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Coffee and Conversation: Please join me this Saturday, June 16th, for a cup of coffee and a chat at Black Dog Café on Lake Ella beside the American Legion Hall, from 9:30-11 AM. There is so much going on in our fair city, and we want to share and get your feedback. If you have any questions, please contact my aide, SarahKeith Valentine at 891-8706. I look forward to seeing you!



Bring Bak Amtrak, June 23rd 11 AM: Are you interested in seeing Amtrak's Sunset Limited line return to Tallahassee? If so, please join us on June 23rd at 11 AM at the Historic Amtrak Station on Railroad Avenue for a Rally to Bring Bak Amtrak. Following the rally there will be food and festivities in Railroad Square, including music by local band JB's Zydeco Zoo. Round out the evening with Dwayne Dopsie and the Zydeco Hellraisers concert at The Moon (visit www.222moon.com for tickets, \$10). Special thanks to local advocate Bart Bibler for all his hard work in pulling this together!

Get It On Gaines, June 23rd 1- 5 PM: Please join us to check out the latest progress on Gaines Street and to help nurture the local businesses weathering the construction. The City of Tallahassee is sponsoring a *Cash Mob* with live music and raffle prizes in the stores. If you're interested, and can commit to spending at least \$10 at a Gaines St business, please meet us at 1 PM at the Civic Center where we will take a bus together to the festivities. Let's have



fun while we show our support for these local businesses on the front lines of the trials of construction!

Upcoming Events

June 16, 2012 Coffee and Conversation with Nancy Miller—Black Dog Café, 9:30-11 AM

June 23, 2012 Neighborhood REACH Kickoff for South City/ Apalachee Ridge Estates—Jack McLean Park, 10 AM

June 23, 2012 Bring Bak Amtrak Rally—Amtrak Station, 11 AM

June 23, 2012 *Get It On Gaines*—Gaines St, 12-5 PM

June 26, 2012 Joint City/County Comp Plan Adoption Hearing— Courthouse, 6 PM

June 27, 2012 Regular City Commission Meeting—City Hall, 4 PM

Protecting our trees, and our citizens:

Despite the best efforts of all involved, the live oak on Bronough Street at the new Sheraton Hotel must come down. City staff and the project developers have worked arduously with local arborists to try to avoid removing this beautiful old tree. The tree sits within the right of way and is already under tremendous stress by virtue of its position beside the road. When the city's arborist concluded that it poses an "imminent" public safety hazard, sadly, the difficult decision was made to remove it. However, because of this and other instances where our gracious canopy is being affected by sidewalk and development work, the Growth Management Director has become personally involved and staff will be maintaining a more hands-on involvement during construction activities in the future.

Miccosukee & Fleischmann Intersection

Project: Those of you driving around lately on the east side of town have probably noticed some big (and temporary!) traffic changes along Miccosukee Road and Mahan Drive. At the intersection of Miccosukee Road and Fleischmann Road, a roundabout is under construction to improve traffic flow in the area. Over 600 trees will be planted to enhance the canopy, major upgrades will be made to

manage stormwater, and a new sidewalk will be added on the west side of Fleischmann Road between Centerville Road and Thomas Butler Road. The intersection is closed to traffic, but with good weather, work should be completed by mid-August. More information, including detours, can be found on the City's Facebook page or at www.talgov.com.

Killearn Roundabout Project: Killearn is getting a major facelift at the intersection of Killarney Way and Shamrock, as a long-awaited flood control project begins this summer and will wrap up in Spring 2013. After several years of discussions with the neighborhood and those immediately affected, the project, shown below, will result in proper drainage and a beautiful enhancement to the neighborhood.



Zipline Anyone?

Looking for something new and interesting to do? On May 23rd, the Tallahassee Museum announced the opening of the area's first zipline course (Tree to Tree Adventures), and what a doozy it is. With children's, beginner, and advanced levels, there is something for everyone. The course offers new challenges to Big Bend residents and visitors as this is the only course between Jacksonville and Milton. Hey, if I can do it, so can you!

Warmly,

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