



Dear Friends:

I hope your summer is starting off well and you get to enjoy the weather before the real heat comes in July and August!

We've had a packed May and June as we address the biggest issues facing our community. I am using our YouTube Channel to give regular updates during the month. To stay in the know make sure to subscribe to our **YouTube Channel**, and follow our **Facebook Page**.

I expect June to be an even busier month, be on the lookout for our July newsletter to see what happened! I thought I would also mention that our shelter pet of the month from May, Eisenhower, was adopted!

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



June is Pride Month

As we celebrate Pride Month, let's also remember that there's still work to be done. Let's continue to uplift and support the LGBTQ+ community, and fight against discrimination and hate in all forms.

Leon County celebrates the achievements and contributions of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) community during Pride Month with an exhibit, crafts, and resources from the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System. Thematic book lists and movie watchlists give citizens the opportunity to learn about the lives and experiences of the LGBTQ+ community and events that shaped history.

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

Stonewall National Museum, Archives & Library "50 Years: The Stonewall Uprising" Exhibit, June 5-30, downtown Main Library – This exhibit from the Stonewall National Museum, Archives & Library examines the who, what, and where of the June 1969 riots at the Stonewall Inn in New York's Greenwich Village.

Crafts for All, Tuesday, June 13 at 1:30 p.m., downtown Main Library – Let your creativity and personality shine as we make colorful pompom headbands and sun-catchers.

[See a list of LGBTQ+ resources and events](#)



Shelter Pet of the Month

Meet Kennedy! She is a 9 year old tabby cat who is cornering the market with her lap sitting business. She comes highly recommended at Tallahassee Animal Services. Kennedy has been at the shelter since January 27th, making her their longest staying resident in the cat room. Kennedy has asked us to list her best qualities.

PROS:

- ♥ Expert Cuddler- Has been a professional lap sitter since 2014
- ♥ Knows her way around the food bowl and takes the guess work out of knowing when it's empty!
- ♥ Loves to lounge and relax- She truly is a cat of leisure!
- ♥ Has been around cat-friendly dogs
- ♥ Loves a good booty scratch (Or any scratch, really!)

CONS:

- ✖ Will stay in your lap forever- Good luck getting that laundry folded! 😊
- ✖ Exercise? She thought you said extra treats!

Kennedy's job demands are as follows:

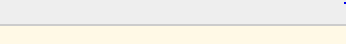
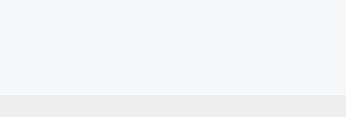
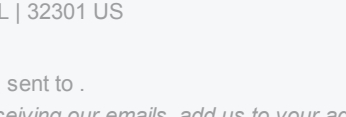
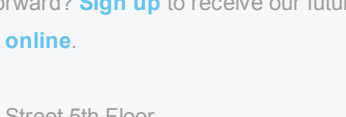
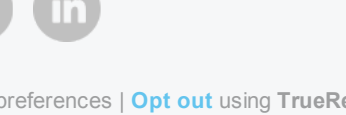
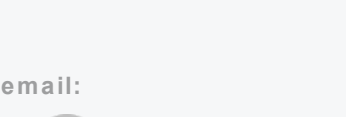
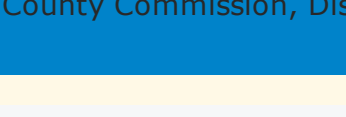
- 🔴 A one-time fee of \$20
- 🔴 She requests to be the only cat in the home as she is applying for a full-time position. Lap sitting is a very competitive business and she must have the monopoly of the best laps in the house!
- 🔴 A loving home. Kennedy is the best girl that has won over staff & volunteers alike.

[Learn more about adopting Kennedy or another furry friend](#)

Stop by Sundays and Wednesdays from 1p-5p to meet Kennedy, along with over 120 other adoptable animals! No appointment needed.

Big Wheels Delivers Meals

A few weeks ago I took part in Elder Care Services Big Wheels Delivers Meals, an annual day of service that raises awareness about the nutritional health and welfare of home-bound seniors in our community. I wanted to share a few photos from the day.



My Weekly Updates and Issue Highlights Videos

Every Friday I post a short video on my social media to keep you updated on what your District 5 County Commission office has been focused on and helpful information for residents. I also record longer videos about the various issues that the Commission is talking about - from homelessness to our Blueprint budget and other topics.

May/June Highlights:

- ☐ Tues., May 9th - Commission Meeting - [Here are the follow-up minutes](#).
- ☐ Tues., May 11th - Blueprint Budget Workshop & Meeting - This meeting became a big deal, [watch my video recap](#).
- ☐ Sat., May 20th - We spent 30 minutes with Brien Sorne talking about Blueprint and much more - [Listen here](#).
- ☐ Tues., May 23rd - County Workshop Addressing Homelessness. See my [pre-meeting video here](#), and [my recap here](#).
- ☐ Wed., June 7th - Met with [CRTPA](#) staff about pedestrian and cyclist safety. To learn about the current *Safe Streets for All* project, please [click here](#). We will share much more on this soon.

I hope you'll watch some of these videos at the link below and subscribe to our YouTube Channel to stay informed.

[See our YouTube Channel here](#)

Upcoming County Commission and Blueprint Meetings and Agendas

Tuesday, June 13th at 3pm: County Commission Meeting in the Commission Chamber located on the 5th Floor of the Leon County Courthouse.

Tuesday, June 13th at 6pm: Joint County/City Adoption Hearing on 2023 Comprehensive Plan Amendments in the Commission Chamber located on the 5th Floor of the Leon County Courthouse.

Thursday, June 15th at 9am: Blueprint IA Board of Directors Budget Workshop and Meeting in the Tallahassee City Commission Chamber at City Hall.

[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](#)

June is the start of the 2023 Hurricane Season

June 1 marks the start of Hurricane Season, and Leon County Government encourages residents to prepare themselves, their homes, and their neighborhoods for disasters.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has predicted that the 2023 Hurricane Season could see an estimated 14 named storms, seven hurricanes, and three major hurricanes. This makes it all the more important for residents to be ready.

Leon County urges all residents to take the necessary steps to prepare for the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season. This includes creating an emergency kit, developing a family communication plan, and staying informed about the latest developments and updates through the County's Emergency Information Portal at [LeonCountyFL.gov/ei](#).

Residents can visit [LeonReady.com](#), an online hub of disaster resources to help you, your family and your neighborhood prepare for and respond to disasters.

[Additional hurricane and disaster resources here](#)

Special Needs Registry

Do you or someone you know have a physical, mental, cognitive or sensory disability and will need evacuation and/or sheltering assistance during an emergency? Leon County assists the State of Florida in maintaining the County's special needs registry, in partnership with Florida Dept. of Health in Leon County.

Sign-up for the registry by clicking the red box below or by calling Leon County Emergency Management at **850-606-3700**.

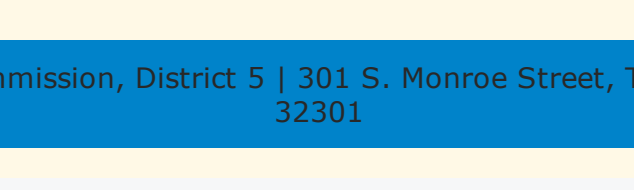
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Highlights of Leon County's new WastePro Contract

Leon County will enter in to a new contract with WastePro on October 1, 2023. There are many **new** requirements in the contract, including:

- ☐ Bulky pick-ups must occur within 3 days of normal service (no call-in's required for bulky)
- ☐ Litter/spills must be cleaned up within 24 hours.
- ☐ Local call centers must be staffed with local people
- ☐ Broken equipment must be reported to Leon County within one hour and backup equipment on the road within 2 hours.
- ☐ Customer voicemails must be returned within one hour. After hours voicemails returned within one day.
- ☐ Customer complaints before noon must be resolved on next day. Complaints after noon resolved next day.
- ☐ Trash carts must be left upright with lids closed.
- ☐ Door-tag notifications must be left behind with reason for non-compliant yard debris pick-up.

As always, you can contact our office directly if you have any questions or service delivery issues with WastePro.



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