



The Leon County

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Connecting Citizens  
with Leon County  
Services

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## Leon County Sustainable Communities Summit 2010

May 6 & 7, 2010  
Tallahassee, Florida

[www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Summit](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Summit)  
**Register Now!**



## Summit Starts Tomorrow

**Online Registration Ends Today @ 5 p.m.**

The summit, coordinated by the Leon County Office of Sustainability, will be held at the FSU Turnbull Conference Center. Register Now at [www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Summit](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/Summit).

For additional information, call Maggie Theriot, Sustainability Manager, at (850) 606-5380; Jon D. Brown, Leon County Public Information Officer, at (850) 606-5300; or email [Sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov](mailto:Sustainability@LeonCountyFL.gov).

## Leon County Hosts 2nd Annual Solid Waste Spectacular

Ever wonder what happens to your garbage when it leaves the driveway? Want to know what Leon County is doing to reduce its pollution impact or what steps the public can take to help Leon County's overall efforts?

Learn the answers to these questions and more when the County hosts its Second Annual Solid Waste Spectacular, featuring trolley tours, demonstrations, lectures, exhibitors, food and music. The expo and open house will take place on Saturday, May 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the County's Solid Waste Management Facility, 7550 Apalachee Pkwy.

Visitors can take an interactive tour of the electronics and Styrofoam recycling centers, visit the landfill and the educational center, and have a chance to win an Earth Machine compost bin or a rain barrel. Children of all ages can enjoy games, face painting and other activities in the children's area.

Organizers want to encourage residents to bring their old electronics, packaging Styrofoam, paint, fluorescent lamps, DVDs and VHS tapes to be recycled. Visitors can also take home free mulch for their yards.

For more information, contact the Solid Waste Division at (850) 606-1800.

## Leon County UF-IFAS Extension Office Hosts Annual Spring Open House

On Saturday, May 8, Master Gardener volunteers of the UF-IFAS Leon County Extension Office will host the center's annual spring Open House from 9 a.m. until noon at 615 Paul Russell Road.

Local gardeners can learn how to make their landscapes more Florida-friendly, how to select the right plant for the right place and how to bring birds and butterflies into their gardens. Or, residents can simply drop in for a guided tour of the demonstration garden.

Other lessons – for both green thumbs and beginners alike – will include how to install a simple and efficient micro-irrigation system, how to mulch, what fertilizer to use, how to manage pests responsibly, how to recycle yard trash onsite and how to prevent stormwater runoff.

Also available will be a booklet provided by the Master Gardeners that contains color photos of the featured plants for only \$5. The event is free and open to the public.

The Leon County Extension Office is a member of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service, which is headquartered in Gainesville within the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences and funded by a partnership between federal, state and county government agencies.

For more information, contact the Leon County Extension Office at (850) 606-5200.

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**Helen Moeller**, Library Director  
Thank You for 19 Years of  
Dedicated Service to Leon County  
**Good Luck & Best Wishes  
on Your Retirement**



## B. L. Perry Library Branch Expansion Breaks Ground

Leon County recently broke ground on an expansion to the Dr. B. L. Perry, Jr. Branch Library, at 2817 South Adams St.

The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System's B. L. Perry branch, which opened in 2001, will be expanded 3,000 sq ft and will receive additions to its reading room, computer room and youth areas. The B.L. Perry branch has the highest computer-use numbers than any other library location in the County, and waiting times for the computers can be 45 minutes to 2 hours. Construction will take place on the east side of the building, and the library will remain operational throughout the expansion.

## Summer Reading Program

Make a Splash – READ! Sign up for the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System's free summer reading program! The Kick-off is Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, at BookFest in the Park, on Park Avenue in front of the old courthouse. The featured children's author, Susan Womble, author of "Newt's World," will speak at 10:30.

Children can come meet Ms. Womble, try out some electronic games, get their faces painted, meet local authors who will be selling their books and browse the Friends of the Library book sale.

In addition, John Heilemann, co-author of the best-selling book "Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime," will speak at noon at the 2nd Annual Tallahassee Downtown Book Fair.

For more information, contact Mary Douglas, Youth Services Coordinator, at (850) 606-2665.

The Council of Neighborhood Associations, in partnership with the Leon County Board of County Commissioners and City of Tallahassee,

invites you to attend the

**30TH ANNUAL MEETING & NEIGHBORHOOD AWARDS RECEPTION**  
Monday, May 10, 2010

The Mary Brogan Museum of Arts & Science, 350 South Duval St.  
For more information, contact Stephen Hogge, CONA President, (850) 459-3029.

## May 2010

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

**11 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing**  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**17 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)**  
12 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

**Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)**  
1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

**25 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**  
3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Joint City/County Commission Transmittal Hearing on Cycle 2010-2 Comprehensive Plan Amendments**  
6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers (This meeting was originally scheduled for May 6, 2010)