



THE LEON COUNTY

# LINK

Connecting Citizens with  
Leon County Services



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PEOPLE FOCUSED. PERFORMANCE DRIVEN.

## OPERATION THANK YOU HONORING OUR VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY



# WEDNESDAY

## NOVEMBER 11, 2015

at The American Legion (229 Lake Ella Drive)



Leon County Government and the American Legion Sauls-Bridges Post 13 invite the community to honor our hometown heroes on **Veterans Day** at the American Legion located at 229 Lake Ella Drive.

**Breakfast 6:30 a.m. • Ceremony Program at 8 a.m.**

Following Operation Thank You, join us for the Veterans Day Parade at 10:45 a.m. along Monroe Street.

For more event information, please contact: Shington Lamy, (850) 606-5329, LamyS@LeonCountyFL.gov

## National Entrepreneur Month

### November celebrates National Entrepreneur Month (eMonth)!

Community events focus on entrepreneurial activities with more than 22 events scheduled.



As part of eMonth, Leon County Government is proud to support events like Domi Station's 1 Million Cups Networking Breakfast on **Wednesday, November 18** and the kickoff event of Finance Fridays with First Commerce Credit Union and the Small Business Development Center at Florida A&M University on **Friday, November 6**.

Finance Fridays is a three-part series that will provide entrepreneurs with financial education about accessing capital. Other sessions will be held on **December 4 and January 15**, all beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Historic Amtrak Station, 918 Railroad Avenue.

*These workshops are free and open to the public. Lunch will be provided.*

To learn more, visit: [www.taledc.com/emonth](http://www.taledc.com/emonth)

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## Join A Citizen Advisory Committee Today!

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



Currently, applications are being accepted for the following Leon County Committee vacancies. The deadline for submitting applications is no later than **November 21**, except where noted.

- **Water Resources Committee** (Five appointments needed) addresses issues such as flooding and watershed management and reviews waterbody conditions and impact of development.

Citizens may visit [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Committees](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Committees) to review a listing of committees that includes information on committee responsibilities, member eligibility and committee vacancies; complete a committee application and review the Citizen Committee Orientation and Training.

For more information, contact Christine Coble, Leon County Agenda Coordinator, at (850) 606-5300 or [CobleC@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:CobleC@LeonCountyFL.gov).

## Leon County Holds The Better Bag Challenge

In an effort to reduce the use of plastic bags, Leon County Government challenges citizens to bring at least five used plastic bags to partnering businesses on **Friday, November 20** between 5 and 7 p.m. to receive a free canvas tote bag.

This initiative strives to educate citizens on the positive aspects of using canvas bags as opposed to plastic bags. Over a lifetime, use of reusable bags by just one person would save 22,000 plastic bags.

To learn more about the Better Bag Challenge and find out information about our partnering businesses, visit:

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



## Volunteer & Get Connected!

Leon County Government's Volunteer LEON is now poised to better help volunteers make a difference in our community with Get Connected 2.0. Launching this month, Get Connected 2.0 is a volunteer engagement and management platform that helps nonprofits find and pair volunteers with opportunities that align with their goals. This web-based software is making it easy and convenient for volunteers and agencies to engage with one another to better effect change in our community. Now mobile friendly, Get Connected provides social sharing opportunities via Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and more.

Much like Facebook, non-profit organizations in our county can create profiles that highlight their mission statements, contact information, needs, and events. Likewise, interested volunteers are able to create individual profiles specifically tailored to their interests, join volunteer groups, become fans of participating agencies, and track non-profit agencies' needs and events.

Get Connected is a free service of Leon County Government's Volunteer LEON and is open to all citizens and community-based agencies.

To explore the opportunities provided by the Get Connected tool visit: [www.Volunteer.VolunteerLEON.org](http://www.Volunteer.VolunteerLEON.org)

## Adopt-A-Tree

Leon County Government is proud to offer the 2016 Adopt-A-Tree public tree planting program. If you live in Leon County, but outside of Tallahassee city limits, you may qualify to have an Eastern Redbud planted on your property for free. The Eastern Redbud is a small, native, spring-flowering tree.

If you agree to water the tree three times a week for one year, Leon County Public Works will plant the tree anywhere between your house and any publicly-maintained road.

To have a tree planted on your property between February and March 2016, simply fill out an application online at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/AdoptATree](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/AdoptATree) and place a wooden stake at the desired location. Public Works staff will then plant the tree as close to the designated area as possible. One tree per household per year will be planted.

The application deadline is **Saturday, January 31, 2016**.



### ADOPT-A-TREE APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Leon County Public Works

2280 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308  
Phone: (850) 606-1400 Fax: (850) 606-1401

## November 2015

### BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SCHEDULE

**10 Town Hall Meeting at Miccosukee**  
Miccosukee Community Center, 13887 Moccasin Gap Rd

**11 Veterans Day, Offices Closed**

**16 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)**  
1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams,  
2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

**17 Community Legislative Dialogue**  
7:30 a.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.  
5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Reorganization of the Board and Regular Meeting\***  
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.  
5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**19 Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA)**  
9:30 a.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams,  
2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

**26 Thanksgiving Day, Offices Closed**

**27 Friday after Thanksgiving Day, Offices Closed**

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