



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



March/April 2025 News & Updates

Upcoming Meetings

CRTPA Meeting

- Monday, Mar. 17, 2025
- 1:30 pm
- City Commission Chambers
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#).

Board of County Commissioners

- Tuesday, Mar. 18, 2025
- 3:00 pm
- County Courthouse, 5th Floor
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#).

Board of County Commissioners Workshop

- Tuesday, March 25, 2025
- 1:00 pm
- County Courthouse, 5th Floor
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about March 18th.

Board of County Commissioners Meeting

- Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- 3:00 - Meeting
- 6:00 - Public Hearing
- County Courthouse, 5th Floor
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about March 31st.

CRTPA Meeting

- Tuesday, April 15, 2025
- 1:30 pm
- City Commission Chambers
- The agenda can be viewed [here](#) on or about April 8th.

Hello Rick,

I hope you're enjoying the warmer weather. With spring break this week, it's been a challenge keeping my two daughters entertained while limiting their screen time. Hiking? Check. Spring cleaning? Check. Fishing? Well, the fish outsmarted us again.

Last week I traveled to Washington DC to join nearly 2,000 local county leaders from across the nation for the **National Association of Counties (NACo)** legislative conference. As a member of the Community, Economic and Workforce Development Committee, I focused primarily on those policy areas. However, I also met with federal agencies to talk about grant opportunities, as well as passenger rail for North Florida. And of course, throughout the conference there was a great deal of discussion about how the new Administration's tariffs -- and actions taken by the Department of Government Efficiency -- might affect our communities.

While in DC, I met with **Congressman Neal Dunn** just hours before the President's address to Congress. Joined by a member of our Leon County staff, we thanked the Congressman for working with Leon County Commission Chairman Brian Welch on our continued issues with the U.S. Postal Service, and we presented our federal legislative policy and appropriations priorities. I also told him that while everyone supports the notion of making our federal government more efficient and cracking down on waste and fraud, many Leon County constituents have expressed grave concerns about the executive branch's recent actions. Some examples: how many residents believe the tariffs are likely to increase their cost of living; how NOAA's personnel cuts could undermine that agency's ability to provide us with life-saving information about approaching hurricanes; how cuts to university research grants will affect our local economy; and how the U.S.'s changing position on the Ukraine-Russia war has many residents worried about our national security. It was a good, productive meeting, and I'd like to thank Congressman Dunn and his staff for taking the time to meet with us.

In this newsletter issue we cover a lot of topics: the Buc-ee's permit application, a new anti-graffiti / anti-roadside litter proposal, Rep. Allison Tant's legislation on hands free devices while driving, newly created bills urging Florida to join the Southern Rail Commission, and several upcoming Leon County events and programs. Typically March and April are two of this community's busiest months, and this year is

**Board of County
Commissioners
Workshop**

-- Tuesday, April 22, 2025
-- 1:00 pm
-- County Courthouse, 5th
Floor
-- The agenda can be
viewed [here](#) on or about
April 15th.

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

no exception!

On March 17th I'll be making my regular appearance on the **Greg Tish Show on Real Talk 93.3**. If there's a particular topic you'd like me to discuss, please send us your ideas [here](#).

Thank you once again for the incredible 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!

Buc-ee's submits permit application for Leon County District 3 location



As you've likely heard, **Buc-ee's - a large-format travel center - has submitted a permit application** to build one of its stores in Tallahassee. More specifically, the location being considered is in our District: District 3, on the west side of Capital Circle Northwest, immediately north of I-10.

We are early in the permitting phase for the development, (i.e. Permitted Use Verification "PUV", which covers at a high level the square footage of the building, the general use, and informs the applicant of the applicable site review process), and therefore no specific site design was submitted at this stage.

Any prospective site design is subject to the Leon County Land Development regulations, and a thorough review will be conducted to ensure compliance with those standards. From ensuring the development does not create flooding onto other properties, to verifying that required traffic engineering standards are observed.

Rick will be sending out updates on this project as we learn more. If you would like to be added to this email list, [please let us know](#).

In addition, if you would like to receive notifications for the anticipated site plan submittal and review, please contact Ana Richmond, Development Services Administrator, to be included in the notification list:

Ana Richmond
Development Services Administrator
850-606-1321
RichmondA@leoncountyfl.gov

Anti-Littering/Anti-Graffiti Proposal



Rick recently introduced a **new proposal to cut down on graffiti and roadside littering**. If adopted, this proposal would partner with the Leon County Sheriff's Office and the State Attorney's Office to install Real Time Crime Center cameras in areas prone to graffiti and roadside littering. Then, after a few months, the cameras could be rotated to other areas as needed. If offenders are going to vandalize someone's property or throw a large amount of trash out of their car, law enforcement will be more likely to catch them and hold them accountable.

[Click here](#) to watch Maya Sargent of WTXL cover the story.

We Want to Hear From You!



Rick will appear on the **Greg Tish Show on Real Talk 93.3** on Monday, March 17th at 8:00 am. What topics would you like for him to discuss? Buc-ees? Issues with litter and graffiti? Something else?

Let us know what topics you would like Rick to discuss by emailing him your ideas [here](#). He'll get to as many as he can. And then be sure to listen in on your radio March 17th at 93.3, or online [here](#).

Congratulations to FAMU's Marching 100



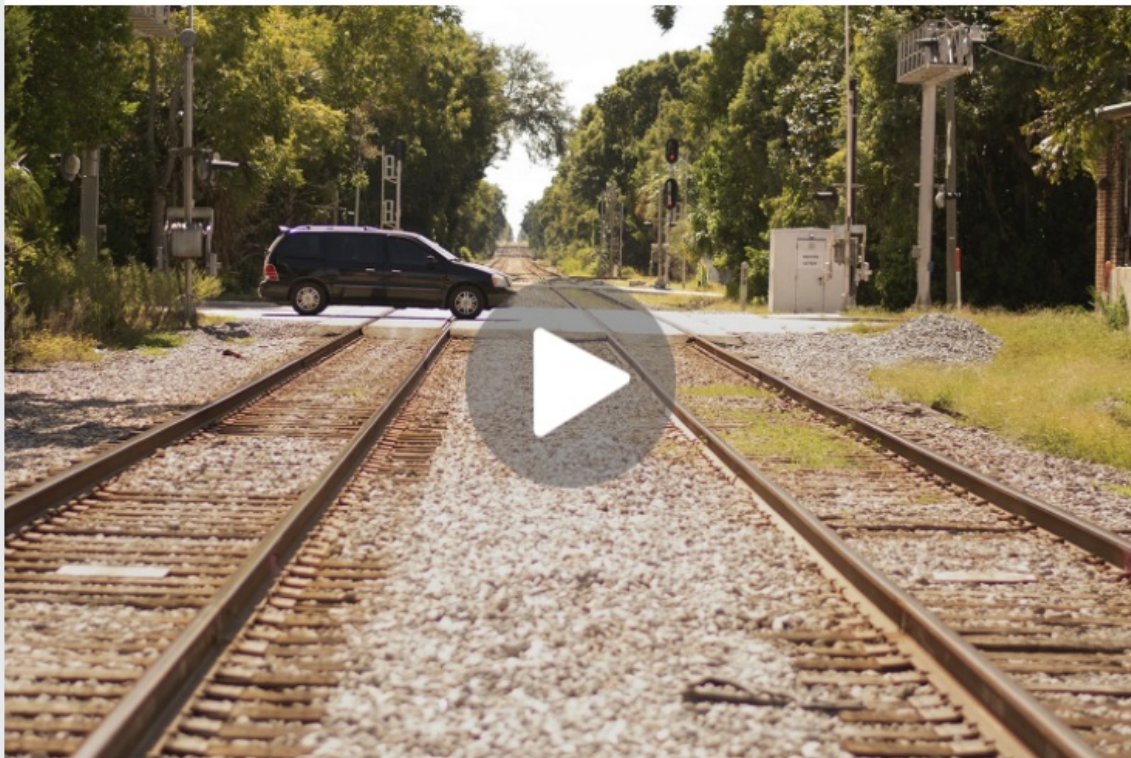
Congratulations to the **FAMU Marching 100** for winning **the ESPN Band of the year!**

The Marching 100 competed against the North Carolina A&T State University Blue & Gold Marching Machine in December in a Red Lobster Band of the Year event at the Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia for the Division I title, where the competition was held ahead of the Cricket Celebration Bowl.

At last month's Board of County Commissioners meeting, the Board recognized the Marching 100 for this award, acknowledging the band member's excellence in musicianship and showmanship. And the band came to the County Commission Chambers to treat the Commissioners and all in attendance to a few wonderful songs! Needless to say, it was a spectacular performance and a very special meeting for all.

You can watch the performance [here](#).

Rick Continues to Lead Effort to Bring Passenger Rail Back to Tallahassee



Rick has been leading **the effort to have Florida join the Southern Rail Commission (SRC)**, a group of representatives from Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi who advocate for passenger and cargo rail services in the region. One of their proposed routes is the Amtrak Gulf Coast line, a passenger train route that would run from New Orleans through Mobile, Alabama, and make stops in Tallahassee, Jacksonville and Orlando.

Last November, Rick and Okaloosa County Commission Chairman Paul Mixon presented the proposal to the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) membership, who voted unanimously to make it a FAC legislative priority. And in January, Rick and Chairman Mixon obtained signatures from a bipartisan group of 73 local elected officials for a letter to Gov. DeSantis, Senate President Albritton, and Speaker Perez urging the same thing.

Subsequently, Representative Yvonne Hayes-Hinson (D-Gainesville) and Senator Tracie Davis (D-Duval) filed bills that, if adopted, would make Florida a member of the Southern Rail Commission. A big thanks to Rep. Hayes-Hinson, Senator Davis and everyone else who has helped us get to this point!

[Click here](#) for WUFT's story about these efforts.

Neighborhood Meetings



Woodgate Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Meeting



Tower Gates Neighborhood Safety Meeting

Rick has spoken at several **Homeowners Association (HOA) Meetings and Neighborhood Association (NA) meetings** during the past few months. He has also hosted, along with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, several **Neighborhood Safety Meetings** for area neighborhoods. At these meetings, we discuss proven crime prevention methods, tips/hints for keeping homes safe and procedures to activate a neighborhood safety program.

These opportunities provide a great way for Rick to provide updates on County programs and initiatives, along with safety tips to keep neighbors and their homes safe.

If your neighborhood has an HOA or NA meeting coming up and you would like for Rick to speak - or, if you would like to discuss the possibility of our office hosting a neighborhood safety meeting for YOUR neighborhood, [please let us know](#).



Smart Growth America
Improving lives by improving communities

Rick selected for Smart Growth America's Champions Institute

In support of the Active People, Healthy NationSM Initiative, [Smart Growth America](#) (SGA) has announced that Leon County Commissioner Rick Minor will be part of [the 2025 class of the Champions Institute](#). The Champions Institute is a program created to help local elected officials define, design, build, and evaluate Complete Streets in their communities. Commissioner Minor was selected as one of the 14 local elected officials from across the United States and its territories.

Local leaders who are selected for the Champions Institute will have the opportunity to learn from a broad array of national experts and former local elected officials in the areas of public health, policy, street design, and project implementation. At the completion of the Institute's program, champions will be experts in promoting community reforms to create safer streets for everyone including people walking, biking, taking public transit and driving. Champions will be prepared to support plans, policies, and funding that promote family-friendly activities in environments that encourage healthier lives.

"Leon County residents want their transportation network to be safe and accessible not just for drivers, but also for walkers, rollers, bikers, and public transit riders," said Minor. "SGA's Champions Institute is focused on giving local elected officials like me the tools and expertise to incorporate Complete Streets principles into our transportation projects, and I'm very excited to be joining the 2025 class."

No Mow March



From [Friends of Okeehoopkee at Lake Jackson Aquatic Preserve](#):

The Aquatic Preserve, along with our local UF IFAS Extension office, invite you to support the **2025 No Mow March campaign** by pledging to let your lawn wildflowers grow for pollinators this month. This can be throughout the yard or in one particular spot. During March our turfgrasses are still waking up and many of the flowering wildflowers that are growing offer food to active pollinators. So, keep taking that break from mowing so you can go do something fun and let those wildflowers grow.

This is also part of the "Keep A Buffer, Manage A Buffer" campaign that promotes preserving an important area of vegetation along the lake's edge.

To learn more and to keep up-to-date, follow the Friends of Okeehoopkee at Lake Jackson Aquatic Preserve on Facebook by [clicking here](#).

Leon County Commissioners Support Bill Banning Handheld Use of Phones while Driving



According to the Florida Division of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, nearly 300 people died in distracted driving crashes in Florida in 2023. And here in Leon County District 3, Demetrius Branca's son Anthony was tragically killed by a distracted driver ten years ago.

Earlier this year, Rick introduced to the Board of County Commissioners a resolution supporting legislation banning handheld use of phones while driving. We are proud to report that the resolution was unanimously passed by the Board of County Commissioners. The legislation is being introduced by local state representative Allison Tant.

To learn more about this issue, [watch this story](#) by WTXL reporter Kendall Brandt, as well as [this one](#) by WCTV's Cody Butler.

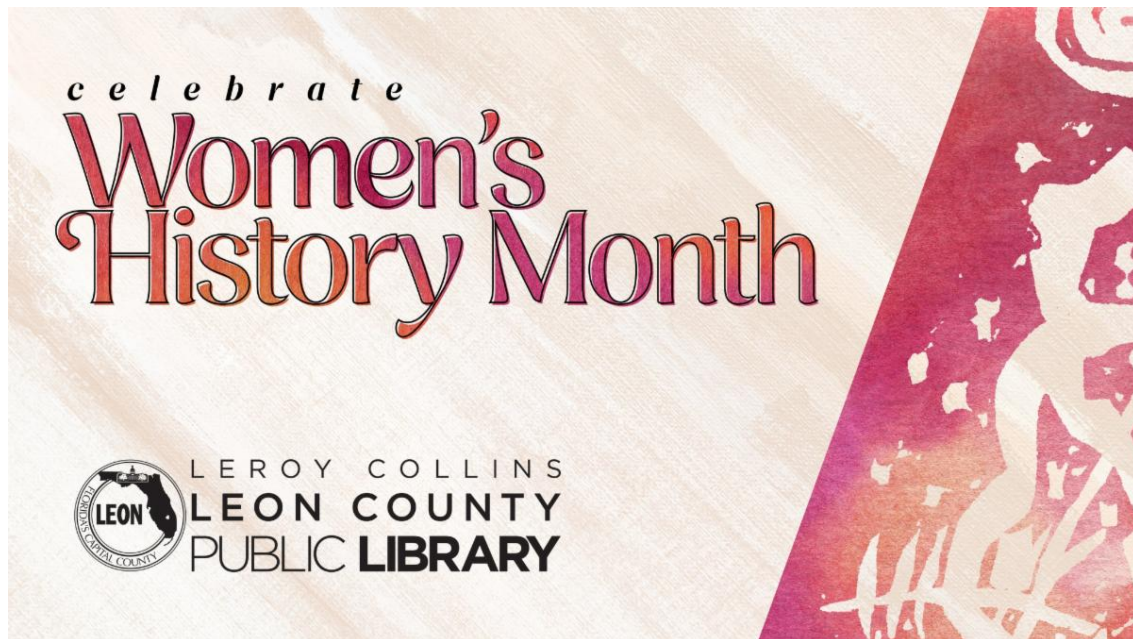
You can read a copy of the County resolution [here](#).

Wreath Laying at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery



While in Washington DC recently for the National Association of Counties (NACo) annual legislative conference, Rick had the incredible honor of joining three of his Florida Association of Counties (FAC) colleagues in laying a wreath from FAC at the Tomb of The Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. You can watch the brief video of this ceremony [here](#).

Women's History Month



In celebration of **Women's History Month**, Leon County Government is honoring the achievements and contributions of women throughout history with events, activities, and resources from the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System. [Thematic book lists and movie watchlists](#) offer citizens of all ages the chance to explore the inspiring women who have helped shape our community and the world.

In addition to these in-person and digital resources, citizens are encouraged to attend the County's upcoming Women's History Month events:

- Virtual Author Talk: The Movement by Clara Bingham, Thursday, March 20, from 2-3 p.m., [virtual](#) – Join award-winning journalist and author Clara Bingham for a conversation about her engaging oral history, *The Movement: How Women's Liberation Transformed America, 1963-1973*, which explores the decade that defined the feminist movement.
- More Than Orange Blossoms: Feisty, Fabulous Females of Florida with Carrie Sue Ayvar, Saturday, March 22, from 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Eastside Branch Library – This presentation by internationally celebrated storyteller and Chautauqua scholar Carrie Sue Ayvar highlights inspiring stories of courageous women who shaped Florida and the nation, including Julia Tuttle, the "Mother of Miami," and Mary McLeod Bethune, renowned educator and an advisor to U.S. presidents.
- Zora Neale Hurston: The Founding Mother of American Musicology with Dr. Panayotis League, Tuesday, March 25, from 6-7:30 p.m., Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library – This presentation by Dr. Panayotis League explores the life and legacy of author and folklorist Zora Neale Hurston, focusing on her ethnographic masterpiece *Mules and Men* and her pioneering fieldwork with African American musicians, storytellers, and craftspeople in Eatonville, Florida.
- Women in Florida History Scavenger Hunt, throughout the month at all locations – Explore the lives of women who shaped Florida with this self-directed scavenger hunt for youth, available at all library locations in March. Learn about influential women in our state and earn a small prize upon completion. Visit the library's Information Desk to get started.

See a complete list of resources and events at LeonCountyFL.gov/WomensHistoryMonth. Throughout the month and all year long, Leon County Government is proud to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women in history, culture, and society.

Leon Works Junior Apprenticeship Program



The **Leon Works Junior Apprenticeship Program** is an opportunity for Leon County high school juniors/seniors to prepare for a skilled career – those jobs requiring more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year degree. By the year 2026, over 70,000 skilled jobs will be available in the Leon County area. To prepare students to fill these jobs, Leon County Government is partnering with Leon County Schools to provide students with job readiness training and work experience!

For one semester, selected students will work in a Leon County department as a Junior Apprentice shadowing and assisting a County staff member in a skilled career field that

the student is interested in pursuing. In addition to gaining valuable work experience and training, Junior Apprentices earn an hourly salary and elective credit toward their high school diploma.

The application portal for the Fall 2025 semester is open now through March 31. Please share with the young people in your life. To apply, go to: LeonCountyFL.gov/JRAppliance.

Save the Date: Tallahassee Town Hall 2025 set for May 1st



There's nothing more quintessentially American than a town hall meeting. Within its ethos is the important founding principle that political foes must grudgingly become partners as they engage conflicting ideas in order to govern. It's the old-fashioned spirit of rolling up our sleeves and just getting it done. We hope you'll join us to be a part of it either live in the WFSU studio or via Zoom.

Our annual town hall hosts commissioners from the City of Tallahassee and Leon County to have a constructive (and neighborly) discussion about where we are, where we're going and what the challenges out there on the horizon might be. Our town hall is facilitated by the one and only Tom Flanigan of WFSU and powered by the Tallahassee Democrat and Leadership Tallahassee.

This year's **Town Hall** is scheduled for **Thursday, May 1, 6:00-8:00 pm at WFSU Studios**. The program also will be available via Zoom, and live streamed at live.wfsu.org, YouTube, and Facebook.

Can't make the event in person? Submit your questions before the event [here](#).

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Leon County Launches Online Tutoring for All Ages with Brainfuse HelpNow

Free online tutoring for all learners.

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Leon County Government is proud to announce the launch of [Brainfuse HelpNow](#), a new virtual tutoring service offered through the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System. Available to all library card holders, Brainfuse HelpNow provides free, real-time academic assistance and personalized eLearning tools for students and lifelong learners of all ages.

Brainfuse HelpNow stands out for its national reach, expert tutors, and high user satisfaction. Partnering with more than 1,500 library systems nationwide, Brainfuse delivers more than one million tutoring sessions each year. All its tutors are rigorously screened subject experts dedicated to providing consistent, high-quality academic support, and the platform boasts an average satisfaction rating of 4.8 out of 5.

Building on the library's ongoing success, Brainfuse HelpNow offers live tutoring in subjects including math, science, English, social studies, and test preparation for PSAT/SAT, ACT, AP, and state standardized tests. Tutors are available online Monday through Sunday from 2 to 11 p.m. Users can access the service from any internet-connected device, including computers, tablets, and smartphones. According to Brainfuse, private tutoring can cost more than \$30 an hour. As a result, Brainfuse HelpNow provides an essential service at no cost to library card holders, ensuring that high-quality academic support is accessible to all.

In addition to live tutoring, Brainfuse HelpNow provides a 24/7 Writing Lab, skills-building exercises, and an Adult Learning Center that offers job seekers resources such as resume and cover letter assistance, as well as GED and citizenship test preparation.

For those needing internet access, adult library card holders can [check out](#) laptops, tablets, and mobile hotspots at no charge. To date, the library has provided nearly 19,000 device checkouts, ensuring equitable access to digital resources.

To begin using Brainfuse HelpNow, library card holders can [log in with their library card number](#), select their subject, and connect with a live tutor. For kindergarten through 8th-grade students seeking in-person support, the Leon County Public Library's [Homework Hub](#) program offers free tutoring at all locations. Since its launch in 2021, Homework Hub has helped more than 3,500 students strengthen their skills in reading, math, and science through free, in-person tutoring at all library locations.

Leon County residents can sign up for a library card at no cost by [applying online](#) or visiting any Leon County Public Library [location](#). The library's more than 130,000 active card holders can access Brainfuse HelpNow and a range of other digital learning platforms immediately using their library card number.

For more information about Brainfuse HelpNow and other digital resources available through the Leon County Public Library, visit the [Digital Library](#).

Dante and Friendship in Modern Times



LEON COUNTY
Library Lecture Series
Topics That Engage and Inspire

Dante and Friendship in Modern Times

MONDAY, MARCH 31, AT 6 P.M.
LEON COUNTY MAIN LIBRARY, 200 WEST PARK AVE.

When: Monday, March 31, from 6-7:30 p.m.

Where: Leon County Main Library, 200 West Park Ave.

Join Leon County Government for an enlightening Library Lecture Series focused on medieval Italian poet Dante Alighieri's timeless insights into the complexities of human connection.

Dr. Beth Coggeshall, Associate Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Linguistics at Florida State University, will highlight how **Dante's exploration of human nature, divine justice, and the afterlife in *The Divine Comedy*** provides a fresh perspective on building meaningful relationships in our modern era.

About the Speaker

Dr. Beth Coggeshall specializes in the literature and culture of medieval Italy, with a particular focus on Dante. Her research centers on the intersections of literature, ethics, and cultural identity; medievalism and popular culture; and the transmedia reception of Dante's works across contemporary global cultures. Her book *On Amistà: Negotiating Friendship in Dante's Italy* was published by the University of Toronto Press in 2023. In addition to this research, she is also the co-editor of the website *Dante Today: Citings and Sightings of Dante's Works in Contemporary Culture*, a curated, crowd-sourced digital archive that showcases Dante's sustained presence in contemporary culture.

Created Equal: The Rhythm and Resilience of Black Music



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Leon County Government and [The Village Square](#) will host the **10th Annual Created**

Equal event on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. The program will explore the rich history of Black music, showing how it serves as a living chronicle of the Black experience.

Music has always been an integral part of Black history, serving as both a reflection of the challenges faced by Black communities and as a celebration of their resilience and triumphs. From the spirituals sung during slavery to today's hip-hop anthems, Black music has evolved alongside the Black experience, providing a voice for change and a foundation for cultural expression.

How has music served as a powerful tool for storytelling, resistance, and cultural identity throughout history, and in what ways does it continue to shape and reflect the Black experience today?

In an effort to recognize the significance and evolution of Black music, this year's Created Equal program will explore how music in Black culture has shaped the Black experience throughout history. Through a discussion-based panel, attendees will dive into the genres, movements, and pivotal moments that highlight the evolution of Black music and its cultural impact. By examining both the musical and historical timelines, attendees will gain a deeper understanding of how music has been a source of inspiration, solidarity, and empowerment for Black communities across generations.

Join the discussion at Created Equal on Wednesday, April 9, at The Moon, 1105 E Lafayette St. Pizza, salad, and drinks will be provided at 5:30 p.m. The panel discussion will begin at 6 p.m., followed by table conversations among attendees. Registration is free and everyone is invited to attend.

Created Equal's 2025 program will build on the success of 2024's "Created Equal: A Bicentennial Tribute to Black and Brown History." The program examined the stories of Black and Brown people, their achievements, and contributions to Leon County's history.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Leon County and Capital City Chamber of Commerce Team Up to Advance Wealth Equity



Leon County Government is partnering with the Capital City Chamber of Commerce on a public information campaign to advance wealth equity in the community by enhancing access to existing housing, social wellness, and financial empowerment resources and programs. As part of the County's ongoing efforts to address poverty and inequity in the community, the campaign will focus on raising awareness of available resources, reducing barriers to access, and promoting community engagement.

Informed by community feedback, data analysis, and collaboration with local stakeholders, the campaign seeks to address the wealth and assets gap, facilitate intergenerational wealth transfer, and build resident, family, and community financial stability.

The campaign will feature targeted outreach to underserved populations and foster collaborative partnerships with community organizations to create long-term, sustainable solutions. Leon County has also launched a website highlighting local resources and programs that promote greater opportunities for all residents at LeonCountyFL.gov/FEB.

The campaign was developed as part of a \$75,000 Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund (CFE Fund) CityStart grant awarded to the County in 2023. The CityStart initiative helps local leaders develop and implement proven strategies to help local families and communities become more financially stable.

"Leon County has used the CityStart platform to deeply engage with partners across the community, including residents, and find opportunities to build financial stability and advance wealth equity," said Jonathan Mintz, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Cities for Financial Empowerment Fund. "We're thrilled to see how the County and its partners use this blueprint to enhance access to housing, social wellness supports, and financial empowerment efforts."

View the resources and programs available at LeonCountyFL.gov/FEB.

Volunteer Management Training Series

The poster features a central graphic of five hands of different skin tones (brown, tan, light skin) holding a green vine that forms a circle. The text 'VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT TRAINING SERIES' is centered within the vine. On the left, a dark green vertical banner contains the Leon County logo, dates, location, and registration information.


MARCH 19-21, 2025
8 A.M. TO 5 P.M.

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Resource Stewardship
Gathering Room

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TRAINING
SERIES

Nonprofit organizations everywhere rely on volunteers to keep their organizations going. People contribute huge amounts of time, energy, and skills to a wide range of groups.

They bring new ideas, skills, and approaches to the groups they work with. They get involved in a variety of volunteer activities for a wide variety of reasons.

Leon County Volunteer Services offers volunteer management training and consultation for managers of volunteers annually in the Spring.

The **Excellence in Volunteer Management Training Series** is a sequence of six courses on organizing and implementing a volunteer program in a nonprofit or government organization.

Leon County Volunteer Services Presentation Team has years of experience in volunteer management and volunteer coordination. Since the program's inception in 2004, more than 300 graduates have benefited from the instructional hours from our local experts to help build capacity to manage volunteers.

The Excellence in Volunteer Management Certificate will be awarded to participants who successfully complete the six modules on how to engage volunteers more effectively.

Who should participate?

Volunteer coordinators, volunteer program managers, and anyone responsible for supervising volunteers are welcome to participate.

When: March 19 - 21, 2025, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Where: Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship (ORS) Gathering Room

1907 South Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32301

Cost: \$150 for the series of 6 courses

Register at: [VolunteerLEON Excellence in Volunteer Management Training](#)

The deadline to register is Friday, March 14, 2025.

The training will consist of the following courses

- Understanding Volunteering: Exploring the Heart of the Volunteer Sector
- Evaluating Your Volunteer Program: Improving Results Through Data & Feedback
- Planning Your Volunteer Program: Building a Solid Foundation
- Recruiting and Placing Volunteers: Matching Volunteer Skills with Service Needs
- Orienting and Training Volunteers: Achieving Service Excellence
- Supervising and Retaining Volunteers: Maximizing the Volunteer Experience

Upon conclusion of the training program participants will pass a post-test to receive the Certificate issued by Florida Association of Volunteer Resource Management.

Participation in all six courses is required.

Renovations at Leon County's Main Library

Have you noticed the changes at the Leon County Library recently? Our library is undergoing renovations, which will include the addition of several multi-use meeting rooms, a podcast room, a career center - and so much more!

Check out this [WTLX piece](#) to learn more.



Lake Jackson Greenway

Recently, a City of Tallahassee public works crew constructed **a new street crossing on East Tharpe Street**, connecting Lake Ella with the Lake Jackson Greenway.

To learn more about this Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency project, [click](#)

[here](#). And thanks to the City for their work on this crossing!



Recent Events



Earlier this month, Rick attended the annual conference of the National Association of Counties (NACO) in Washington DC. While there, Rick joined nearly 2,000 county leaders from across the nation who were there to establish and advocate for federal legislative policy that helps their communities.





Posing with "Maggie," the world's largest levitating magnet sculpture, at the Motor Drive Systems & Magnetics Conference!

In Memoriam: Rex Reksits



From Rick:

Rex Rekstis and I were candidates for the Leon County Commission in 2018. Even though he and I were running against each other and we didn't agree on everything, he was always the quintessential gentleman. He helped set the tone for that 5-person race... keeping it cordial, classy, and focused on serving the voters. That's REALLY rare these days. Rest in peace, Rex. My deepest condolences to his family and many friends.

You can read Rex's obituary [here](#).



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