

### **Vote Local**

Dear Friend,

Election Day(s) is finally here - I just cast my ballot this morning during early voting. Early voting in Leon County runs from Monday, October 21 - Sunday, November 3. Election Day voting is Tuesday, November 5.

You have a two-page ballot, and the down-ballot races are more important than you may realize.

Do you know what each commissioner candidate stands for? What about the superintendent candidates or judge candidates?

It's easy to find out, and I'll tell you how.

- 1. Go to <a href="www.vote411.org">www.vote411.org</a> & enter your address []
- 2. Review info from every race on your ballot
- 3. VOTE early by 11/3 or on Election Day 11/5

Easy as 1 - 2 - 3, put in your address, and your ballot choices pop up with answers from the candidates.

VOTE, VOTE, VOTE.

If you have any questions about voting, go to <a href="www.leonvotes.gov">www.leonvotes.gov</a> or call (850) 606-8683.

Sincerely,

-David, fellow local voter

\*VOTE411 is a "one-stop-shop" for election related information created by the League of Women Voters. It provides nonpartisan information to the public on the election process.

# **Shelter Pet of the Month Bernie**



Meet Bernie! He's a 44lb., neutered male and the shelter staff thinks he's a 1 year old Catahoula Leopard Hound and American Staffordshire Terrier mix. He has a laid back vibe and a very happy spirit. He loves hanging out with his people and any respectful dog friends! **Bernie is ready to find a new place to call home!** 

By Appointment: Daily: 10:00a - 6:00p

Walk-in Kennel Viewings: Wed., Sat. and Sun.: 1:00p - 5:00p

Phone: **850-891-2950** 

Shelter Address: 1125 Easterwood Drive

**Shelter Adoption Information** 

### **Recent Proclamations**

At our October County Commission Meeting I had the honor of presenting two (2) Proclamations recognizing the accomplishments of some great community members.

The Chaires Capitola Little League made it all the way to the State Championship Game for the first time. I invited the team, along with their Coach Brian Garber to join us so we could recognize their achievements during the 2024 season.

We also recognized the staff and residents at St. Augustine Plantation Assisted Living and Memory Care. On May 10, 2024 one of the tornadoes that ripped through our county passed over their Memory Care building, causing millions of dollars in damage. It was because of the quick action by the staff that no residents was injured.





# **Good News Outreach's Thanksgiving Turkey Drive**

Good News Outreach is an organization dedicated to relieving physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual isolation to those in our community. They strive to reduce recidivism, hunger, homelessness, and isolation through uplifting and collaborative efforts in our area.

For this Thanksgiving holiday they just launched a Turkey Drive to help those in need. You can help in their efforts by dropping off any of the following items to their offices located at 606 W. 4th Avenue from November 10-20:



## ReThink Energy's "Energy Ball"

This year I am honored to serve as the host for ReThink Energy Florida's, Energy Ball. This annual fundraiser is vital to the success of this organization with all funds raised will support their Energy Camp and the ReThink Science Engagement Program that provides STEM-based school and afterschool projects and instruction.

Buy tickets <u>here</u> for the November 7th Energy Ball, at Goodwood Museum and Gardens.

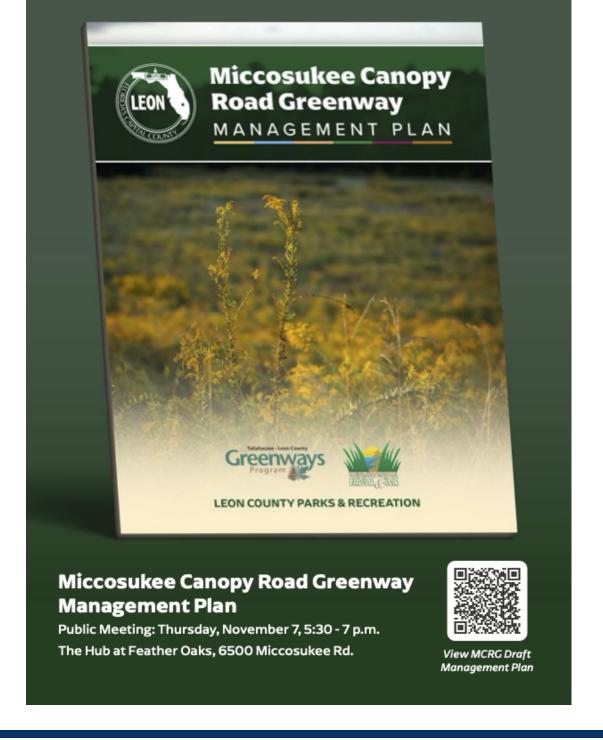




## Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Management Plan

For the past year, I've been serving alongside local citizens, conservation organizations and members of the various user groups on a citizen's committee whose responsibility was to collect public input and make recommendations regarding the ten-year management plan goals and objectives for the Miccosukee Greenway.

As part of the ongoing efforts to engage the community, the Committee will hold a public meeting to gather feedback on the draft Plan. The meeting will take place on **Thursday**, **November 7**, at 5:30 p.m. at **The Hub at Feather Oaks**, **6500 Miccosukee Road**. Following the public meeting, the plan will be submitted for review and adoption by County Commission on November 19th followed by the State in 2025.



## **Debris Collection EXTENDED** through November 3rd

Leon County is extending the collection of curbside vegetative storm debris from the unincorporated areas, on both private and public roads. Remember these following tips:

Place debris between the sidewalk or property line and the curb.

Keep vegetative debris loose and unbagged at the curb.

Only vegetative storm debris will be collected.

Debris removal trucks will not pick up household garbage.

For information on how best to organize debris and how to safely place materials at the curb, review the County's debris disposal guide here.

# Early Voting & Polling Locations Resources for Voting Info.

#### **Early Voting**

Early Voting continues through Sunday, November 3rd at these ten (10) Early Voting sites located throughout Leon County. Hours vary by location.

**Leon County Courthouse**, 301 S Monroe St. (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.)

**Leon County Elections Center**, 2990-1 Apalachee Pkwy. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.(

Bruce J Host Northeast Branch Library, 5513 Thomasville Rd. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Dr B L Perry Jr Branch Library, 2817 S Adams St. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Eastside Branch Library, 1583 Pedrick Rd. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

FAMU Student Union, 1628 MLK Jr Blvd. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Fort Braden Community Center, 16387 Blountstown Hwy. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

**FSU Student Union**, 75 N Woodward Ave Way (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

**Lake Jackson Community Center**, 3840 N Monroe St. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Woodville Community Center, 8000 Old Woodville Rd. (10 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

#### Election Day Voting (Tuesday, Nov. 5)

On Election Day you must vote at your assigned polling place. Find your polling place on your voter information card, by using the <u>Voter Information Lookup</u>, or by calling the Supervisor of Election's Office at (850) 606-8683.

#### **Voter Information & Other Resources**

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan, grassroots organization working to **protect and expand voting rights** and ensure everyone is represented in our democracy. The League's Voter Education Fund has put together a "one-stop-shop" website, **Vote411,org** for election related information. Find all the information about ballot measures to factual data about the candidates. Check out the site **here**.

### Sign Up to Become a Volunteer Firefighter



Six volunteer fire departments (VFDs) provide fire and medical first response services within the unincorporated areas of Leon County. The VFDs supplement the response of Leon County EMS and the Tallahassee Fire Department. The VFDs are independent organizations that provide fire apparatus/vehicles, equipment, and personnel to respond to incidents.

If you would like to volunteer at any of the VFDs or if you have questions about the services they provide, call Leon County EMS at 850-606-2100.









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