



Dear Friends:

Recently we've seen an uptick in the number of fatal accidents in our area involving cyclists and pedestrians. Making streets safer for drivers and pedestrians is a critical need for our community to thrive and the county is moving in the right direction.

Over the past month we've taken action to improve street safety, including some key sidewalk projects in District Five. I asked that a segment of Apalachee Parkway be vetted for the County's Sidewalk Priority List. The County's Sidewalk Priority List ranks requested sidewalk segments from Tier 1 (the most critical) to Tier 4. We fund these projects with \$2.7 million each year, with a total of \$13 million since the program started.

I am including more sidewalk and safe street program information in the section below.

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](#).

P.S. You're receiving this newsletter because you previously inquired about government services. Please click "Opt Out" at the bottom of this email if you do not want to receive future newsletters.

Sincerely,

David T. O'Keefe



Shelter Pet of the Month

Meet Gentry! He is an American Staffordshire Terrier mix, and his foster mom and the staff at the shelter think he's 7 years old. He is very sweet and great with kids. He is a slow walker and stays by the person's side who is walking him, and he loves to play with toys in short bursts (maybe 10-15 minutes), and then is ready to cuddle. He is house-trained and crate-trained.

Gentry's likes:

- ♥ Leisurely walks and staying by your side
- ♥ Playing with soft squeaky toys
- ♥ Napping on soft beds
- ♥ Snuggling with humans
- ♥ Everyone - kids and adults, and other dogs!

Gentry's job demands are as follows:

- ☐ A loving home which must include lots of belly rubs
- ☐ Trips to Home Depot, Lowes or even Petco (so he pick up a new toy)
- ☐ A one-time adoption fee of \$30

Hear from Gentry in his own words



Shelter pets adoption info.

Want to foster a shelter pet? Learn more [here!](#)

Sidewalk and Safe Streets Programs

In coordination with the **Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency** (CRTPA), the County is applying for federal funds from the Safe Streets for All Program. Beyond these programs, we partner with the City, State, and Blueprint for other sidewalk and safety improvement projects. See the list of current District 5 Sidewalk projects.

As a member of the CRTPA Board I am proud to share the work of their team on the **Safe Streets for All** (SS4A) Safety Action Plan for our area. This report uses extensive data to prioritize safety improvements along with broad community input. CRTPA took the lead in evaluating all area counties sidewalk and other street safety needs, allowing Leon County to apply for an early funding round this month for a project in District 5. This analysis considers high injury network data, equity considerations, and historically disadvantaged areas when setting priorities. This comprehensive, evidence-based approach is just what we need to tackle our safety problems.

Since we continue to see preventable tragedies from traffic crashes, we must always push for increased safety improvements. I will continue to keep this issue at the forefront and look for any opportunity to do better for our friends and family.

Adding Street Lights at School Bus Stops

The County recently amended its policy to include installation of street lights at bus stops in the unincorporated areas of the county. This new program will be funded through existing funds available in the street lighting program.

Staff from Leon County Public Works will be accepting and evaluating lighting request locations beginning on **July 10th**. Anyone wishing to request a street light location at a current school bus stop can find additional information [here](#).

[Request a location here](#)

Upcoming County Commission Meeting and Public Hearing Agendas

Tuesday, July 11th at 3pm: County Commission Meeting in the Commission Chamber located on the 5th Floor of the Leon County Courthouse.

Tuesday, July 11th at 6pm: County Commission Public Hearings in the Commission Chamber located on the 5th Floor of the Leon County Courthouse.

[View the agendas here](#)

Major Developments & Construction Projects Portal

Did you know that the County and City maintains a **website** where you can access a variety of information using interactive maps and applications? One of the maps available lists all of the major development and construction projects in Leon County. The map allows you to view site and development plans, plats and PUD Concept Plans.

Click the links below to see the maps for each.

[Residential developments](#)

[Commercial developments](#)

[Natural Features Inventory](#)



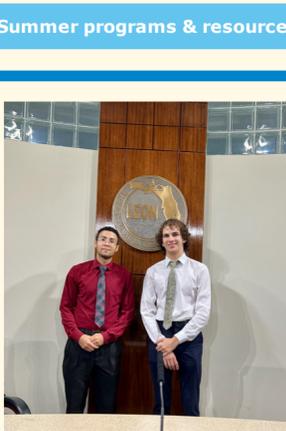
Summer Library Resources

Leon County's Public Libraries offer summer resources and programming for all ages.

- ☐ Check out a laptop or other electronics.
- ☐ Get free meals or snacks for kids and teens 18 and under.
- ☐ Join the Summer Reading Challenge.
- ☐ Participate in the new Scavenger Hunt.

Throughout the summer programming will focus on the theme "All Together Now," celebrating the diverse programs and services available at the library. Attendees can enjoy exciting performances, games, crafts, scavenger hunts, animal visits, reading challenges, and more at all library locations.

Summer programs & resources



Meet the District 5 Summer Interns

We're lucky to have two great summer interns with us for the next month. Jose Leach is a rising senior who attends Lawton Chiles High School and Daniel Frank, a rising sophomore who attends the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. *We will try not to scare them away from local government.*

Jose assists his teachers with exceptional student education classes and also helps out with the music program at his school. He's an avid guitar player and plans to continue his guitar playing after high school.

Daniel is currently studying public policy and is also the assistant news editor for the Massachusetts Daily Collegian. He's undecided what he'll be doing after he gets his degree but he has many great ideas.

The Summer Youth Training Program is a 4-week paid internship that provides a glimpse in to how our County government operates and highlights the services that we provide for our residents.

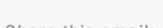
District Five Sidewalk Projects

Sidewalk Segment	Funding / Program	Status
Apalachee Parkway from Connor Blvd to Apalachee Regional Park	County Sidewalk Program	Requested be added and ranked on priority list
Old St. Augustine Rd – from Indian Head to Midyette Rd	County Sidewalk Program	Tier 1 – Funding in FY2024
Gadsden Street – from Ingleside Ave to Eighth Ave	County Sidewalk Program	Tier 1 – Funding in FY2024
Apalachee Parkway from Sutor Rd to Conner Blvd	75% City/25% CRTPA	Funding in FY24-29 plan – in design now.
Old St. Augustine Rd from Paul Russell Rd to east of Southwood Plantation Rd	County – Safe Streets for All	Applied for Federal Grant from SS4A
Magnolia Dr from Pontiac Dr to Magnolia St.	Blueprint	Bidding for Construction Summer 2023
Magnolia Dr from Diamond St to Apalachee Pkwy	Blueprint	In Design and Right-of-Way acquisition phase



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