

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services



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Leon County Library Seed Program a Big Success!

Come join the County to launch the second wave of free seed packets!

After launching the seed library program on January 24, Leon County libraries checked out almost all of the 2,400 sample-size seed packets in just four days. With this exciting new program, during planting seasons patrons with library cards can check out seeds at any County library for no cost -- no late fees!



Because of the great success, librarians and

community volunteers are rushing to put more seed packets together. On **Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 p.m.**, Leon County will announce the second wave of seed packets and make them immediately available to patrons for check out. The event will be held at the **Leon County Main Library (downtown) at 200 W. Park Ave.**

Join Leon County Government in a hands-on exercise about container gardening, a unique method to grow plants nearly anywhere. If you don't have land to plant a garden, learn how to use five-gallon buckets to grow food with your family and friends. And remember, right after the exercise you can be the first to check out the second wave of seed packets.

For growing questions, call the Leon County Extension Office: (850) 606-5200 For information about the event, call your local County library: (850) 606-2665

Severe Weather Awareness Week at Leon County Public Libraries

What should you do when severe weather strikes? Talk to the experts!

From **Monday, February 2** to **Friday, February 6**, experts from Leon County Emergency Management and the National Weather Service will answer your questions in person.

Visit your local Leon County library each day from 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. to learn about severe weather and the best precautions to take.

Lightning

Monday, Feb. 2, Collins Main Library, (850) 606-2665 **Rip Currents**

Tuesday, Feb. 3, Woodville Branch Library, (850) 606-2925

Severe Thunderstorms/Tornadoes

Wednesday, Feb. 4, Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library, (850) 606-2950

Hurricanes and Floods

Thursday, Feb. 5, Lake Jackson Branch Library, (850) 606-2850

Featuring Smokey the Bear and the Florida Forest Service on Wildfires and Temperature Extremes

Friday, Feb. 6, Fort Braden Branch Library, (850) 606-2900

For more information, please call your local Leon County library or visit: www.LeonCountyLibrary.org

Black History Month Event

Capital City Amphitheater Announces Spring Concert Series

Springtime in Tallahassee-Leon County hits a high note as the upcoming Concert Series at Capital City Amphitheater kicks off in March.

Leon County Tourism proudly announces the following line-up:

Tuesday, March 3 Pink Floyd Experience at 7:30 p.m.

Friday, April 10 The Avett Brothers at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 26 Wilco at 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 15 The Beach Boys at 7:00 p.m.



For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: www.CapitalCityAmphitheater.com

Leon County Opens Little League Baseball Registration

Interested in playing Little League baseball this spring? Leon County has a place near you!

Register at a park near you!

Woodville Little League at J. Lewis Hall, Sr. Park (Woodville Park) Fort Braden Little League at Fort Braden Park

Savannah Newton Challenger Little League, for players with special needs, at Canopy Oaks Park

Chaires Little League at Daniel B. Chaires Park

Northwest Leon Little League at Canopy Oaks Park

Miccosukee Little League at newly renovated Miccosukee Park

For more information about Leon County's Little League baseball program visit: www.LeonCountyFL.gov/LittleLeague

Tree Planting - February 28 at Apalachee Regional Park

26th Annual National African American Read-In followed by African Drum Workshop

Celebrate Black History Month at the Leon County Main Library (Downtown) Sunday, February 8 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Stop in and participate in Leon County's annual African American Read-In. You can choose a book to check out or read from a display of books by African American authors. In addition, there will be an African Drums Workshop with Yazid Johnson, accomplished musician and percussion instructor. He will perform and encourages audience partcipation in drumming. For more information, call **(850) 606-2665.**



Woodville Founders' Festival

Leon County supports the 2nd Annual Woodville Founders' Festival on Friday, February 27.

There will be several participating area churches, food vendors. Also, special activities will be held at the Woodville Ace Hardware, 9382 Woodville Highway.

On **Saturday, February 28**, festival activities will occur from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Leon County J. Lewis Hall Park. Vendor fees support the Woodville Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) to purchase a new fire truck.

The Leon County Woodville Branch Library will host cultural and historical events on the same day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. including musical performances; theatrical performances from Theater with a Mission; model railroads for children and adults; internationally renowned sculptor, Brad Cooley; and Mr. "Murph" Murphy, a blacksmith. Judith Stricklin from the Tallahassee Museum will be making butter alongside Civil War re-enactors and local authors.

There will be an antique car and tractor show at Bert Thomas' Country store on the southern side of Woodville, 10644 Woodville Highway. The store is one of the oldest remaining stores in the area, and has long been a favorite stop for folks going to the coast!

For more information, contact the Leon County Woodville Branch Library at (850) 606-2925.

Leon County Government, in partnership with Sustainable Tallahassee's Carbon Fund will host a tree planting on

Saturday, February 28,

at Apalachee Regional Park, (7550 Apalachee Parkway).

The planting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

Leon County and Sustainable Tallahassee invite the community to help reduce levels of carbon dioxide in our atmosphere and reduce carbon footprints by planting 50 Live Oak trees at Apalachee Regional Park.

Capture carbon throughout the long lifetime of trees and continue to help make Leon County a beautiful place to work and live.

Bring your gloves, shovels, friends and family!

For more information, contact Leigh Davis, Director of Parks and Recreation, at (850) 606-1475 or DavisLe@LeonCountyFL.gov.

February 2015

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE

- 9 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)
 2 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams,
 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 10 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Comprehensive Plan Amendments' 2015-1 Cycle* 1 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

Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing* 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St., 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

26 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.

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