



Southside Infrastructure Enhancements

Progress is constantly happening in Tallahassee. On the Southside, a variety of projects are helping reduce localized flooding, increase mobility and create more recreational opportunities.

Recently, the newest phase of FAMU Way between Pinellas Street and Gamble Street officially opened to traffic. Traffic can now flow between Wahnish Way and Gamble Street without needing to cut through nearby neighborhoods. This connection also provides motorists traveling between Gamble Street and downtown an alternative to Gaines Street as an east-west connector.

In addition to the roadway extension, this phase of the project created a new multi-use stormwater facility, called Tallahassee Junction. Designed as a neighborhood amenity, Tallahassee Junction offers a quarter-mile walking trail, sheltered picnic areas, a bike repair station and more.

Another exciting feature completed with this phase of the FAMU Way project is Blueprint's continuation of the Capital Cascades Trail. This section was the final piece needed to fully connect to the St. Marks Trail, which means residents can now walk and bike from Cascades Park to the coast, and anywhere in between, without ever needing to get in a lane with car traffic.

Beyond FAMU Way, another multi-year project is currently underway to enhance a vital portion of the stormwater drainage network near Kissimmee Street. This major drainage channel collects stormwater from FAMU, FSU, downtown, Frenchtown and even Midtown. A key feature of the project is the use of gabion baskets, which create an environmentally friendly

retaining wall system. These retaining walls will improve public safety by stabilizing failing side slopes, reducing further erosion and eliminating threats downstream to Lake Munson. Phase one of the project is expected to be completed in spring 2019.

A variety of smaller projects are also helping enhance the quality of life on the Southside. For example, Capital Park was recently refurbished thanks to a grant from Scotts Lawn and Major League Baseball. Crews have been working to install sidewalks on Putnam Street and Palmetto Street. The Southside Farmers Market is making it easy to access fresh food, and water utility improvements are happening on Katherine Speed Court.

The City of Tallahassee is committed to investing in infrastructure to ensure that it can continue providing safe, reliable, quality services for all residents.

For more information about these and other City projects, visit Talgov.com.

Staying in Code

To help maintain the high quality of life Tallahassee residents enjoy, Code Enforcement addresses a wide range of property issues that affect our environment, health, safety and property values. It is often a difficult task to maintain balance between the rights of individual property owners and the welfare of the general public when enforcing the codes. With a focus on customer service, City code officers work toward voluntary compliance with the codes before pursuing further action when property owners are noncompliant.

If you see a potential code violation, call the Code Enforcement Hotline at 891-CODE (891-2633) or report it via DigiTally, the City's free app.

COMING IN NOVEMBER	
Nov 12	Veterans Day holiday (observed); administrative offices closed (Visit Talgov.com for information about schedule changes during the holiday week.)
Nov 14	City Commission workshop at 1 p.m.
Nov 14	City Commission regular meeting at 4 p.m.
Nov 19	City Commission reorganization meeting at 4 p.m.
Nov 22-23	Thanksgiving holidays; administrative offices closed (Visit Talgov.com for information about schedule changes during the holiday week.)
Nov 26	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency meeting at 1:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall (300 S. Adams St.), unless noted otherwise. Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. City Commission meetings are shown live and rebroadcast on WCOT, the City's government access channel (Comcast Cable and CenturyLink channel 13). City Commission meetings are also streamed live online and are indexed and posted for viewing on Talgov.com. Call the Department of Communications at 891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at Talgov.com. Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.

New Budget Year Starts

The City's new fiscal year began on October 1, and OpenGov makes it easy to stay informed and involved with the budget process year-round. This tool (accessible at Talgov.com under "Our City") provides direct access to the City's financial information, including revenues and expenditures, allowing citizens to customize views, explore data and download reports. With direction from the City Commission, the budget process has been enhanced to increase transparency through easily accessible information, frequent City Commission budget updates, stakeholder meetings and citizen surveys. This robust, year-round process helps the City gauge community priorities, address current needs and plan for the future.

More information is available on Talgov.com.

Celebrate at the Senior Center

Start the holidays early at the Tallahassee Senior Center. The annual Brats and Brews will be on November 2 from 5-9 p.m., and the annual Deck the Halls celebration will be on November 30 starting at 6:30 p.m. These and other holiday happenings at the Senior Center, located at 1400 N. Monroe Street, are sure to add delight to the season.

More details will be available closer to the event dates on Talgov.com/Seniors and Facebook.com/TallahasseeSeniorCenter. You can also call 891-4000 or stop by the center to learn more.

Look. Listen. Learn.

Fire can happen anywhere to anyone, which is why it's vital to remember the basics of fire safety.

- **LOOK** – Where could a fire start in your home? Identify potential hazards and take steps to remedy them.
- **LISTEN** – Smoke alarms save lives. Test yours regularly. Smoke alarms should be placed near every room where someone sleeps, and there should be at least one on each floor of your home.
- **LEARN** – Know two ways out of every room. Make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 7-13. For more tips and information, visit Talgov.com/Fire.

Turn Around. Don't Drown.

Water is a powerful force. During thunderstorms, localized flooding can cause road closures. If you encounter a blocked or flooded roadway, turn around. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. Many of these deaths are preventable. One foot of rushing water can carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. In addition to being swept up in the current, flood water could contain debris, contamination and other harmful elements. Stay safe. Turn around. Don't drown.

Prepare for Winter Heating

Fall is a good time for servicing or upgrading home heating systems. If you're replacing older heating equipment, City of Tallahassee loans and rebates are available for qualifying energy-efficient water heaters, heat pumps and gas furnaces.

For more information, call 891-4968 or visit Talgov.com/YOU.

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For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquires, please call 891-4968 or visit Talgov.com.