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## EFFORTS TO REDUCE CRIME PRODUCING RESULTS

According to the statistics presented in December, crime continues to be down by 13 percent compared to last year. In October, Tallahassee experienced an 8.6 percent decrease in violent crime and a 6.7 percent decrease in property crime. At the time of publication, final data for 2017 was still being compiled.

To further support the efforts of TPD, the Commission recently voted to approve more than \$315,000 in grant funding. With this additional funding, TPD will further boost safety and deter crime through equipment upgrades and enhanced technology, including purchasing safety cameras.

The first set of safety cameras, which were installed in the Bond neighborhood, have had a positive impact in the area. TPD has received only one call for service at a nearby store in the first two-week period compared to 15 calls the two weeks prior to installation.

A list of camera locations can be found at [Talgov.com/safetycameras](http://Talgov.com/safetycameras). Following a review of citizen complaint data, crime statistics and community feedback, 10 additional cameras are being installed.

Community engagement continues to play a key role in enhancing public safety. Citizens are encouraged to take part in neighborhood watch programs and report suspicious activity by calling 891-4200. If citizens wish to remain anonymous, they may call Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. For emergency situations, call 9-1-1.

To stay informed about public safety, visit [Talgov.com/TPD](http://Talgov.com/TPD). Stay engaged by following TPD on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## Coming in February

- 20** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency meeting at 1:30 p.m.
- 28** City Commission workshop at 1 p.m.
- 28** City Commission regular meeting at 4 p.m.



Tallahassee Online Police Statistics

View live police activity around Tallahassee.

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Put your  
**Money** where your  
**HOUSE** is!

Many people increase their spending during the holiday season and then button up their wallets at the beginning of the new year. Even the most conservative spenders though will still be making purchases. When you do, consider where you are shopping and where your dollars go.

When you shop at local businesses, more of your money stays in the local area. Studies by research firm Civic Economics, show that on average, 48 percent of each purchase at local independent businesses was recirculated locally, compared to less than 14 percent of purchases at chain stores.

Michael H. Shuman, author of the book *Going Local*, provides one of the best explanations for why people should shop local. "Going local does not mean walling off the outside world. It means nurturing locally owned businesses which use local resources sustainably, employ local workers at decent wages and serve primarily local consumers. It means becoming more self-sufficient and less dependent on imports. Control moves from the boardrooms of distant corporations and back into the community where it belongs."

Beyond the economic impacts, local businesses are frequently one of the biggest contributing factors to a city's overall sense of place. From Seattle to Miami, you can shop at the same chain stores, but one-of-a-kind purveyors and friendly service providers are the elements that make a community unique. From restaurants and roofers to tattoo shops and tailors, there are a wide variety of locally owned businesses ready to serve you.

The Tallahassee-Leon County Office of Economic Vitality is the model to which other communities look in orchestrating new and existing programs.

Learn more at [ShopLocal850.com](http://ShopLocal850.com).

## Avoid Frozen Water Pipes

When temperatures dip extremely low, be sure to take measures to prevent frozen water pipes from bursting. Water expands when it freezes. When water pipes freeze, the expanding water can break the pipe, and you can be left with a thoroughly soaked house when those pipes thaw. Here's some advice for those nights when a hard freeze is likely - about 30 degrees (F) or below for more than one hour.

- Trickle cold water from one or more faucets
- Insulate all exposed outside water pipes and faucets
- Make sure the cover to your water meter fits tightly
- Wrap or cover exposed outdoor pipes.

When pipes break between the water meter and the home or within the home, the customer is responsible for repairs. City of Tallahassee Utilities repairs any damage to pipes between the water main under the street and the meter or in the main itself.

For more information, call at 891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com/YOU](http://Talgov.com/YOU).

## Can You See Me Now?

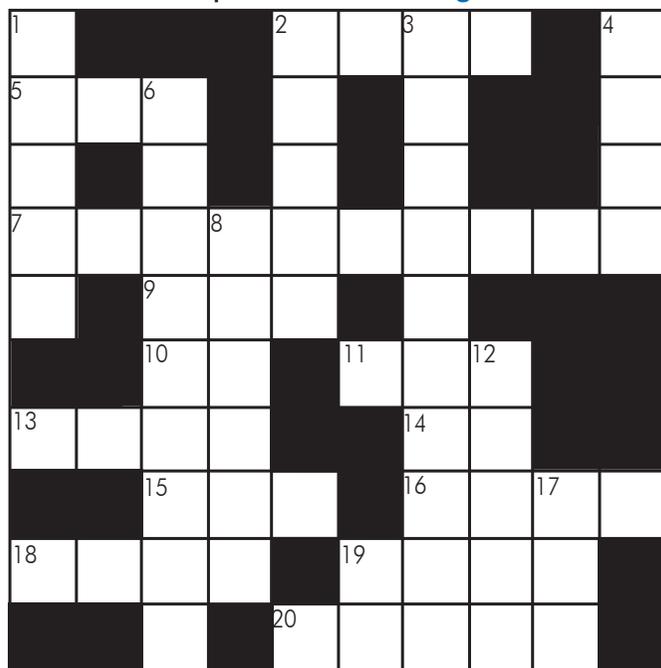
75 percent of all fatal pedestrian and bicyclist crashes occur after dark. Motorists often say they never saw the other person. Every crash, every injury, every fatality not only affects those involved, it also affects their families, friends and community.

How do we resolve this epidemic? By staying alert and avoiding distractions while driving. By using lights and wearing reflective clothing while walking and biking at night, and by driving, walking and biking predictably.

Commit to being a safe driver, pedestrian and bicyclist. Learn more at [AlertTodayFlorida.com](http://AlertTodayFlorida.com).

## YOUR CITY CROSSWORD

This Month's Topic: **Growth Management**



ACROSS

- While not clue No.5, this is the nickname of late French designer Gabrielle Chanel
- Formwork for reinforced concrete usually made with rigid thermal insulation (abbrev.)
- When building a home, you need this examination for electrical, plumbing or roofing
- Name of village in Veszprém County, Hungary, and a river in northwestern Mongolia
- Initials shared by the 26th U.S. president and one of the stars of Sharknado
- A permit is required for this utility if you are adding new piping, extending existing piping or installing/replacing appliances
- On-campus residential quarters
- Initials shared by the last active ruler of the Ptolemaic Kingdom of Egypt and one of the stars of Guardians of the Galaxy
- The 1963 Clean \_\_\_ Act was created to control a specific type of pollution in the U.S.
- Can follow masking, electrical or gaffer
- Conduit used in heating, ventilation and air conditioning to deliver and remove air
- An amount that must be paid or spent to buy something
- Temporary structures for holding fresh concrete in shape while it sets

DOWN

- Ralph wrecks it, so Felix will do this (2 words)
- Florida Building \_\_\_ are laws adopted by the State of Florida and applicable to all designs for new and altered structures in the City of Tallahassee
- To become a licensed general \_\_\_ in Florida, applicants must sit for two exams
- A site \_\_\_ is a graphic representation of structures that are part of a development project
- In June 2010, this program to expedite the review and permitting process was passed
- Apply for this for repairs or roofing with an cost of labor and material greater than \$300
- A sudden involuntary muscular contraction
- Gene encoding the 6-pyruvoyltetrahydropterin synthase enzyme in humans
- Abbreviation for a document issued by Growth Management certifying a building's compliance with codes that indicates it is in a condition suitable for habitation

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