



The Leon County LINK

Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

Leon County's 2006 Top 10 List

Along with the New Year comes a plethora of New Year's Resolutions. This year it's time to get reacquainted with the great resources and programs available in your community. Leon County has an abundance of activities and places for citizens to enjoy; here are just ten ideas to get your New Year's Resolution started. For more information on any County program, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov or call the Public Information Office at 606-5300.



1. EXPLORE Leon County Greenways.

The J. R. Alford Greenway, located at 2500 South Pedrick Road, offers over 800-acres of trails and open space for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians. There is ample horse trailer parking.

The Miccosukee Canopy Road Greenway, located at 5600 Miccosukee Road, offers: six miles of canopy trails and open space for hikers, mountain bicyclists, and equestrians; visitor parking at Edenfield and Thornton Road intersections,

with a third parking area to be opening soon at Crump Road; and, picnic tables and benches located throughout entire greenway.

2. VOLUNTEER with VolunteerLEON. VolunteerLEON is dedicated to strengthening individuals and organizations in our community through volunteerism. They work to connect citizens with volunteer opportunities, including fields such as disaster/emergency response, counseling, drug/alcohol abuse, employment, homelessness, and literacy. For more information, visit www.volunteerleon.org.



3. PARTICIPATE in Leon County's parks & recreation programs. Leon County offers a wide variety of activities, such as: soccer, baseball, and flag football. Also, residents living in the unincorporated areas of Leon County can now enjoy City Parks & Recreation programs, like those residents who live within the City limits.

4. CAMP at Leon County's campgrounds located on Lake Talquin. For the rejuvenation of a vacation without the hassle of elaborate planning, check out one of Leon County's camping facilities. You don't have to leave your backyard to have a simple and relaxing get-away.

- Coe's Landing RV Campground, located at 1208 Coe Landing Road.
- William's Landing RV and Tent Campground, located at 951 William's Landing Road.
- Hall's Landing Tent Campground, located at 2997 Luther Hall Road.

5. LAUNCH your boat at one of Leon County's many boat landings. Leon County Parks and Recreation maintains 23 boat landings throughout the county. Landings are located on Lake Miccosukee, Lake Carr, Lake Talquin, Lake Jackson, Lake Iamonia, and the Ochlocknee River. Whether you're setting out to fish, to canoe, or just to enjoy the outdoors, visit the Leon County website for a map of the 23 boat landings.



6. SEE what's new at Leon County Libraries. The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System enriches the community by inspiring a love of reading, providing a dynamic resource for creative and intellectual pursuits, and enabling residents to live a life of learning.

The library abounds with resources and programs such as: audiobooks for MP3 players, wireless internet access, computers and internet for public use, book clubs, storytime for babies and children, homework programs for teens, and more. There are branch libraries located throughout the county, in addition to the main library downtown.

7. TRAVEL down a shady canopy road. Huge moss-draped live oaks, sweet gums, hickory trees and stately pines cast their protective shade over numerous roads. Tallahassee has several canopy roads that provide a unique contribution to the city's southern charm. Leon County's canopy roads are Old St. Augustine Road, Miccosukee Road, Centerville Road, Old Centerville Road, Sunny Hill Road, Moccasin Gap, North Meridian Road, and Old Bainbridge Road.

8. SERVE on a Leon County Citizens Committee. The Leon County Board of County Commissioners values citizens' input and often creates

committees in order for citizens to deliberate a topic and make recommendations to the Board. This year, make a difference in your local government and community by serving on a committee.



9. ENROLL in Dog Bite Prevention Class. Leon County Animal Control teaches that "Safety Begins Before the Bite." This 45-minute class informs citizens on preventative measures to take when they encounter animals off leashes and unsupervised. Animal Control's friendly canine, Hannah, also helps out in the classroom.

10. RECYCLE and learn about Leon County Recycling. Think "green" in 2006. Leon County Recycling offers free educational classes and sends the Community Education Coordinator to your classroom or community group to talk about recycling and our solid waste facilities.



Some examples of items that are recyclable are: phonebooks, electronics, yard waste, and residential waste.

Neighborhood Recognition Program

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners acknowledges that strong and united neighborhoods are the foundation of our community, and they established the Neighborhood Recognition Program to celebrate our great neighborhoods. It is that time of year to apply to have your neighborhood recognized for outstanding community service and involvement. Applications can be found at www.leoncountyfl.gov and must be completed and submitted to the Leon County Public Information Office by Friday, March 3 at 5 p.m. Late submissions will not be considered for the 2006 cycle.

This year, the Leon County Neighborhood Recognition Program will recognize outstanding neighborhoods in three categories: Small (200 or fewer homes), Large (more than 200 homes), and Unincorporated Area (outside the city limits). Winning neighborhoods will receive prizes, a sign to display at their entrance, and bragging rights having been selected as Leon County's 2006 Neighborhood of the Year.

If you have any questions, please contact the Leon County Public Information Office at 606-5300 or email pio@leoncountyfl.gov.

Annual Report Survey



In order to remain flexible and responsive to citizens' needs, Leon County government needs and welcomes feedback. Recently, Leon County distributed the 2005 Annual Report, and we would like to know what you think. If you have not yet read the 2005 Annual Report, which encapsulates what your County government does and how your tax dollars are allocated, you can find it at www.leoncountyfl.gov. Also, you will find a questionnaire on the website with questions varying from how easy the report was to read to what you would like to see next year. It is important that Leon County government provides citizens with the information they want, and, in order to accomplish this goal, we need to hear from you. If you're interested in having a County representative come and speak to your homeowner's association or civic group about the report, please call the Public Information Office at 606-5300.

January 2006

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 10 Commission Meeting 3 p.m. Public Hearings 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 16 Offices Closed for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- 24 Commission Meeting 3 p.m. Public Hearings 6 p.m.
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