



The Leon County LINK

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with Leon County
Services

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Leon County Library Spring/Summer Events

The Third Annual Tallahassee Downtown Book Fair will take place Saturday, May 7, 2011, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Ponce de Leon Park (between Adams and North Monroe). The LeRoy Collins Leon County Library System and the Tallahassee Downtown Improvement Authority are sponsoring this free event for the public.

Adrian Fogelin, a young reader favorite and two-time Gold Medal Florida Book Award winner, is the featured author. Fogelin's books have universal appeal and are published internationally. Fogelin will take young readers behind the scenes of their favorite reads.

Katty Kay, Washington correspondent for the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), who provides the international perspective on American politics and debate, will be the headline speaker at 1 p.m. She is the co-author, along with Claire Shipman, of "Womenomics: Write your Own Rules for Success: How to stop Juggling and Struggling and Finally Start Living and Working the Way You Really Want."

Come and meet local writers and authors. Tallahassee has a vibrant nexus of writers, and the Book Fair helps make the community aware of local talent. Authors will have their books available for purchase, and there will be something for everyone.

The Library's Summer Reading Program, "One World, Many Stories," will also be kicked off at the Book Fair, where young readers can pick up their personal reading record, bookmarks and stickers.

The Friends of the Library will be selling gently used books at great prices, and visitors can take advantage of the Library's bookmobile, which is making a special stop at the Book Fair.

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

Hurricane Season Kickoff

Capital Area Emergency Management partners will hold a news conference on Friday, May 27, at 10 a.m. to announce the upcoming hurricane season, the launch of the 2011 Hurricane Survival Guide and to re-emphasize the importance of hurricane preparedness.

The event will be held at the Capital Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1115 Easterwood Drive, and representatives from the Red Cross, the Leon County Board of County Commissioners, the Leon County Sheriff's Office, area emergency management and emergency response agencies will be in attendance.

For more information regarding the kickoff event, please contact the Leon County Public Information Office at **(850) 606-5300** or visit www.HaveAHurricanePlan.com.

Community Meeting on Proposed Commission Redistricting Map

The County will hold a community meeting on Thursday, May 26, at 6 p.m. at the Leon County Public Works Department, 2280 Miccosukee Road, to discuss proposed changes to the County Commission District Map. Leon County has five commission districts, which are required to be assessed every 10 years for any changes following the release of the U.S. Census data.

The proposed changes for 2011 are minimal and impact only a very small population of Leon County residents. Additionally, the proposed map maintains a minority-majority district and a minority-access district as required by U.S. District Court. It is also important to note that the proposed County Commission district map does not impact the Leon County School Board Districts. The School Board process is currently being conducted by Leon County Schools, independently from the County Commission. The County Commission is scheduled to consider the proposed map during a public hearing in June 2011. Prior to the public hearing, County officials would like to hear from citizens on the proposed map and any other concerns regarding the redistricting process.

Residents are encouraged to attend the community meeting on Thursday, May 26 and to visit the Leon County website at www.LeonCountyFL.gov to view the proposed map. For any questions regarding the meeting or the proposed map, please feel free to contact Shington Lamy at **(850) 606-5300**.

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Leon County Cooperative Extension Demonstration Garden

Spring Open House

615 Paul Russell Road
Saturday, May 21, 2011
9:00 am - Noon

- Free Event
- Guided Garden Tours
- Door Prize Drawings
- Invasive Plant Exhibit

Learn about

- Purple Martin, Bluebird & Owl Habitat Creation
- Butterfly Gardening
- Vegetable Gardening
- Micro-Irrigation Systems

Ask
Master Gardeners
Questions



Leon County Celebrates National EMS Week



Leon County Emergency Medical Services (LCEMS) will be celebrating National EMS Week by hosting a Safety Fair at the Governor's Square Mall, 1500 Apalachee Parkway, on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

EMS Week, which is Sunday, May 15, through Saturday, May 21, honors emergency medical technicians and paramedics who serve the citizens of Leon County 365 days a year, providing lifesaving services on the front line.

The Fair will include a Child Safety Seat check point, bicycle rodeo and bicycle helmet giveaway. Residents are encouraged to bring their own bikes and tricycles for these events. Citizens can also enjoy presentations and activities from LCEMS, Tallahassee Fire Department, law enforcement, hospitals and more. There will also be fun activities for children.

For more information or to register for upcoming events, contact Capt. Sally Davis at **(850) 606-2113** / DavisSal@leoncountyfl.gov or Leon County Public Information Office at **(850) 606-5300** / pio@leoncountyfl.gov.

County Collects Household Hazardous Waste, Electronics

The Leon County Solid Waste Management Division announces the next monthly Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection, which will take place on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Road. This will be the last of these collection events before the summer break, and the remote collection events will resume in September.

Operating hours for the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center, located at 7550 Apalachee Pkwy., are Monday through Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call the Leon County Hazardous Waste Center at **(850) 606-1803** or visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/HHW/collection/.

May 2011 Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 16 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency (CRTPA)** 1 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 24 Joint City/County Workshop on Cycle 2011-1 Comprehensive Plan Amendments** 1:30 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting** 3 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing** 6 p.m., County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 25 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA)** 3 p.m., City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers