

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

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Black History Month Event

25th Annual National African American Read-In

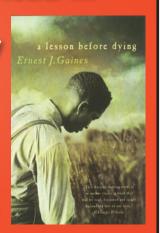
Celebrate Black History Month at the

Leon County Main Library
200 W. Park Ave.

Thursday, February 13 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Stop in and participate in Leon County's annual African American Read-In.

At 7 p.m., Dr. Anne Gray Brown, Ph.D., Asst. Professor of English at Florida A&M University, will speak and lead a discussion on Ernest J. Gaines' *A Lesson Before Dying*.



Sustainable Community Matters

Leon County Presents Sustainable Community Matters program:

Planting Your Spring Garden Saturday, February 8 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Lake Jackson Community Center, 3840 N. Monroe Street

Learn key pointers for having a successful edible garden and about plant selections that thrive in Leon County. Gardeners are invited to bring photos of their gardens to share. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.



For more information, contact Kathryn Ziewitz via email at ZiewitzK@LeonCountyFL.gov or by phone at (850) 606-5383.

\$100,000 Donation Made to Leon County Libraries

The Friends of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System donated \$100,000 to the Leon County Library System at the January 21 meeting of the Leon County Board of County Commissioners.

The Friends of the Library, formed in 1954, work tirelessly to build community interest, pride and financial support for the library system. This generous donation will be used to enhance the library's collection of materials for all users.

Thank you to all of the Friends and their supporters!



Electronic Review of Single Family Home Permit Applications

Leon County Government is pleased to announce a new, convenient way of reviewing and processing plans for new single family home permit applications. Effective January 14, 2014, all building plans and supporting application materials for new single family homes will be reviewed and processed electronically.

Project Dox, Leon County's new electronic submittal system, offers the applicant one of three different ways to submit an application for permitting: in person, on a thumb drive or online.

Visit <u>www.LeonCountyFL.gov/DSEM</u> for information on how to access the Project Dox website, or call Leon County Building Plans Review and Inspections Division at **(850) 606-1300**.

DON'T FORGET, SHOP LAFAYETTE!

Don't forget our local businesses during roadway improvements.

Nobody likes road detours and the inconvenience of roadway construction, but we all understand construction is a necessary part of making our community a better place to live, work and play. And while Leon County Government is making significant improvements to Lafayette Street, we want to make sure that our community remembers the businesses impacted by the construction activity. Leon County understands the strain this could place on local merchants, and we want to encourage shoppers and patrons to pardon our dust and continue to frequent the area. If you are looking for a special gift, want a great

meal or need a haircut, please remember all of our local businesses, but especially, please don't forget our businesses on Lafayette Street.

So pardon our dust while construction continues through mid-year 2014. In the end, local businesses and shoppers will benefit from a beautiful, new roadway and sidewalk improvements.

Don't Forget, Shop Lafayette! We invite everyone to continue to frequent the area and all of our local businesses!

The map online will help you find these local businesses. You can find this map at:

www.LeonCountyFL.gov/ShopLafayette

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

SATURDAY, MARCH 1 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Leon County is holding the next household hazardous waste and electronics collection on Saturday, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Road. It will be open to residents only; businesses must contact the Hazardous Waste Center to make an appointment.

Certain items may not be accepted. For more information, please contact the Leon County Solid Waste Management Division at **(850) 606-1803**.

For the monthly schedule of dropoffs, visit: www.LeonCountyFL.gov/HHW/collection

The Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Parkway, is also open Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., excluding holidays.

February 2014

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE

11 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the Cultural Plan Update Committee Report*

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.,

5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners Workshop on the Sales Tax

Committee Final Report and Recommendations* 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.,

5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Cycle 2014-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments*

1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners Regualr Meeting*

3:00 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

24 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting (IA)
1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams,
2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

5th Floor, Commission Chambers

25 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Fire Safety Infastructure Needs in Unincorporated Leon County*
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.,

Joint City/County Workshop on Cycle 2014-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendment*

1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

Board of County Commissioners Regualr Meeting* 3:00 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

27 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) 9:30 a.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.