



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**Rick Minor**

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



## September - October 2023 News & Updates

### Upcoming Meetings

#### Board of County Commissioners

- TODAY, Tuesday, September 12
- 3pm - Regular Meeting
- 6pm - Public Hearings
- 5th Floor, County Courthouse
- Review agenda [HERE](#)

#### CRTPA

- Tuesday, September 19
- 1:30 pm
- 2nd Floor City Hall
- Agenda will be posted [HERE](#) on/about Sept. 12

#### North Monroe Business Crime Watch Meeting

- Thursday, Sept. 21
- 8:30 am
- Days Inn & Suites, 2900 N. Monroe St.
- Will focus on North Monroe businesses between Fred George Rd and Sessions Rd, but all interested citizens are welcome

#### Blueprint IA

- Thursday, Sept. 21
- 3:00 pm
- Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting
- 2nd Floor, City Hall
- Agenda will be posted [HERE](#)

Click [HERE](#) for the complete Commission calendar.

Hello Rick,

Each year the Leon County Commission has its 'summer recess', a six-week period when we don't schedule regular board meetings. But this time has been anything but a recess:

- In late July I attended the National Association of Counties conference, learning how other counties are addressing public safety, workforce development, homelessness and other policy issues.
- My Chief of Staff and I have been working with Sheriff McNeil and his team on three new business crime watch networks along the North Monroe corridor.
- Working with Robin Hassler Thompson and other anti-human trafficking advocates, we're drafting policy at the FL Association of Counties that, if adopted, will help Florida communities fight labor and sex trafficking.
- Starting my service on the Leon County Research & Development Authority, which promotes economic development at Innovation Park.

Later this afternoon (9/12), the County Commission will have its first meeting of the fall, when we'll conduct final deliberations on the FY23-24 budget, consider a Climate Change resolution, and discuss creating a Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Citizens' Committee. For more info on these and other items, please click on the link to the top left.

During the morning of Sept. 21, we'll have a meeting with North Monroe businesses between Fred George Rd. and Sessions Rd. to establish a new business crime watch network. The meeting will focus on businesses within this specific area, but all interested citizens are welcome to attend. For meeting logistics, please see the info to the left.

Later that afternoon, Blueprint will meet to finalize its FY23-24 budget and whether we will consider adjustments to the Airport Gateway project.

Those are some of the recent and upcoming highlights. If you have any questions or suggestions about these items or others, please don't hesitate to contact me.

As always, it's a great honor serving you and people of Leon County.

All the best,

**Rick Minor**

Commissioner, Leon County District 3  
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P.S. If you have friends and family who might be interested in receiving this newsletter each month, please ask them to sign up at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor). Thank you!

## Enhancing the North Monroe Corridor: Please Join Us at These Charrettes

Join the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department to share your input at the

### NORTH MONROE CORRIDOR CHARRETTE

**OCT 2** **KICK-OFF MEETING**  
Lake Jackson Community Center  
Monday, October 2  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

**OCT 4** **COMMUNITY INPUT AND BBQ**  
J. Lee Vause Park  
Wednesday, October 4  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

**OCT 5** **COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE**  
Lake Jackson Community Center  
Thursday, October 5  
5:30-7:30 p.m.

Share your input by completing the survey!

For a complete list of events, visit [LeonCountyFL.gov/NorthMonroe](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/NorthMonroe)

**PLANNING DEPARTMENT**  
a division of PLACE

This multi-day effort is an opportunity for the community and Leon County staff to work together to identify and evaluate a variety of land use/planning strategies and other proposals for the continued improvement of the North Monroe Corridor area.

You can participate in two ways:

### 1) Completing an Online Survey

This [brief online survey](#) contains three parts and will take approximately ten minutes to complete.

### 2) Attending One or More Charrettes

#### **Monday, October 2**

##### **Community Kick-Off Meeting**

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. / Lake Jackson Community Center

#### **Tuesday, October 3**

##### **Pop-up Events**

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. / Canopy Oaks Park

9:00 - 11:00 a.m. / Parwez Alam Park  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. / Lake Jackson Branch Library

### **Open House**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. / Planning Department, Renaissance Center, Second Floor Conference Room

### ***Wednesday, October 4***

#### **Community BBQ**

5:30 -7:30 p.m. / J Lee Vause Park

### ***Thursday, October 5***

#### **Virtual Open House**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

#### **In-Person Open House**

5:30 to 7:30 p.m. / Lake Jackson Community Center

[Click here](#) for more information on all of these events.

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## **Improvements to J. Lee Vause Park**



Recently some concerned neighbors brought up to Rick a few issues related to J. Lee Vause Park. Rick met with the neighbors at the Park and then spoke with County staff about them. In particular, the neighbors pointed to broken latches on the dog park gates and areas that needed mowing. We are proud to announce that both issues have been fixed and we extend a huge thank you to County staff for their quick and diligent attention to them.

If you haven't been to J. Lee Vause in awhile, it is definitely worth the trip! Located at 6024 Old Bainbridge Road, the park has a new playground, created and designed to support expressive play for children, including musical instruments, a flying saucer swing, and a

Selfie Swizzler (a swiveling play piece that is unlike any other playground structure). The park also includes six picnic pavilions and 26 acres of open wooded spaces. There is also a dog park for both big and small dogs to enjoy.

## What To Know About Credit Freezes and Fraud Alerts



Credit freezes and fraud alerts can protect you from identity theft or prevent further misuse of your personal information if it was stolen. Learn what they do and how to place them.

[Learn more here](#)

## Heir Property Workshops

A banner for 'Heir Property Workshops'. On the left, a green outline of a house contains a scale of justice icon and the text 'HEIR PROPERTY WORKSHOPS'. On the right, a diverse family of four (a man, a woman, and two children) is shown outdoors in a grassy area. The man is pointing towards the house icon. At the bottom, there is a registration link and logos for Leon County, Legal Services, City of Tallahassee, CSG, and Live United United Way.

REGISTER AT  
[LeonCountyFL.gov/HeirProperty](http://LeonCountyFL.gov/HeirProperty)



Do you plan to pass down your home to your loved ones? Are you someone who might inherit property from a family member? Attend an heir property workshop to discover the steps that will ensure a smooth inheritance process to prevent complicated probate and property issues and build generational wealth for your family.

These neighborhood workshops are free and open to the public.

Join us during the following neighborhood meetings:

Saturday, September 30, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Delta Kappa Omega Providence Community Service Center, 1908 Highland Street

Thursday, October 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Woodville Community Center, 8000 Old Woodville Road

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## Leon County's Interactive Water Quality Maps



Whether you're into kayaking, fishing, swimming, or nature, Leon County's Interactive Water Quality Maps offer a revealing look at the heart of our county's water quality.

The information gathered at these locations aids our experts in assessing the overall water quality, enabling us to devise long-term plans for maintaining these precious environmental assets. The map also provides valuable insights into the effects of community growth and development on our water bodies over time.

Check out the Interactive Water Quality Maps [here](#).

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## Leon County Volunteer Fire Truck Round Up



existing conditions, discuss current trends, and envision the future of the community. Join us at one of the events below:

- September 18 from 6 PM - 8 PM - Leon County Lake Jackson Community Center, 3840 North Monroe Street
- September 19 from 12 PM - 2 PM - Jack McLean Community Center, 700 Paul Russell Rd
- September 19 from 6 PM to 8 PM - Lincoln Center, 438 W. Brevard St. 32301
- September 20 from 6PM to 8 PM - Leon County Main Public Library, 200 W. Park Ave, 32301

**Sign up to be a Community Ambassador** - The Ambassador program engages local community members to communicate with their respective organizations throughout the planning process. Ambassadors are crucial to expanding community awareness of the plan and engagement opportunities. To find out more, please view the [project website](#) and fill out the Ambassador Program Interest Form.

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## How to Increase Your Credit Score



Learn more at [LeonCountyLibrary.org/FFS](http://LeonCountyLibrary.org/FFS)

Boost your credit knowledge during "How to Increase Your Credit Score," via a partnership between Leon County Libraries and Envision Credit Union. Adult and youth sessions available.

Dates and locations:

- Sept. 16, noon-1:30 p.m. at Jane G. Sauls Fort Braden Branch Library
- Sept. 19, 5:30-7 p.m. at Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library
- Sept. 28, 5:30-7 p.m. at Lake Jackson Branch Library

Meal provided! Pre-register for an extra chance to win a \$25 VISA gift card. See you there!

Register at [LeonCountyLibrary.org/FFS](http://LeonCountyLibrary.org/FFS).

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## September is Library Card Sign-Up Month



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If you've never had a library card or if it's been a while, now's the perfect time to discover the treasures waiting for you. Swing by your nearest branch location and get started! Library cards are free and you can even register for one online.

Learn more at [LeonCountyLibrary.org/LibraryCard](https://LeonCountyLibrary.org/LibraryCard).

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## Cultura Tallahassee: Together We Shine - Exhibit Opening



Join the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library for the opening of the Cultura Tallahassee: Together We Shine exhibit on Saturday, September 16, 2023 from 12-2 p.m. on the second floor of the Main library.

This exhibit will feature a variety of artwork from local artists in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Artwork will be on display until Saturday, October 14. During the event, Ben Lougheed will captivate with a live Spanish guitar performance. Light refreshments will be served at the opening.

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## Fairbanks Ferry Community Gathering

Rick was pleased to join neighbors in the Fairbanks Ferry community recently for their annual neighborhood gathering. If you would like for Rick to visit with your neighborhood or group, [please let us know](#).



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## Free Tutoring

Homework Hub is back! Kindergarten through 8th grade students can receive free assistance with homework in person at the Leon County Main Library and Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library, as well as online through Zoom. Visit [the website](#) to register.



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