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## Leon County Commissioner District 5

Dear Friends:

Next Monday, the Commission will hold the final public hearing on the proposed 2018-19 County Budget. The \$262.5 million budget is an increase of 3.4% over last years budget and accounts for an increase in property values of 5.6% countywide.

The hearing will be held on **Monday, September 24** at 6:00 pm in County Commission Chambers located on the 5th Floor of the County Courthouse (301 N. Monroe St.). The public hearing is open to all residents and it's an opportunity for us to hear from you.

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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Word of South Festival*

### Water Levels in Pedrick Pond

Since early summer, Tallahassee continues to receive its usual steady rains creating situations where water levels in local ponds can be excessive. These levels can create problems to local roads and property.

Recently, this became an issue with the Pedrick Pond adjacent to the Eastside Branch Library. Due to excessive water levels in the pond, Leon County Public Works implemented a plan of pumping water from the pond in to Lake Lafayette. Working with partners at the Northwest Florida Water Management District and in consultation with neighborhoods in the area, pumping started in early September and should conclude next week.

There is approximately one-half mile of pipe along Pedrick Road from the pond through three subdivisions; Jackson Gap, Sedgfield and Lafayette Meadows. Staff continues to monitor the water levels of Alford Arms and Lake Lafayette at Chaires Crossroad to ensure no effects of downstream properties.

#### **Future Water Quantity and Water Quality Projects**

As the [Blueprint 2020](#) penny sales tax funds come online, several large-scale stormwater projects and water quality initiatives will be identified and implemented to help alleviate similar ongoing issues. In addition to these larger scale projects, additional funds from Blueprint 2020 will be set aside for smaller scale projects through the [Livable Infrastructure for Everyone \(LIFE\)](#) program (ex. culvert enlargements, stormwater facilities upgrades, additional fire hydrants, etc.).

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## **Be Ready for the Next Storm**

The last few years we have seen our share of tropical storms and hurricanes pass through our area, but so far this season we have been lucky. Hurricane Season won't officially end until November 30th so we must remain prepared in the event that our community is impacted by a storm.

Here are some helpful links that can help you and your family to be prepared:

[Leon County Emergency Information Portal](#)  
[2018 Leon County Disaster Survival Guide](#)  
[211 Big Bend Disaster Information](#)  
[Statewide Special Needs Registry](#)  
[Florida Division of Emergency Management](#)

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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)

[Advisory Committee on Quality Growth](#)  
[Affordable Housing Advisory Committee](#)  
[CareerSource Capital Region Board](#)  
[Code Enforcement Board](#)  
[Council on Culture & Arts](#)  
[Planning Commission](#)  
[Tallahassee-Leon County Commission on the Status of Women](#)

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## Events in the Community

September 21st - **2018 Downtown GetDown** on Adams Street presented by Tallahassee Downtown - 6:00pm-10:00pm (FREE)

September 23rd - **University Symphony Orchestra** presented by Florida State University College of Music at Ruby Diamond Concert Hall - 3:00pm (ticket prices vary)

September 27th - **2018 Big Bend Heartwalk** presented by the American Heart Association at Cascades Park - 6:00pm (FREE)

September 28th - Elder Care Services presents **OctoberFest** at the Pavilion at the Centre of Tallahassee - 6:30pm (ticket prices vary)

October 2nd - **The Tallahassee Winds** in Concert at Opperman Music Hall - 7:30pm (FREE)

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## Upcoming Commission Meetings, Workshops and Other Boards

### September 20, 2018

3:00 pm: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board Workshop on the Office of Economic Vitality and the Economic Development Strategic Plan (view the agenda [here](#)) - Tallahassee City Commission Chambers in City Hall

5:00pm: Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board Meeting (view the agenda [here](#)) - Tallahassee City Commission Chambers in City Hall

### September 24, 2018

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

### 6:00 pm: Public Hearings

Second Public Hearing on the Tentative Millage Rate and Budgets for FY 18/19.

Public Hearing - N. Monroe Freestanding Emergency Room Type "C" Site & Development Plan.

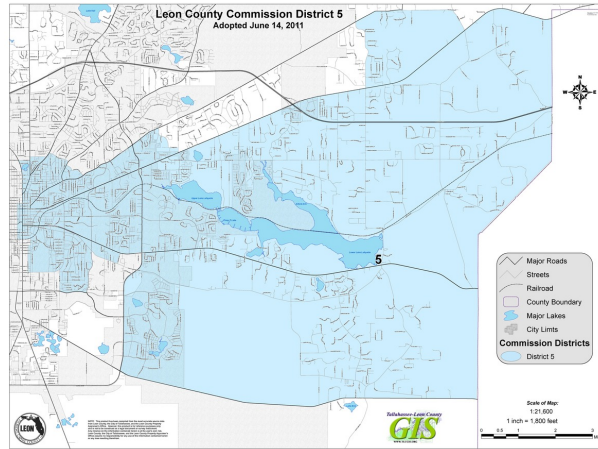
Public Hearing - Consider the Recommended Order on Site & Development Plan Application for Market District Housing.

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



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