

Okaloosa County News Release

Media Clips: (For details, see news releases at www.okaloosafl.com.)

3/11/2010

Meetings & Events:

Okaloosa County Holds Second Charter Government Workshop Thursday

The Okaloosa County Board of Commissioners will hold the second workshop on charter government on Thursday, March 11, 2010. The workshop will be held in the Crestview Courthouse at 6:00 p.m. The workshops provide Okaloosa County Commissioners and the public an opportunity to learn more about charter government.

Speakers for the upcoming workshop include:

- Vince Long, Deputy County Administrator for Leon County, concerning Leon County's experience with the charter government process
- Patrick McCormack, County Attorney for St. Johns County, concerning St. Johns County's experience with the charter government process
- Steve Czonstka, former Chairman for the Okaloosa County Charter Government Commission, concerning the 2005-2006 Okaloosa County Charter Government Commission's experience with the charter government process

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Newsletters for Commissioner *Bill Roberts* & Commissioner *James Campbell* have been updated and can be viewed at www.okaloosafl.com!

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The Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida seeks Art, Craft and Antique **Vendors for the 34th Annual Saturday in the Park** Heritage Festival on **April 24, 2010**. To register, go to the museum's web-site, www.heritage-museum.org or call the museum for information: (850) 678-2615.

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Misc:

Lifeguards Patrolling Okaloosa County Beaches Beginning March 13 New Lifeguard Tower Added This Season

Okaloosa Beach Safety will begin active lifeguard operations on Saturday, March 13, and will continue daily through Sunday, October 31, 2010. An additional tower was added for this season on the Okaloosa Island Pier, which will improve visibility, safety and optimize lifeguard patrol. Beach flag conditions will be announced daily at 9:00 a.m. and can be viewed at <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/Beach> and <http://coolgate.mote.org/beachconditions/>.

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Okaloosa County CERT has a New Web Site

Okaloosa County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) has a new web site, <http://okaloosa.cert-central.com>, which will be utilized for posting training, meetings, CERT items of interest and other updates online. The CERT program is an official emergency preparedness program administered under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

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Okaloosa County Water & Sewer Goes Paperless

Payment Options Available to Conserve Waste for the County and its Customers

- **Online** – Access your account online, view billing, consumption and payment history.
- **VoiceUtility System** – Call **850-651-7171** for account information, billing or payment history, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- **eNotification** – go paperless and get a summary or bill notification by email.
- Pay your bill using the following choices: eCheck, Visa, Mastercard, Discover, or American Express – **online or by phone**