



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



May/June 2026 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

- Tues, June 9
- 3:00 - meeting
- 6:00 - hearing
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#).

Blueprint IA

- Tues, June 11
- 1:00 - workshop
- 3:00 - meeting
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about June 4th.

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)

- Mon, June 15
- 1:30 - meeting
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about June 8th.

Board of County Commissioners Budget Workshop

- Tues, June 16
- 9:00 am
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about June 9th.

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

Hello,

I hope you're doing well. Now that school is out, my two daughters have officially started camp season. So far, so good, but we do have an entire summer ahead of us! :-)

As you'll see below, there's a LOT going on in Leon County, and we're very interested in getting your feedback on multiple projects/issues: the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) funding; the new Buc-ee's site plan; the design of the Orchard Pond Greenway; FDOT's Thomasville Road resurfacing; and a host of CRTPA transportation projects.

And don't miss out on essential events, such as DJ Demp's Family Fun Day, the Beyond Your Block summer program, and the Disaster Preparedness training.

Information on all of these can be found below, and I hope you'll find the rest of this newsletter interesting and beneficial to you, as well.

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.

Rick Minor

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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!

Leon County Commission's COCA Agenda Item



COUNCIL ON
CULTURE
& **ARTS**

At the May 12th Leon County Commission meeting, the Board deliberated on an agenda item related to funding for the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA). Local media did a good job covering the deliberations. [Click here for the Tallahassee Democrat's story](#), [here for WTXL's](#), and [here for WCTV's](#).

In summary, after many hours of public comment and debate, the Board voted to include the COCA funding issue at the upcoming budget workshop, scheduled for **June 16**, from **9am-3pm**.

Since that Board meeting, Rick has been busy meeting with many from the arts community and other members of the public and stakeholders. His goal continues to be to ensure that COCA has a tourist development funding arrangement that will help it thrive.

[Click here to read Rick's emails](#) on this topic and [email Rick here to be added to his email distribution list](#) on COCA-related matter.

[Read Rick's COCA emails](#)

[Add your name to Rick's COCA email list](#)

Longleaf to Lighthouse Expedition



The 2nd site plan meeting for the Tallahassee Buc-ees is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 17th at 1:30 p.m.** at the **Renaissance Center (435 North Macomb Street) on the Second Floor** in the main conference room. Rick plans to attend and the public is welcome.

You can review all submitted plans, staff comments, and future meeting notices any time on Leon County's **Accela Citizen Access** portal:

<https://aca-prod.accela.com/LEONCO/Default.aspx>

1. In the "Search" box at the top of the page, enter the Project ID (e.g., LSP26002) and press **Enter**.
2. Click the correct record, then select **Record Info** → **Attachments**.
3. (Optional) Double-click the **Upload Date** column header to sort files so the newest documents appear first.

No login is required to view or download these materials. If you have any issues accessing these documents or other questions, you can contact Ana Richmond at (850) 606-1321.

Join us for DJ Demp's Family Fun Day



The DJ DEMP Foundation is hosting a family fun day. The details:

- 📅 Sunday, June 14, 2026
- 🕒 2PM – 6PM
- 📍 The Rez – FSU Lakefront Park & Retreat Center
- 👨👩👧👦 ALL kids 17 & under are FREE
- 💰 Adults: Only \$5

Get ready to enjoy:

- 🎯 Interactive games & challenges
- 🏆 Prizes & friendly competitions
- 🎵 Kid-friendly music
- 👨👩👧👦 Family vibes all day long
- 🍷 FREE Food while it lasts

[Learn More](#)

Tallahassee to Havana Trail/ Orchard Pond Greenway



ORCHARD POND GREENWAY

Tallahassee to Havana Trail from Old Bainbridge Road (C.R. 153) at Ochlockonee River (Leon/Gadsden County line) to the eastern trailhead on the Orchard Pond Greenway.
Leon County, Florida

FDOT WORK PROGRAM NUMBER: 455411-1

PUBLIC ALTERNATIVES MEETING



THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026



5:30 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. (EDT)



LAKE JACKSON COMMUNITY CENTER
3840 NORTH MONROE STREET, TALLAHASSEE



- Project displays and documents will be available to view
- Ask questions and provide comments to the project team

Should you have questions regarding this project or this public meeting, please contact:



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The Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) will hold a Public Alternatives Meeting related to the Orchard Pond Greenway project on **Thursday, June 4, 2026**, at the **Lake Jackson Community Center**, located at **3840 North Monroe Street**, Tallahassee, Florida. The meeting will take place from **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (EDT)**.

The purpose of this meeting is to provide interested persons with updated project information, offer an opportunity to learn more about the study, and allow community members to share their views. Maps, drawings, and other project materials will be available for review. CRTPA representatives and project team members will be available to explain proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments.

Project information to be presented at the meeting is available [here](#). A survey is also available and can be accessed through the project webpage. **All comments submitted or postmarked on or before Tuesday, June 30, 2026, will become part of the project's official record.**

The project is intended to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety, increase mobility and recreational opportunities, enhance quality of life, and support the local economy. In addition, it provides an important connection in the expansion of the regional trail network throughout the Capital Region and beyond.

The project includes the Leon County segment of the Tallahassee to Havana Trail, for which a feasibility study was completed and adopted by the CRTPA in 2022 and subsequently updated in 2025. The total study length is approximately 4.4 miles. The existing unimproved trail segment, approximately 3.6 miles in length, is located between the western and eastern trailheads and currently accommodates equestrian, pedestrian, and bicycle users.

Provide Feedback via the Project Survey

Thomasville Road Resurfacing Project



Rick recently attended a public hearing by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) on the Thomasville Road (SR 61) resurfacing project.

Here are the details:

- Resurfacing will be of Thomasville Road (SR-61) from **9th Avenue to Village Square Blvd**, north of I-10.
- Construction should begin in the **Fall of 2027** and continue for about a year.

Most of the project is a straightforward resurfacing of the existing roadway, but there are some important enhancements:

- 1) A new southbound turn lane will be constructed at Peacefield Place.
- 2) Median upgrades will be provided both north and south of the Whole Foods / 4 Rivers shopping plaza, to improve safety.
- 3) New traffic signal mast arms will be installed at Hermitage
- 4) Sidewalks that are deemed deficient by FDOT within the project area will be replaced.
- 5) FDOT is partnering with the City of Tallahassee to review/install pedestrian crossing lighting at signalized intersections.

During construction, there will be **no lane closures from 6am-8pm Monday through Friday, and no closures at all during weekends.**

For more information visit www.NWFLRoads.com and search for the SR-61 resurfacing project.

We'll provide more updates in this newsletter as we learn more. Thanks to FDOT Northwest Florida and the City of Tallahassee for their hard work on this project.

[Learn More Here](#)

Prepare for the 2026 Hurricane Season



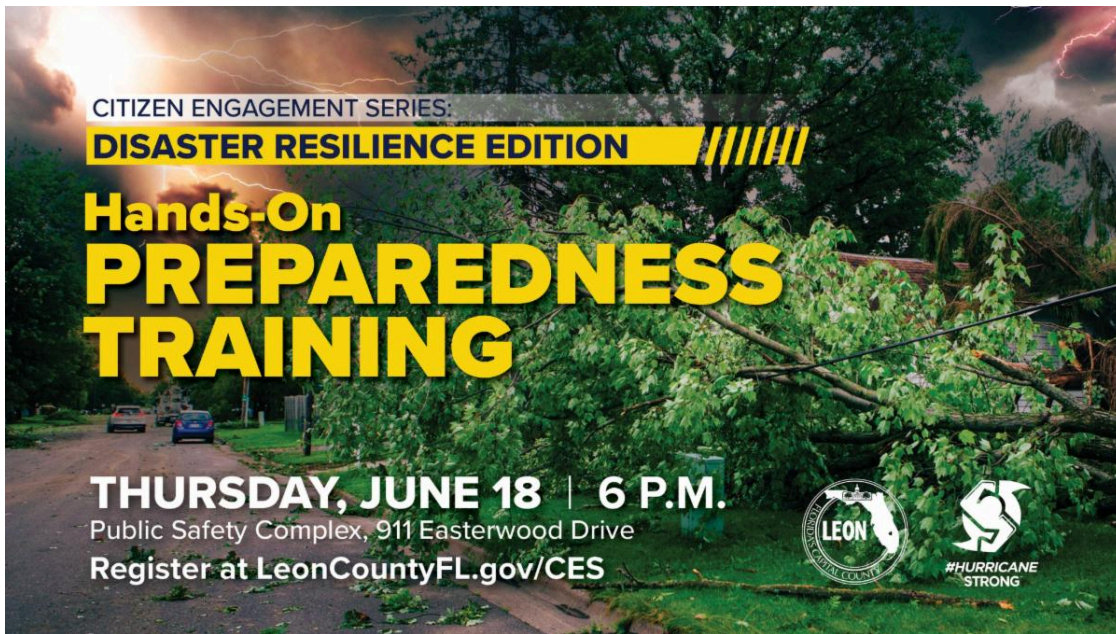
Prepare for hurricane season with the Leon County 2026-27 Disaster Survival Guide or visit LeonReady.com, our hub of resources to help individuals, their families, and their neighborhood prepare for disasters.

Throughout hurricane season, the County will continue to share preparedness tips and resources across social media to help develop a prepared and resilient community.

Check your mailbox for the 2026-27 Disaster Survival Guide and pick up additional copies at your nearest [Leon County Public Library location](#).

[Learn More](#)

Citizen Engagement Series: Disaster Resilience Edition



Step behind the scenes at the **Emergency Operations Center** and learn how to prepare for disasters with local public safety experts at Leon County's Citizen Engagement Series: Disaster Resilience Edition.

This interactive event will feature hands-on activities and demonstrations for the whole family. This year's program includes breakout sessions and hands-on activities, like Leon County Emergency Medical Services' Stop the Bleed training, which teaches participants how to control bleeding in emergency situations, and the Consolidated Dispatch Agency's The First of First Responders presentation, which provides insights into the critical role of 9-1-1 dispatchers and how to effectively communicate vital information. Residents who attend the event will have a chance to win items that will be a great addition to their disaster preparedness supplies.

Dinner will be provided. Please note that this event requires walking to and from sessions. While assistance services will be available, they are limited. We encourage all attendees to prepare accordingly for walking throughout the event.

Registration closes Thursday, June 18, at noon, unless sold out prior to that time. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Register Here](#)

**Seeking your input on the CRTPA's
Transportation Projects**



The Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA) is seeking public input on its transportation projects in the CRTPA region (Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, and Wakulla counties), as well as the agency's proposed project priorities. The **FY 2027 – FY 2031 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)** and **FY 2028 – FY 2032 Project Priority Lists (PPLs)** are scheduled for adoption at the June 15, 2026, CRTPA Board meeting.

- The **Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)** identifies transportation projects (including roadway, transit, bicycle, pedestrian, and aviation) located within the Capital Region that have received mostly state and federal funding. To view and comment on funded projects visit the [CRTPA's Interactive Tip Tool](#).
- The **Project Priority Lists (PPLs)** are adopted annually and identify the agency's regional transportation priorities for projects seeking state and federal funds. To view a map of the PPLs and provide comments, please click [HERE](#).

Beyond Your Block — America 250 Edition



As America celebrates 250 years of freedom, County Tourism is encouraging locals to Explore Beyond Your Block to find all that's great about our County, including its place in history.

Download the free Visit Tallahassee mobile app and use the "Challenges" tab to check in at participating locations and earn points. Six local sites on the America 250: Florida Road Trip carry the highest point value!

The first 50 participants to reach 250 points earn a limited-edition TLH 250 t-shirt, and every check-in counts as an entry in the grand prize sweepstakes — a two-night Tallahassee getaway with hotel, dining and local activities. Surprise prize drops throughout the program will feature summer essentials, with drop locations announced on social media.

The Beyond Your Block summer program is designed to drive visitor and resident traffic to support local businesses and to showcase the unique draw of our community.

[Learn More](#)

Help to Remove Litter from Leon County's Roadways: the Adopt-a-Road Program



Transform our community and **embrace a greener tomorrow** through Leon County's Adopt-A-Road Program! More than one hundred miles of road are available for adoption in Leon County, providing the **perfect opportunity for residents or local organizations** to make a difference in their communities. By adopting a County road, residents or local organizations agree to a two-year commitment to team up with Leon County in a mission to schedule **regular clean-ups and rid County roads of litter** while receiving a dedicated road sign. Step into action and pledge your commitment to our community's well-being through the Adopt-A-Road Program.

[Learn More](#)

Apply to Serve on the Children's Services Council



APPLY TO SERVE ON THE



Children's Services Council



Want to play a role in developing and growing our community responsibly? Leon County is seeking dedicated residents to join the Advisory Committee for the Children's Services Council.

Apply by **Friday, July 31, 2026**, and make a difference!

[Learn More](#)

Leon County Podcast Sustainability



The Voices of Leon podcast is back with a new episode. Check out the podcast episode to hear from Leon County's Sustainability experts as they unpack the meaning of sustainability and share their journey toward making our community a greener place,

[Listen Here](#)

LCSO's School Safety Summit



LEON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE
PRESENTS

2026 SCHOOL SAFETY SUMMIT



JUNE 16th - 17th
8AM - 5PM

Join the Leon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) and our partners for a two-day school safety summit filled with insightful discussions and practical workshops on enhancing safety in educational settings.

**REGISTER
ONLINE**

Scan the
QR code
to register
for a ticket



CONTACT US

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**GUEST
SPEAKER**

Sarah Lerner
Educator/

Teacher-survivor of the Marjory
Stoneman Douglas High School
shooting

EVENT PARTNERS



Join the Leon County Sheriff's Office for the 2026 School Safety Summit, a two-day event happening **Tuesday, June 16 through Wednesday, June 17**, at the Florida Public Safety Institute and Godby High School.

The summit will feature expert speakers, insightful discussions, and hands-on workshops focused on enhancing school safety. Attendees will have the opportunity to connect with school administrators, educators, and law enforcement professionals to share best practices and strategies for creating safer learning environments for students and staff.

[Register Here](#)

Summer Reading Program



Join the Leon County Public Library in June and July for Unearth a Story summer programs. Discover a season filled with hands-on activities, creative exploration, and stories waiting to be uncovered.

From exciting games and crafts to scavenger hunts, live performances, and reading challenges, there's something for all ages. Whether you're exploring the past, imagining new worlds, or uncovering hidden stories, the library is your place for summer discovery.

The summer reading program helps prevent the "summer slide" by keeping children and teens engaged in reading throughout the break. It also encourages readers of all ages to explore books for fun and prizes.

[Learn More Here](#)

Rick around Leon County



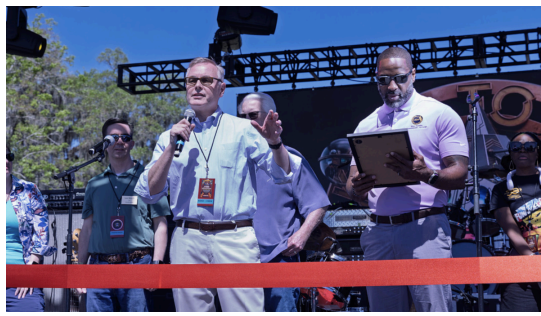
With Senator Lauren Book for the final stretch of the walk in support of Lauren's Kids.



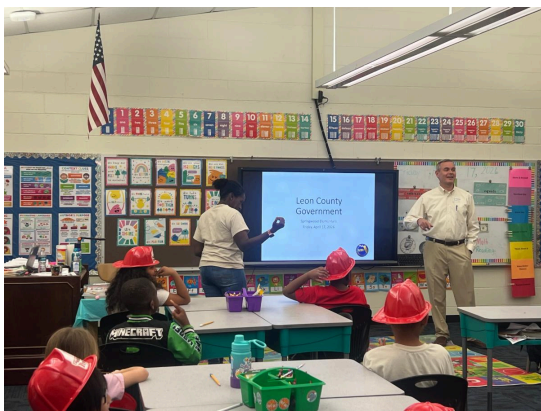
At the Henry Hill Foundation Annual Emancipation Day Celebration



Welcoming home Honor Flight veterans and guardians



Presenting a proclamation to George Clinton at the P-Funk Festival



Participating in Career Day at Springwood Elementary



Memorial Day Ceremony at the American Legion Hall



On Memorial Day, placing flags at the graves of those who have served.



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