



The Leon County

LINK

Connecting Citizens
with Leon County
Services

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Leon County Celebrates Storm-Damaged Home Replacement

Mattie McGriff received the keys to her new home on Friday, August 26, thanks to a Leon County Housing Services' Home Replacement Program and funding from a Department of Community Affairs (DCA) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Emergency Set-Aside Program.



Leon County marked this achievement with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony for a replacement home. Ms. McGriff's single-family residence qualified for a grant after storm-related flood events severely impacted her house and quality of life in early 2009.

The CDBG Emergency Set-Aside Program is a grant program in which local jurisdictions are awarded funding to assist with damages associated with state-declared emergencies in their area. Leon County was awarded funding through the program with the purpose of funding recovery projects related to severe floods that occurred in March 2009. These projects had to address serious, urgent community needs that posed an immediate and direct threat to the health, safety, and welfare of residents of low and moderate income.

The primary focus of Leon County's Housing Services Division is to ensure that very low, low, and moderate income level residents of Leon County are provided with safe and sanitary housing. The division accomplishes this goal through its many programs which include: down payment assistance to first-time homebuyers, foreclosure prevention assistance, home rehabilitation, and home replacement.

New Branch for the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System

Saturday, October 1, is the Grand Opening of the Woodville Branch Library! The sixth branch library of the county's library system is part of the Woodville Community Center, at 8000 Old Woodville Road. This is a full-service branch library, with books, movies, audiobooks, children's materials and Internet computers. Come and enjoy Story Time for young children, homework help for students of all ages, and entertainment and information for all. Only a few yards from the Tallahassee-St. Marks Historic Railroad State Trail as it passes through Woodville, the Community Center and Branch Library will be a great place to visit and find materials to enjoy. The library will be open 40 hours a week, Tuesday and Thursday from 11 AM to 8 PM; Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 6 PM; and Saturday from 10 AM to 4 PM.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A LEON COUNTY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE/COUNCIL?

Citizen participation, by way of community input, advice, and/or recommendations regarding matters to be brought before the Board for approval, is important in developing Leon County's programs/policies and in providing quality public services to the community.

Currently, the Board is seeking applications for a citizen appointment to the Palmer Munroe Youth Center Community Executive Committee (CEC). The purpose of the CEC is to provide direction consistent with the overall programming and selected operations and management of the Youth Center activities. Additionally, applications for upcoming appointments to the Housing Finance Authority, Human Services Grant Review Committee, Joint School Facility Planning committee and Library Advisory Board may be submitted.

Citizens can go to the County's website (www.leoncountyfl.gov/committees) for a listing of the types of committees (housing, human services, environmental, etc.) that includes information on committee responsibilities, member eligibility, and committee vacancies. Citizens can also complete the Board-Appointed Citizen Committee's Orientation and Training and fill out an application. Leon County encourages citizens to review member eligibility and, if the requirements can be met, complete and submit an application.

The application may be e-mailed (preferable), mailed, or faxed: Christine Coble, Agenda Coordinator, 301 S. Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32301, Fax: 850-606-5301, E-mail: coblec@leoncountyfl.gov

THE MISSION CONTINUES DAY OF REMEMBRANCE AND SERVICE: 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11

Leon County Government is proud to invite you on Friday, September 9th as we come together to mark the 10th Anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, a moment that through tragedy brought together cultures, bridged differences and united citizens of goodwill around the world in a spirit of unity and commitment. In tribute to all of those who were lost and the tens of thousands who rose in service, 9/11 has been designated a National Day of Service and Remembrance.

Please join us for three (3) on-site service projects to benefit and support our troops and veterans as we work together in this tangible day of tribute and remembrance.

Sign-ups are on a first come, first serve basis. All volunteers will receive a Mission Continues t-shirt and are invited to join us for an old fashioned "cook out", lead by our very own Public Works Employees. YOU MUST SIGN UP THROUGH THE FOLLOWING LINK by Thursday, September 8th.

www.leoncountyfl.gov/Sept11/

Friday, September 9, 2011
American Legion Post- 229 Lake Ella Drive
10:30 a.m.



September 2011

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 13 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Economic Development** 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 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
- 19 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
- Intergovernmental Agency (IA) Public Hearing for Blueprint 2000 Capital and Operating Budgets for 2012** 5 p.m. - 8 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 20 Board of County Commissioners Workshop on Primary Healthcare** 12 p.m. - 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
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