park TechGrant Pitch Night](#) at Goodwood Museum and Gardens Carriage House (5:30pm-7:30pm) - registration required - FREE

May 24 - [Guardian Ad Litem Foundation Volunteer Appreciation Reception](#) at Holy Mother of God Greek Orthodox Church, 1645 Phillips Rd. (5:30pm-7:30pm) - FREE

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

### May 8, 2018

1:00 pm: Workshop on the United Way ALICE Report (view the Workshop materials [here](#)) - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

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

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



- 1). First & Only Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance Amending Official Zoning Map to Change Zoning Classification from Single Family Two-Family Residential (R-3) Zoning District to Office Residential (OR-2) Zoning District (5819 W. Tennessee St.)
- 2). First & Only Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Amending Official Zoning Map to Change Zoning Classification from Residential Acre (RA) Zoning District to Single Family Two-Family Residential (R-3) Zoning District (3700 Deshazier Lane)
- 3). Second & Final Public Hearing on Proposed Ordinance Amending Official Zoning Map to Change the Zoning Classification from Urban Fringe (UF) District to Rural (R) District (East Mahan Dr.)

### May 15, 2018

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

### May 22, 2018

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

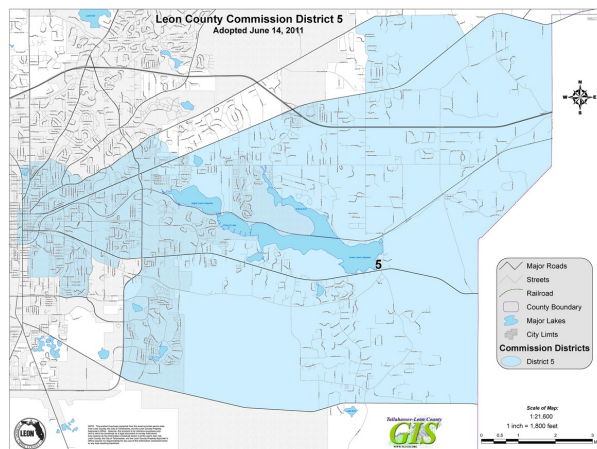
### May 24, 2018

9:30 am: Community Redevelopment Agency (view the CRA agenda [here](#) when available) - City Hall, City 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](#)
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- [Tallahassee/Leon County Nature Trails \(Trailhassee\)](#)



*District 5 Map - click to enlarge*



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