

**Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway Grand Opening**



Leon County invites the public to the grand opening festivities for the Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway on Jan. 10, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Thornton Road entrance, 5650 Miccosukee Road. Everyone is welcome to bring their running shoes, bike, or horse to enjoy the new greenway. Highlights of the day include hot-air balloon rides, guided nature walks, a 1 p.m. trail ride for those who have horses, free food, and educational displays and demonstrations. Please call 487-3070 for more information.

**New Year Brings Start of County-Run Emergency Medical Services**



Leon County ambulances are now responding to emergency calls and saving lives. Leon County successfully transitioned Emergency Medical Services from Tallahassee Memorial Hospital on Jan. 1.

Leon County Commission Chairman Jane Sauls said, "It is a happy new year in Leon County because Leon County citizens now have a new and improved Emergency Medical Services system."

Leon County approved creating a County-run EMS Department in June 2003. Since then, Leon County staff have been planning and executing every detail.

"Leon County's EMS Implementation Team has dedicated many hours to developing a model system," said Parwez Alam, County Administrator. "Leon County citizens can be assured they have the best service available and know this is one of the finest EMS systems in the country."

There are 96 employees working for Leon County EMS under the leadership of EMS Director Dan Moynihan. LCEMS operates under a system status management model that matches supply with demand and provides for improved response times and patient care. LCEMS also utilizes state-of-the-art equipment that will improve patient care.

"The mission of LCEMS is to provide the finest, most compassionate, clinically superior, EMS service available, said EMS Chief, Dan Moynihan. "We have a professional and dedicated EMS team who are dedicated to saving lives. We will constantly strive to improve this service."

**Veteran Services Division Relocates to Railroad Avenue**

The Leon County Veteran Services Division is moving to a new location on Thursday, Jan. 15. Currently located in Northwood Center at 1940 North Monroe Street, the office will relocate to the Amtrak building at 918 Railroad Avenue. However, the mailing address and telephone numbers will remain the same. The new location is set conveniently between the FAMU and FSU campuses, south of the downtown area.

The Amtrak building will provide easier access and greater visibility to the Veteran Services Division. Several parking spaces immediately adjacent to the new office are reserved for visitors with disabilities. Additionally, a ramp is available near the entrance to the office. Veteran Services is pursuing adding a TalTran bus stop at the location to assist Leon County citizens who depend on public transportation. Please call 488-8462 for more information.

**Community Open House for Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan**

The Metropolitan Planning Organization is holding a Community Open House on the Tallahassee-Leon County Bicycle & Pedestrian Master Plan on Thursday, Jan. 15 from 5 to 8:30 p.m. at the Leroy Collins Leon County Public Library, 200 West Park Ave. Citizens will be able to examine maps, view drafts of the plan, ask questions of the project team members and offer their own ideas. There will be a presentation on the *Draft 2025 Needs Plan* at 7 p.m.



The goals of the master plan include increasing the visibility and safety of non-motorized travel, creating well-defined and connected pathways, reducing traffic congestion, expanding travel choices, linking neighborhoods to non-residential areas, and improving public health by encouraging increased physical activity.

**4-H Holds Speaking Contest**

Leon County 4-H is holding the 4-H/Tropicana Public Speaking Contest on Saturday, Jan. 24, starting at 8:30 a.m. at the Epiphany Lutheran School, 8300 Deerlake Road. The public is invited to watch the winners from the 44 participating schools present a two to three minute speech on a topic of interest. Please call 487-3009 for more information.

**Youth Corps Celebrates Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**



Leon County Youth Corps is presenting a multicultural program on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Monday, Jan. 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Leon County Community Center in the Amtrak building, 918 Railroad Ave. The event, hosted by Miss Tallahassee, will include a multicultural talent show and the announcement of the D.R.E.A.M. Award winners. Participants will also recognize citizens in our community who represent the ideals of Dr. King. Please call 921-3015 for more information.

**January Senior Days**

- Thursday, Jan. 8  
Woodville Senior Day, Fish Fry  
9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Woodville Elementary School Media Center
- Tuesday, Jan. 20  
Fort Braden Senior Day  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Fort Braden Community Center
- Tuesday, Jan. 27  
Chaires Senior Day  
9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chaires Community Center

For more information, call 891-4065.

**Sign Up for Little League Baseball**

Leon County Parks and Recreation is gearing up for the 2004 Little League season. The program is open to girls and boys ages five and up (age as of Aug. 1, 2004). Please call 487-3070 for more information.

**Registration Dates and Times:**

**Chaires-Capitola Community Park**  
Jan. 10 and 13, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**Canopy Oaks Community Park**  
Jan. 24 and 31, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Jan. 27 and 29, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**Miccosukee Community Park**  
(at the Miccosukee Community Center)  
Jan. 10 and 17, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
January 15, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.



**Calendar**

**January 2004**

- 7 Contractors' Licensing & Examination Board Meeting**  
4:30 p.m.  
County Commission Chambers
- 8 Board of Adjustment & Appeals Meeting**  
1 p.m. County Commission Chambers
- 9 Science Advisory Committee Meeting**  
8:30 a.m. 3401 West Tharpe Street
- 13 Special Attorney-Client Meeting on Settlement of Pending Lake Carolyn HOA Litigation**  
1:30 p.m.  
County Commission Chambers
- Commission Workshop on Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL)**  
2:30 p.m.  
County Commission Chambers

- 13 Board of County Commissioners Meeting**  
5 p.m. County Commission Chambers  
Public Hearings begin at 6 p.m.
- 15 Code Enforcement Board Meeting**  
1 p.m. County Commission Chambers
- 19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
County offices closed
- 20 Tree Bank/Wildlife Committee Meeting**  
2 p.m. 3401 West Tharpe Street
- 21 Development Review Committee Meeting**  
10 a.m. 3401 West Tharpe Street
- 26 Metropolitan Planning Organization Meeting**  
3 p.m. City Commission Chambers  
City Hall

- 27 Commission Workshop on Management Information Services (MIS) Technology Update**  
2:30 p.m.  
County Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Meeting**  
5 p.m. County Commission Chambers  
Public Hearings begin at 6 p.m.

\*All County Commission workshops and meetings are broadcast live on Channel 16 beginning at 1 p.m.

\*Lists of Commission workshops and meetings, and Board-appointed committees are available on the county's website [www.co.leon.fl.us](http://www.co.leon.fl.us).

\*Persons needing special accommodations to participate in meetings should call the appropriate contact number. The following Florida Relay Service options are also available: 1-800-955-8771 (TDD) 1-800-955-8770 (VOICE)



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