



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



Update on Tropical Storm Debby, plus July - August 2024 News & Updates

Upcoming Meetings

Blueprint IA

- Thursday, September 5
- 3:00 - Budget Meeting and Hearing
- 5:00 - Second and Final Budget Public Hearing
- Tallahassee City Commission Chambers
- The agendas will be available on or about August 29th [here](#).

Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)

- Monday, September 16
- 1:30
- Tallahassee City Commission Chambers
- The agenda will be posted [HERE](#) on or about September 9th

Board of County Commissioners

- Tuesday, September 17
- 3:00 - Meeting
- 6:00 - Public Hearing
- County Courthouse
- The agenda will be posted on or about September 9th [here](#).

Board of County Commissioners

- Tuesday, September 24th
- 6:00 - Second Public Hearing on Final Millage Rate and Final Budgets
- County Courthouse
- The agenda will be posted on or about September 17th [here](#).

Click [HERE](#) for the complete Commission

Hello Rick,

I hope you're doing well and are completing preparations for Tropical Storm Debby. Normally I send out newsletters like this during the work week, but with tropical storm force winds scheduled to arrive later today/tonight, we wanted to make sure you had the latest preparation information.

And of course, as past storms like Hurricane Michael have proven, this storm's path and/or intensity can change quickly, so please take the next few hours to complete any last minute to-do's.

Below is information provided by our [Leon County Emergency Management team](#), which is among the best in the nation. While our staff have had far too much real-world practice over the years, the silver lining is that they're experienced and highly skilled in preparing for and responding to these storms. We're fortunate to have them serving our community.

Also included below are other, non-storm-related updates and events. Though not as urgent as our storm preparation info, but we still hope you'll find them helpful.

And finally -- we're awaiting the results of the USDOT [Safe Streets for All](#) grant application that the [CRTPA](#) submitted for North Monroe. If successful, we'll receive \$17M in federal funding for safety improvements on the North Monroe corridor. We might hear as soon as October, so keep your fingers crossed!

Thank you once again for the incredible honor of representing you at the Leon County Commission, and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any suggestions, comments, questions or any community issues.

All the best,

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

Update on Tropical Storm Debby



Leon County continues to closely monitor and prepare for Tropical Storm Debby. Important updates are below. Please prepare now. If you have any questions about how best to prepare, please call the Leon County Citizens Information Line at 850-606-3700.

For current information about local preparedness and response, please visit www.LeonCountyFL.gov/ei.

As always, if there is anything I can do to assist you and your family in preparation for, during, or after this storm, don't hesitate to contact me directly at MinorR@LeonCountyfl.gov

In close coordination with the National Weather Service, Leon County wants every County citizen to know the latest, most accurate weather forecast as the storm continues to develop and strengthen. See below for an overview:

- The storm is expected to make landfall in Florida's Big Bend region by late tonight or early Monday.
- The storm will bring flooding, heavy rainfall, gusty winds, and coastal flooding across the Florida Peninsula this weekend, with the potential for prolonged impacts if it slows down near the Southeast coast.
- Specifically for Leon County, the forecast calls for up to six inches of rain, tropical-storm-force gusts, and flooding in some areas.
- Leon County has been upgraded to a Tropical Storm Warning and is currently under a Flood Watch from the National Weather Service. If the track continues to shift westward, Leon County's impacts will increase as well. At this time, the storm could intensify into a Category 1 hurricane before landfall.
- The most likely arrival of storm impacts would be late tonight, lasting into Monday. The storm continues to slow, meaning heavy rain could last longer, leading to flash floods and causing river levels to rise.
- The following includes a list of resources for disaster planning in Florida: FloridaDisaster.org contains a summary of currently open general and special needs shelters within the State of Florida.

- The [Visit Florida website](#) contains current travel safety information as well as resources for hotel and lodging availability across the state of Florida.
- The [American Red Cross shelter directory](#) contains a list of currently open American Red Cross shelters across the country.

Sandbag Sites

Sandbags remain available to the public at the following Leon County locations:

- Leon County Northeast Branch Library, 5313 Thomasville Road
- Apalachee Regional Park (Solid Waste Management Facility), 7550 Apalachee Parkway
- Fred George Park, 3403 Capital Circle NW
- At the intersection of Oak Ridge Road at Ranchero Road
- Fort Braden Community Park, 15000 Blountstown Highway

Leon County will staff these sites from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to assist residents in quickly filling sandbags. Sand, bags and ties are available for public use. Residents are asked to take no more than 15 bags so as to allow others to prepare.

Shelters

Starting today (August 4) at 4 p.m., Leon County in coordination with Leon County Schools will open six emergency shelters for the public in preparation for storm-related impacts. The locations below will be available:

- Fort Braden School, 15100 Blountstown Hwy
- Chiles High School, 7200 Lawton Chiles Lane (pet-accessible)
- Rickards High School, 3013 Jim Lee Rd.
- Lincoln High School, 3838 Trojan Trail
- Fairview Middle School, 3415 Zillah St.
- SAIL High School, 2006 Jackson Bluff Rd.

Stay Informed

- [LeonReady.com](#) – The Leon Ready website is a hub of resources to help you, your family and your neighborhood prepare for disasters. There are a variety of resources available, like the County's 2023 Disaster Survival Guide, a full list of disaster supplies for your disaster bucket, and so much more, to increase your readiness.
- Download the Leon County Citizens Connect Mobile App - Completely redesigned, the Citizens Connect mobile app puts timely emergency notifications at your fingertips through push notifications on your smartphone or other device. Be the first to know about shelter locations, road closures and service changes by downloading the application on the Apple and Google Play stores.
- Visit the Leon County Emergency Information Portal - Hosting the same information as the Citizens Connect app, the Emergency Information Portal can be accessed on a desktop or a mobile browser by visiting www.LeonCountyFL.gov/ei.
- Listen to 88.9 WFSU-FM - Citizens can tune in to 88.9 FM for the most up-to-date information from local public safety officials. Featuring to-the-minute reporting, WFSU, Leon County and the City of Tallahassee remain committed to getting information out on the radio as soon as possible.
- Additionally, iHeartRadio will also provides up-to-date emergency information on all of the following stations: WFLA-FM 100.7, WFLF-FM 94.5, WTNT 94.9, KISS-FM 107.1, X-FM101.5, and The Beat-FM 105.3.
- Call 2-1-1 Big Bend - If you need community information, services and support any day of the year, Big Bend 2-1-1 is reachable by dialing either 2-1-1 or (850) 617-6333.

- Call 850-606-3700 with questions - Leon County Emergency Management staff is available to answer questions about how you should prepare, act and recover.
- For updates on City of Tallahassee Utilities and other City services, visit Talgov.com.
- Insurance Helpline - The Florida Department of Financial Services offers a toll-free Insurance Consumer Helpline to assist Florida's insurance consumers. Insurance Specialists are available to answer questions or concerns regarding insurance coverage and advocate on a consumer's behalf to resolve a dispute with an insurance company. To receive assistance, call 1-877-MY-FL-CFO (693-5236) toll-free, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Price Gouging - During a state of emergency, it is unlawful to sell or lease certain commodities for an amount that grossly exceeds the average price. To report price gouging, call 1-866-966-7226. If you are looking for gas, use GasBuddy.com to report fuel prices and availability.

Plan now because when disaster strikes, it is too late to prepare. Leon County and the City of Tallahassee encourage citizens to put disaster supplies in a waterproof and durable five-gallon bucket. Keep these essential items near an exit door in your home or in your vehicle.

Some important items include a flashlight, medications, nonperishable food and water. Visit LeonReady.com to view the 2024-25 Disaster Survival Guide for disaster preparedness resources and a full list of preparedness items.

Once you and your family have a hurricane preparedness plan in place, check on your neighbors to ensure that they have one, too. Neighborhoods that prepare together create strong support networks that are vital to a speedy recovery. In the event of a major disaster, your neighbors will be your closest resource and support.

Prepare your home for strong winds by visually inspecting trees on your property for poor health and reducing the risk to your home by trimming hanging limbs. If you have any questions about your tree's health, contact a Certified Arborist to assist you.

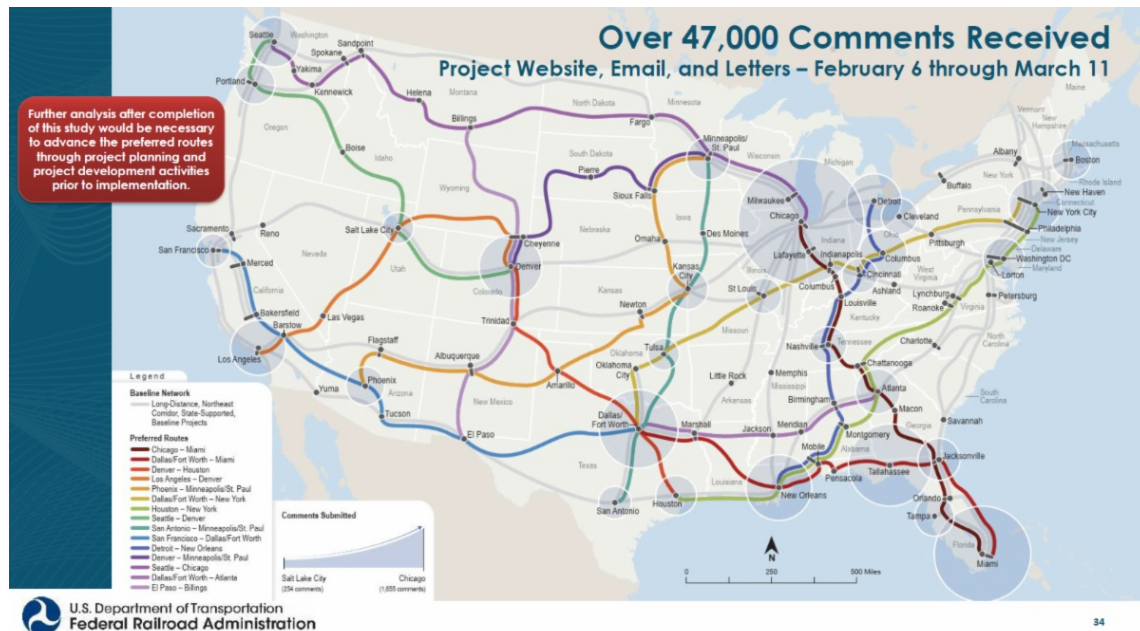
Update on Passenger Rail Restoration Efforts

In June, Rick traveled to Mobile, Alabama to attend **a meeting of the Southern Rail Commission (SRC)**. The SRC member states — Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana — are making REAL progress in establishing twice daily Amtrak service between New Orleans and Mobile. (See the video clip below.) For the past several months, the City of Mobile, the State of Alabama and Amtrak had been working out the details of Mobile's passenger platform construction project, but things are moving forward and the route is expected to be operational as soon as February 2025.

Rick and other local government officials believe Florida should become an SRC member so we can collaborate with the other Gulf states and bring passenger rail through Tallahassee, Pensacola, Jacksonville and other Florida cities down south. It's a long, time-consuming process, but joining the SRC is the best approach. Stay tuned for ways you can join us in advocating for SRC membership!



On a related note, Rick would like to thank all of the Leon County citizens who responded to our call to action in March, when we asked you to contact the Federal Rail Administration and let them know how much you wanted passenger rail in Tallahassee. Thanks to you, the FRA's subsequent report on new, potential routes showed a HUGE number of public comments coming from Tallahassee, specifically in support of the Dallas to Miami route! See the slide below, which shows the relative number of comments from Tallahassee compared to those from Dallas, Chicago, Miami and other cities. **Based on this, it seems Tallahassee sent more comments, per capita, than almost any other city!** Thank you once again... demonstrating support like this can make a real difference.



To review the FRA's entire June 2024 report, which includes the slide above and more information about the proposed long-distance service routes, click [HERE](#).

Federal Disaster Assistance

FEMA disaster assistance is available for Leon County residents impacted by the May 10 tornado. Apply now at DisasterAssistance.gov, through the FEMA App, or by calling 800-621-3362. Operators speak multiple languages.

Applicants can also visit the Disaster Recovery Center at the downtown Main Library, 200 W. Park Ave., for assistance.

- Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Fri.-Sun. 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

The deadline to apply is August 19, 2024.

Deadline to Apply for SBA Physical Disaster Loans Approaching in Leon County, Florida



U.S. Small Business Administration

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The [U.S. Small Business Administration \(SBA\)](https://www.sba.gov) is reminding businesses, private nonprofit organizations, homeowners and renters in Florida affected by the severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornadoes on May 10 to apply for physical damage disaster loans by the **Aug. 16 deadline**.

Those affected by the disaster should not wait to settle with their insurance company before applying for a disaster loan. If a survivor does not know how much of their loss will be covered by insurance or other sources, SBA can make a low-interest disaster loan for the total loss up to its loan limits, provided the borrower agrees to use insurance proceeds to reduce or repay the loan.

The disaster declaration covers Leon County, which is eligible for both Physical and Economic Injury Disaster Loans from the SBA. Small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations in the following adjacent counties are eligible to apply only for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs): Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Liberty and Wakulla in Florida; and Grady and Thomas in Georgia.

Applicants can still get assistance at SBA's Business Recovery Center (BRC) in Tallahassee. Customer Service Representatives at the BRC will help business owners complete their disaster loan application, accept documents, and provide updates on an application's status. Walk-ins are accepted, but you can [schedule an in-person appointment at an SBA Disaster Recovery Center in advance](#). The Center address and hours of operation are indicated below.

Business Recovery Center (BRC) - Leon County
Domi Station
914 Railroad Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32310
Hours: Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Closed: Sunday

With the changes to FEMA's Sequence of Delivery, survivors are now encouraged to simultaneously apply for FEMA grants and the SBA low-interest disaster loan assistance to fully recover. FEMA grants are intended to cover necessary expenses and serious needs not paid by insurance or other sources. The SBA disaster loan program is designed for your long-term recovery, to make you whole and get you back to your pre-disaster

condition. Do not wait on the decision for a FEMA grant.

For more information and to apply online visit [SBA.gov/Disaster](https://www.sba.gov/Disaster). Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email DisasterCustomerService@SBA.gov for information on SBA disaster assistance. For people who are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

Submit completed loan applications to SBA no later than **Aug. 16, 2024**. The deadline to submit economic injury applications is **March 17, 2025**.

Fall Seed Library



This year's Leon County Fall Seed Library has begun! The Seed Library Program has more than 250,000 seeds available for residents to grow their own gardens this fall.

Citizens can check out up to five seed packets per month using their library card, or three packets per month without a library card, while supplies last. Register for or check the status of a library card at LeonCountyLibrary.org/LibraryCard.

The 2024 fall seed varieties include:

- Early Wonder Tall Top Beets
- Hen Peck Collards
- Italian Giant Parsley
- Lady Slipper Radish
- Purple Vienna Kohlrabi
- Rainbow Blend Carrots
- Viroflay Spinach
- Waltham 29 Broccoli
- White Egg Turnips
- White Stem Pak Choi
- Wild Arugula

Since 2015, the Leon County Seed Library Program has offered seasonal seed varieties each fall and spring to residents at the Leon County Public Library. The program encourages residents to practice sustainable gardening and grow their own healthy and nutritious foods at home. Leon County has distributed more than 1.2 million seeds to the

community since the program was established in 2015.

For more information about the Leon County Seed Library, visit LeonCountyLibrary.org/SeedLibrary.

Campaign Sign Recycling Program



Leon County Government has partnered with the Leon County Supervisor of Elections Office, Marpan Recycling, and the League of Women Voters of Tallahassee to facilitate the recycling of old campaign signs. Large recycling bins are stationed throughout Leon County in the weeks after each election to allow campaigns and voters easily recycle campaign signs. This helps to beautify our community as well as recycle the signs and wire stands into usable materials.

What Can I Recycle?

You can recycle plastic campaign signs as well as the metal wire stands. Please separate the sign from the stand before placing both parts into the designed recycling bin.

Where Are the Recycling Spots?

Sign recycling bins will be available at each Leon County Branch Library as well as several other locations throughout Leon County after each election. The recycling bins are located in the parking lot of each facility, allowing for easy unloading of signs from your vehicle into the bin.

- Dr. B.L. Perry Branch Library - 2817 S. Adams St
- Eastside Branch Library - 1583 Pedrick Rd
- Jane G Sauls Fort Braden Branch Library - 16387 Blountstown Hwy
- Lake Jackson Branch Library - 3840 N Monroe St
- Bruce J. Host Northeast Branch Library - 5513 Thomasville Rd
- Woodville Branch Library - 8000 Old Woodville Rd
- Leon County Elections Center - 2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy
- Leon County Hazardous Waste Drop Off Site - 1800 N Blair Stone Road
- Marpan Recycling Facility - 6020 Woodville Highway

When Are the Recycling Bins Available?

The bins will be available at the Leon County libraries for one week after each election:

- Primary: August 21 - August 28, 2024

- General: November 6 - November 13, 2024

The bins located at the Elections Center, Hazardous Waste Drop off, and Marpan Recycling will be available for four weeks after each election:

- Primary: August 21 - September 19, 2024
- General: November 6 - December 5, 2024

The bins are open and accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week during these dates.

Additional Questions

If you have questions about the campaign sign recycling program please contact Leon County's Office of Resource Stewardship at sustainability@leoncountyfl.gov.

County Seeking Applications for the Children's Service Council



Leon County Government is currently seeking applications from qualified individuals interested in serving on the Children's Services Council of Leon County. Approved by voters during the November 2020 General Election, the Children Services Council is an independent special district that is responsible for funding children's services throughout the County by levying ad valorem taxes estimated at up to \$8 million annually.

All applications must be completed and submitted electronically by Friday, August 23, at LeonCountyFL.gov/CSCApplication. To be eligible, applicants must be a resident of Leon County for the previous 24-month period and be willing to submit an annual Statement of Financial Interests Form.

The Children Services Council (CSC) functions to support organizations that serve children and families in Leon County and will work to identify children's needs in the community, target those needs with evidence-based programs, and evaluate results. In accordance with Florida Statute, the CSC is comprised of ten members, five of whom are appointed by the Governor's Office from a list of candidates submitted by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners. This list will include at least three recommendations for the upcoming vacancy (a minimum total of 3 candidates).

As part of the application, applicants are asked to attach a resume or provide a brief explanation of how their skills, experience, or educational background will contribute to the CSC. Additionally, Florida Statute requires that, to the extent possible, those appointed

represent the demographic diversity of the population of Leon County. To assure the fullest consideration, applications should thoroughly respond to each question.

For more information, contact Miranda Hernandez, Leon County Administration, at 850-606-5322 / HernandezM@LeonCountyFL.gov, or Mathieu Cavell, Leon County Community and Media Relations, at 850-606-5300 / CMR@LeonCountyFL.gov.

Leon County Welcomes Artists to Submit Artwork for Exhibition Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

CALL FOR ARTISTS
CONVOCA TORIA DE ARTISTAS

Cultura Tallahassee
The Beauty of Our Heritage
Cultura Tallahassee: La Belleza de Nuestra Herencia

DEADLINE: August 28, 2024
FECHA LÍMITE: 28 de agosto de 2024

**LEARN MORE AT/
PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN VISITE:
LeonCountyFL.gov/HispanicHeritageMonth**

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Leon County Government invites residents of all ages to submit artwork for the upcoming exhibition *Cultura Tallahassee: The Beauty of Our Heritage*. Artwork will be displayed at four Leon County Public Library locations from September 14 through October 14 in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, August 28, at 5 p.m. EST.

For more information and to submit artwork for consideration, visit LeonCountyFL.gov/HispanicHeritageMonth. Citizens may visit any library location for assistance with their online application.

The public is invited to attend an opening celebration of the exhibition on Saturday, September 14, from 1-2 p.m. at the Bruce J. Host Northeast Branch Library, 5513 Thomasville Road. Light refreshments will be provided.

National Hispanic Heritage Month is held annually from September 15 through October 15 in celebration of Hispanic culture, heritage, and history. In addition to the art exhibition, Leon County Government will host events throughout the month as well as share reading lists, book displays, and movie watchlists for all to enjoy.

Leon County Library's CosmicCon: Here Be Dragons!



Come to the Leon County Library on Saturday, August 14th from 10 am - 2:30 pm for an unforgettable experience during our 6th annual CosmicCon!

Dive into a vibrant world of fantasy, comics, and fandoms with a variety of exciting programs for all ages. Throughout the event, explore hands-on activities, interactive sessions, cosplay competitions, scavenger hunts, and themed book displays. Come dressed as your favorite character and be part of the fun.

Don't miss out on this spectacular celebration of all things geek.

Learn more at LeonCountyLibrary.org/CosmicCon.

Bicentennial Beginnings: The Founding of Tallahassee and Leon County

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In recognition of the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial celebration, join Leon County Government on Saturday, September 7th at 11:00 am for a lively discussion with local

author Doug Alderson about the founding of the county and city.

Go back to 1824, when the county and city were established, to learn about the fascinating events that led to the creation of Florida's capital county and gain a deeper understanding of the roots that shaped our community into the vibrant place it is today.

About the Speaker

Doug Alderson is an author and chair of the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial History Task Force.

He has published 17 books which primarily focus on the dynamic and sometimes quirky nature of his home state of Florida, and he often melds both history and natural history in his writing. His books include *Traveling Florida's Seminole Trail*, *America's Alligator*, *Waters Less Traveled*, *New Dawn for the Kissimmee River*, and *A New Guide to Old Florida Attractions*.

He has won six first place Royal Palm Literary awards for nonfiction books, three gold medals from the Florida Authors and Publishers Association, and several other state and national writing and photography awards. His latest book, *Discovering Florida's Coast*, was the fourth runner up for 2023 Book of the Year by the Florida Writers Association.

He also contributes content to the [Tallahassee-Leon County Bicentennial website](#), where citizens and visitors can discover the history of Tallahassee-Leon County, learn about engaging local events, and so much more.

Learn How to Qualify for a Mortgage at the Leon County Public Library



Learn more at LeonCountyLibrary.org/FFS

Join Leon County and Envision Credit Union for the next exciting topic in our ongoing Family Financial Education Series, "How to Qualify for a Mortgage."

Learn what factors lenders consider when reviewing mortgage applications and tips for how to make your application stronger. Food will be served, and attendees will have the chance to win prizes.

- Lake Jackson Branch Library on Saturday, August 17, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Eastside Branch Library on Thursday, August 29, from 5:30-7 p.m.
- Woodville Branch Library on Saturday, August 31, from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

This series rotates between library locations. View the library's calendar for more details: LeonCountyLibrary.org/FFS.

Imagine Freedom Podcast



Tallahassee's Survive and Thrive Advocacy Center (STAC) has a regular podcast, called Imagine Freedom. This podcast is produced by STAC Executive Director Robin Hassler Thompson, who hosts enlightening conversations with survivors of human trafficking who are working to fortify our communities against the often-misunderstood realities of sex and labor trafficking.

Rick was a guest on the most recent podcast, which you can listen to [here](#).

Citizen Access Portal



Did you know that the Leon County Department of Development Support and Environmental Management (DESM) offers a Citizen Access Portal?

This portal offers citizens, businesses, and visitors access to government services online, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

By offering this portal, DESM is fulfilling a promise to deliver powerful e-government services and provide valuable information about the community while making your interactions more efficient, convenient, and interactive.

To use ALL the services provided, you must register and create a user account. You can view information, get questions answered and have limited services as an anonymous user.

We trust this will provide you with a new, higher level of service that makes living and working in our community a more enjoyable experience.

Click [here](#) to learn more and to access the portal.

Chuck E. Cheese Remodeling and Reopening

Rick and his family recently enjoyed time at District 3's Chuck E Cheese Grand Reopening.

The venue, located off of Sharer Road, reopened recently after a month of renovations, which include new gaming machines and updated menu items.

We're excited that Chuck E. Cheese, like other existing businesses on or near North Monroe, are choosing to make more investments in their properties. By doing so, they improve the entire corridor and elevate all of District 3.



Find a Job Friday



CareerSource Capital Region is launching Find a Job Friday, an event for job seekers with a profile on Employ Florida and a current resume. At these events, attendees can connect with employers at CareerSource Capital Region Career Centers on specific Fridays.

The participating employers—like Danfoss, Eden Springs Nursing and Rehab, and the Florida Department of Health—will have immediate job openings they want to fill. Interested employers can email cbes@careersourcecapitalregion.com to participate in the program.

The events below will take place at Leon Career Center, 2601 Blair Stone Rd., Bldg. C, Ste. 200, Tallahassee, FL 32301.

[To find the dates and learn more, click here.](#)

The Jim Moran College of Entrepreneurship, Jim Moran Institute for Global Entrepreneurship and the Leon Entrepreneurship and Adversity Program (LEAP) present:



COMMUNITY BOOTCAMP FOR ENTREPRENEURS

For those in difficult circumstances who are trying to start or grow a business

Saturday Mornings: August 24 | September 7, 14, 21 & 28 | October 5

Application Deadline: August 11, 2024 | jimmoraninstitute.fsu.edu/leap

**Jim Moran Building
111 S Monroe Street, Tallahassee**



Scholarships available for
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Leon County Accepting Tourism Grant Applications For Signature, Special & Sports

Events



The Leon County Division of Tourism (Visit Tallahassee) grant application process for the 2024-25 Signature/Emerging Signature, Special and Sports Event Grant is now open. Applications are **due by Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 5 p.m.** This opportunity represents the ongoing effort to promote tourism and provide financial support for events that have a history of, or show potential to, attract out-of-town visitors to the area.

Eligible event(s) must take place between Oct. 1, 2024, and Sept. 30, 2025, and are required to comply with Section 125.0104, Florida Statutes, for the utilization of Tourist Development Tax (TDT) funds. Event grant applications are evaluated based on the historical or potential ability to attract overnight visitors, appeal to the general public, demonstrate out-of-area marketing activities, and include scheduled programming/activities during non-peak periods. Event funding levels are determined by the anticipated number of hotel room nights/overnight lodging in Leon County generated by the event.

All grant applicants must attend one of three workshops. An in-person workshop will be held on Friday, August 2, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Leon County Office of Resource Stewardship (ORS) Gathering Room, located at 1907 South Monroe Street. Two additional workshops will be conducted via Zoom on Thursday, August 8 at noon and on Tuesday, August 13 at 5 p.m. After the workshop on Aug. 2, 2024, a recording will be accessible on the Visit Tallahassee website.

For more information on the Leon County Tourism Grant Program, click [here](#) or contact Katie Kole at 850-606-2324 or Katie.Kole@VisitTallahassee.com.

Leon County's Annual 9/11 Day of Service

Join Leon County on September 12th for the annual 9/11 Day of Remembrance and Service. Nearly 60 County employees, community partners, and citizen volunteers will honor a local veteran by completing various housing repair and beautification projects, including exterior home painting, landscaping, soft washing, and more.



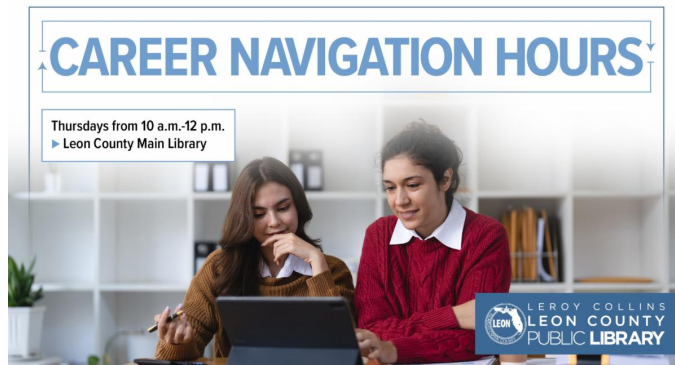
★ Register to volunteer at LeonCountyFL.gov/DayOfService

Register to volunteer

Career Navigation Hours

Do you have a resume that needs polishing? A job application you can't quite figure out? Would you like to have some help steering your career to the next level?

Join our library staff as they offer open hours for career assistance - every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Main Library.



Protect Your Pet's Paws

During warm summer months, take your pets for walks in the early morning or late evening when the temperatures are lower and walk them on dirt, grass, or softer terrain to avoid burning their paws. If the ground is too hot for your hand, it's too hot for your pet.

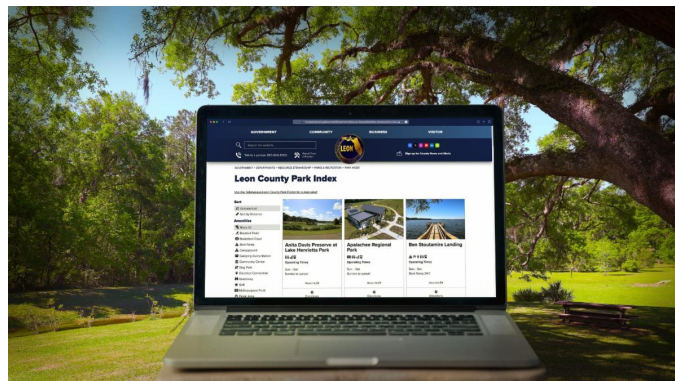


Updated Parks Website

Check out Leon County's updated Park Index, which includes new easy-to-use features like location-based searches and an amenity filters to find exactly what you need at the press of a button!

Leon County's trails, boat landing, campgrounds, dog parks, and greenways have never been more accessible!

Plan your next outdoor adventure with ease [here](#).



Leon County News and Alerts

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