



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



March 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

-- Tues, April 14
-- 3:00 pm
-- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about April 7.

Board of County Commissioners Budget Workshop

-- Tues, April 28
-- 1:00 pm
-- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about April 21.

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

Hello,

As I type this at my office, we're only halfway through Spring Break week and my wife is at home, desperately trying to keep our daughters entertained. I've got to go and rescue her (i.e., shift change), but first I wanted to share a couple of important County updates:

I'd like to bring to your attention to **SafeSense**, a free training opportunity on how to avoid the ever more sophisticated scams that arrive in our email inboxes, smart phone text apps, etc. In addition, you'll receive valuable training on how to use AI safely and effectively in everyday tasks. Details are below in the newsletter. If you can join us at **the Main Library next Thursday, March 26th at 11:30am**, please register at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/SafeSense. Lunch will be provided.

At last week's County Commission meeting, we voted to place the question of **consolidation** on the ballot in November. At a high level, consolidation seems like it could be a good idea... common sense would suggest that it would be more efficient and more cost-effective.

But the devil is in the details. Leon County has two distinct components – urban/suburban and rural. And the people living in these areas have very different expectations of service. How do we ensure that rural residents aren't paying more, for services they don't want? And how can we ensure that rural residents continue to receive the level of representation that they deserve? These are the types of questions we'll need to answer.

If we can find a consolidation approach that is more efficient, more cost-effective and more responsive for both rural and urban areas, it could be the right approach.

If voters support consolidation in November, we'll get to work, collaborate with Leon County residents, and develop the best plan possible. Then, we'll go back to the voters with a second ballot initiative and see whether they want to proceed.

I hope you'll find the rest of this newsletter interesting and informative. Thank you once again for the honor of representing you at the Leon County Commission, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

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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. Thank you!



SafeSense

Online Safety &
Digital Skills

**Real skills.
Real safety.
Real sense.**

Free workshop to help you spot scams, protect your devices, and get more out of the internet — at your own pace, with people who get it.

- ▶ Spot the Scam — Learn to tell real from fake
- ▶ Lock It Down — Secure your phone, email, and accounts
- ▶ Speak Up & Get Help — Know who to call and how to report
- ▶ Do More Online — Purchasing, banking, video calls & more
- ▶ Understanding AI — See what AI can (and can't) do for you



**Join us on Thursday,
March 26**

11:30 a.m.

**Leon County Main Library,
200 W. Park Ave.**

Free to everyone

Lunch provided

IN COORDINATION WITH:

- Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce
- Capital City Chamber of Commerce
- Community Foundation of North Florida
- Cybersecurity Community Outreach Organization at FSU (CSCOO)
- Florida State University College of Communication & Information (FSU CCI)
- Florida Technology Council
- i2X Solutions
- Kristy Tillman
- Ruvos
- Tallahassee State College



Register today at LeonCountyFL.gov/SafeSense
or call (850) 606-2665

SafeSense: Online Safety & Digital Skills

WHO: Leon County Government

WHAT: SafeSense: Online Safety & Digital Skills Workshop

WHEN: Thursday, March 26, 2026, at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: LeRoy Collins Leon County Main Library, 200 West Park Avenue

According to the Federal Trade Commission, Americans lost more than \$12.5 billion to fraud in 2024, a 25 percent increase from the prior year. Older adults were hit especially hard, with reported losses among adults 60 and older reaching \$2.4 billion, a fourfold increase since 2020.

Rick has spent the past few months working with community partners to develop Leon County's new SafeSense workshop. The **free** program is designed with older adults in mind, but open to anyone who wants to feel more confident and secure online. Whether you've received a suspicious text, been unsure about an email, or simply want to learn how to better protect yourself and your family, SafeSense meets you where you are, at your own pace, in a welcoming, no-pressure setting. Register today at LeonCountyFL.gov/SafeSense or call the Leon County Public Library at 850-606-2665.

Participants will learn how to recognize common scams. The workshop also covers how to secure phones and email accounts, get more out of everyday online tools like banking and video calls, know whom to contact if something goes wrong, and understand what artificial intelligence can and can't do. **No experience is necessary**, just curiosity. Friendly, patient instructors will guide participants through each topic step by step.

The workshop is free and open to all ages, though it is especially designed for older adults who may feel targeted by increasingly sophisticated online scams or want to build confidence with digital tools. Family members and caregivers are also encouraged to attend. SafeSense offers practical, hands-on guidance that participants can put to use right away to protect themselves and their loved ones.

The program has been developed with coordination and input from the following community partners: Big Bend Minority Chamber of Commerce, Capital City Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation of North Florida, Cybersecurity Community Outreach Organization at FSU (CSCOO), Florida State University College of Communication & Information (FSU CCI), Florida Technology Council, i2X Solutions, Kristy Tillman, Ruvos, and Tallahassee State College.

Lunch will be provided.

[Register Here](#)

Buc-ee's Site Meeting Rescheduled to April 8



Have you checked out Rhoden Cove Landing's new deck and observation platform? Watch the video above and be sure to visit -- it's a great amenity. Thanks to Leon County staff for doing such a great job on it!

Apply for a Summer Job with Leon County

**Apply for a
SUMMER JOB
WITH LEON COUNTY!**

Apply by
April 20

LeonCountyFL.gov/SummerYouth

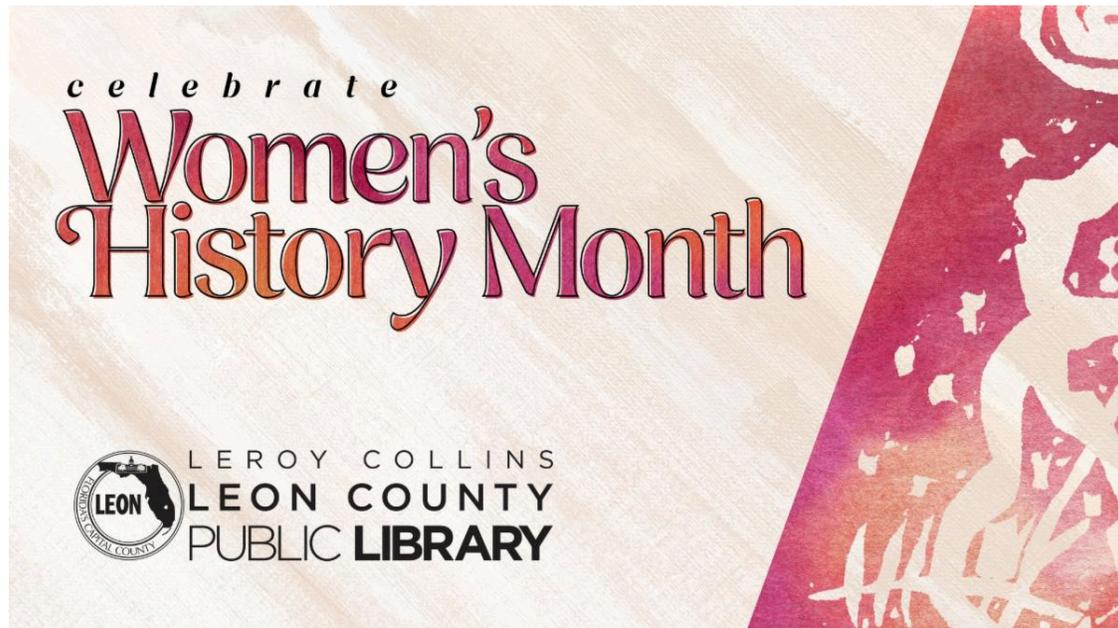
Leon County Government is now accepting applications for the 2026 Summer Youth Training Program. The Summer Youth Training Program is a five-week program in which youth and young adults ages 14 to 24 can gain valuable job experience by working with a Leon County department.

Interested youth should apply [here](#). The application deadline is **Monday, April 20th, at 5 p.m.**

Youth and young adults can gain job experience over the summer across various County departments, including Emergency Medical Services, Fleet Management, Library Services, Public Works, and more. All positions are 20 hours per week and pay \$14 per hour. The Summer Youth Training Program will run from Monday, June 29 through Friday, July 31, 2026.

[Learn More and Apply Here](#)

Leon County Honors Women's History Month



Leon County Government is recognizing the achievements and contributions of women during Women's History Month with engaging programs, activities, and resources from the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System. The month-long celebration includes a presentation highlighting local women leaders, a photo exhibit, and the opportunity to share ideas for a sustainable future. Thematic book lists and movie watchlists give citizens of all ages the opportunity to learn about inspiring women who have shaped our community and the world.

[Learn About Leon County's Women's History Month Programs and Resources](#)

Interested in Launching or Revitalizing a Community Garden?



Leon County's Community Garden Program provides grant funding, technical assistance, and materials to residents who want to start or rejuvenate a community garden in Leon County.

Grants are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis while funds remain available.

[Learn More and Apply Here](#)

2026 Spring Home Expo



2026
SPRING HOME EXPO

APRIL 11
9 a.m.-12 p.m.

Leon County Cooperative Extension
615 E. Paul Russell Road

REGISTER ONLINE
LeonCountyFL.gov/HomeExpo



The 2026 Spring Home Expo will be held on **Saturday, April 11** from **9 to 12 p.m.** at the **Leon County Cooperative Extension, 615 E. Paul Russell Road**. This year's Expo features tips on buying and maintaining your home, home gardening, sustainable living, hurricane preparedness, and more! Brought to you in partnership with the Housing

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

Apalachicola National Forest Cleanup



Rick and his daughters recently joined Chairman Christian Caban, his son, organizer Sharon Gray, and an army of partners and volunteers for the annual forest cleanup! Thanks to Sharon for her leadership and hard work.

North Monroe Businesses Breakfast



Rick recently hosted for **North Monroe businesses** a breakfast meeting which provided an update on North Monroe's infrastructure and public safety. There's more work to do, of course, but we're making solid progress in the area.

A big thanks to **LCSO Sheriff McNeil**, **TPD Chief Revell**, **Property Appraiser Akin Akinyemi**, and **LCS School Board member Laurie Lawson Cox** for joining us at the breakfast. Working together, we'll build on this momentum... as the Sheriff says, we're "ALL in Leon"!

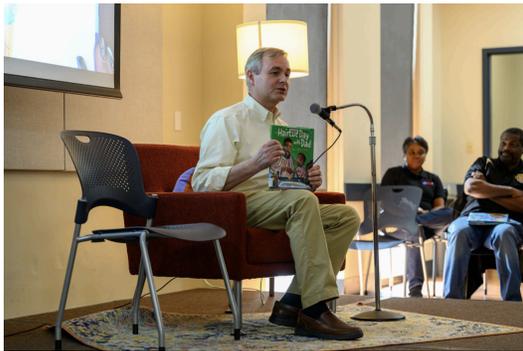
Click [here](#) to read the news story about the meeting from WTXL's Maya Sargent.

Neighborhood Meetings



Rick recently spoke to neighbors in Lakewood Village at their annual HOA meeting. Topics discussed included the new Buc-ees, improvements on North Monroe, and so much more. If you'd like for Rick to speak at your HOA meeting, please email him at MinorR@LeonCountyFL.gov and he'll be happy to add it to his calendar.

Reading at the African American Read-in





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