

# Struggle

Struggle is a normal part of existence. The only way of avoiding struggle is by never trying to do anything new, not learning, not growing, or not caring about your future. In order to have a rewarding life,

you will have to deal with struggle.



Struggle has a destructive impact only when it causes you to give up. Throughout history, no one ever accomplished anything without experiencing some type of struggle. As much as we would all like to experience instant success, it rarely, if ever happens.

You do yourself a disservice when you seek the path of least resistance in response to struggle. Easy routes do not lead to satisfying rewards. Therefore, struggle is not something to be avoided but an indication you are on track to something worthwhile.

Unless you understand the significance of struggle, you may become frustrated. Frustration leads to discouragement, which can cause you to abandon goals. Think of struggle as a test to see how badly you really want to reach your destination. People who don't have a strong enough desire will give up.

Time is a component of struggle. When results take longer than expected, you become impatient. Impatience is an intrinsic

human tendency. When you can't reach your goal fast enough, you feel you are struggling. If you succeed at the first attempt, there would be no struggle.

Uncertainty is another part of struggle. If you could be guaranteed of success, then you wouldn't feel as if you were struggling. Problems arise because you don't have a guarantee that your efforts will ultimately pay off. Uncertainty contributes to your stress.

Expectation is yet one more component. We all have a picture in our minds of how things should go. When events don't go as expected, you feel you are struggling. There is nothing wrong with having expectations. However, if a situation doesn't evolve as expected, you shouldn't become disillusioned.

Setbacks contribute to a struggle. You are making great progress. Then, unexpectedly, and without warning, you stumble and fall. It can be such a struggle to get back up. Setbacks are part of achievement. Their occurrence doesn't indicate failure. Setbacks denote progress.

Inasmuch as struggle is normal, it can be very draining. You want to take steps to keep yourself going, especially when you feel exhausted. Struggle needs to be dealt with proactively. Don't just ignore it with the hope it will go away.

Through struggle you become stronger. Learning and growth occur in response to struggle. An infant struggles with learn-

ing how to walk before she takes her first steps. A student spends many hours studying in the struggle to gain knowledge. An athlete devotes himself to endless practice, struggling to become better.

Here are some steps you can take to avoid becoming overwhelmed by your struggle. First and foremost is never give up. When you give up, you guarantee you will never reach your destination. When the going gets tough, get tougher. Redouble your resolve to succeed.

Determination is the fuel that will keep you moving forward. You can't get through a struggle without it. Stay focused on your goal. When you reach it, all of your struggling will have paid off.

Constantly stoke the fire of your desire. Visualize success and how good it will feel. You can accomplish whatever you set your mind to. If you trip and fall, get right back up. Don't stop. Use any setbacks as stepping stones.

Everyone struggles. Those who succeed aren't special, they just have determination. They never, ever, give up. When you are struggling, you're on the road to success. Just smile and keep going.

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# How SSA.gov helps you

We're excited to announce the addition of two helpful screening tools on SSA.gov! These tools are the Benefits Screener and the Card Replacement Screener. The Benefits Screener helps you determine your eligibility for benefits and the Card Replacement Screener helps you request a replacement Social Security card. Let's go over how you can use these tools.

**Benefits screener**  
You can access the Benefits Screener tool at [www.ssa.gov/prepare/check-eligibility-for-benefits](http://www.ssa.gov/prepare/check-eligibility-for-benefits) to determine which benefits you may be eligible for, typically in 10 minutes or less! Whether you're considering retirement, disability, survivor, or other types of benefits, this tool will guide you in the

right direction. To use the screener, select the "Start" button and answer a few questions about what's going on in your life. You will immediately get a response that tells you which benefits you may be eligible for based on your answers.

### Card replacement screener

You can access the Card Replacement Screener at [www.ssa.gov/number-card/replace-card](http://www.ssa.gov/number-card/replace-card). If you need a physical Social Security card, you can use this screener to determine the best way to replace it. Depending on your situation, you may be able to request a replacement Social Security card without visiting a local office. Select "Answer a few questions" on the Replace-

ment Card page to get started. If you can't complete the process online and have to visit an office, you can save yourself time by starting with the online application.

Requesting a replacement Social Security card is free. In most situations, you do not need to present a physical card - just knowing your Social Security number is usually enough. But if you do need the physical card, you can use this online screener to get started.

SSA.gov continues to be a safe and secure way to conduct your business with us online. The redesigned website - with its online tools - is the quickest, easiest, and most convenient way to begin. Please share this information with those who need it.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO REVIEW A PRELIMINARY PLAT BEFORE THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF WILLISTON, FLORIDA**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Williston will hold a public hearing on October 16, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The hearing will be held in the Council Chambers located at 50 NW Main St. Williston, Florida, to consider the following: A request by McMillen Surveying, agent for Camella Plantation, LLC, owner for consideration of a request to approve the Laurel Point Phase I Preliminary Plat Parcel #0433200000.

**Planning and Zoning Commission Public Hearing**  
(For recommendation to City Council)  
October 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM  
City Hall Council Room,  
at 50 Northwest Main St., Williston, FL 32696

**City Council Public Hearing**  
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October 17, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.  
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At the public hearing, all interested parties may appear and be heard with respect to the application. Copies of the application are available for public inspection at the Planning and Zoning Department, 50 NW Main St. Williston, Florida, on any regular business day between the hours of 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Any questions please contact: Planning and Zoning Administrative Director Laura Jones ext. 111 or via email [cityplanner@williston.org](mailto:cityplanner@williston.org). Written comments on the application may be sent to the following address: City of Williston, Planning and Zoning, P.O. Drawer 160, Williston, FL 32696.

Notice is given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes, that, in order to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, you will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, you may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, any persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodation in order to participate in this meeting should call the City Clerk at (352) 528-3060 x 104 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

**NOTICE OF ORDINANCE 2023-10**

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LEVY COUNTY FLORIDA, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN the proposed Ordinance requiring the Evaluation and Appraisal Report of the Levy County Comprehensive Plan, the title for which here after appears, will be heard for transmittal by the **Board of Levy County Commissioners, at a public hearing on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 9:00 am** or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, at the Levy County Government Center Auditorium, 310 School Street, Bronson, Florida. Copies of said Ordinance may be inspected by any member of the public at the Office of the Board of County Commissioners located at 310 School Street, Bronson, Florida, during regular business hours or contact by phone at (352) 486-5218. On the date, time and place first above-mentioned, all interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed Ordinance.

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-10**

**AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE LEVY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN BASED ON AN EVALUATION AND APPRAISAL AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 163.3191, FLORIDA STATUTES; PROVIDING FOR EXCLUSION FROM CODIFICATION; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; PROVIDING DIRECTION TO THE CLERK AND COUNTY STAFF; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES.**

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decisions made at this public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Any person requiring reasonable accommodations to participate in this meeting should contact the County Commissioners Administration Office at (352) 486-5218, Matt Brooks, Chairman Levy Co. Board of County Commissioners. Published October 5, 2023

**NOTICE OF LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE TEXT CHANGE**

The Levy County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-9**

**AN ORDINANCE OF LEVY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 6 RELATED TO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, CHAPTER 17 RELATED TO PROHIBITED BUSINESSES, CHAPTER 50 (LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE) RELATED TO ZONING DISTRICT USE REGULATIONS AND APPENDIX B RELATED TO FEES, RATES AND CHARGES, ALL BEING WITHIN THE COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEALING CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING DIRECTIONS TO THE CLERK AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

A public hearing on the above ordinance will be heard for first reading by the Board of Levy County Commissioners, on **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 9:00 am** and the second reading on **Tuesday, November 7, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the same may be heard, at the Levy County Government Center Auditorium, 310 School Street, Bronson, Florida. The proposed ordinance may be inspected at the Levy County Planning and Zoning office 320 Mongo Street Bronson, FL 32621. Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

Should any agency or person decide to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, such agency or person will need a record of the proceedings, and for such purpose, may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceeding is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in the proceeding should contact the County Clerk's Office at (352) 486-5266, or the Office of the Board of County Commissioners at (352) 486-5217, at least two (2) days prior to the date of the meeting. Hearing impaired persons can access the foregoing telephone number by contacting the Florida Relay Service at 1-800-955-8770 (Voice) or 1-800-955-8771 (TDD).

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