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Leon County Invites You to the Climate Action Summit

Come one, come all! Leon County is hosting a Climate Action Summit on Friday, March 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Tallahassee-Leon County Civic Center, located at 505 W. Pensacola St. The summit will promote strategies to help reduce our region's contribution to global warming. Everyone is invited, including citizens, neighborhoods, civic groups, businesses and governments.

The program is designed around three primary tracks:

- Homeowners/Neighborhood Track
- Business Track
- Land-Use and Transportation Track

In addition, there will be an Experiential Learning Track that will provide a "sneak preview" of the new high-tech energy exhibit at the Mary Brogan Museum of Arts and Science.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to reduce your carbon footprint. You can learn about green landscaping practices, how to save money by being more energy-efficient, and what neighborhoods can do to help the environment. Speakers include Dr. Robert Deyle, Professor in the Department of Urban and Regional Planning at Florida State University, and Jill Buck, founder of the national Go Green Initiative, and business consultant.

Registration is \$10 per person, which includes lunch and a continental breakfast. For more information or to register for the summit, please visit www.leoncountyfl.gov/growinggreen. For additional questions, please contact Leigh Root, Assistant to the County Administrator at 606-5317.

Program			
Time	Homeowners/ Neighborhood Track	Business Track	Land-Use & Transportation Track
9 a.m.	Climate Change: What We Know and Why Action is Urgent		
10 a.m.	Lifestyle Changes to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint	Green Business is Good Business	New Urbanism
11:15 a.m.	Landscaping Green	Greening Your Business	Mixed-Use and Sustainability: Local Best Practices
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon with Jill Buck, Founder of the Go Green Initiative		
1:45 p.m.	Energy Efficiencies	Emerging Green Businesses & Attracting "Green Collar" Jobs	Building Green
3 p.m.	Community Greening	Financing Green	Regional & Local Opportunities in the Carbon Market
4:15 p.m.	Closing Session		

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Working Towards Healthy Babies County Hosts Workshop to Reduce Local Infant Mortality Rate

Leon County is dedicated to promoting the health and safety of all of our citizens, including the County's smallest and most precious residents - our babies.



This month, the Leon County Health Advisory Board is conducting a workshop called "The Year of the Healthy Infant" in order to bring together those citizens and organizations who have an interest in the health of babies in Leon County. The goal is to discuss and formulate an action plan to reduce the County's infant mortality rate.

Currently, Leon County has an infant mortality rate of 8.3 per 1000 live births, which is well above the state average of 7.2. However, within our overall infant mortality rate, an alarming racial disparity exists. The current black infant mortality rate is 15.0 per 1000 live births, which is 3.75 times greater than the white infant mortality rate in Leon County.

The workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 15, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Tallahassee Memorial Hospital auditorium, located at 1300 Miccosukee Road. The workshop will provide an overview of the current situation concerning infant mortality and an update on currently available services. The five infant survival priority areas will also be reviewed.

The workshop will have a three part agenda: informational discussions, break-out sessions and action plan formulation. The break-out sessions will involve providers, consumers, policy makers and other interested parties. Upon completion of the break-out discussions, the full group will reassemble to formulate a cooperative action plan utilizing all available resources and stakeholder organizations to reduce infant mortality in Leon County.

The five breakout sessions will include;

- Premature Delivery
- Poor Pre-Pregnancy Health
- Racial Disparity
- Maternal Infection
- Unsafe Infant Sleep

If you would like to attend the workshop, please e-mail Kim Tober at toberk@leoncountyfl.gov to register, as space is limited. You will need to identify your name, organization, e-mail address and phone number. Because of restrictions on classroom capacity, participants are also asked to identify their top two choices for the break-out sessions.

For more information, please contact the Division of Health & Human Services at 606-1900.

March 2008

Board of County Commissioners Schedule

- 12 Board Workshop on County Budget, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Board of County Commissioners Meeting, 3 p.m.
Public Hearings, 6 p.m.
Joint County/City Adoption Hearing on Comprehensive Plan Amendments, 6 p.m.
Leon County Courthouse, 5th Floor, Commission Chambers
- 17 Community Redevelopment Agency Meeting, 12 p.m.
Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Meeting, 1 p.m.
City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 2nd Floor, Commission Chambers
- 19 Mayor/Chair Meeting
City Hall, 300 S. Adams, 4th Floor, Room 4F
- 25 Board of County Commissioners Meeting, 3 p.m.
Public Hearings, 6 p.m.
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