



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



February 2019 News & Updates

Upcoming Meetings

Various Dates - Public input meetings on revising the Land Use and Mobility Elements of the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan. Click [here](#) for dates/locations.

Tuesday, March 12
- Board of County Commissioners Regular Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Tuesday, March 12
- Joint City/County Transmittal Hearing on 2019 Cycle Comprehensive Plan Amendments, 6:00 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

As February draws to a close, I wanted to send you a brief update of the past several weeks and provide a 'heads-up' on some important events that will shape the future of our community.

Two days ago, your County and City Commissions had a joint workshop to discuss the upcoming revisions to Leon County's Comprehensive Plan. Over the next several months, we'll focus specifically on changes to the land use and mobility element of the plan.

The decisions our community makes during this process will affect Leon County for years to come. The stakes are high, and I'm committed to ensuring that you and everyone living in Leon County are provided with clear information in an open, transparent way. During the workshop, for example, I said one of our highest priorities should be to clearly articulate each proposed change and to explain the purpose behind each revision.

It is also critically important that we hear from you. During March and April there will be ten public workshops and open houses, where you and other Leon County citizens can learn more about the proposals and provide feedback. Dates and locations for these meetings are provided [here](#) and in the section below. If at all possible, please attend one or more of these meetings. I'm planning to attend several of them myself.

I'll do my best to keep you informed as things progress, and please don't hesitate to contact [me](#) or my Chief of Staff, [Jodi Wilkof](#), if you have any comments or suggestions.

Thank you for your time, and I look forward to working with you to make Leon County an even better place to live!

All the best,

Rick Minor
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P.S. If you have friends and family who might be interested in receiving this info each month, please ask them to sign up at www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor. Thank you!

We want to hear from you! Land Use and Mobility Proposals for a revised Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan



NOW is the time for Leon County residents to provide input on the future of our land use and

As noted in my opening letter above, it's time for the next round of public input on the update to the Land Use and Mobility Elements of the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan. Come to a Public Open House near you to interact and give feedback on the major takeaways of the update's proposed Goals and Objectives. Then, join us for a deep dive into these Goals and Objectives at a series of Community Workshops, where you can provide detailed input on how we'll achieve these community Goals. For more information, email planning@talgov.com, or call 850.891.6400. You can also provide feedback on our proposed objectives by participating in our digital workshop.

As your County Commissioner, one of my highest priorities will be to ensure that the Comprehensive Plan review process is open and transparent, and that your voice is heard. We'll do our best to keep you informed via these e-newsletters, and please don't hesitate to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Jodi Wilkof, if you have any comments or suggestions.

Hurricane Michael After-Action Report

After every disaster, Leon County listens to the citizens and analyzes every aspect of our emergency operations through comprehensive after-action reviews. The Hurricane Michael After-Action Report is now available at:



www.LeonCountyFL.gov/MichaelAAR

I would personally like to thank the incredible Leon County team who ensured that Leon County was more prepared to weather this storm than ever before. Particular thanks to County Administrator Vince Long, Deputy County Administrator Alan Rosenzweig, Assistant to the County Administrator Mathieu Cavell, and Emergency Management Director Kevin Peters.

Since joining the County Commissioner, I have been so impressed with the talent, dedication and commitment of these individuals - and our entire County employee family.

I am also thrilled to report that because of the hard work of our County team, FEMA and the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes named Leon County the nation's first #HurricaneStrong community.

If you have any thoughts on the After-Action Report or any other aspect of the County's Hurricane response, please don't hesitate to contact our office.

Homeowners Associations (HOAs), Community Groups, and Professional Organizations

In the past few weeks, Rick has spoken to numerous Homeowners Associations (HOAs), including the Lakewood Village HOA and the Linene Woods HOA, as well as the Tallahassee Board of Realtors, the Florida Alliance for Retired Americans, and the Capital Equality Democratic Caucus. These meetings have been great opportunities to interact with citizens, get their ideas on how best to move our community forward, and give updates on county activities.



If you would like to have Rick come to your HOA, community group or professional organization meeting, please e-mail us.

Congratulations North Florida Christian Eagles Football!

Congratulations to Coach Price and the North Florida Christian Eagles Football team for winning the State 2A Championship again this year. Coach Price and the team came to the County Commission Chambers where Rick presented them with a proclamation celebrating this accomplishment.



Mobile Office Hours

Our recent mobile office hours, with a focus on Lake Jackson, was a huge success! Many thanks to everyone who participated and to [Country Kitchen](#) for hosting us. Please stay tuned to this newsletter for dates of upcoming District 3 mobile office hours.



Martin Luther King Day

On Martin Luther King Day, Rick joined many friends and community leaders for the Rev. C.K. Steele Sr. Commemorative Service, followed by the march to the Capitol. At the Capitol, Rick addressed the crowd as part of the MLK Commemorative Rally.



Celebrate Literacy Week 2019

Rick had the opportunity to participate in Celebrate Literacy Week 2019 by reading and speaking to students at both Astoria Park Elementary and the School of Arts and Sciences at The Centre. Many thanks to the dedicated teachers and media specialists at these two District 3 schools and throughout Leon County for working so hard to make that week so special for the students.



Summer Internships with Leon County!

If you know someone between the ages of 14-24 who is looking for a paid summer internship, please let them know about the Leon County Summer Youth Training Program! This is a wonderful opportunity for young people to learn about the workings of County government while developing some great skills.

Applications accepted from Feb. 25th until March 29th.

Visit [here](#) for more information.



Apply for a Summer Job with Leon County!

Through the five week Leon County Summer Youth Training Program, you'll earn \$8.46 per hour and learn new skills.

Tallahassee Town Hall: Democracy in America



Have you wanted to participate in civic life in Tallahassee but aren't interested in preparing a three-minute speech for a commission meeting?



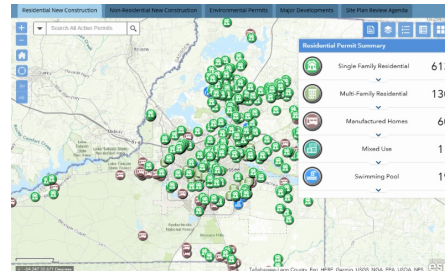
At the annual Tallahassee Town Hall, citizens have a rare opportunity to talk informally with both Leon County and City of Tallahassee Commissioners.

"OUR TOWN: Tallahassee Town Hall" will be moderated by the *Tallahassee Democrat's* Publisher Skip Foster. The program pairs commissioners from both the City and the County (including Rick!) for a cross-governmental discussion about where Tallahassee is as a community, where we're going, and what challenges we face in getting there.

The event takes place on March 13th from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at WFSU. It's going to be a packed house, so [RSVP HERE](#).

Interactive Permitting Maps

Interested in researching permitting activity in your area? Visit the new Tallahassee/Leon County Permitting Portal at TLCpermits.org. This easy-to-use and comprehensive website is your source for interactive planning and permitting maps.



Opportunity Zones Workshop

Join local leaders, developers, investors and small business owners to learn about this new, exciting investment tool. Opportunity Zones provide tax incentives to private investors to spur economic development in Tallahassee-Leon County. The workshop is on March 14 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM and is free to attend. Register [HERE](#).



"National Old Stuff Day"

March 2 is "National Old Stuff Day" and Leon County Government knows just the place to go to celebrate: the next monthly Household Hazardous Waste & Electronics Collection, which will take place on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Public Works Operations Center, 2280 Miccosukee Road. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Boulevard

The Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency will host a public meeting to provide information about the Northeast Gateway: Welaunee Boulevard project. There will be a brief presentation, and maps, drawings, and other information will be on display.



Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency representatives and project team members will be available to explain proposed improvements, answer questions, and receive comments. More information can be found [HERE](#).

Monday, March 11 - 5:30pm
Holy Comforter Episcopal School - Student Center/Gymnasium
2001 Fleischmann Road

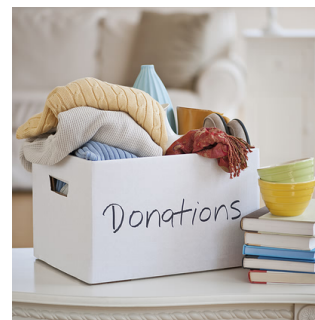
Sustainable Community Summit

Join Rick and his family on Saturday March 23, for a morning of fun and education on a variety of sustainability projects. For more information on this family-friendly event, click [HERE](#).



Spring Cleaning Donations Guide

Be green when you spring clean this year by donating good quality items that can still be used by someone else. [The Leon County Office of Sustainability](#) put together this [helpful list of Donation Centers in Leon County](#) to find the best place to donate your used goods.



This Month in Leon County History

Each month in our newsletter, local historian and long-time District 3 resident **Mary May** treats us to an interesting anecdote from Leon County History.

In honor of Black History Month, Mary has dedicated this month's column to local African-American Trailblazers. Click [HERE](#) to read more.



District 3 Neighbor Spotlight: Kevin Speer

Each month, we highlight a District 3 resident of interest. This month's Neighbor Spotlight is **Kevin Speer**, who was recently selected as the Leon County Volunteer Firefighter of the Year.

Learn more about Kevin and his many accomplishments [HERE](#).



Pets of Leon County

This month's featured pet is **Chicklet** and his nomination was sent to us by **Myles Robertson**. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this adorable and happy little puppy.

If you know a Leon County pet that should be

