



The Leon County

# LINK

Connecting Citizens  
with Leon County  
Services

The Link is published the first Wednesday of each month in the local section of the Tallahassee Democrat.

## Are you interested in serving on a Leon County Citizen Advisory Board/Committee/Council?

Citizen participation, by way of community input, advice, and/or recommendations regarding matters to be brought before the Board for approval, is important in developing Leon County's programs/policies and in providing quality public services to the community.

Citizens can go to the County's website ([www.leoncountyfl.gov/committees](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/committees)) to complete the Board-Appointed Citizen Committee's Orientation and Training and fill out an application. A listing of the types of committees (housing, human services, transportation, etc.), with information on committee vacancies, committee responsibilities, and member eligibility, can also be found at the website. Presently, the County is looking for members for the Bannerman Road Corridor Citizen Advisory Committee and the Sustainability Task Force and encourages citizens to review member eligibility and, if the requirements can be met, complete and submit an application.

If you have any further questions, contact Christine Coble, at (850) 606-5300.

## Thirty-Day Countdown to the 2010 Census Begins

Census Day – April 1, 2010 – is less than 30 days away, and preparations are in full-swing.

Leon County residents can expect to see the 2010 Census under way through operational milestones including:

- *Week of March 8* – Advance notification letters will be mailed to alert households to look for the questionnaire and explain why it is important to participate.
- *Week of March 15* – Census questionnaires will be mailed out to households throughout the U.S., and Census-in-Schools Week begins.
- *Week of March 22* – Census Bureau will mail reminder postcards to households.
- *Thursday, April 1* – National Census Day: All responses should represent the households as it exists on this day.
- *Early May - July* – Census workers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail to conduct the census count in-person.

One of the shortest census forms in U.S. Census history, the 2010 Census form asks 10 questions and takes about 10 minutes to complete. Census data help to determine how more than \$400 billion per year in federal funding is distributed to tribal, state and local governments for services that affect local communities.

Census form answers are safe and confidential. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share respondents' answers with anyone.

Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC) will be available to assist those unable to read or understand the census form. For more information, please contact the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300 or visit [www.LeonCountyCensus2010.org](http://www.LeonCountyCensus2010.org).

## CONA, County, City Announce Neighborhood of the Year Program

Last month, the Council of Neighborhood Associations (CONA), Leon County and the City of Tallahassee re-launched their annual Neighborhood Recognition Program, which honors the accomplishments and successes of great neighborhoods – the foundation of this growing community.

The County will recognize an outstanding Small Neighborhood (200 or fewer homes), a Large Neighborhood (more than 200 homes) and an Unincorporated Area Neighborhood (outside the city limits).

The County is also accepting nominations for 2010 Neighbor of the Year. The individual must have exemplified the characteristics of leadership and servitude in making contributions to his or her community.

Applications and nomination forms are available online at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov). If you have any questions, please contact the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300 or City Neighborhood Services at (850) 891-3846.

## LEON COUNTY

**FORECLOSURE PREVENTION PROGRAM**  
HELP FOR HOMEOWNERS FACING THE LOSS OF THEIR HOMES.



Leon County currently has money (financial assistance) to help bring a mortgage current for those facing the loss of their home or find themselves at least 60 days behind in mortgage payments.

This program is for persons with a home in Leon County areas outside of the City of Tallahassee limits only.

**Don't lose your home!**

Call Today! The sooner you call, the sooner help is available.

Please call Leon County Housing Services for more information.

**(850) 606-1900**

[www.MyLeonHome.org](http://www.MyLeonHome.org)

## Leon County MIS Nominated by IBM for Computerworld Honors

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners' Management Information Systems (MIS) Division has been nominated by technology giant IBM for its North Florida Pawn Network program for the 2009 Computerworld Honors Program.

Established in 1988, the Computerworld Honors Program brings together leaders of the world's foremost information technology companies to recognize the most outstanding user achievements in technology every year.

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners' submission, the North Florida Pawn Network (NFPN), was implemented in cooperation with the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement to provide law enforcement agencies a multi-jurisdictional pawned property management system within Florida.

This nod is in addition to several other accolades the program received, including an InfoWorld Award and a National Association of Counties (NACO) Achievement Award.

Leon County MIS must complete a brief case study, which could potentially become part of the Computerworld Honors Program Global Archives.

For more information, visit [www.cwhonors.org](http://www.cwhonors.org) or call the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300.

## March 2010

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 3 Joint City/County Commission Public Hearing on Cycle 2010-2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, County Courthouse
- 15 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)** 12 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)** 1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 23 Board of County Commissioners Workshop 2010-2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments** 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
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing**  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers