



Coming Soon: Two New Parks

The City's award-winning parks system is poised for growth following approval in April by the City Commission for the development of two new parks, one in the northwest and one in the southeast areas of the community.

This approval marked a pivotal moment in the community, especially for the development of the northwest park. The 78-acre parcel, which sits near the corner of Mission and Fred George roads, was acquired in 1995. As part of the property acquisition, the prior owner specifically requested that the land be used for a future park, and it has been earmarked for that use ever since.

The City is committed to creating this park in a balanced way that provides the desired active recreational amenities and preserves and enhances passive recreation areas. As such and with funding now available, a natural features inventory and tree survey were conducted this summer on the parcel. To ensure that as much of the natural features are preserved as possible, the tree survey identified trees with diameters of 6 inches or more, which is 6 inches smaller than the industry standard of 12 inches or more. This data is being used to develop the final placement of requested amenities within the site plan, which is currently being designed.

The northwest park is slated to be a comprehensive facility that provides amenities not otherwise available nearby that are enjoyed by residents in other parts of the community. Providing these amenities, which the community has been requesting since property acquisition in 1995, will be balanced with maintaining the beautiful natural areas and trees found on the property. With opportunities for both active and passive recreation, this park will provide greater access to a wider variety of opportunities for thousands of residents.

Once a final site plan is developed, there will be opportunities for the community to provide feedback. Residents who have comments to share now are encouraged to do so using the form available at Talgov.com/TwoNewParks. The current timeframe

for the park's development estimates that the final site plan will be ready for community review in late summer, construction could begin later this fall, and a grand opening could occur in late 2019.

Information about the second park, located in the southeast, will be shared as its development process moves forward as well.

In line with the Commission's focus on ensuring a high quality of life for everyone, the City's Parks and Recreation department currently operates and maintains 3,455 acres of well-managed parkland at 88 parks and facilities, ranging from neighborhood playgrounds to nature preserves to regional parks. These two new parks will help meet the growing demand for active recreational facilities and greenspace in the community.

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COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Sept 3	Labor Day holiday; administrative offices closed (City service schedules change during holiday weeks. Visit Talgov.com for information.)
Sept 12	City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm, including FY 2019 proposed budget public hearing at 6 pm
Sept 13	Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting and budget public hearing at 4 pm
Sept 18	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency meeting at 1:30 pm
Sept 20	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meeting and budget public hearing at 5 pm
Sept 26	City Commission regular meeting and budget public hearing at 5 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.

Lifelong Learning Extravaganza!

The Tallahassee Senior Center is celebrating its 40th anniversary with a community celebration on August 28 (program from 11 a.m. to noon, open house from noon to 6 p.m.). The celebration rolls into September with the annual Lifelong Learning Extravaganza (L3X). This robust program features classes, tours, field trips, entertainment and more on the broad themes of art, music, science, history, culture, food and drink.

Registration opens mid-August. Call 891-4033, email Maureen.Haberfeld@Talgov.com or visit Talgov.com/Seniors for details.

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.

Keys for Keeps

For City employees, building three homes in the Griffin Heights and Frenchtown neighborhoods 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 2,000 hours of volunteer work, the new homeowners received the keys. These builds were part of the City's efforts to support affordable housing. Earlier this year, the City Commission voted to sponsor this project, in the form of financial support in the amount of \$195,000 and volunteered manpower provided by City employees.

Final Budget Public Hearings

The final budget hearings for Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) will be held on September 12 and 26 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. The budget planning process for FY19 continues to focus on meeting community needs while improving efficiencies. FY19 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](https://www.facebook.com/COTNews).

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/Emergency.

WORD SEARCH

Topic: StarMetro Routes

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Dogwood	Gulf	Southwood
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