



INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS ABOUND

Tallahassee is constantly in progress. Travelling around town, you won't get far without passing crews hard at work on a variety of construction projects. The City of Tallahassee is committed to investing in our infrastructure to enhance the quality of life and ensure safe, reliable service. Projects, which range from new roadways and sidewalks to stormwater enhancements and utility upgrades, can be found in every corner of the community.

Sewer upgrades were completed on Centerville Road this summer. Work began on the Weems PASS (Pedestrian and Street Safety) project this summer as well. This project includes bridge enhancements, a new roundabout at Weems Road and Eliza Road, a new sidewalk and a new multi-use trail. Stormwater enhancements are also coming to Pensacola Street near Woodward Avenue. Expanded tree trimming around electric lines occurs

on a continual basis in every neighborhood to help protect the grid while balancing the many benefits provided by our ample tree canopy.

Later this summer, work will begin on a new linear park in the Bond Neighborhood. The City has been working with area residents to design this new park, which will connect Speed-Spencer-Stephens Park and the Tallahassee Junction. This project is part of the Community Redevelopment Agency funding provided through the approved Bond Neighborhood First Plan.

Additionally, the City has committed to initiating 10 new sidewalks a year starting in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20), which begins Oct. 1, 2019. The sidewalks identified for FY20 were selected based upon priority and readiness for construction, as well as funding. Locations include Blountstown Street, Branch Street, Iamonia Street, Rankin Avenue, Texas Street and the Weems Road Extension, among others.

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



PREVENT POO-LLUTION

During the dog days of summer, our furry friends still need daily walks. The TAPP (Think About Personal Pollution)

program encourages you to always clean up after your pet. Dog waste contains more harmful bacteria than other animals. When not properly disposed of, dog waste can wash into lakes and streams, negatively impacting water quality. Pet waste, though, is a pollution source that can easily be controlled - pick up the poop, every time. Learn more at www.TAPPwater.org or 891-6860.

MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Sept 2 Labor Day holiday;
administrative offices closed
(City service schedules change
during holiday weeks. Visit
Talgov.com for information.)

Sept 5 Blueprint
Intergovernmental Agency
meeting and budget public
hearing at 5 pm

Sept 11 City Commission
regular meeting at 4 pm,
including FY 2020 proposed
budget public hearing at 6 pm

Sept 17 Capital Region
Transportation Planning
Agency meeting at 1:30 pm

Sept 25 City Commission
regular meeting at 4 pm,
including final FY 2020
proposed budget public
hearing at 6 pm

Sept 26 Community
Redevelopment Agency Board
meeting and public hearing
at 4 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.





SMART PREP FOR SENIORS

Hurricanes and other natural disasters present many challenges, and how you prepare should reflect your lifestyle and stage of life. Here are three tips to help local seniors build their disaster supplies kits:

- Store supplies in easy-to-carry containers. You may want to consider using containers with wheels.
- Label equipment, such as wheelchairs, canes or walkers, with your name, address and phone number. Keep a list in your kit of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you require.
- Learn about your doctor's and pharmacy's emergency plans and work with them to identify back-up service providers. Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration or devices that require electricity.

Everyone's situation is unique, so your kit and plan will be, too. Discuss hurricane preparedness with your family, friends and neighbors. Simple steps can make weathering the storm easier and safer for seniors. Learn more at [Talgov.com](#).

FINAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS



The final budget hearings for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) will be held on September 11 and 25 in the City Commission Chambers at City Hall, 300 South Adams Street. Earlier this summer, the Commission voted unanimously to not increase the millage rate, leaving it at its current level of 4.1 mills. FY20 begins October 1.

All City Commission meetings are open to the public and aired live on WCOT (Comcast and CenturyLink channel 13), [Talgov.com](#) and Facebook.com/COTNews.

LABOR OF LOVE

For City employees, building three homes in the Griffin Heights neighborhood this spring was a labor of love, made possible by a partnership between the City and Big Bend Habitat for Humanity. Last month, following nearly 600 hours of volunteer work, the new homeowners received the keys. These builds were part of the City's efforts to support



affordable housing. Over the last three years, the City has built a total of eight homes, invested nearly \$600,000 and donated more than 1,600 volunteer hours as part of our commitment to enhance affordable housing opportunities in the community.

Sustainability Tip

Greening your laundry is as easy as hitting the cold water button and drying your clothes on a rack instead of in a machine.



KEEPS SIGNS OFF POLES

Driving around Tallahassee, you've likely seen utility poles covered in signs that advertise everything from business services to late night parties. No matter what they're advertising, these signs are placed there illegally and create a major safety hazard for utility workers. The staples and nails used to attach the signs can and do puncture the rubber gloves our linemen wear to protect themselves from electrical injury or death. A lineman's job is dangerous enough. You can help protect them by not attaching any type of sign or poster to utility poles. If you see a sign attached to a utility pole, contact the City of Tallahassee's Code Enforcement Division at 891-7007 (option 3) or report it via the City's free DigiTally app.



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