



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Rick Minor

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



March/April 2019 News & Updates

Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, April 23 -
Board of County Commissioners Budget Workshop,
9:00 a.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Tuesday, April 23 -
Board of County Commissioners Regular Board Meeting, 3:00 p.m. - County Courthouse, 5th Floor Commission Chambers

Wednesday, April 24, Rick's 'Mobile Office Hours, 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Milano Pizzeria, 514 West Tarpe Street. Special guest: Artie White, Comp Plan Administrator

[CLICK HERE](#) for a full list of all upcoming Leon County meetings

Hello,

I hope you and your family are enjoying spring. As the temperature warms up, my colleagues and I are ramping up work on the Comprehensive Plan and the FY20 budget.

Over the past two months, planning staff hosted numerous open houses and "deep dive" workshops to collect citizen input on the **Land Use and Mobility objectives** proposed for Leon County's Comprehensive Plan. I attended most of these sessions and had a great chance to talk with people directly. If you were unable to attend, you can still lend your voice by:

1. Participating in the **digital workshop** by clicking [HERE](#).
2. Attending our "**mobile office hours**" from 5:30pm - 7pm at Milano Pizzeria on April 24th. Our special guest will be Artie White, Administrator for the Comp Plan. We'll focus on the Land Use and Mobility elements, and Artie will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. Complimentary appetizers will be provided, so we hope you can join us!

The County Commission is also starting its **budget deliberations** with a workshop on April 23rd. Click [HERE](#) for the workshop materials.

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 newsletter 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 mobility planning!



I saw many of you at the public open houses and deep-dive workshops related to the updates to the Land Use and Mobility Elements of the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan. ([CLICK HERE](#) for an article about the Open Houses.) If you weren't able to attend, please provide feedback on our proposed objectives by participating in our [digital workshop](#). For more information, email planning@talgov.com, or call 850.891.6400.

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.

How Do We Grow From Here?

Join Rick on **Monday, May 6 at 6:00 pm** at **St. John's Church**, 211 North Monroe Street for what is sure to be a fantastic discussion on development and conservation.

Hosted by Leon County Government and the Village Square, this event will feature a panel of experts and community members representing neighborhood associations, development businesses, environmental organizations, and universities:

- Christic Henry, Council of Neighborhood Associations
- Ed Murray, NAI Talcor
- Todd Sperry, Oliver Sperry Renovation
- Mike Brezin, Betton Hills Neighborhood Association
- Pamela Hall, EarthSTEPS
- Neil Fleckenstein, Tall Timbers
- Tim Chapin, FSU Dept. of Urban & Regional Planning
- Autumn Calder, Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency

Food trucks will be available beginning at 5 pm. Click [HERE](#) to register.



ER Coming to Lake Jackson Area!

Did you know that Capital Regional Medical Center will soon begin construction on a new freestanding emergency room in District 3? The facility will be built on North Monroe Street near the I-10 interchange and should be done by early 2020. It will be open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and will be capable of providing by adult and pediatric care.



Leon County EMS 10th Annual Safety Fair

I was grateful to attend the Leon County EMS Safety Fair on April 6th. Paramedics checked my two child car seats and found that one of them had been recalled! I registered with the manufacturer when we bought the seat, but didn't receive any recall notice. Thanks to Allison, Cristina and Joe of Leon County EMS...you all are the best!

If you were unable to get to the Leon County EMS Safety Fair, but still need to have your child car seat's installation checked, please visit [HERE](#) for info. You can also check to see if a child seat has been recalled [HERE](#).



Leon Works Junior Apprenticeship Program

The Leon Works Junior Apprenticeship Program is an opportunity for Leon County high school juniors/seniors to prepare for a skilled career – those jobs requiring more than a high school diploma, but less than a four-year degree. By the year 2025, over 68,000 skilled jobs will be available in the Leon County area. To prepare students to fill these jobs, Leon County Government is partnering with CareerSource Capital Region and Leon County Schools to provide students with job readiness training and work experience!



For one semester, selected students will work in a Leon County department as a Junior Apprentice, shadowing and assisting a County staff member in a skilled career field that the student is interested in pursuing. Junior Apprentices will also complete CareerSource Capital Region's Dynamic Futures training to prepare them for entering the workforce after graduation. In addition to gaining valuable work experience and training, Junior Apprentices earn an hourly salary and elective credit toward their high school diploma. To learn more about this amazing program, click [HERE](#).

EcoCitizen Day

Be a part of the 2019 City Nature Challenge! Home base is the Market Space, which is adjacent to the FAMU Way playground. Join us for kids activities, entertainment, and PBS KIDS' character Nature Cat. The event takes place on **Saturday, April 27** from **9 AM - 2 PM**. Click [HERE](#) for more information.



Chain of Parks Art Festival

Have a first-class, fun-filled outdoor cultural experience at [Chain of Parks Art Festival](#), **April 27 and 28**, from **10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

View amazing, original and one-of-a-kind works of art in a delightful outdoor setting. Enjoy a wide variety of live entertainment, and a host of local food trucks and vendors. Nationally ranked in the Top 5 Fine Art Festivals by Sunshine Artist Magazine for two years running, this annual two-day festival draws tens of thousands of people from the Big Bend Southeast region to see 170+ artists who have traveled from all over the country to display their original fine art works.

A special treat this year is the [FREE Saturday night concert](#) from **5 -7 p.m.** by [Tallahassee Nights Live!](#)



Drop Off Old Tires at Amnesty Days

To help prevent breeding grounds for mosquitoes, Leon County Government, in partnership with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, will host an Amnesty Day for citizens to drop off tires for free. The event will be on **Saturday, April 27**, and **Saturday, May 18**, from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Leon County Fleet Management, 1800-1 N. Blair Stone Road. All Leon County citizens who bring a valid ID verifying their County residence will be allowed to participate. For further information, click [HERE](#).



Tallahassee Town Hall: Democracy in America

On March 13th, Rick participated in the "Tallahassee Town Hall". If you missed the program live, you can watch it in its entirety [here](#).



Sustainable Community Summit

Congratulations to Leon County's Office of Sustainability on celebrating its 10th anniversary, and for hosting such a successful sustainability summit!

Leon County has been a leader in sustainability because of our commitment to finding innovative ways to conserve energy and water, reduce waste, and build long-lasting community connections. The summit was a great opportunity to learn more about sustainability-related programs in our community and for residents to provide feedback on what more we can do. Thank you to all of the organizers, exhibitors and participants.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Leon County's Office of Sustainability.



Rick and his daughter viewing the tadpoles at the [Coastal Plains Institute's](#) exhibit at the Sustainability Summit.

Leon Works Expo 2019

Congratulations to everyone involved in the very successful Leon Works Expo 2019! Over 600 high school students had the opportunity to connect with 130 local employers and representatives from academic institutions to explore post-graduation opportunities and technical careers. You can learn more about Leon Works [HERE](#).



Friends of Lake Jackson

The Friends of Lake Jackson (FOLJ) held their annual membership meeting recently at J. Lee Vause Park. Rick gave the group an update on County actions that will benefit the Lake. To learn more about the FOLJ and the great work they are doing, click [HERE](#).



Southern Living Names Tallahassee One of The South's Best Cities for 2019!

For the first time ever, Tallahassee was named [one of the South's best cities](#) as part of Southern Living Magazine's third annual South's Best Awards. Tallahassee is the only city in Florida to be recognized in this category. Read more [HERE](#).



This Month in Leon County History

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

This newsletter, Mary takes a look at the history of daylight savings time in Florida and how we started turning back this time of year, one hundred years ago. Click [HERE](#) to read more.



District 3 Neighbor Spotlight: Charlene Trickey

In every newsletter, we highlight a District 3 resident of interest. This newsletter's Neighbor Spotlight is award-winning photographer **Charlene Trickey**.

Learn more about Charlene and her many accomplishments [HERE](#).



Pet of the Month

This newsletter's featured pet is **Navin R. Johnson** and his nomination was sent to us by **Kim Armstrong**. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this lovable dog and thank you to Kim for sharing

him with us!

If you know a Leon County pet that should be featured in an upcoming newsletter, please send a photo and a short blurb about him/her [here](#).



"We're Bringing Our Office to You!"

Mobile Office Hours



Rick discusses water issues at a recent mobile office hours.

Our office has been holding 'mobile office hours' throughout District 3. These are great opportunities for constituents to come and discuss issues related to the district or to the county as a whole. Our mobile office hours are typically held in neighborhood restaurants and coffee shops -- they're informal and no appointment is needed.

Our next mobile office hours will be **Wednesday, April 24th**, from **5:30 pm-7:00 pm** at **Milano Pizzeria**, 514 West Tharpe Street. Our special guest will be **Artie White**, Administrator of Comprehensive Planning for the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department. We'll discuss the comp plan and any other topics raised.

Appetizers on us; dinner and drinks on your own. Please stop by if you can!