



The Leon County LINK

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Installation and Reorganization of the Board of County Commissioners

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners held its 2008 Installation and Reorganization of the Board Ceremony on Nov. 18 in the Commission Chambers of the Leon County Courthouse. At the ceremony, presided over by the Honorable Charles Francis, Chief Judge of the 2nd Judicial Circuit, re-elected District 2 Commissioner Jane G. Sauls and District 4 Commissioner Bryan Desloge, and newly-elected At-Large Commissioner Akin Akinyemi were formally installed.

In the Reorganization portion of the ceremony, Clerk of Courts Bob Inzer swore in Commissioner Desloge as Chairman and District 5 Commissioner Bob Rackleff as Vice-Chairman. For the next year, Chairman Desloge will serve as the official representative of the Board, leading official meetings and signing contracts on the Board's behalf. The next task for the new Chairman will be to preside over the Board's Annual Retreat on Monday, Dec. 8, at the Goodwood Museum & Gardens, where the commissioners will discuss ongoing challenges facing the County. During this annual long-term strategy session, commissioners will deliberate numerous issues, which will be significant matters before the Board in the coming year.



(From left to right) Commissioner Bill Proctor (District 1), Commissioner Cliff Thæll (At-Large), Commissioner Akin Akinyemi (At-Large), Chairman Bryan Desloge (District 4), Vice-Chairman Bob Rackleff (District 5), Commissioner Jane G. Sauls (District 2), and Commissioner John Dailey (District 3).



'Tis the Season to Adopt-A-Tree

The Leon County Department of Public Works is proud to offer the 2009 Adopt-A-Tree public tree planting program. If you live inside Leon County, but outside of Tallahassee city limits, you may qualify to have a Yellowleaf Hawthorne planted on your property for free. A Yellow Haw is a small, native tree that has a showy display of white flowers in the spring.

By agreeing to water the tree three times a week for one year, Public Works will the tree anywhere between your house and any publicly-maintained road or any privately-maintained road with public access. To have a tree planted on your property between January and March 2009, simply fill out an application and place a wooden stake at the desired location. Public Works will try to get as close to the designated area as possible.



If you are interested in participating in this program, please cut out this article, fill in the required information, and send it to the address below no later than Jan. 31, 2009. Or, you may complete an online form at www.leoncountyfl.gov. No phone requests will be accepted. For more information, please call 850/606-1400.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____

WORK PHONE _____

Adopt-A-Tree Program
Leon County Division of Operations
2280 Miccosukee Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308

Leon County Expands Recycling Efforts, Landfill Operations Close to Public County Contracting with Marpan to Recycle Waste

In an effort to increase recycling in Leon County, the Board of County Commissioners has contracted with Marpan Recycling to process certain debris that was previously disposed of at the Apalachee Solid Waste Management Facility.

Items such as construction and demolition debris, cardboard, furniture and carpet will now be processed for recycling at the Marpan facility, 6020 Woodville Hwy. The City of Tallahassee will also be delivering those materials to Marpan to be recycled.

The County has partnered with such organizations as the International Council on Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) to continue initiating smart energy strategies and developing methods for a more sustainable future.

Effective Jan. 1, 2009, the Landfill Operations at the Apalachee facility, 7550 Apalachee Pkwy., will be closed to the general public. The facility will continue to accept waste tires and clean loads of yard trash (no plastic bags), Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center will be open Monday – Saturday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Electronics Recycling Center will be open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The Rural Waste Service Center will be open Monday – Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For additional information, please visit the Leon County Solid Waste Management Division website at www.leoncountyfl.gov/solidwaste or contact Norm Thomas, the Leon County Solid Waste Management director, at (850) 606-1800 or at ThomasNo@leoncountyfl.gov.

Put Waste in its Place

County Picks Up Your Hazardous Waste

Don't know where to toss those old electronics or toxic household cleaners? Leon County's Solid Waste Management will be holding hazardous waste and electronics Roundups in December and January. Items that will be accepted include:

- Aerosol cans
- Ammunition
- Automotive, button, lithium ion, rechargeable & sealed lead-acid batteries
- Bleach
- Drain cleaner
- Electronics, such as televisions and computers (please limit one per household)
- Fire extinguishers
- Flares and pyrotechnics
- Fluorescent bulbs and ballasts
- Gasoline, kerosene, diesel
- Household cleaners
- Mercury-containing devices (thermometers, thermostats, etc.)
- Motor oil
- Paints and thinners
- Pesticides, herbicides, lawn and garden chemicals
- Photographic chemicals
- Pool chemicals
- Pressure bottles and tanks (oxygen, carbon dioxide, etc.)
- Propane bottles and tanks (less than 40 lbs.)
- Tires (please limit one per household)

> **December 13, 2008 | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Southwood Community Center, 4675 Grove Park Drive**

> **January 3, 2009 | 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. | Tallahassee Mall behind Ross**

Hazardous waste from non-household sources will not accepted at the roundups. For more information about hazardous waste pick-up or for complete list of dates, call 850/606-1816, visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW/roundups2.asp or e-mail LobinskeR@leoncountyfl.gov.

December 2008

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 8 Board of County Commissioners Annual Retreat, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Goodwood Museum & Gardens, 1600 Miccosukee Road
- 9 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting, 3 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing, 6 p.m.
County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 23 No Meeting, Board of County Commissioners Recess
- 25 OFFICES CLOSED - Christmas Day
- 26 OFFICES CLOSED - Friday after Christmas

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