



# The Leon County LINK

## Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

### Smart Growth Summit



Leon County is experiencing tremendous growth and development. The County is hosting a Smart Growth Summit to present an opportunity for the community to interact firsthand with local and state planning and growth management officials on matters they face every day and emerging issues that are changing the way business and government will work together in developing Leon County's future. The all-day

seminar will include a diverse range of presenters, including key state and local policy-makers, local planners, and developers. The seminar will examine state growth management mandates, new trends and strategies, transportation concurrency issues, changes to the local Comprehensive Plan, land use, and permitting regulations. Following the seminar, County Commissioners, County staff, and presenters will enjoy a casual reception with participants. For more information and to register today, visit [www.leoncountyfl.gov/smartgrowthsummit](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/smartgrowthsummit).

### County Seeks Public Input on Apalachee Regional Park



Sports teams are already taking advantage of the multi-purpose fields at the County's newest park – the Apalachee Regional Park, located adjacent to the Solid Waste Management Facility, 7550 Apalachee Parkway. There are plans to expand the park and

we want your input. Would you like to see tennis courts, or maybe a walking trail? Let us know by completing a survey at [www.leoncountyfl.gov/parks](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/parks).

Complete park development is several years away due to the need for compatibility with on-going solid waste activities. The County will expand the park in phases as portions of former solid waste disposal areas become available for development. The first phase, which included the construction of the multi-purpose recreation fields at the front west corner of the property, was completed in 2005. A citizens' advisory committee will be reviewing citizen input and making recommendations to the County Commission. The public will have another opportunity to provide input on the plan prior to final adoption. For additional information, please contact Pat Plocek at 606-1470.

### 'KIND' Community Partners Assist Vulnerable Citizens

The start of the 2006 hurricane season is one month away and we all need to be prepared; however, some residents don't have the means to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves from a hurricane or other disaster, due to a disability or advanced age. The KIND initiative, or Knowledge Information & Neighbors in Disaster, aims to increase awareness among this vulnerable population and ensure that they can maintain self-sufficiency for at least 72 hours following a disaster. Volunteers will follow up with these residents throughout the hurricane season to assist in responding to their needs before, during, and after a disaster. The public is invited to learn more about this program at an orientation on Thursday, May 4 at 6 p.m. in the Leon County Community Room, located at 918 Railroad Ave. For more information, visit [www.volunteerleon.org/KIND](http://www.volunteerleon.org/KIND).

### Leon County Health Department Turns 75

The Leon County Health Department (LCHD) has been preventing disease and promoting health in Leon County for 75 years. In fact, LCHD is the oldest health department in continuous operation in Florida. The public is invited to celebrate this achievement by attending a commemoration and open house on Friday, May 19, beginning at 11 a.m. at the Leon County Health Department, Bond Community Health Center, 872 W. Orange Ave. LCHD and its many partners will provide health-related information at the open house, as well as a tour of the Bond Community Health Center, the department's newest facility. For more information, contact LCHD by visiting [www.leoncountyfl.gov/lchd](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/lchd).

### Leon County Summer Youth Training Program

Often, the most daunting aspect of getting on that "career path" is getting your foot in the door. If you're between 14 and 21 years of age, live in Leon County and are searching for "real world" experience to broaden your horizons and enhance your resumé, the Leon County Summer Youth program



is perfect for you. Leon County is offering part-time work experience for youths between the ages of 14 and 21, from June 19 through July 28. Students will work 20 to 25 hours per week for \$6.40 per hour. The jobs are designed to teach young people the basics of successful employment in a real work setting. Summer Youth applications can be submitted online at [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov). Applications are due by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 12. For more information about the program, call Human Resources at 606-2400.

### Are You "Heart Ready?"

The first step in responding to a cardiac emergency is to be informed. Oftentimes, a citizen is the first responder in an emergency situation, and Leon County Emergency Medical Services (LCEMS), along with other healthcare partners, is dedicated to preparing the community to respond to cardiac emergencies. LCEMS and community partners are offering free cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) training to the public on Saturday, May 6, in one-hour sessions, with new sessions every 30 minutes beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m., at the Capital Health Plan location on Governor's Square Boulevard.

Participants will watch a 30-minute American Heart Association video and then work with trainers in a one-on-one setting to practice their skills. Other community partners include: Leon County Sheriff's Office, Professional Safety Educators, American Heart Association, Tallahassee Fire Department, Tallahassee Memorial Healthcare, Capital Regional Medical Center, and Capital Health Plan. For more information, please contact Captain Scott Barry, LCEMS, at 606-2100.

### Killearn Lakes Sanitary Sewer Project Open House



Leon County is building a sanitary sewer system in Killearn Lakes Plantation Units I and II and is hosting an open house on Wednesday, May 17, from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Chiles High School Cafeteria. Leon County and

City Utility representatives will provide information on the following issues: construction status, homeowners' steps to connect, financing for equipment, installation and connection, and cost estimates for service. Construction is now 50 percent complete, and it's time for residents to learn how to connect to the new system that will be operated by the City of Tallahassee Water Utility. The low-pressure system provides the timeliest and most cost-effective solution to the sewage problems in this area. For more information on the project, visit [www.klpsewer.com](http://www.klpsewer.com).

## May 2006

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 9 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.  
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 15 City/County Workshop on Comprehensive Plan Amendments**  
1:30 p.m. City Hall, City Commission Chambers
- 23 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.  
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