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INSIGHT

Crime Rate Goes Down

According to the statistics presented in December, overall crime is down compared to last year. From January to October 2018, Tallahassee experienced a 6.3 percent decrease in violent crime and a 7.3 percent decrease in property crime. The 2017 crime rate was the lowest it has been in five years, and 2018 is trending to be lower than 2017. At the time of publication, final data for 2018 was still being compiled.

Contributing to this downward trend is TPD's continued efforts to engage the community, such as participating in neighborhood watch programs and attending other local events.

Strides have been made this year toward the creation of a Public Safety Campus, which will serve as TPD's headquarters and provide community gathering spaces. The need for a new facility was identified in TPD's 2016-2020 strategic plan. Following the formal process for land acquisition, including a needs assessment, the City is moving forward with negotiations to build the new campus on the Southside at the Town South Shopping Plaza near the intersection of S. Monroe Street and Orange Avenue.

This year saw the rollout of body worn cameras to sworn officers. As of early December, all TPD officers had been trained on the new technology, and nearly all (more than 380) officers are now wearing a camera as part of their uniform. Additional technological upgrades are currently being reviewed and tested to further ensure transparency and safety for both officers and the residents they meet.

Citizens play a vital role in public safety efforts. If you see something, say something. Report suspicious activity by calling 891-4200. If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS. For emergency situations, call 9-1-1.

To stay informed about public safety, visit Talgov.com/TPD. Stay engaged by following @TallyPD on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

Shop Local This Year

A new year often brings new goals. A great option that helps the whole community is a commitment to shopping local. 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 an explanation 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."

Beyond the economic impacts, local businesses are frequently one of the biggest contributing factors to a city's overall sense of place. From Boston to San Diego, 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 salons and sporting goods to dentists and DJs, there are a wide variety of locally owned businesses ready to serve you.

Learn more at ShopLocal850.weebly.com.

Help Protect Our Lakes

The storm drains you see on the side of the road are designed to prevent flooding and convey excess rain water (runoff) to surface waters, including lakes, rivers and streams. Unlike the water that flows down the drains inside your home, which goes to sewage treatment facilities, the storm drain system is completely separate. Keeping these drains free of pollutants is vital to the health of our waterways, which is why dumping anything, solid or liquid, into a storm drain, culvert, ditch or stormwater pond is prohibited by city ordinance. Pollutants from illicit discharges, like yard clippings or paint, are carried by rain water to local lakes and other surface waters.

If you see anyone spilling, dumping, discharging or connecting to the stormwater system, please help the environment by calling the City's Customer Operations at 891-4968 or report using DigiTally.

For more information on pollutants and ways you can help protect our waterways, visit TAPPwater.org.

COMING IN FEBRUARY

Feb 19	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency meeting at 1:30 pm
Feb 20	City Commission workshop at 1 pm
Feb 20	City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm
Feb 26	Joint City of Tallahassee / Leon County Workshop - 2019 Cycle Comp Plan at 1 pm at the Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe Street
Feb 28	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Meeting at 3 pm

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.

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.

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Avoid Frozen Water Pipes

When temperatures dip extremely low, be sure to take measures to prevent frozen water pipes from bursting. Unlike other liquids, 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**
- If you have a backflow assembly on your water service line, **insulate the assembly** by wrapping or covering the pipe. Do not cover the bottom relief opening on the underside at the middle of the apparatus to avoid creating other flooding problems.

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.

Play at Hilaman



Looking to pick up a new skill or get outdoors more this year? Check out Hilaman Golf Course! Located in the heart of Tallahassee, the panoramic 18-hole course winds

through some of the city's most beautiful landscapes and is ideal for all levels of golfers. With a quality pro shop, delicious restaurant, inviting event space and more, you're guaranteed a great experience and a feeling not found anywhere else near Tallahassee.

Come by the course at 2737 Blair Stone Road and meet our friendly and knowledgeable staff, call 891-2560 or simply book your tee time online at Hilaman.com.

WORD SEARCH

Topic: Keep These Things Away from Heat Sources

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