



The Leon County

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Connecting Citizens
with Leon County
Services

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Leon County Awarded \$1.5M for Housing Assistance

The Leon County Department of Health and Human Services was recently awarded a grant of \$1.5 million from the Florida Housing Trust Fund to subsidize two Leon County housing programs: a Foreclosure-Prevention Assistance Program and a First-Time Homebuyer Down-Payment Assistance Program.

The Foreclosure-Prevention Assistance Program provides foreclosure aid to qualified Leon County residents living outside the City limits to bring current their existing mortgage.

The Down-Payment Assistance Program provides monetary aid for first-time home buyers purchasing a home in unincorporated areas of Leon County.

Eligibility for the programs is determined by various criteria, including income level and home value. For eligibility determination, please visit the Leon County Housing Department, 918 Railroad Ave., at www.MyLeonHome.org or call Lamar D. Kemp, Housing Services Coordinator, at (850) 606-1900. Applicants will be considered on a first-come, first-qualified basis.

Leon County Invites Community to Library Design Meeting



The LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System is inviting members of the community to a planning/design meeting for the Northeast Branch Library/Bruce J. Host Library Center.

The design charrette will be held Thursday, Aug. 6, from 2 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Northeast Branch Library. The drop-in event will be held in the Program Room, and architects will be present to meet with interested members of the public to discuss elements to be considered for inclusion in the design.

For more information, contact LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System Director Helen Moeller at (850) 606-2665.

Leon County Purchasing Participates in 17th Annual Purchasing Conference

The Leon County Purchasing Division is participating in the 17th Annual Purchasing Conference, Trade Show and Reverse Trade Show on Tuesday, Aug. 11, and Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2009, at the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center, 500 E. Pensacola St. The event is hosted by the Tallahassee Area Chapter of the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing (NIGP).

Leon County Purchasing agents will be provided with training on the latest topics in public procurement, workshops in ethical and green purchasing and updates from State of Florida purchasing agencies. The Reverse Trade Show will give vendors an opportunity to speak with the Leon County Purchasing agents, as well as agents from other state and regional agencies.

Prospective purchasing vendors will also receive training on how to take part in the government bidding process.

For more information, contact Leon County Purchasing Director Keith Roberts at (850) 606-1600. For detailed conference information or registration, visit www.TACNIGP.org.

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Leon County Supports Vial of LIFE

Leon County Emergency Medical Services, along with the Tallahassee Area Kiwanis Clubs, has implemented the Vial of LIFE program in order to provide prompt and efficient emergency medical treatment to the residents of Leon County during times of personal medical emergencies.



The Vial of LIFE program is a nationally-recognized program that assists emergency medical workers when responding to, and treating, individuals during home medical emergencies. The Vial of LIFE contains much of the medical history of an individual needed by the responding emergency medical personnel, such as existing medical conditions, allergies, medication currently being taken, and emergency contact information. This important medical and patient information is placed on a standard and patient information in a bag, which is stored on your refrigerator.

For more information, contact Captain Sally Davis, Leon County EMS at (850) 606-2100.

Stay Updated on County News



Leon County is introducing the availability of a new subscription feature on its website. This free service allows members of the public to subscribe to topics of interest, such as emergency notifications and road closures, and receive instant email and/or wireless notifications whenever the County posts new information.

Visitors to the County website can subscribe by clicking on the "Receive Updates on County News" link located at the top of the Leon County website, www.leoncountyfl.gov.

For more information, please contact the Leon County Public Information Office at (850) 606-5300.

Area Leaders Stress Emergency Preparedness for Hurricane Season



Leon County wants its residents to be prepared for the 2009 hurricane season. The annual Hurricane Survival Guide, which has been distributed in local publications and online at www.HaveAHurricanePlan.com, will help residents make important decisions both before and after the storm.

The best time to prepare for a storm is now. For more information, contact Leon County Emergency Management at (850) 488-5921.

Leon County Tourism Launches 2009 Special Event Grant Program

The Leon County Tourism Special Event Grant Program applications are available at www.VisitTallahassee.com. The deadline for submitting applications is Friday, Aug. 14, at 5 p.m. for events taking place Oct. 1, 2009, through Sept. 30, 2010. Leon County Tourism Development will announce grant recipients Thursday, Sept. 3, 2009.

The grant will provide funding for events with a demonstrated history of visitor impact or significant potential to draw visitors to the area. For more information, contact Lee Daniel, Leon County Director of Tourism Development, at (850) 606-2300.

August 2009 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 11 Board Recess**
- 25 Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting**, 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing**, 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Chambers