



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

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DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



COVID-19 Updates (April 1, 2020)

Upcoming Meetings (as currently scheduled, but subject to change)

**Tuesday, April
14 - Board of County
Commissioners Regular
Board Meeting, 3:00
p.m.**

**Wed., April 15 - Blueprint
IA Board of Directors,
Special Meeting - Web
Conference on COVID-
19 Economic Disaster
Relief Virtual Meeting,
1:00 p.m., Contact: 850-
219-1060.**

**Tuesday, April
28 - Board of County
Commissioners Regular
Board Meeting, 3:00
p.m.**

**Tuesday, April
28 - Board of County
Commissioners Budget
Policy Workshop,
9:00 a.m.**

[CLICK HERE](#) for a full list
of all upcoming Leon
County meetings

Hello,

Like many parents these days, my wife and I are juggling our work obligations with child care and 'school at home'. In our house, Jessica works in the mornings while I run through a reading / math / science lesson plan with our kindergartener and watch our toddler. Usually around 1pm, we switch so that I can focus on County business. It's not easy, but like everyone, we're doing our best.

Unfortunately it has become even more clear that we'll be living in this 'stay at home' mode for several more weeks. The federal social distancing guidelines were extended to April 30th, and Leon County's schools will be also be closed until that date.

We hope this newsletter provides you with information that can help you and your family. See below for some of the latest updates, and please remember that [Leon County's Emergency Information Portal](#) continues to be an excellent resource for our community's response to COVID-19. It is updated each afternoon, so click [here](#) for the latest news.

If you have questions or suggestions after reading [Leon County's Emergency Information Portal](#) or the info below, please don't hesitate to contact me at MinorR@leoncountyfl.gov or my Chief of Staff, Jodi Wilkof, at WilkofJ@leoncountyfl.gov.

Stay safe and take care of each other. #StayHomeSaveLives
#TallahasseeStrong

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P.S. If you have friends and family who might be interested in receiving this newsletter, please ask them to sign up at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor. Thank you.

UP TO \$5,000 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

Deadline: April 24, 2020



We are very proud of the fact that Tallahassee and Leon County are the first local governments in the state to implement a grant program that provides initial relief funding to struggling small businesses. Our grant program, the COVID-19 Economic Disaster Relief (CEDR) Grant Program, is administered by the Office of Economic Vitality (OEV). This grant program is designed to offer a lifeline to local small businesses to sustain their viability during the application period for State and Federal relief programs and incentives.

In other words, it is a "bridge to a bridge" - to bridge the limited cash reserves of Leon County businesses as they are pro-actively taking steps to amass financing and capital from other sources (e.g. SBA, State, private).

- Qualifying businesses with 1-10 employees receive \$1,500
- Qualifying businesses with 11-24 employees receive \$2,500
- Qualifying businesses with 25-50 employees receive \$5,000

As of this writing, OEV has given out over 220 CEDR grants to local businesses, totaling nearly \$500,000.

Eligibility Requirements

- Be a for-profit corporation/business (including partnership and sole proprietor) based in Leon County (Corporate, Regional, Division, Registered Office or Franchise) and registered with the Florida Division of Corporations, with more than 1 and fewer than 50 employees.
- Demonstrate a minimum reduction of 50% in revenue as a result of COVID-19.
- Have an active Utility Account with the City of Tallahassee Utilities, Talquin Electric Cooperative or Progress Energy Florida in good or current status as of the date of COVID-19 Emergency Declaration, March 18, 2020.
- Provide proof of application for either the [Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan](#) or the [U.S. SBA Disaster Loan Assistance](#) program.
- Pledge in good-faith to remain in business for at least 45 days following the receipt of CEDR funding and provide estimated average monthly operating expenses.

If you need assistance or have any questions, please contact the OEV team at 850-219-1060 or by e-mail at info@oeforbusiness.org.

To see an interview with Rick about the program, click [HERE](#).

COVID-19 *Stay Informed.*



Recent Updates:

- **Property Tax Payments are due April 15th.** While tax collector offices remain closed to the public, customers are directed to use other convenient payment options. Property tax payments can be made:
 - Online at leontaxcollector.net (credit/debit cards and echecks),
 - By using the tax collector drop box located outside of each customer service center.
 - By mail (payable to Doris Maloy, Tax Collector and mailed to PO Box 1835, Tallahassee, FL 32302), or
 - For assistance or questions, please call 850-606-4700 between 8AM - 1:00PM, Monday thru Friday.
- **The Governor has declared:**
 - A Safer-At-Home order for the following four southeast Florida counties: Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach, and Monroe.
 - An executive order allowing recently retired law enforcement and healthcare personnel to return to work immediately to help with the state's coronavirus response.
- **On Sunday, March 29, the White House extended social distancing guidelines until April 30.** All Americans must continue to avoid nonessential travel, eating at bars and restaurants, or gathering in groups of more than 10 for at least another month.
- **CDC issues Domestic Travel Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut.** Due to extensive community transmission of COVID -19 in the area, CDC urges residents of New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut to refrain from non-essential domestic travel for 14 days effective immediately.

For Small Businesses and their Employees: Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP)

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act, signed into law on March 27, 2020, includes a vital new program, called the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP).

The PPP will provide those businesses with under 500 employees to receive forgivable loans for payroll and related business expenses, including rent, mortgage, utilities and health care premiums.



Certain non-profits, sole proprietors, independent contractors and self-employed individuals are eligible as well. Loans will be calculated based on a business' monthly payroll, and if used on the costs

described, will be forgiven.

[Click here](#) to view the FAQ on the program. Small businesses and sole proprietorships can apply beginning Friday, April 3, 2020. Independent contractors and self-employed individuals can apply beginning Friday, April 10, 2020.

COVID-19 Relief Application Assistance

The Office of Economic Vitality (OEV) has partnered with [Legal Services of North Florida](#) (LSNF) to provide free assistance to low and moderate-income small business owners applying for local, state, and/or federal programs.

Need help with your application for COVID-19 relief programs? Contact Community Development Attorney Mike Donovan at 850-701-3339 for assistance.



Legal Services
of NORTH FLORIDA
HOPE. JUSTICE. FOR ALL.

Donations Needed

The Capital Medical Society just started accepting donations of new, unopened N-95 masks, safety glasses, facial shields, gowns, nitrile disposable gloves, surgical masks, and touchless thermometers. Donations are collected at the Capital Medical Society from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. More information can be found [here](#).



Nonprofit Town Hall Meeting

Join us on **Friday, April 3** at **10:00 am** for a community-wide virtual town hall meeting to address the immediate needs of the nonprofit sector. The meeting will include elected officials and sector leaders. The audience will have the opportunity to participate in a live Q&A. Participation is limited to 100 people and registration is required. [Register today!](#)



Arts Events Online and Streaming

Did you know that the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) has a new ONLINE feature?

Check-out www.TallahasseeArts.org for ways to connect online with our local arts and cultural organizations and artists. Events, classes, lessons and more! #TallahasseeArts #iheARTtally



- Add YOUR Events
- Local Artists
- Family Friendly
- Virtual Classes
- Online Public Art

TallahasseeArts.org

Stay Socially Connected

While it is critical right now to stay home, practice physical distancing, wash your hands, and wipe down frequently touched surfaces/items, it's also important to stay connected with others.

Don't forget to virtually check in on your friends, families, and neighbors.

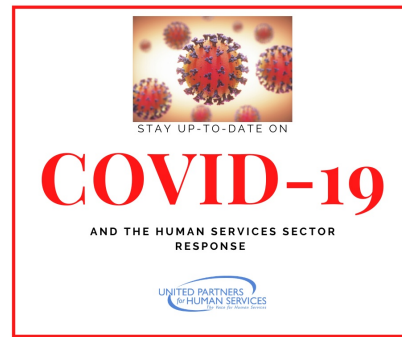
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United Partners for Humans Services (UPHS)

United Partners for Human Services provides local updates and information for available social services and closures in our area.

For more information, visit: <https://uphsfl.org/covid-19/>



Register For a Library Card ONLINE!

Do you want to take advantage of the wonderful online resources provided by the library but don't have a library card?

You can now register for a library card online and use it right away!

For more information:
<https://tinyurl.com/onlinecardregistration>

**ONLINE LIBRARY CARD
REGISTRATION & RENEWAL
IS NOW AVAILABLE!**



Kanopy

With Kanopy, you can stream thousands of movies for free - from a computer, device or a Smart TV - just by using your library card!

And Kanopy also offers The Great Courses, which have instructional videos for history, music, cooking and more.

Learn all about it [HERE](#).

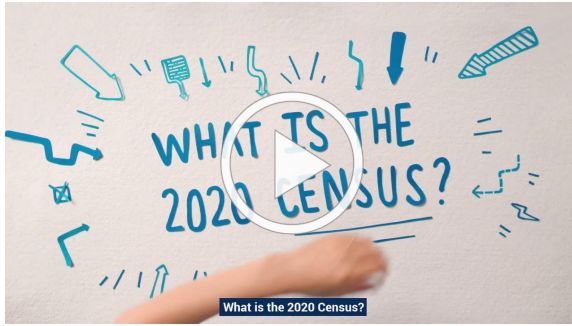


TODAY is Census Day!

Today - April 1 - is Census Day! And so far, Leon County is just behind the State of Florida in responses for the 2020 Census! In fact, only 33.1% of Leon County residents have completed

the Census to date.

Please help us make it count by filling out your census now: my2020census.gov!



2020 Census Self-Response by County

Select State
Florida

Select County
Leon

Florida Self-Response: 34.3%

Leon Self-Response: 33.1%



Take part in the U.S. Census Video-Making Challenge!

Are you:

- Good at making videos?
- Looking to make some money?
- Passionate about the 2020Census?

Then the **#GetitCount** video challenge could be for you! The deadline is April 17th and the video must be 30 seconds to 3 minutes in length.

You can learn more about the contest [here](#). And let us know if you submit! Your video could help Leon County **#MakeltCount!**

