



# The Leon County LINK

## Connecting Citizens with Leon County Services

### Leon County Board of County Commissioners

#### 2006 Priorities

*Putting the pieces  
together to build a  
better community.*



Each year, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners comes together to deliberate important community issues and to create a definitive list of top priorities to address in the upcoming year.

1. Address Consolidation of Law Enforcement and Emergency Response Dispatch
2. Enhance Primary Healthcare for the Uninsured
3. Develop a Comprehensive Community Energy Policy
4. Implement a County-wide Lake Protection Program
5. Construct a Library Branch in the Woodville Community
6. Address Impacts from Sprayfield Irrigation and other Pollutants on Wakulla Springs
7. Pursue Redevelopment of North Florida Fairgrounds Property

### Black History Month



Frederick Douglass

Celebrated annually since 1926, February is Black History Month. Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the son of former slaves, worked to bring this month of African-American history into the mainstream. He chose this month because it coincides with the birthdays of two men who greatly influenced African-American history – Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln.

Leon County encourages citizens to visit their local library this month to see the displays and books promoting education on African-American history. The event schedule for Black History Month is as follows:

#### Main Library

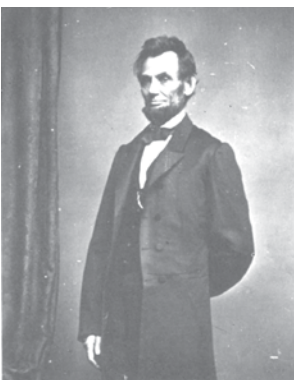
- Sunday, Feb. 12, Black History and Black Writers Books on Display
- Monday, Feb. 27, African Curios from Collection of Gladys "Nyagus" Gikiri

#### Dr. B.L. Perry, Jr. Branch

- Monday, Feb. 6, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., African-American Read-in

#### Ft. Braden Branch

- Saturday, Feb. 4, Black History Month Display



Abraham Lincoln



### You're Invited to...

"Make a Difference Tallahassee"

**WHO:** Community and Campus Volunteers  
**WHAT:** Make a Difference Tallahassee 2006  
**WHEN:** Feb. 18, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
 Registration deadline is Feb. 15.  
**WHERE:** FAMU Student Union Ballroom

This year marks the fifth consecutive year that the Tallahassee community will come together to celebrate "Make a Difference Tallahassee," a day of education uniting Tallahassee residents and college students. The one-day event is designed to improve our community and help neighbors in need by connecting citizens to the world of volunteerism.

Participants will choose from local non-profit agencies that address community issues, including animal services, children and youth, disaster services, elder care services, health services, and hunger and homelessness. Each participant will then spend the morning with the selected agency and regroup for lunch to hear a guest speaker.

"One of Tallahassee's great strengths is our sense of community and the fact that we all care about one another. This event brings together so many different people that it adds even more to the volunteer and service experience," said Heather Skojec, Chair of "Make a Difference Tallahassee 2006."

Participants must pre-register online at [www.serve2learn.fsu.edu](http://www.serve2learn.fsu.edu) by Feb. 15. For more information on the event and how to register, contact Jeri Bush with VolunteerLEON, 850-606-1975 or [jerib@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:jerib@leoncountyfl.gov).

### Neighborhood Recognition Program

#### Application Deadline Nears

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners is celebrating strong and united neighborhoods with the Neighborhood Recognition Program. Your neighborhood could be recognized for outstanding community service and involvement. Applications can be found at [www.leoncountyfl.gov](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov) and must be submitted to the Leon County Public Information Office by Friday, March 3, 2006 at 5 p.m. Late submissions will not be considered for the 2006 cycle.

If you have any questions, please contact the Leon County Public Information Office at 606-5300 or e-mail [pio@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:pio@leoncountyfl.gov).



The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System is celebrating its 50th anniversary this year. You can be a part of this exciting jubilee by sharing your favorite library stories and memories. The collection of stories will be shared on-line and in a commemorative book. Please e-mail your memories to Debra Sears at [searsd@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:searsd@leoncountyfl.gov). There will also be other festivities to celebrate this special bi-centennial event this spring. Stay informed by visiting <http://www.leoncountylibrary.org>.

## February 2006

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 14 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.  
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers
- 20 Intergovernmental Agency Meeting**, City Commission Chambers,  
City Hall
- 28 Commission Meeting** 3 p.m. **Public Hearings** 6 p.m.  
Leon County Courthouse, Commission Chambers

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