



Dear Friends:

This holiday season, I hope you are getting to enjoy time with your friends and family. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, or something else - we wish you a wonderful one!

Seinfeld fans might be familiar with Festivus from the 1997 episode "The Strike." Author Daniel O'Keefe (no relation) created the secular holiday celebrated on December 23 as an alternative to the pressures and commercialism of the Christmas season. The [Festivus Wikipedia](#) is worth a read.

Have a wonderful December, and Happy New Year!

If there are other issues you would like to discuss, contact me at **(850) 606-5375** or okeefed@leoncountyfl.gov. You can also see all of our account links [here](#).





People

- * Dress in layers of loose-fitting, lightweight clothing, as layering will keep you warmer than one bulky sweater.
- * Check on neighbors and family members who may be more susceptible to cold weather conditions. If you cannot reach them, TPD will conduct a welfare check for you. Simply call the Consolidated Dispatch Agency at 850-606-5800 to request the service.

Pipes

- * Insulate outside pipes or in the attic with cloth or similar material to help prevent freezing.
- * Make sure the cover of your water meter fits tightly. If your pipes do freeze, you can use the valve inside the meter box to shut off all the water to the house, helping to prevent indoor flooding when pipes thaw.
- * Insulate your backflow assembly properly by wrapping or covering the pipe. Do not cover the bottom relief opening on the underside at the middle of the apparatus to avoid creating other flooding problems.
- * Wrap commercial fire lines in buildings.
- * Disconnect outside water hoses from spigots, as water trapped inside can freeze and

crack the hose.

Pets

- * Towel dry your pet's paws after walking on cold, wet grass to avoid chapped paws.
- * Never shave your pet down to the skin in winter, as longer coats provide warmth in the cooler air. If your pet has short hair or is sensitive to the cold, consider getting them a coat or sweater to wear when outside.
- * Provide shelter for outdoor pets or bring them indoors.
- * Remember, if it's too cold for you, it's probably too cold for your pets.

Plants

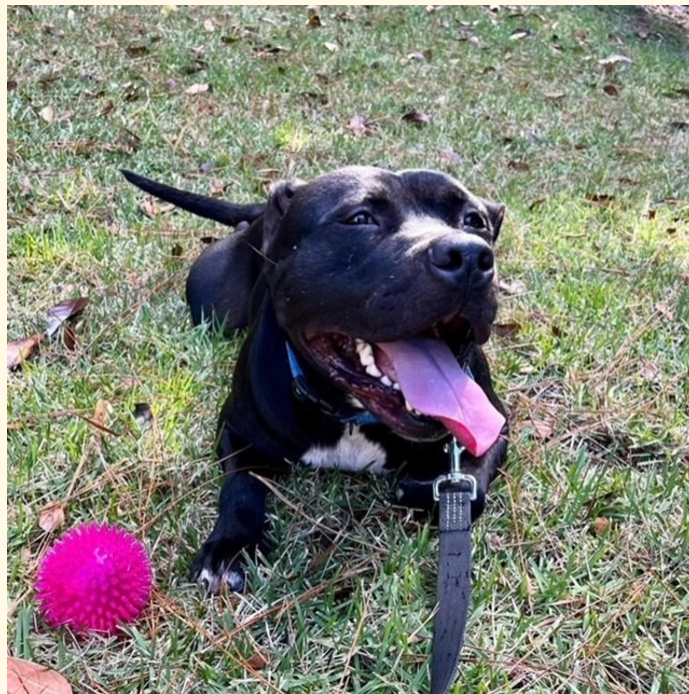
- * Move interior plants away from poorly insulated or drafty windows.
- * Bring potted plants into your garage or shed, or insulate the pot with plastic wrap or burlap.
- * Add a thin layer of mulch around the base of young trees or shrubs, leaving a few inches of space near the trunk to prevent root rot.
- * Cover garden beds or rooted plants with opaque plastic wrap or cardboard boxes, securely anchoring the cover to the ground with rocks or bricks to prevent cool air from sneaking in.
- * Remove the coverings once temperatures begin to rise.

Additional Cold Weather Preparedness Info. & Videos:

[Extreme Cold Preparedness](#)

[Ready.gov Winter Weather Guide](#)

[Pet Cold Weather Safety Tips](#)



Shelter Pet of the Month

Meet Harvey (aka "Hunky Harvey"). This sweet boy is now the longest resident at the shelter, having patiently waited for over 430 days to find his forever home. He's a

neutered male & the staff says he looks like an American Staffordshire Terrier mix and is 3 years old.

Harvey


- ♥ loves people
- ♥ lives for snacks
- ♥ enjoys long walks and cuddles
- ♥ knows his basic commands
- ♥ housetrained

Come meet Harvey, fall in love and take him home!



Find out how to adopt Harvey!

Dec. 12th County Commission Meeting Recap

 **12/12/2023 Votes**

Reappointed citizens to the Advisory Committee for Quality Growth, Animal Classification Committee, Architectural Review Board and the Joint City/County Bicycling Workgroup.

PASS

YES Cummings, Welch, Caban, Proctor, Minor, O'Keefe, Maddox	NO
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Not Present:
Abstained:

 **12/12/2023 Votes**

Appointed Jennifer Meadows and Michael Fleischacker to the Tallahassee Sports Council.

PASS

YES Cummings, Welch, Caban, Proctor, Minor, O'Keefe, Maddox	NO
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Not Present:
Abstained:



12/12/2023 Votes

Directed staff to bring back recommendations to the January Board Retreat to honor our local college championship teams.

PASS

YES

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Proctor, Minor, O'Keefe,
Maddox

NO

Not Present:

Abstained:



12/12/2023 Votes

Reappointed Commissioners to the Big Bend Continuum of Care Board, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency, Juvenile Justice Advisory Board, Educational Facilities Authority and Workforce Development Consortium.

PASS

YES

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Proctor, Minor, O'Keefe,
Maddox

NO

Not Present:

Abstained:



12/12/2023 Votes

Approved allocation of \$5,000 to the DJ Demp Foundation for the 27th Annual Demp Week.

PASS

YES

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Proctor, Minor, O'Keefe,
Maddox

NO

Not Present:

Abstained:



12/12/2023 Votes

Reappointed Comm. Maddox and former Comm. Lindley to the Canvassing Board; appointed Comm. Caban to the Canvassing Board.

PASS

YES

Cummings, Welch, Caban,
Proctor, Minor, O'Keefe,
Maddox

NO

Not Present:

Abstained:

Upcoming Public Meetings

- ☐ **Jan. 17 at 9 a.m.:** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Annual Retreat, Public Safety Complex.
- ☐ **Jan. 22 at 9 a.m.:** Board of County Commissioners Annual Retreat, Parkview at Cascades.
- ☐ **Jan. 23 at 3 p.m.:** County Commission Meeting & Public Hearings, County Commission Chamber, County Courthouse.



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