



# The Leon County LINK

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Services

## Leon County Honors 'Soldiers for Change'

After sitting in the front of the bus next to a white female passenger in 1956, FAMU students Wilhelmina Jakes and Carrie Patterson were placed under arrest after refusing to move to the back of a crowded Tallahassee bus.

It was their defiance that ignited the Tallahassee Bus Boycott, a strategic 10-month long economic protest.

The two women were honored last month during a two-day celebration at FAMU, where a new street sign was unveiled as Jakes & Patterson Street.



Patterson

County officials renamed West Jennings Street, where the two lived as students, in their honor.



Jakes

Both Patterson (posthumously) and Jakes received FAMU's Distinguished Alumni Award and its first Freedom Award.



County officials renamed West Jennings Street to "Jakes & Patterson Street," where the two students lived, in their honor.

Leon County Commissioners Akin Akinyemi and John Dailey participate in the dedication ceremony on Jan. 30 at FAMU.



Leon County Commissioner Bill Proctor presides over the unveiling ceremony on Jan. 30 at FAMU.

Leon County Commissioners (from left to right) Bob Rackleff, Bill Proctor and Chairman Bryan Desloge walk from FAMU to the new Jakes & Patterson Street on Jan. 30.



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## County and City Focus on Moving People, Not Cars

The Leon County Board of County Commissioners and the Tallahassee City Commission recently approved an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan creating an 18-square-mile Multimodal Transportation District (MMTD).

An MMTD is an area where the local government and new development will place primary emphasis on architecture and infrastructure investments that create a comfortable, safe and attractive environment for walking, cycling and using transit.

**"...a vibrant, multifaceted city within a city..."**

As described in its overview, the vision for the MMTD is:

"...a vibrant, multifaceted city within a city supporting a lifestyle that frees the individual from the automobile for completing the activities of daily living. Within it, you will be able to go to work or school, shop, meet health care needs, have a choice in housing and entertainment - without an automobile - because the pedestrian, bicycle and transit facilities will meet your mobility needs."

The full MMTD Plan can be downloaded at [www.talgov.com/planning](http://www.talgov.com/planning). Please contact the Tallahassee-Leon County Planning Department for more information at (850) 891-6400 or [cherie.horne@talgov.com](mailto:cherie.horne@talgov.com).

## County Boosts Recycling Efforts

As of January 1, the Landfill Operations at the Apalachee facility, 7550 Apalachee Pkwy., will be closed to the general public. The facility will continue to accept waste tires and clean loads of yard trash (no plastic bags) Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Items such as construction and demolition debris, cardboard, furniture and carpet will now be processed for recycling at Marpan's facility, 6020 Woodville Hwy.

For more information, visit [www.leoncountyfl.gov/SolidWaste](http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/SolidWaste) or contact Norm Thomas at (850) 606-1800 or [thomasno@leoncountyfl.gov](mailto:thomasno@leoncountyfl.gov).

## February 2009

### Board of County Commissioners Schedule

**12 Leon County Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting, 3 p.m.**

County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**Leon County Board of County Commissioners Public Hearing, 6 p.m.**

County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers

**23 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting (CRA), 2 p.m.**

City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers

**Intergovernmental Agency (IA) Meeting, 3 p.m.**

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