



The Leon County

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with Leon County  
Services

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## Electronic, Household Hazardous Waste Collection Announced



The Leon County Solid Waste Management Division announces the next monthly Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection, which will take place on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Road.

When discarded, many household products can pollute and pose a health risk, so the Solid Waste Management Division holds these free events for Leon County residents. Businesses and other agencies must call (850) 606-1816 to make an appointment to drop off their items. Some fees will apply.

Citizens may bring up to 50 lbs. of hazardous waste, in addition to their electronics. Propane tanks must weigh less than 40 lbs., and there is a limit of one tire per participant. Medical sharps, medicines and radioactive waste cannot be accepted.

The Leon County Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Pkwy., is open Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center at (850) 606-1803 or for the complete collection schedule visit, [www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW/collection](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW/collection).

## H1N1 Vaccinations

The Leon County Health Department is offering the 2009 H1N1 influenza (swine flu) shot and nasal spray to anyone who would like one.

Clinics are on a walk-in basis - no appointment necessary. The vaccine is free of charge. If residents are bringing children under 10 years of age, for the second dose, please bring the record for the first dose (if they have it) or be sure that the date it was given is known. The second dose should be given 28 days or more after the first.

### CLINIC DATES/HOURS:

Every Tuesday in February, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Every Wednesday in February, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Every Thursday in February, 1:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Leon County Health Dept., 2965 Municipal Way

**CONTACT INFO:** For additional information about the clinics, call (850) 606-8070 (H1N1 flu clinic info line.)

## Mental Health and Substance Abuse Town Hall Meeting

The second of two meetings allowing for the full discussion of the system of care in Leon County for individuals with mental health problems, will be held at the Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, Wednesday, Feb. 3, from 6-8 p.m.

The town hall meeting will provide an opportunity for subject matter experts, governmental leaders, and members of the public to meet in an environment that will allow for the open exchange of ideas, suggestions on ways to improve services to the mentally ill and their families, and how we can continue to break down the barriers of access to critical services.

For more information, call the Leon County Court Mental Health Coordinator at (850) 577-4400.

## 2010 Master Wildlife Conservationist Course

University of Florida Extension Centers in Leon and Wakulla counties are accepting applications now through Feb. 15, 2010, for enrollment in the 2010 training course to become a Master Wildlife Conservationist (MWC).

The Master Wildlife Conservationist course is a training program for conservation volunteers and professionals in the Big Bend region of Florida.

The course schedule, MWC Volunteer Program information, application form and directions for enrollment in this year's training course can be downloaded at <http://leon.ifas.ufl.edu>.

If you have questions or would like a printed application packet, contact Genice Harris of Leon County Cooperative Extension at (850) 606-5202.

## Leon Cares' service through partnering

County employees and local volunteers will address unmet housing rehabilitation needs in the Fairbanks Ferry community on Monday, Feb 15. Leon Cares encompasses nine separate properties, and volunteer duties include painting homes, removing downed trees and branches, and cleaning the inside of damaged or neglected mobile homes or houses.

Partnering with Leon County's Housing division, as well as Solid Waste Management, VolunteerLEON will administer, coordinate, and fund the project via a HandsOn Network grant. Volunteer youth leaders will monitor and assist at a youth station, directing children in making keepsakes for the homes of assisted families. Experienced volunteer leaders will direct 30-person work teams in many projects. Food and water will be provided for all on-site volunteers.

All volunteers are eligible for Disney's Give a Day, Get a Day campaign, which rewards one day of volunteer service with free admission to a Disney theme park.

You may contact Mathieu Cavell of VolunteerLEON with questions or comments at [CavellM@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:CavellM@leoncountyfl.gov) or call (850) 606-1970.

## Leon County EMS Awarded Prestigious State Honor

Leon County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has been selected as a recipient of the first annual State Surgeon General Health Innovation, Prevention, and Management Award.

The award, given by Florida Surgeon General Ana Viamonte Ros, M.D., is in recognition of EMS's efforts and commitment to wellness, disease prevention and advocating for healthy lifestyles.

This award specifically acknowledges the department's high survival rates, cooperation with hospitals and other healthcare providers, prevention programs, training programs, automated external defibrillator (AED) placements, grants, quality management review, cardiac care and other efforts, such as the Heart Ready Initiative, which encompasses advanced cardiac care in the field.

This award is in addition to the several other honors EMS has been recognized with for outstanding performance within the community, including a Crown Community Award from American City and County Magazine, a Gold Award from EMS Magazine and being named a Heart Ready County by the American Heart Association for the last three consecutive years.

For more information, call the Leon County Emergency Medical Services at (850) 606-2100.

## February 2010 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 9 **Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Innovation Park** 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, County Courthouse
- Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Mosquito Control Program** 1 - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting** 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing** 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 23 **Board of County Commissioners Workshop Regarding the Apalachee Center, Inc.** 12 - 1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Workshop Regarding Homelessness** 1:30 - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting** 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 24 **Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)** 3 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers