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## Public Safety Complex Grand Opening: July 11

Leon County and the City of Tallahassee have made a commitment to helping save lives in our community. With the building of the new Public Safety Complex, a number of key operations will now be located in one facility including the Emergency Communications Center, Leon County Emergency Medical Services, Tallahassee Fire Department Administration, the City of Tallahassee Regional Transportation Management Center and the Leon County Emergency Operations Center.

Perhaps most importantly, the public safety dispatchers for all services will now work together in the same facility. This helps ensure that when assistance is needed, the closest and most appropriate unit - whether it be Fire, Police, Sheriff or EMS - will be sent. And in emergencies, those seconds can help save lives.

Please attend the grand opening for this new, major enhancement to the community at **10 a.m. on Thursday, July 11**. Tours will be offered starting at 10:30 a.m. Emergency responders will be on site to answer questions and provide unique insight about the facility.



**The Public Safety Complex is located at 911 Easterwood Drive near the new roundabout at Weems / Easterwood and the American Red Cross building.**

## Fill Time Capsule to Preserve Leon County

Leon County is celebrating the 500-year anniversary of Spanish explorer Ponce de Leon's arrival to Florida. Leon County needs community input about unique items to fill the time capsule.

The Leon County Viva Florida Time Capsule Committee is leading the effort of recommending and collecting items that reflect life in Leon County. The committee is looking for suggestions on items to include in the capsule that would capture the events, policies, art, literature and technology that shape the community. To help fill the time capsule, visit the electronic suggestion box at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule) or email [TimeCapsule@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:TimeCapsule@LeonCountyFL.gov) by August 31.

Share your thoughts and ideas on the contents that should be included in the time capsule and participate in the photo contest.



## Free Admission Into Area Attractions

Leon County Tourism Development invites the community to enjoy free admission during the T.O.U.R. (Tourism is Our Ultimate Resource) Guide Program and discover more ways to enjoy and explore our area. This program educates residents about the importance of tourism in our community and showcases local attractions.



Upcoming dates and participating attractions are:

- Saturday, July 20**
  - Museum of Florida History
  - LeMoyné Center for the Visual Arts
- Saturday, August 17**
  - Mission San Luis
  - Maclay Gardens

## FREE Museum Admission for Military Families

More than 2,000 museums across America offer FREE admission to active duty military personnel and their families (up to six admissions total) from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Participating Tallahassee attractions include: John G. Riley Center/Museum, Knott House Museum, Museum of Florida History and Tallahassee Museum. Present active-duty military I.D. and let the sight-seeing begin. For more information, visit: [www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums](http://www.arts.gov/bluestarmuseums).

## Application Process for Special Event Grant Program is NOW OPEN!

**DEADLINE:** Monday, July 15 by 5 p.m.

Leon County Tourism Development's Special Events Grant Program is designed to help local groups and/or organizations that coordinate events with a demonstrated history of visitor impact or significant potential to draw visitors to the area. For a copy of the grant policies and application, visit: [www.VisitTallahassee.com/meetings-and-events/meetings-funding-assistance-grants/](http://www.VisitTallahassee.com/meetings-and-events/meetings-funding-assistance-grants/)

For more information on the Special Events Grant Program: Amie French • (850) 606-2300 • [Amie.French@VisitTallahassee.com](mailto:Amie.French@VisitTallahassee.com)

## Picture Life in Leon County

The Leon County Viva Florida Time Capsule Committee is looking for high-resolution photos that depict life in Leon County 2013 to include in the time capsule by **August 31**.

For more information and to enter the photo contest, visit [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/TimeCapsule).



## 4-H "Talking Trash" Recycling Day Camp

**July 16 - 18, 2013**

Through guided tours and hands on learning activities, youth participants will learn how reducing, reusing, and recycling at home can improve the neighborhood in which they live, playing a key role in creating a sustainable community. The camp will be held at the Leon County Solid Waste Facility at 7550 Apalachee Parkway.

### Youth Will Learn:

- How solid waste is managed
- The importance of recycling and environmental stewardship
- How to have fun outdoors
- How to make creative crafts from every day items
- Archery

**Cost:** \$30.00

**Ages:** 10 - 15 (Must be 10 by Sept. 1, 2012)

For more information, contact: **Betty Barton**  
[BartonB@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:BartonB@LeonCountyFL.gov) • (850) 605-5204



## Literacy Program Celebrates Successes!

On Tuesday, May 21, Karen Strange, ESOL Program Coordinator for Literacy Volunteers of Leon County (at the Leon County Main Library) attended the swearing in ceremony for 4 new citizens. These brand new U.S. citizens had been learning English and practicing for their Naturalization Exam in the library's *English for speakers of Other Languages* Program. Their hard work with their volunteer tutors has paid off and they are now proud new citizens. Pictured below are Nikola Koleva (Bulgaria), Todorka Koleva (Bulgaria), Jeanne Lancaster (tutor), Sisay Yitayew (Ethiopia), and Antonine Joseph (Haiti). Literacy Volunteers is proud of them and wants to also thank their dedicated volunteers: Jeanne Lancaster, Brandin Boyd, and Maureen McCarthy.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about our County's literacy project at the library, give us a call at **(850) 606-2644** or email us at [Literacy@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:Literacy@LeonCountyFL.gov).



## Capture the Light: Energy-Efficient Lighting Options for Residences

**Who:** This program is for all Leon County citizens who are interested in saving energy and money in their home lighting.

**What:** "Capture the Light: Energy-efficient Lighting Options for Residences," as part of a quarterly series of programs hosted by the Leon County Library System and the Leon County Office of Sustainability entitled, "Community Matters: Topics of Interest for a Sustainable Community."

The program will consist of informal lectures with question and answer periods, an opportunity to examine examples of efficient lighting products, and free light refreshments.

**When & Where:** The same program will be offered twice at two library locations on different dates:

**July 18 • 6 - 7:45 p.m.**  
Eastside Branch Library  
1583 Pedrick Road

**July 25 • 6 - 7:45 p.m.**  
Main Library, Program Room A  
200 West Park Avenue

**Why:** Energy used for lighting makes up 10 to 15% of average household energy use. In celebration of sunny summer days, Leon County is sponsoring two free "Capture the Light" programs to inform residents about energy-saving ideas for lighting, including ways to capture natural daylight and a survey of the new generation of LED (light emitting diode) and CFLs (compact fluorescent lights).

For more information, contact Kathryn Ziewitz:  
[ZiewitzK@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:ZiewitzK@LeonCountyFL.gov) • (850) 606-5300



## July 2013 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE

- 4 Independence Day**, Offices Closed
- 8 Board of County Commissioners FY 13/14 Budget Workshop\***  
9 a.m. - 5 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 9 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  
(Only if necessary)
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting\***  
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing\***  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 10 Board of County Commissioners FY 13/14 Budget Workshop\***  
9 a.m. - 2 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers  
(Only if necessary)
- Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)**  
2:30 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

\*Live television broadcast available on Comcast Channel 16; webcast available anytime at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov).