



LEON COUNTY COMMISSIONER

**Rick Minor**

DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER



## July/August 2019 News & Updates

### Upcoming Meetings

**Thursday, September 5 -**  
Blueprint  
Intergovernmental  
Agency, **Regular Meeting**  
**(5:00 pm) and Budget**  
**Public Meeting (6:00**  
**pm) -** City Hall, 2nd Floor  
Commission Chambers

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

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**CLICK HERE** for a full list  
of all upcoming Leon  
County meetings

Hello,

As of tonight, it seems Hurricane Dorian may bring heavy rain and flooding to Florida's eastern coast before making its way toward Georgia and the Carolinas. Tallahassee may have avoided this storm, but with three more months until the end of hurricane season, it's important for us to stay prepared. Please see below for information about Leon County's [2019 Disaster Survival Guide](#).

The next several weeks will be busy, as the Leon County Commission and Blueprint IA Board will be voting on their FY2019-20 budgets. Please don't hesitate to contact [me](#) or my Chief of Staff, [Jodi Wilkof](#), if you have any questions, suggestions or comments about the budget process or next year's priorities.

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

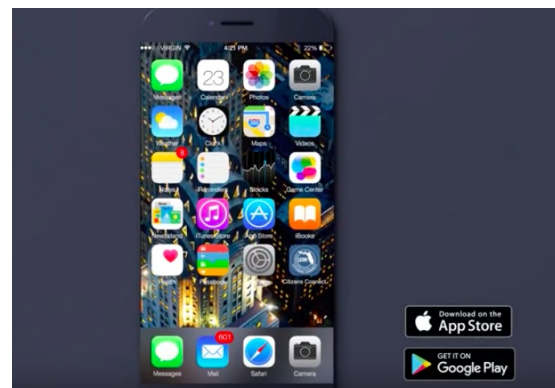
Enjoy the last 3 weeks of summer, and stay cool!

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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](http://www.LeonCountyFL.gov/RickMinor). Thank you!

### Leon County Citizens Connect App

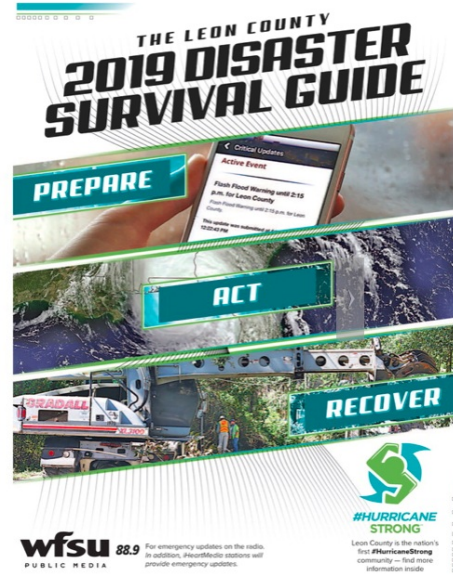
If you haven't yet done so, now is a great time to download the Leon County Citizens Connect App. Available in both the App Store and Google Play, this app was developed by Leon County and the National Weather Service in Tallahassee and is designed to give county residents access to the emergency information as it is made available to public officials. In addition, it also features ways in which citizens can be engaged before and after a disaster. To learn more, [CLICK HERE](#).



**Hurricane Season 2019: Prepare Now. When Disaster Strikes, It's Too Late to Plan.**

Leon County is a resilient community filled with neighborhood leaders, community partners and local officials working around the clock during disasters to keep us safe. Florida's hurricane season continues until November 30th, so it's helpful to stay prepared.

Thanks to our community members' resilience and preparedness, the Federal Alliance for Safe Homes (FLASH) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated Leon County as the first #HurricaneStrong community in the nation, making us the model for resilience everywhere. We are proud to be #HurricaneStrong and Leon County remains committed to keeping citizens informed and prepared for emergencies. For more information and a copy of the Disaster Survival Guide, click [HERE](#).



## Leon County Sandbags

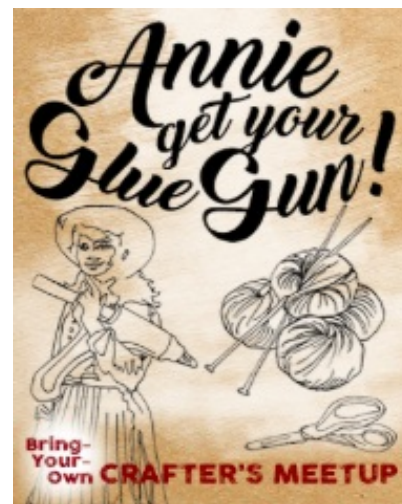
Sandbags are made available by Leon County during times of heavy rain or approaching hurricanes. *Please note that residents should not rely on sandbags to save their home from major flooding, especially fast moving hurricane storm surge flooding. Consider the severity of flood conditions before deciding whether sandbags would provide effective protection.* For information on how to use sandbags properly, both before and after a storm, click [HERE](#).



## Annie Get Your Glue Gun Crafters' Meetup

BYOC (Bring Your Own Craft) to this crafters' meetup at the Main Library (in Program Room A) at 3:00 on **Thursday, September 12th**. This group meets on the second Thursday of every month from 3:00 - 5:00. Bring a project to work on plus share your ideas and tips with others.

Have a crafting question? We have a book for that! You can take advantage of the library's crafting collection during this meetup. Light refreshments will be provided.



## Confronting Implicit Bias & Institutionalized Racism for a Better Community

Leon County, the City of Tallahassee, and Whole Child Leon are partnering to hold a facilitated discussion to help us build a better community together by confronting implicit bias and exposing racism.

This free event will be on **September 23** at the Donald L. Tucker Civic Center. It is open to all members of our community who want to learn more about the local history of race relations and identify the origins and



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ongoing evolution of racial disparities. Together, we will explore the "implicit (or unconscious) bias" that we all carry, where it shows up in our community's "system of care," and what its consequences are for decision-making and strategies to improve outcomes. Register [HERE](#).

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## 850 Hemp Summit

The passage of the 2018 Federal Farm bill legalizing hemp and the recent passage of state legislation creating the "State Hemp Plan" has created tremendous excitement about the potential for cultivating, processing and manufacturing hemp and CBD products throughout the state. To educate farmers, businesses and interested individuals across North Florida about the economic opportunities for hemp, The Apalachee Regional Planning Council, in partnership with the Florida Hemp Association, is hosting the 850 Hemp Summit.

The summit is being sponsored by Leon County's Office of Economic Vitality and will be held on **October 2nd**. For more information and to register, click [HERE](#).



## Free Community Developmental Screening

Make sure your child is on track for achieving success. Join Whole Child Leon and other community partners on **October 11th** for a community screening day. The event is free to any and all families with children 6 months to 5 years old (not yet in kindergarten) - no matter your insurance status! Screen your child for vision/hearing, health/nutrition, motor skills, cognitive development, behavior concerns, social-emotional development, speech and dental. The best part is you get connected immediately to resources available in the community. More information [HERE](#).



## Tally Rocket Faire

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11's landing on the moon, a group of students and enthusiasts around the community came together at Apalachee Regional Park to create an opportunity for kids and adults to experience the wonders of rocket flight. Congratulations and thanks to Jayad Khan and Atilla Sulker, both 17, for organizing and executing such a terrific event. Rick attended with his 5-year-old daughter and they both had "a blast"!

For more information about the event, click [HERE](#).





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## Don't Forget to Vote for Tallahassee as one of the South's Best Cities!

Tallahassee is looking to keep its spot on Southern Living Magazine's list of Best Southern Cities. Last year, Tallahassee was ranked 9th and was the only Florida City on the list. To cast your vote for Tallahassee, click [HERE](#).



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## Leon County Newsletter: The Link

Did you know that Leon County publishes a monthly newsletter called The Link? The Leon County Link is printed in the Local Section of the Tallahassee Democrat on the first Wednesday of every month and in the Capital Outlook on the first Thursday of every month. The Link is filled with useful information for Leon County citizens, such as available County services and upcoming events. To view the current issue of The Link, click [HERE](#).



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## Leon County Day of Remembrance and Service

On August 22, Leon County hosted its annual day of remembrance and service, in honor of the victims of 9/11. On that day, Rick joined over 150 Leon County employees, partners and neighbors to work on 17 community and housing restoration projects in Lakewood Estates, which is in District 3. Thanks to everyone who participated!



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## Purple Heart Monument Unveiling

Rick was very proud to have been at the August

7th unveiling of the Military Order of the Purple Heart's monument, dedicated to veterans who were wounded in combat. This is the very first monument established at Tallahassee's National Cemetery. Thank you for your service...we are eternally grateful.



## 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 up back to July 1958. Click [HERE](#) to find out more about the building and opening of Apalachee Parkway.



## District 3 Neighbor Spotlight: Charlie Holland

In every newsletter, we highlight a District 3 resident of interest. This newsletter's Neighbor Spotlight is **Charlie Holland**.

Charlie was the District 3 Intern this summer through the [Leon County Summer Youth Training Program](#). Charlie did a fantastic job contributing to the work of our office and he also was able to solve a Rubik's Cube faster than anyone we've ever seen! Check out his skills by clicking the video to the right. To learn more about Charlie, click [HERE](#).



## Pet of the Month

This newsletter's featured pet was submitted to

us by our summer intern, Charlie. He nominated his gorgeous chocolate lab, **Hazel**, who volunteers as a therapy dog. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about this incredible canine and thank you to Charlie for sharing her 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](#).*



## What We're Reading This Month

This month, we are rolling out a new newsletter feature: "What We're Reading This Month". In this section, we are going to try to share with you a few articles/books/blogs, etc. that we've found interesting.

This month, here are a few of the things we think are worth a quick read:



[CNN: US cities are losing 36 million trees a year. Here's why it matters and how you can stop it](#)



[Urban Land Institute: Attainable Housing: Challenges, Perceptions and Solutions](#)

