



COUNTY ADMINISTRATION: CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT SERIES

PROVIDING TRANSPARENCY AND ENGAGING CITIZENS IN MEANINGFUL WAYS

Citizen engagement is important to Leon County, as we develop policies and shape our community. The newly created Library Lecture Series, alongside the Citizen Engagement Series and the Club of Honest Citizens, grow citizen involvement and engagement by providing ways to interact with County officials on what matters.

This year the Leon County Library Lecture Series featured diverse speakers and topics that engage and inspire, appealing to the interests of all citizens. Citizens attended lectures on science, history, and leadership.

In addition, Leon County continued the nationally-recognized Citizen Engagement Series. Entitled “Prepare Now. When Disaster Strikes, It’s Too Late to Plan,” the session focused on building community preparedness and resilience to withstand man-made and natural disasters. Leon County convened nonprofit partners, preparedness experts and media partners to discuss various topics such as disaster preparedness, emergency communication, and the importance of having an evacuation plan.

Leon County continued hosting Club of Honest Citizens events at unconventional locations like bars and coffee shops to discuss hot-button issues. Held at The Moon, this year’s Club of Honest Citizen’s event “Created Equal: A Conversation about Race, Founding Ideals, and Our Hometown”, invited citizens to participate in a conversation on race and its impact on the community.

As part of the Club of Honest Citizens, Leon County partnered with the Village Square and America’s Second Harvest of the Big Bend to host The Big Event Tallahassee, organized by FSU. It is one of the largest, one-day, student-run service projects in the nation, with more than 3,000 volunteers. The event engaged college students from students from FAMU, TCC, and FSU in not only a day of service, but also an honest discussion about the role of local government and nonprofits in serving our community.

And lastly, the second year of The Longest Table brought citizens together to share a meal and engage in heartfelt conversations aimed at breaking down community divides and building relationships. Most recently, the Longest



Club of Honest Citizens

Table took place in October 2016 on FAMU Way where more than 1,000 neighbors and friends came together to join the conversation.

**LIBRARY
LECTURE
SERIES**

**TOPICS THAT ENGAGE
AND INSPIRE**



Science: Dr. Greg Boebinger, MagLab



History: Dr. Reginald Ellis, Florida A&M University



Leadership: Dr. Stacy Nelson, VitalSmarts

Citizen Engagement Series:
PUBLIC SAFETY

**Prepare Now. When
Disaster Strikes, It's
Too Late to Plan**



May 31, 2017

**THE BIG
EVENT**
TALLAHASSEE
One Big Day. One Big Thanks. One Big Event.

March 25, 2017



The Club of
Honest Whigs
Citizens



Created Equal:
A conversation about race +
founding ideals + our hometown

January 11, 2017



October 9, 2016

