

January 2009 News Releases

January 02 - TPD

TPD Investigates Bank Robbery

At approximately 12:27PM, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to an armed bank robbery at the People's First Bank (2105 Capital Circle North East). According to the teller (victim), a single male suspect approached the teller counter, brandishing a handgun and demanding cash. The victim complied with the demand and the suspect fled with an undisclosed amount of cash. There were several customers inside the business at the time of the robbery and no one was injured. The suspect is described as: White male, blond hair, in his 30's, 5'10-5'11, 220-240lbs. The suspect was wearing a white cap and sunglasses.

Anyone with information on this robbery is asked to contact the Tallahassee Police Department at (850) 891-4200 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477). Remember, Crime Stoppers does not want your name, just your information. You could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1000.



January 04

Add to Tallahassee's Canopy and Adopt a Tree!

City residents eligible for two trees - The City of Tallahassee once again is offering free trees to eligible homeowners within the city limits. To help ensure our well-known canopy of trees remains intact, residents can apply to receive one or two trees through the City's popular Adopt-A-Tree program. Applications and tree adoption information are available online at the City's Talgov.com website.

To receive trees from the City, a citizen must adhere to the following guidelines:

- live inside the city limits
- receive a maximum of two trees per address
- tree(s) must be planted on City right-of-way (usually within 15' of curb or edge of street pavement)
- location(s) for planting must be clearly marked by a stake or flag
- homeowner is responsible for locating trees in areas free from non-municipal yard infrastructure (i.e., sprinkler systems or other irrigation, invisible fences, etc.)
- City crews will locate municipal utility lines prior to planting
- homeowner agrees to keep tree(s) watered for one year

Trees available this year include Nuttal Oak and Bosque Elm. Details on each are included on the website, and tree planting will begin in early February. Trees will be planted within several weeks of the application being received.

To adopt a tree from the City, simply visit Talgov.com and [complete the online application](#). Citizens may also call the City's Streets and Drainage Division at 891-5676 to adopt a tree.

January 05

Road Closure on Ox Bottom Road

Closure Effective January 6 - A segment of Ox Bottom Road between Witchtree Acres Road and Tuscan Hill Drive will be closed beginning January 6, 2009, as part of the joint City of Tallahassee-Leon County Kerry Forest Parkway Extension Project. Weather permitting, the route should be reopened by mid-February.

During the closure, crews will be working to complete the tie-in of the Kerry Forest Parkway Extension to Ox Bottom Road at a newly constructed roundabout.

Variable message boards will be in place beginning next week to alert motorists of the impending closure. While the road is closed, detour signs will direct drivers to use Meridian Road, Maclay Road and Thomasville Road. A [map of the detour](#) will be available online at Talgov.com.

Motorists are asked to allow more time for their travels in the affected areas and exercise caution on all roadways. For more information on the Kerry Forest Parkway Extension Project or on the impending road closure, please contact Mike Scheiner with City Public Works Engineering at 891-8473.

[Read letter from Public Works to Citizenry](#) (PDF)

January 07 - TPD DNA Links Suspect to Homicide

On Saturday, September 14, 2008, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to 816 Floral Street in reference to a 911 phone call. The caller, later identified as Carlton Thomas, explained that someone attempted to break into his home and that gun shots had been exchanged. Upon arrival, officers discovered the door leading to Thomas' apartment locked, but missing a wood panel as if it had been kicked. Once inside the apartment officers discovered Thomas' roommate, Warren Newman, laying on the couch in the living room. Newman was not conscious and head trauma was evident. Newman was transported to Tallahassee Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to an injury, which was later determined to be a single 9mm gunshot wound located at the back of his head.

Investigator Jeff Mahoney of the Tallahassee Police Department's Violent Crimes Unit responded to the scene the night of the shooting and continued the investigation. Thomas was cooperative and explained he was in his bedroom using his computer and that his roommate Newman was in the living room watching television. Thomas explained he went to the kitchen to get something to drink around 2:00AM and observed that Newman had fallen asleep on the couch. Thomas returned to his room and had a brief cell phone conversation with his wife. According to Thomas, within minutes of completing the phone call he heard several gunshots. Thomas grabbed his .380 caliber handgun, ran to the hallway and saw the silhouette of a person through the broken door panel of the front door. Thomas stated he fired several gunshots at the person and then called 911.

Tallahassee Police Department Forensic Specialist Annie Pressey assisted Investigator Mahoney in obtaining potential evidence from the scene. DNA was obtained from the jagged edges of the hole created by the missing wood panel in the door. The DNA was submitted to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for analysis. On December 12th FDLE notified Investigator Mahoney that the DNA belonged to Christopher Scott.

On January 5, 2009 Investigator Mahoney arrested Scott at his residence located at 2677 Old Bainbridge Road. Scott was arrested due to an outstanding warrant for violation of probation. Scott was taken to the Tallahassee Police Department and denied any involvement in the murder of Warren Newman. While in custody, Scott was allowed an unsupervised visit with his girlfriend. During the visit Scott admitted to his girlfriend, "I did it." The conversation between Scott and his girlfriend was overheard and recorded by Investigator Mahoney. Based on the evidence uncovered during this investigation Christopher Scott was charged with First Degree Murder in the death of Warren Newman.

"Words cannot express my pride and gratitude for the outstanding work completed by Investigator Mahoney, Forensic Specialist Pressey and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. This was truly a who done it. We had no suspect in this case and with the diligence and attention to detail by all involved, science led us to the killer of Warren Newman. I am so very sorry for the loss that Warren's family has had to endure, but I hope that they can now find some solace knowing that his killer has been arrested," said Chief Dennis Jones.

Arrested



Christopher Scott, W/M, 20 yoa. Charge: First Degree Murder.

January 09 - TPD

Local Jewelry Store Target of Theft

On Monday, December 29, 2008, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to 928 North Monroe Street (Lester & Company Jewelry) in reference to a reported grand theft. Upon arrival, a store employee explained that two female suspects entered the store under the guise of purchasing expensive jewelry. The employee allowed the suspects to try on several pieces of jewelry before leaving. When the suspects left, the employee discovered numerous pieces of jewelry missing. The suspects are believed to be part of an organized group that utilizes distraction techniques in an effort to steal jewelry. Investigators continue to follow up on potential leads; however do not want to publicly identify the items of jewelry stolen nor the value of the items while the case remains open. The suspects are believed to be traveling in a newer model black Audi SUV.

Anyone with information about this case or the identity of the persons of interest in the attached photos is asked to contact the Tallahassee Police Department at (850) 891-4200 or Crime Stoppers at (850) 574-TIPS (8477). Remember, Crime Stoppers does not want your name, just your information. You could be eligible for a reward up to \$1000.

Physical Description



#1 Black female, 5'10"-6'0", approximately 300lbs.

#2 Black female, 5'10"-6'0", approximately 300lbs, with gold teeth evident.

January 09 - TPD

Police Searching for Mother and Child

The Tallahassee Police Department is requesting assistance from the public in locating 16 year old Carol Cox. Cox was last seen on December 31, 2008 near Ridge Road. Cox is accompanied by her 1 month old daughter, Ka-mai. Investigators do not believe foul play is involved, but due to Cox's age they are concerned for her ability to care for herself and Ka-mai.

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Carol Cox is asked to contact the Tallahassee Police Department at (850) 891-4200.



Carol Cox

January 09 - TPD

Runaway Juvenile

The Tallahassee Police Department is asking for assistance from the public in locating 14 year old Felicia Renter. Renter is a runaway and was last seen in the area of Idlewild Drive on December 30, 2008. Renter is known to frequent the 1000 Block of Basin Street and may be in the company of a black female, Marquilla Love and a black male known only as "Fabian."

Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Felicia Renter is asked to contact the Tallahassee Police Department at (850) 891-4200.

Physical Description



Felicia Renter, white female, 14 yoa, 5'00", 120lbs, black hair and brown eyes.

January 12 - TPD Police Arrest Robbery Suspect

This morning, at approximately 12:15AM, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to a reported robbery at 2511 Apalachee Parkway (Whataburger). Upon arrival officers made contact with the 42 year old robbery victim. The victim explained he was in the drive thru preparing to pay for his order, when the suspect approached him and demanded cash at gunpoint. The victim complied with the suspect's demand and was not harmed during the robbery. The suspect was last seen running east from the Whataburger.

Officer Brian Perry responded to the robbery and observed a person matching the suspect's description crossing Apalachee Parkway near the IHOP restaurant. Officer Perry detained the suspect and the victim identified the suspect as the robber. After the arrest Officer Perry searched the suspect and located the victim's wallet.

Arrested



Eddie L. McCarthy, B/M, 27 yoa. Charges: Robbery with a Firearm.

January 13 Celebrate Arbor Day in a Former Pecan Grove

Volunteers of All Ages Invited to Help Plant New Trees - Tallahassee is well known for its spectacular canopy of trees, and this Saturday, Jan. 17, beginning at 9 a.m., citizens of all ages are invited to help add to the array of beautiful barks. For this year's Arbor Day celebration, volunteers will join with the City of Tallahassee and Leon County to plant trees in the City-owned greenspace at the corner of Trimble Road and Pecan Road (one block north of West Tharpe Street, two blocks east of Mission Road and one block south of Hartsfield Road).

About 100 trees will be planted, including long-leaf pine and various canopy and flowering hardwoods. Some trees are large, but many are small, just right for young tree planters.

Citizens who'd like to help plant trees on the morning of January 17 are asked to bring shovels, work gloves and drinking water to the park site. For more information, call Tom Jackson with the Leon County Division of Operations at 606-1400.

Please note that the originally released date of January 24 is incorrect. The event will take place on January 17.

January 14 - TPD Motorcycle Crash Ends in Fatality

This morning, at approximately 6:50AM, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to a reported crash at the intersection of Thomasville Road and Live Oak Plantation Road. Upon arrival, officers discovered that a green 1999 Triumph motorcycle collided with a gray 1997 Toyota Camry. The motorcycle was driven by 48 year old Carl Davis and the Toyota was driven by 20 year old Rachel Weaver, both of Tallahassee. The investigation is ongoing, but the preliminary investigation indicates that Davis was traveling south on Thomasville Road in the outside lane approaching Live Oak Plantation Road. Weaver appears to have been traveling east on Live Oak Plantation Road and attempted to turn left onto Thomasville Road in an effort to travel north. During the above vehicle movements, Davis collided with the driver side door of the Toyota causing him to be thrown from the motorcycle.

Davis succumbed to injuries received during the crash at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital; he was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. Investigators do not believe speed or impairment were factors in the crash based on witness statements and physical evidence. The investigation continues and charges may be pending.

January 14

City Service Changes for Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

The City of Tallahassee's administrative offices will be closed for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday on Monday, Jan. 19. Following are schedule changes for the week of Jan. 19 for StarMetro, solid waste customers living inside the Tallahassee city limits, and the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center.

StarMetro Schedule Changes

[StarMetro](#), the City's mass transit system, will change its operations for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, as follows:

Fixed Route Services - On Monday, Jan. 19, StarMetro will operate on a Saturday schedule, including night service.

Dial-A-Ride Services - Also available on Monday, Jan. 19, operating within the standard Saturday coverage area (rides must be confirmed by Friday, Jan. 16).

For more information, visit Talgov.com/starmetro or call StarMetro at 891-5200.

Solid Waste Schedule Changes

Garbage / Recycling / Yard Waste (blue week) / **Bulky Items** (blue week) - during the holiday week, all customers will receive service one day later than their regularly scheduled service:

- Monday customers ► Tuesday, Jan. 20
- Tuesday customers ► Wednesday, Jan. 21
- Wednesday customers ► Thursday, Jan. 22
- Thursday customers ► Friday, Jan. 23
- Friday customers ► Saturday, Jan. 24

NOTE: Saturday bulky item (blue week) customers will remain on Saturday.

Garbage and recycling containers should both be rolled to the curb by 6:30 a.m. Customers are reminded to separate yard waste piles from any bulky items set out for pickup. Customers needing more information may view solid waste schedules at Talgov.com/you, or may contact City of Tallahassee Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968).

Animal Service Center Closed

The [Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center](#) is normally closed to the public on Mondays, and thus the facility will be closed on Jan. 19. Normal hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 20, with the Center opening at 10:30 a.m. Customers needing more information, including photos of animals available for adoption, may visit Talgov.com, or contact the Animal Service Center at 891-2950.

January 15

'What's Right With Tallahassee...'

Day of Dialogue Event Stresses Positive Action Within Communities - Celebrating its 12th year of engaging the community in talking about human relations and diversity, the City of Tallahassee is once again co-sponsoring the Day of Dialogue on Race, Culture and Human Relations. The Day of Dialogue event takes place on Monday, January 19 (the observed Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday) between 5-7:30 p.m. at the Tallahassee Women's Club, located just inside the Los Robles neighborhood at 1513 Cristobal Drive.

This year's theme is What's Right in Tallahassee. The public is invited to the free event to discuss what Tallahassee as a community does well, but also to point out possibilities for improvement and recommend solutions for challenges facing our city. This is an interactive event aimed at community members engaging in a dialogue with one another. Dr. Jack Gant, a retired FSU dean and noted human relations facilitator, will lead the forum discussion.

"Hundreds of citizens have participated in the Day of Dialogue over the years," said Sharon Ofuani, director of the City's Equity and

Workforce Development Department. "We have made great strides in this community, but there is always more to be accomplished. This year's event is all about possibilities. We want to foster good relations and open communications between people and neighbors from every corner of our community."

The Day of Dialogue event is co-sponsored by the City of Tallahassee Equity and Workforce Development Department, Council of Neighborhood Associations, Florida Commission on Human Relations and Tallahassee Human Relations Council. It is held under the auspices of the Mayor's Initiative on Race, Culture and Human Relations and provides a forum to experience the diverse views and cultures of others. For more information, please call the City's Equity and Workforce Development Department at 891-8290, TDD at 711 or visit online at Talgov.com.

January 15 - TFD Fire Destroys Mobile Home in the 1500 Block of Vogue Drive

At 10:09 last night, firefighters responded to a reported mobile home fire. The home, which is located in the 1500 block of Vogue Dr, was unoccupied and without power. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within minutes of arrival. The cause of the fire is under investigation. Tallahassee Fire Department is requesting anyone with information regarding the fire to call 891-3473.

No injuries were reported. Damages are estimated at \$60,000.

January 16 Your Own Utilities To Conduct Smoke Test on Sewer Lines

To enhance wastewater infrastructure and improve operational efficiency, the City of Tallahassee's Underground Utilities will conduct smoke testing of the sewer system in the western portion of the Frenchtown neighborhood January 20-28. Approximately 2,000 homes will be included in this final phase of the project. Similar tests were conducted successfully as Phase I in Tanglewood Mobile Home Park as well as in the Waverly Hills and Piedmont Park neighborhoods during December.

City crews, assisted by the contractor United Sealing Services, will perform this routine and safe, preventative maintenance work weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., weather permitting. Residents do not need to be home during the testing, expected to take about 15 minutes. Notification along with detailed information will be provided via door hangers prior to the test.

"This is the most efficient and cost effective means to identify the source of leaks and infiltration into the sewer system," said Wastewater Treatment Division Manager Joe Cheatham. "It will reduce the amount of stormwater that enters the lines which causes unnecessary volume, stress and operational costs for the system."

The testing consists of forcing safe, vegetable oil-derived smoke into the sewer lines and observing where it escapes in order to determine the location of leaks and defects. Odorless and safe, the smoke leaves no residuals or stains and has no adverse effect on people, plants or animals.

As recommended by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, smoke testing has been used extensively throughout the country.

While smoke can be expected to billow from manhole covers and vent stacks on roofs, it should not enter homes. To reduce the likelihood of it entering a building, the City recommends that residents in affected areas pour 2-3 gallons of water into seldom-used sinks and floor drains, where the smoke could arise due to lack of water pressure.

For more information, please call 891-4YOU (4968) or visit online at Talgov.com/you.

January 21 Community Meeting on Mitchell Avenue Sewer Project

The City of Tallahassee will hold a community meeting to update citizens on an upcoming sewer replacement project along Mitchell Avenue. The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the Sue Herndon McCollum Community Center at Lafayette Park, 501 Ingleside Avenue. The meeting will begin with a brief presentation by City staff providing an overview of the project. Citizens will also be able to view displays, ask questions and provide comments and suggestions.

The project includes upgrading sanitary sewer lines on Mitchell Avenue, between Betton Road and Seventh Avenue. Work is scheduled to begin February 10, and will require that a portion of Mitchell Avenue be closed to through traffic during weekday business hours. The roadway will reopen to public use each afternoon by 5 p.m. and remain open until the next weekday morning, when Mitchell Avenue will be closed again to through traffic. The exact closure area on any given day will depend on where construction is taking place, but it will be between Betton Road and Seventh Avenue.

Mitchell Avenue residents will be allowed access to/from their homes, but through traffic will be detoured around the project. Access to/from Winthrop Park for park patrons will also be allowed. The City is working closely with neighborhood interests, the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department, and nearby schools to ensure affected parties are aware of the project and its impacts. Weather permitting, the project is expected to be completed by early June.

Citizens who are unable to attend the meeting but would like more information should call Lorin Pratt at 891-6106.

January 21 - TFD

House Fire in the 400 Block of Nina Road

Today around 2:48 pm, firefighters responded to a reported house fire in the 400 block of Nina Rd. Firefighters found heavy smoke upon their arrival. "Once we were able to ventilate the house, we were able to quickly locate the fire and extinguish it," said Lieutenant Brad Deanda. The fire started in the kitchen from food on the stove that was left unattended.

No injuries were reported. Damage is estimated at \$50,000.

January 22 - TFD

A Candle Left Unattended Causes Early Morning Fire

Around 4:05 this morning, firefighters responded to a house fire in the 1300 block of Arkansas Street. A burning candle left unattended caused the fire, which started in the living room. Firefighters were able to bring the fire under control within 8 minutes of their arrival. One firefighter suffered minor burns during the fire. No other injuries were reported.

Damages are estimated at \$50,000.

January 22

Numerous Road Closures

Bloxham Street Closed Monday - Segment Between S. Adams Street and S. Calhoun Street

The City of Tallahassee will close Bloxham Street between South Adams and South Calhoun streets to motorists Monday, Jan. 26, beginning at 9 a.m., for sewer line repairs. The detour route will be clearly posted, and weather permitting, Bloxham Street should be reopened to traffic by 5 p.m. Monday afternoon. State employees using the parking garage at Adams and Bloxham streets will still have access to and from the garage via the Adams Street entrance.

Fourth Avenue Closed Monday - Segment Between Macomb Street and Old Bainbridge Road

The City of Tallahassee will close Fourth Avenue between Macomb Street and Old Bainbridge Road to motorists Monday, Jan. 26, beginning at 8 a.m., for water line repairs. The detour route will be clearly posted, and weather permitting, Fourth Avenue should be reopened to traffic by 5 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard Closed - Segment Between Fourth Avenue and Shepard Street

The City of Tallahassee will close Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard between Fourth Avenue and Shepard Street to motorists during weekday hours beginning Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 8 a.m., for water line repairs. The detour route will be clearly posted, and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard will be reopened to traffic each weekday afternoon by 5 p.m. Weather permitting, the project should be completed by Friday, Jan. 30.

January 23

Change a Pet's Life for Free

Animal Service Center Offers Adoption Special - This Saturday, January 24, the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center (ASC) is participating in Change a Pet's Life Day. Thanks to Hill's Pet Nutrition, the ASC is offering 10 free adoptions of shelter animals. All adoptions after the first 10 will be half price (sterilization fees still apply). New pet owners will also receive a pet starter kit that includes free Hill's Science Diet pet food and tips on caring for your new cat or dog.

"We love to participate in programs that encourage responsible pet ownership and help increase shelter adoptions," said Stephanie Sikorski, humane educator and interim director of the ASC. "Programs like this that bring national coverage to the plight of shelter animals help us further our goal of giving needy animals forever homes."

Hill's Pet Nutrition is underwriting \$80 per adoption for the first 10 processed on January 24 at each participating shelter. This covers all fees regularly associated with adoptions (spay/neuter, standard adoption fee, etc), so qualified adopters are not required to pay any additional costs.

The [Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center](#) is operated and maintained by the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department. For more information on the Animal Service Center and to view animals that are currently available for adoption, please visit [Talgov.com](#).

January 23

Explore the Last Frontier and Help Local Seniors

Cruise to Benefit Tallahassee Senior Foundation - If you've been considering a trip to the Land of the Midnight Sun, 2009 is the year to go. A cruise, with optional land tour, to Alaska is being planned to benefit the Tallahassee Senior Foundation.

The Senior Center, located at 1400 N. Monroe Street, will host two informational presentations regarding the cruise next week. Travel agency staff will be available to answer questions. On Tuesday, January 27, the presentation begins at 6 p.m., and on Thursday, January 29, the presentation begins at 10 a.m. Light refreshments will be served at both.

"This is a great way to celebrate the true spirit of the senior center mission to enhance the independence and quality of life of active adults of all ages. Participants can enjoy a cruise and land tour for recreation, education and health benefits," said Sheila Salyer. "Alaska is a true adventure, a place full of natural wonder. Plus, this benefits local programs for the people of our community, helping our friends and neighbors."

The cruise itself is scheduled from May 30 to June 6. The optional land tour begins May 26 and ends when the cruise begins on May 30.

The portion of the cruise fare that benefits the Tallahassee Senior Foundation is tax deductible.

The [Tallahassee Senior Center](#) is operated and maintained by the City of Tallahassee's Department of Economic and Community Development. For more information, please contact the Senior Center at 891-4000 or visit the City's website at [Talgov.com](#).

January 26 - TFD Second Story Fire at Oasis Apartments

Around 10:20 last night, Tallahassee Firefighters responded to an apartment fire at 2677 Old Bainbridge Road. The fire began on the outside patio from a charcoal grill. The fire was contained to the apartment of origin, with minor smoke and water damage to other apartments. Residents of the adjacent apartments were evacuated during the fire, and no injuries were reported. American Red Cross was called to assist the residents of the damaged apartment.

Damages are estimated at \$150,000.

January 29 StarMetro Wants to Hear From You!

During the month of February, StarMetro will host two listening sessions providing riders with an opportunity to express their ideas for improving current StarMetro services.

The first listening session will take place on Thursday, February 5, at the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (Mag Lab), located at 1800 E. Paul Dirac Drive, between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. The second listening session will take place on Thursday, February 12, in the Tallahassee Room on the second floor of City Hall from 4 to 6 p.m.

At both sessions, StarMetro planners will be present to address questions and concerns from riders, as well as explain possible route changes for the future.

"These listening sessions are an opportunity for us to share our ideas with the community, but they are more for hearing from citizens," said Samuel Scheib, senior planner for StarMetro. "Some of our best ideas come from citizen input."

For more information, please contact StarMetro at 891-5200 or visit [Talgov.com/starmetro](#).

January 29 Airport Adds New Service to West Palm Beach

Non-Stop Service Begins on Feb. 12 - Tallahassee Regional Airport (TLH) announced today that Continental Connection, operated by Gulfstream International Airlines, will initiate non-stop service between Tallahassee Regional Airport and Palm Beach International Airport (PBI) beginning on February 12. Continental Connection will provide the new service using its Beech 1900 aircraft.

This new service is the result of continued air service development efforts by Mayor John Marks, airport staff and other city leaders in concert with airport officials at Palm Beach International Airport. Continental Connection currently offers daily flights from Tallahassee to Tampa and Ft. Lauderdale. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.continental.com](#), or by calling Continental Airlines or your local travel agent.

"In an economic environment where most airlines are reducing capacity and many regional airports are losing service, this is excellent news. We are grateful to officials at Palm Beach International Airport for their diligence and professionalism in this coordinated effort to reinstate service between the two cities," said Mayor Marks.

The schedule for new service to West Palm Beach is as follows (all times local):

TLH to PBI
Flight #: C09146 / Departs 9:30 a.m. / Arrives 11:20 a.m. / Monday-Friday

Flight #: C09151 / Departs 5:45 p.m. / Arrives 7:35 p.m. / Sunday-Friday

PBI to TLH

Flight #: C09146 / Departs 7:10 a.m. / Arrives 9:00 a.m. / Monday-Friday

Flight #: C09151 / Departs 3:30 p.m. / Arrives 5:20 p.m. / Sunday-Friday

Continental is one of five major commercial air carriers servicing the Tallahassee market, including American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Northwest AirlinK, and US Airways Express.

The Tallahassee Regional Airport is operated and maintained by the City of Tallahassee. For more information on the Tallahassee Regional Airport, please visit the Airport's website at flytallahassee.com.

January 29

City Commission Holds Annual Retreat

The Tallahassee City Commission will hold its annual retreat Monday, Feb. 2, at the Tall Timbers Research Station (13093 Henry Beadel Drive, off County Road 12 approximately 2½ miles west of Thomasville Road). The retreat is set to take place from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Following the retreat, Tall Timbers staff will escort the Commission on a walking tour of the facility.

The primary focus for this year's retreat ([agenda](#)) will involve reviewing the overall economic climate in Tallahassee. Specific discussion topics include the following:

- Review of the national global downturn in 2008;
- Examination of the local business economic outlook;
- An update on the federal economic stimulus package, to include a review of proposed local and regional stimulus package projects;
- Discussion of current City policies and if they should be adapted to meet the needs of the current economy, including expediting projects keeping citizens employed; and,
- Developing City key focus areas and priorities for 2009 calendar year and beyond.

Directions to Tall Timbers Research Station: From downtown Tallahassee, head north on Thomasville Road, then turn left on County Road 12 just before the Georgia state line. The Tall Timbers Research Station is located approximately 2½ miles west on County Road 12 - turn into the complex on Henry Beadel Drive.

January 31 - TPD

DUI Arrest

Last night at approximately 4:42AM the Tallahassee Police Department responded to the McDonald's at 672 W. Tennessee Street in reference to a report that a male was "passed-out" behind the wheel of his car. Upon arrival, the officer observed a red Dodge Charger in the drive-thru line at the restaurant. A witness stated that the car had been stopped there for approximately twenty minutes. There were no other cars behind or in front of the Dodge Charger.

Once the officer approached the car he could see that the engine was running, the car was in drive and the male was asleep behind the steering wheel. The officer made several attempts to wake the driver by banging on the window. Eventually the driver woke, took his foot off the brake pedal and the car began to travel forward. The officer yelled to the driver and was finally able to get him to stop the car.

During the course of the investigation officers suspected that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The driver agreed to conduct field sobriety exercises and at the conclusion of the investigation the driver was arrested for Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol or Drugs. Once at the Leon County Jail the driver submitted to a breath test and a urine sample. The breath test resulted in a .054 blood alcohol content. The urine sample was presumptive positive for marijuana. The driver admitted to drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana that night. The driver was charged with D.U.I. First Offense. During the investigation it was determined that the arrestee is a Florida State University football player.

Arrestee: Preston Parker B/M 21 YOA

Charge: D.U.I. First Offense