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Operation Thank You

On **Saturday, March 30**, Leon County's Operation Thank You welcomed home local Vietnam veterans at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. More than 400 members of the community attended the event, which included a Welcome Home Ceremony followed by breakfast served by Leon County Commissioners to veterans, their families and guests.

The ceremony closed with recognition of the Vietnam veterans by the County Commission. More than 150 Vietnam veterans stood at attention as they were presented with a Welcome Home Commemorative Coin and a replica of the County Proclamation read by Chairman Maddox declaring **March 30, 2013** "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day."



Fourth Annual EMS Family Safety Fair



Saturday, April 13 • 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Leon County Emergency Medical Services (LCEMS) will host its Fourth Annual Family Safety Fair at Flightline Group at Compass Pointe, 3232 Capital Circle SW, at the Tallahassee Regional Airport, on **Saturday, April 13**, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

This fun-filled family event will feature free educational exhibits to promote safety awareness. Through interactive activities, EMS will educate children and families on bicycle safety with a bicycle rodeo, a bike helmet giveaway, first aid and CPR. There will also be face painting, balloon animals, a dunking booth, ambulance show-n-tells, child ID, law enforcement SWAT vehicles, K-9 dogs, fire trucks, helicopters, a burn house and much more.

For more information on Saturday's activities, contact LCEMS Capt. Sally Davis
(850) 606-2100 • DavisSal@leoncountyfl.gov

Honor Flight Tallahassee



On **Saturday, April 13**, at **8 a.m.**, a 5K and 1M Fun Run will be held at the Tallahassee Regional Airport called *Race the Runway*. All proceeds will benefit Honor Flight Tallahassee - a nonprofit organization with the sole mission of sending veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to honor their service and sacrifices.

On **Saturday, May 11**, Honor Flight Tallahassee will fulfill its mission to transport North Florida and South Georgia veterans to Washington, D.C. So far, 61 veterans have signed up.

These men and women are only able to take part in these trips through public support, which is why Honor Flight Tallahassee will hold the **April 13** fundraising event prior to the inaugural flight.

Donations can be made to **P.O. Box 12033, Tallahassee, FL 32317** or go to **www.HonorFlightTallahassee.org** and click "donate."

For more information on the race, visit: **www.RacetheRunway5K.com** or call **1-888-881-1566**

Leon County Earth Month Programs

April 22 is Earth Day, and Leon County is celebrating not just that day but the entire Earth Month with a variety of programs. Join us for these **free** events and learning opportunities.

- April 6 Springtime Tallahassee Parade** - Look for the Leon County float and an opportunity to get free sunflower seeds from the **Talla-Happy Sunflowers Group!**
- April 6 Household Hazardous Waste and Electronics Collection** 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Rd.
- April 9 "Perspectives on Reducing Local Waste"** Free program, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Myers Park Community Room. Hosted in conjunction with Sustainable Tallahassee's Eco-Teams.
- April 17 "Green Home Makeover: Is It For Me?"** Free seminar focused on insulation, lighting, appliance and water heating. 6 - 8:30 p.m., Leon County Extension, 615 Paul Russell Rd.
- April 18 "Growing Native Wildflowers and Sunflowers"** Free program and giveaways of sunflower seeds. 6 - 7:30 p.m., Eastside Branch Library, 1583 Pedrick Rd.
- April 23 "Understanding Our Local Energy World"** 6:30 - 8 p.m., Leon County Main Library (Downtown)
- May 1 "Green Home Makeover: Is It For Me?"** Free seminar focused on energy, including solar PV and geothermal. 6 - 8:30 p.m., Leon County Extension, 615 Paul Russell Rd.



Summer Youth Training Program 2013

The Leon County Summer Youth Training Program is designed to help students explore career opportunities. This six-week program, which lasts from **Monday, June 10** through **Friday, July 19** introduces participants to the workplace, imparts valuable employment skills and provides a modest summer income for Leon County youth between the ages of 14 and 21.

Applications are due **Friday, April 26 at 5 p.m.**

For more information or to fill out an application, please visit: **www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HR/SummerYouth** or call our information line at **(850) 606-2430**.

Capital Cuisine Restaurant Week

Dining and the addition of live entertainment take center stage during the second annual Capital Cuisine Restaurant Week scheduled from **Thursday, May 16** through **Tuesday, May 28**.

The Leon County Division of Tourism Development (Visit Tallahassee) will showcase the area's unique restaurants, farm-to-table fare and culinary creativity.

Last year, 22 restaurants participated in the Capital Cuisine Restaurant Week. This year, there will be something extra - live music. Live performances for locals and out-of-town travelers will be held throughout the city.



For more information, go to **www.VisitTallahassee.com**.

Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys

Leon County's Library System has been selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Bridging Cultures Initiative to display a unique exhibit known as the "Muslim Journeys Bookshelf" - seven collections of books and DVDs that feature people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims around the world.

A panel of local educators and community members are scheduled to introduce and discuss the collection on **Thursday, April 4** from **7 - 8:30 p.m.** in the Main Library's Program Room. The panel will be led by Tommy Carrico, a Ph.D candidate at the Florida State University College of Religion.

After the introductory event on **April 4**, other events will be scheduled. A full listing of future events will be publicized at a later date.

For more information: **www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Library**

10th Annual Teen Poetry Slam

The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System will celebrate National Poetry Month in April and host the 10th Annual Teen Poetry Slam on **Tuesday, April 9** and **Wednesday, April 10**.

Preliminary rounds begin at **6 p.m.** on **Tuesday, April 9** at:

- Leon County Main Library (downtown), 200 W. Park Ave.
- Eastside Branch Library, 1583 Pedrick Road
- Lake Jackson Branch Library, 3840 N. Monroe St.
- Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr., Branch Library, 2817 S. Adams St.

Finals will be held at the Leon County Main Library at **6 p.m.** on **Wednesday, April 10**.

To register, visit the library's website at **www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Library** or contact Information Professional Deirdre Tolia at **(850) 606-2708**.

4-H Summer Camp Registration

Leon County 4-H Camp Registration is now OPEN! Summer camping experiences provide opportunities for youth to acquire skills in cooperation, decision making as well as problem solving.

Visit **leon.ifas.ufl.edu** for a full list of camps and registration forms. Register now because many classes have limited enrollment space.

If you have questions please call Leon County Cooperative Extension at **(850) 606-5204**.



Domestic Partnership Registry

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners established the Leon County Domestic Partnership Registry, which enables adult couples, who live in a committed family relationship and who are unmarried under Florida law, to register their partnership. Registered domestic partners are extended rights in the following areas: health care decisions as a health care surrogate, health care and correctional facility visitations, funeral and burial decisions, notifications of family members, participation in the education of their partner's dependents, unless a biological parent objects, and the right to be designated as a preneed guardian. The Leon County Clerk of Courts office will begin registering domestic partners on **Wednesday, May 1, 2013**.

For more information, visit: **www.LeonCountyFL.gov**

April 2013 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 4 Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day**
- 9 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Sidewalk Policy, Priorities, and Funding Options*** 1:30 - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting*** 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2013-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments*** 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 23 Board of County Commissioners FY 13/14 Budget Workshop*** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting*** 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 24 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)** City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

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