

June 2009 News Releases

June 02

One Sizzlin' Plaza!

Kleman Plaza Concert Series Begins This Saturday - It's downtown Tallahassee's prime meeting spot, and beginning this weekend, the center for live music downtown! Over the next two months, the City's Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department presents the annual Sizzlin' Saturdays series, live concert events held on the green at Kleman Plaza.

The free concerts will be held Saturdays between 6 and 8 p.m., and plenty of parking is available underneath Kleman Plaza in the public parking garage. The concert series begins this Saturday, June 6, with an appearance by The Dorian Q. Patrons are invited to bring a picnic dinner and blankets, making for an entertaining leisurely summer evening on Kleman Plaza.

The concert lineup follows:

- **June 6** - The Dorian Q
- **June 13** - MoonPie Fever
- **June 20** - Swingin' Harpoon Blues Band
- **June 27** - Mick Buchanan Presents: Local Showcase Series (DJ Johnny P, Trigger Happy, Bad Influence, 3-Hole Punch and Too Much Time)
- **July 4** - No Concert (Independence Holiday Weekend)
- **July 11** - Billy Rigsby Band
- **July 18** - Tryst
- **July 25** - Drew Tillman Band

For more information, please contact Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs at 891-3879 or [online at Talgov.com](http://online.talgov.com).

June 04

Digital Harmony's Significant Achievement Recognized

Initiative Receives National Award - The Digital Harmony initiative that provides Nims Middle School students with computers to further their education received the *Significant Achievement* award in the Web & E-Government Services category for cities with similar populations from the Public Technology Institute (PTI). The award was presented by PTI Executive Director Alan Shark at this year's PTI Technology Solutions & Innovations Conference & Exposition, held May 12-14 in San Diego, Calif.

Digital Harmony was spearheaded by Tallahassee City Commissioner Andrew Gillum and supported by the City of Tallahassee and local businesses and technology partnerships. The Digital Harmony project is a collaborative partnership designed to expand Internet access to underserved parts of the Tallahassee community. For the first two years, it provided every incoming sixth grader and new seventh (during the 2008-2009 school year) graders at Nims Middle School with a new three-year warranty desktop computer, free Internet access and online academic curriculum training on core class curriculum. The school holds ongoing training courses for parents and students on basic computer skills and school curriculum as well. The end of the 2008-2009 school year marked the end of the second year of the program.

The upcoming 2009-2010 school term is promising to be the biggest and most successful of the three year Digital Harmony project at Nims Middle School, with an expectation of more than 200 additional students. Allan Stamm, with Go Beyond Foundation and currently providing leadership for the Digital Harmony program, has launched an Adopt-A-Computer campaign to help meet the goal for each student to have home access to a computer. For more information, contact Stamm at Go Beyond Foundation at 850-894-1754.

"The City is proud to be a partner in this award-winning program," said Commissioner Gillum. "As the world becomes more digitally savvy, it is our responsibility as a community to make technology resources and education available to our youth."

More than 90 households in underserved areas in the Southside of Leon County received access to technology through the Digital Harmony program during its first year. Having the computers in the home enabled family members to tap into community-wide resources. Additionally, equipment was provided to the school's computer labs. This increase in students' access to computer technology helped the overall population to realize scholastic gains and benchmark mastery in both reading and mathematics.

"We understand how vital it is to get this technology in the hands of our youth," said Don DeLoach, Chief Information Officer for the City of Tallahassee. "The marketplace demand for technological knowledge keeps growing, Digital Harmony is helping these students and their families build skills that can greatly benefit them now and in the future."

PTI is a national, not-for-profit member-supported organization based in Washington, D.C. As the only technology organization created by and for cities and counties, PTI works with a core network of leading local government officials to identify opportunities for technology research, to share solutions and recognize member achievements, and develop best practices that address the technology management, governance and policy issues that impact local government.

For more information on Digital Harmony, please contact the Go Beyond Foundation @ 850-894-1754 or visit www.gobeyondfoundation.org

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June 06

Cancellation of Precautionary Boil Water Notice for City Water Customers in Northwest Area

The City of Tallahassee is pleased to report that results from yesterday's water sampling efforts were satisfactory and thus the Precautionary Boil Water Notice for customers in the northwest area of Tallahassee was cancelled as of 10:00 a.m. today. A malfunctioning computer program at a City water well was detected, and City water customers north of West Tharpe Street and west of North Monroe Street were advised to take precautionary steps in using water. The computer program was repaired and laboratory results indicate remedial efforts taken by the City's Underground Utilities have ensured the water supply is safe and citizens no longer need to boil water.

Approximately 8,000 City water customers were affected by this incident. A precautionary notice was issued, per state Department of Environmental Protection direction, so customers could take remedial steps if they chose to. A mandatory boil water notice would indicate a far more serious concern, and in that case immediate action would be taken to notify customers through door-to-door canvassing efforts.

The City's Underground Utilities apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank customers for their patience. For more information, please contact Underground Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968).

June 15 - TPD

TPD Accepting Applications for DEFY Program

Applications for the sixth annual Tallahassee Police Department Drug Education for Youth (DEFY) Program are now being accepted. DEFY is a nationally recognized program with a curriculum designed by the Department of Justice. The program is for children ages 9 to 12. Applications for the DEFY Program will be accepted until July 10, 2009.

DEFY is a program consisting of the Summer Leadership Camp. The youth spend a structured week together covering multiple topics to include self-management skills, conflict resolution, drug resistance, health, hygiene, and peer pressure. There will be outdoor activities such as swimming, relay races and field trips. The camp is held at Florida A&M University.

The program is free of charge to all qualified applicants. Applicants must be full-time residents of Tallahassee, between the ages of 9-12. The camp dates are July 20, 2009 - July 24, 2009.

Applications may be obtained online at: <http://www.talgov.com/tpd/defy.cfm> or in person at the Tallahassee Police Department located 234 East Seventh Avenue. Space is limited and applications are accepted on a first come first served basis.

For additional information about the [DEFY Program](#) please [e-mail](#) Officer Danielle Davis.

June 16

Airport Announces Runway Rewards Promotion

Provides reward opportunities for customer loyalty - Tallahassee Regional Airport (TLH) announced today the kick off of its Runway Rewards Promotion. Runway Rewards offers a chance for ticketed passengers (only) to enter a drawing to receive prizes. Passengers will be eligible for prizes including gift certificates from merchants providing goods and services within the Airport's market area, airline tickets, vouchers and/or other coupons.

The grand prize giveaway will be a vacation for two including travel and hotel accommodations --- destination TBA. Once a month during the promotion period (June - November 2009), prizes will be awarded to a single individual, while the grand prize giveaway will be awarded in December 2009.

"The Airport wanted to offer its customers an opportunity to be rewarded for their loyal patronage," said Victoria Maleszewski, Airport Business Services Manager. "The Runway Rewards Promotion is the Airport's way of saying, 'Thanks to its loyal customers.'" Maleszewski added that the program's goals are to reward loyal passengers, increase air service awareness and lend support to local merchants, including the airlines serving TLH.

Ticketed passengers traveling via TLH may submit one entry per individual, per month. Only TLH ticketed passengers 18 years of age and older are eligible to participate in the promotion. Entrants will be eligible for prize drawings awarded during the month in which they entered the promotion. Entries may only be submitted by ticketed passengers via designated computer terminals located post-security. Signage will be displayed post-security to direct ticketed passengers to the computer terminal locations where they may submit an entry. Eligible entrants entering any one of the monthly drawings will have their name included, one time only, in the final grand prize drawing. Entrants will receive air service updates, promotions and information from TLH.

The Tallahassee Regional Airport is operated and maintained by the City of Tallahassee. For more information on the Tallahassee Regional Airport and to view [Official Rules for the Runway Rewards Promotion](#), please visit www.flytallahassee.com.

June 16

Delays on Mahan Drive

Westbound Lane Closed for Transmission Line Construction - Beginning Monday, June 22, motorists will experience temporary delays along westbound Mahan Drive as construction continues on the City's Eastern Transmission Line. One lane of westbound Mahan Drive between Dempsey Mayo Road and Weems Road will be closed to traffic while crews install the poles for the electric transmission line. The lane closure will take place weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., and again between 6 p.m. and 8:30 p.m.

Motorists are urged to use caution in the area and obey flag signals and signage. Weather permitting, City of Tallahassee Electric Utility officials hope to have work completed and all westbound lanes reopened by Monday, July 6.

June 18 - TFD

Firefighters Respond to a Building Fire in the 2800 Block of West Tennessee Street

Around 1:40 this morning, Tallahassee firefighters responded to a building fire in the 2800 block of West Tennessee Street. The building was unoccupied at the time of the fire, but there were signs of vagrant activity. The fire started in one of the offices and spread to the attic. According to Tallahassee Fire Lieutenant Freeman Davis, "the electricity was off at the time of the fire."

"The fire is being listed as intentionally set as the investigation continues to determine the source," he said.

One firefighter suffered minor injuries during the incident. Damage estimated at \$30,000.

June 22

TCC Bands to Perform Benefit Concert

The Capital City Band of Tallahassee Community College and the TCC Jazz Band, under the direction of Gary Coates, will perform a benefit concert at the Tallahassee Senior Center on Wednesday, July 1. The concert features patriotic and American music in celebration of America's Independence Day. Admission is \$5, and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the senior center's auditorium. Tickets are on sale now and will be available at the door.

In addition to the concert, attendees will have the opportunity to view the Personal Expressions Watercolor Exhibit on display in the auditorium and the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge Photography Club Exhibit in the center's dining room.

The concert will benefit the Brehon Institute for Family Services Inc., Catholic Charities and the senior center.

"Last year's concert was a sell out event, and we look forward to another amazing event. This is just a great opportunity to enjoy a family-friendly night out that's filled with music and benefits three area charities," said Sheila Salyer, manager of Tallahassee Senior Services.

"Together, our three organizations serve people throughout life - from birth through the senior years," said Debra Herman, regional director of Catholic Charities of Northwest Florida. "We all care so much about our clients, and this collaboration helps make our community stronger."

Members of both ensembles playing are made up of community adults and college students. Students may play in the groups for credit, and community members may participate free of charge. The ensembles perform around the community throughout the year. For more information on the ensembles, please contact Gary Coates at 201-6070.

The Tallahassee Senior Center, located at 1400 N. Monroe St., is operated and maintained by the City of Tallahassee's Economic and Community Development Department. For more information on this and other happenings sponsored by the Senior Center, call 891-4000 or visit the City's website at Talgov.com.

June 23 - TFD

Tallahassee Fire Department Battles Two Late Afternoon Fires

Around 6 P.M. yesterday, Tallahassee firefighters responded to the first of two afternoon fires. The first incident was in the 14000 block of Silver Branch Drive. The fire started in the rear bedroom and was linked to an iron left unattended. The fire was contained to the bedroom. Damage to the residence is estimated at \$5,000.

The second incident was in the 1300 Block of Jackson Bluff Road and was a multi-residential fire. The fire was discovered around 7 P.M. by an off duty firefighter. Firefighter Brandon Carpenter, who lives next door to the apartment, noticed smoke and called for assistance. He then forced entry on the fire apartment and opened the garage door for the incoming firefighters. The fire started from a malfunctioning water heater and caused an estimated \$10,000 in damages.

No injuries were reported for either incident.

June 25

City Service Changes for Independence Day Holiday

StarMetro/Solid Waste/Animal Service Center - The City of Tallahassee's administrative offices will be closed for the Independence Day holiday on Friday, July 3. Following are schedule changes for the week of June 29-July 4 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 Independence Day holiday, as follows:

Fixed Route Services

- On Friday, July 3, StarMetro will operate on a standard Saturday schedule.
- On Saturday, July 4, StarMetro will operate on a standard Sunday schedule; in addition, StarMetro will provide FREE service between the Koger Center on Capital Circle S.E. and Tom Brown Park for the Celebrate America festivities, 5:30-11 pm.

Dial-A-Ride Services - Available on both Friday and Saturday within the standard coverage area. Rides must be confirmed by Thursday, July 2.

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

Solid Waste Schedule Changes

Garbage / Recycling / Yard Waste (red week) / Bulky Items (red week) - there will be no changes in service during the holiday week. As a reminder, garbage and recycling containers should both be rolled to the curb by 6:30 am, with both containers returned to the home by nightfall. Customers are also 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 Friday; Reduced hours on Saturday

The Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. On Saturday, July 4, the Animal Service Center will be open to the public, but for reduced hours between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Normal hours resume on Sunday, July 5, with the Center opening at 1 p.m. Customers needing more information, including photos of animals available for adoption, may visit Talgov.com/animals, or contact the Animal Service Center at 891-2950.

Making July 4 Safe For Your Pets

The day after July 4 can be one of the busiest days of the year for animal control officers and for animal shelters. Keep your pets safe indoors at home during holiday fireworks celebrations, as fireworks and noisy festivities frighten lots of pets. Animal control officers pick up panicked pets running loose on the streets and people find frightened pets and bring them to the animal shelter. If you lose your pet during the holidays make sure you check for it at the animal shelter. Here are some other July 4 pet safety tips:

- Never take your pets to fireworks displays. What's fun for you isn't necessarily fun for pets. Large crowds and unfamiliar sights and sounds can frighten pets.
- Never leave pets in a car while you enjoy summer activities. With only hot air to breathe inside the car, your pet can suffer serious health problems, even death, within minutes. (Partially opened windows don't provide sufficient air, but do offer the opportunity for your pet to be stolen.)
- Keep your pet at home inside a sheltered, quiet area during holiday festivities. Leave a TV or radio playing for company if you have to leave the pet alone.
- Never leave animals chained outside. A frightened animal can become entangled in a chain and get injured--or break the chain and flee.

For more information on other holiday safety tips for pets, please visit the City's website at Talgov.com/animals or call the Animal Service Center at 891-2950.

June 29

City Responding to Storm

Renaissance Center Temporarily Closed/ Power Being Restored - Due to rainwater entering the first floor of the City's Renaissance Center building on North Macomb Street, the utility payment facility at that location is temporarily closed this morning. The facility is expected to reopen by noon today. Customers normally paying their bills in person at the Renaissance Center have several other options available if they must make a utility bill payment this morning:

- City Utilities drive-through payment facility at 600 N. Monroe St.
- Online via Talgov.com
- At the following remote locations:
 - FSU Credit Union - 2806 Sharer Rd.
 - FSU Credit Union - 832 W. St. Augustine St.
 - FSU Credit Union - 3534 Thomasville Rd.

- FSU Credit Union - 2655-C Crawfordville Hwy.
- Woodville IGA - 9019 Woodville Hwy.
- Magic Save - 2017 N. Monroe St.
- Quick N Save - 416 E. Tennessee St.
- Don's Food Mart - 720 W. Orange Ave.
- UPS Store - 400 Capital Cir. S.E.
- Pak Mail - 3539 Apalachee Pkwy.
- Tallahassee-Leon Federal Credit Union - 2020 W. Pensacola St.

No fee is charged if paying at the City drive-through location or the remote locations listed, but customers need to have their utility bill with them to pay at these locations.

The temporary closure of the Renaissance Center building also affects customers who may be applying for or renewing City business tax certificates (occupational licenses).

Meanwhile, approximately 600 City of Tallahassee Electric Utility customers remain without power following last night's storm. Most are small outages scattered throughout the city, and Electric Utility crews continue working on restoration efforts. City electric customers may report power outages by calling 891-4YOU (4968).

A word of caution to motorists approaching intersections where a traffic signal is not operating due to a power outage - please treat these intersections as four-way stops and exercise extreme caution approaching these intersections.

June 29

Celebrate America on July 4!

Once again this year the City of Tallahassee will "Celebrate America:" with the annual July 4 festival at Tom Brown Park. The main stage will open at 5:45 p.m., featuring the event's welcoming ceremony and a naturalization ceremony for new American citizens. Arts and crafts vendors, and treats from local food vendors will be available throughout the event area. As always, the highlight of the evening will be the spectacular fireworks display beginning at 9:45 p.m. Celebrate America is coordinated by the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department.

StarMetro, the City's mass transit system, will offer free shuttles to Tom Brown Park from the Koger Office Center beginning at 5:30 p.m. Passengers are reminded to park at the Koger complex on Capital Circle Southeast, just south of Old St. Augustine Road. Buses will ferry passengers back to Koger once the fireworks show is over later in the evening. The Tallahassee Police Department will close all vehicular access to Tom Brown Park, except for the StarMetro shuttles, at 8:30 p.m. or earlier according to parking availability.

On the main stage, Bud Light and the City of Tallahassee present a FREE concert featuring national recording artists Tinsley Ellis and Eric Durrance. The grand finale, of course, is the fireworks extravaganza following the concert, sponsored by City of Tallahassee Your Own Utilities.

Basic rules for the Celebrate America event include:

- no video, filming or recording of the Tinsley Ellis/Eric Durrance concert is permitted;
- no personal firecrackers (including sparklers), grills or alcoholic beverages are allowed;
- patrons using the StarMetro shuttle are advised that coolers larger than 12 quarts will not be permitted on buses;
- no animals are permitted on the StarMetro shuttle or at the Celebrate America event;
- both the dog park and disc golf course at Tom Brown Park will be closed throughout the day, beginning at sunrise, on Saturday, July 4.

For more information, please contact [Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs](#) at 891-3866 or visit the City's website at Talgov.com.

June 29

Storm Update

The City of Tallahassee is currently responding to multiple power outage reports due to the inclement weather currently affecting our area. As the weather system moves through, more outages may occur, and citizens are advised to contact Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968) to report any interruption in service.

The following areas are where there are known power outages (some smaller areas may also be affected):

- Northeast Tallahassee - portions of the Killlearn Acres and Killlearn Estates subdivisions
- East Tallahassee - NEW OUTAGE: along Miccosukee Road, east of Thornton Road
- Scattered smaller outages throughout the community

Motorists are reminded to approach intersections where a traffic signal is not operating due to a power outage as a four-way stop.

June 30

East Seventh Avenue Closed Overnight Wednesday

Block Between Magnolia Dr. and Lee Ave. - The City of Tallahassee will close one block of East Seventh Avenue between Magnolia Drive and Lee Avenue overnight this Wednesday, July 1, starting at 7:30 p.m. for sewer line repairs. The detour route using Miccosukee Road and Lee Avenue will be clearly posted. Weather permitting, East Seventh Avenue should be reopened to traffic by 5 a.m. Thursday, July 2.

June 03

Tallahassee's Own Showcase Their Artistic Side at Exhibit

Public Exhibit Displays Employees' Talents - Throughout the year, City employees spend most of their time serving citizens by providing high-quality municipal services. In their free time, however, many employees and retirees spend their leisure time on more artistic endeavors.

The work of 28 active and 3 retired employees will be on display at the [City Hall Art Gallery](#) on the second floor of City Hall, 300 S. Adams St., through July 20.

A public reception to celebrate the opening of the fifth annual TOWN Show will be held this Friday, June 5, from 6-7:30 p.m. at the gallery. The public is invited to meet the City employees and retirees who double as gifted artists and review the displayed works.

A variety of mediums are used in the 61 pieces in the show. Pottery, jewelry, stained glass, photography, paintings and more present a range of subjects, moods and designs from the minds of these talented artists.

TOWN refers to 'Tallahassee's Own,' recognizing the employee artists who provide quality service to citizens each day and retirees whose past work has contributed to the City's excellent reputation. An employee committee worked closely with the Council on Culture & Arts to generate entries, and a jury of local artists selected the works for display.

The City Hall Art Gallery is open to the public weekdays from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, contact Frank Dietrich, art show coordinator, at 891-6414.

June 19

Stay Comfortable - But Exercise Smart Utility Use!

Energy Efficiency Will Help Customers During Extreme Heat Spell - As customers cope with this week's extremely high temperatures, the City of Tallahassee Utilities reminds them to practice energy efficiency throughout the home. Next month's utility bills will likely be somewhat higher, due to increased usage of air conditioning units during the extreme weather conditions. Even higher temperatures are forecasted for this weekend, and thus residential utility usage will likely increase as customers spend more time indoors at home.

Customers may be able to better manage their summer utility bills, however, during ultra-hot conditions by following these tips from the City's Energy Services Department:

- Set the air conditioning thermostat at 78 (setting it at 73 degrees, for instance, instead of 78 can increase operating costs by 50%!) - or at 80 degrees in combination with the use of ceiling fans, for even greater savings!
- Don't try to speed-cool at a very low thermostat setting when you first arrive home from work or school. Instead, choose your normal evening setting, for example 78 degrees. Your AC cools just as fast set to 78 degrees as it does at 68 degrees.
- Close all shades, drapes and blinds during the day
- Change the air conditioner's air filter monthly during heavy use
- Set the air conditioning thermostat's FAN setting on AUTO, not ON (keeps humidity lower, costs less and increases comfort)

In addition to the hot temperature energy tips, the City also has a multitude of programs through its Energy Smart Plus (e+) initiative to promote energy conservation and efficiency designed to help citizens use less electricity and lower their bills. These programs include:

- ceiling insulation grants
- energy efficient appliance rebates
- free home energy audits
- low interest energy efficiency loan programs
- natural gas appliance rebates

The City of Tallahassee's Electric Utility has not set a record system peak load so far this week, though it came close on Wednesday, June 17, when a peak load of 618 megawatts (mw) was recorded between 4 and 6 p.m. The record summer peak load of 621 mw was set on Aug. 8, 2007.

High electric demands were not a factor in yesterday morning's power outage on the west side of Tallahassee that impacted approximately 15,000 customers. That outage was due to an equipment malfunction and fire that was quickly contained. The outage occurred at 6:02 a.m., and service was restored to all customers by 7:13 a.m.

Despite high demands for electric power, however, Your Own Utilities has more than an adequate supply of power reserves to meet current needs. Both of the City's major power plants utilize generating units that employ the most efficient technology in the industry and are able to

produce electric supplies to meet high loads such as this week's heat-induced demands.

For more information on these and other energy efficiency programs, City Electric Utility customers may contact Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968) or visit the City's website at Talgov.com/YOU.

June 26 - TPD Drug Sting Ends in Arrests

Last night, members of the Tallahassee Police Department's Special Investigations Section teamed up with members of the Leon County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Unit in an undercover sting. The purpose of the sting was to target street level drug deals. Law enforcement responded to information received from the public identifying problem areas. It is the hope that this operation will continue to make our community a safe place to live, work and play. Citizens are reminded to contact law enforcement when suspicious activities are observed. The goal of law enforcement is to do all that we can in an effort to minimize illegal drug activity. A total of 7 suspects were arrested during the operation.

Arrested

Dunn Street and Dean Street

- **Cal Mainor**, B/M, 28 yoa.
Sale of Crack Cocaine, Possession of Paraphernalia, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence.

West Fourth Avenue and Old Bainbridge Road:

- **Trevon Eberhart**, B/M, 28 yoa.
Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1000' of a Church, Conspiracy to Sell Crack Cocaine, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence.
- **Jeffery O Jones**, B/M, 32 yoa.
Sale of Crack Cocaine within 1000' of a Church, Conspiracy to Sell Crack Cocaine, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence.

Brevard Street

- **Johnnie Daniels**, B/M, 47 yoa.
Possession of Paraphernalia and Theft.

2616 West Mission Road

- **Deonte Johnson**, B/M, 16 yoa.
Sale of Crack Cocaine, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence.

Nashville Drive

- **Tobias Sweet**, B/M, 16 yoa.
Sale of Crack Cocaine, Resisting Arrest Without Violence, and Conspiracy to Sell Crack Cocaine.
- **Frederick Franklin**, B/M 45 yoa.
Sale of Crack Cocaine, and Conspiracy to Sell Crack Cocaine.

June 05 Precautionary Boil Water Notice for City Water Customers

Notice Affects Customers in Northwest Area of Tallahassee - Due to a possibly inadequate level of disinfection in the drinking water serving the area north of West Tharpe Street and west of North Monroe Street, a Precautionary Boil Water Notice is being issued by the City of Tallahassee.

During the early morning hours Friday, disinfection levels within the water system serving this area fell below the allowable levels. The required levels of disinfection have been restored to the area, but due to the drop in disinfection levels a precautionary boil water notice is required. This notice affects approximately 8,000 City water customers.

The City is asking customers to take precautionary steps before preparing food or using water for drinking purposes. To use water for cooking or drinking purposes, bring water to a boil. A rolling boil for one minute is sufficient to render the water safe for use. Be sure to let the water cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, bathing, washing dishes, and preparing food until further notice. This is especially important for immuno-compromised individuals, infants, or the elderly. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water. Another advisory will be issued when the boil water notice is canceled.

Alternatives to boiling the water include the use of bottled water or other disinfectant chemicals. The tap water may be disinfected using unscented household bleach (4-6% active ingredients) following these directions:

- 1) Add 8 drops of bleach to each gallon of water;

- 2) Mix the water;
- 3) Allow it to stand for a minimum period of 30 minutes.

Other approved chemical disinfectants are available at stores that sell camping and hiking supplies.

Public drinking water systems are required to maintain a disinfectant residual between 4.0 and 0.2 mg/L to inactivate disease-causing organisms associated with waterborne illnesses. Untreated drinking water is at risk for contamination by disease-causing bacteria and other organisms. Symptoms caused by these organisms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, and possibly jaundice, and any associated headache and fatigue. Water containing harmful organisms such as E. Coli bacteria, can be considered safe for drinking and cooking after vigorously boiling the water for one minute. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has set enforceable drinking water standards for E. Coli to reduce the risk of these adverse health effects. Under this standard all drinking water must be free of these bacteria.

The City's Underground Utilities apologizes to customers in this area for the inconvenience. Water Quality Laboratory staff have collected samples in the area with results expected by Saturday morning.

For more information, please contact Underground Utilities at 891-4YOU (4968).

June 05 Delays on Capital Circle Northeast

Two Southbound Lanes Closed to Repair Broken Sewer Main - Motorists will experience temporary delays along southbound Capital Circle Northeast between Miccosukee Road and Mahan Drive as City Underground Utilities crews repair a broken sewer main. Repair work has caused two of the three southbound traffic lanes on Capital Circle Northeast to be closed, and thus delays are likely for southbound Capital Circle Northeast traffic in this area.

Motorists are urged to use caution and obey flag signals from construction personnel. Repairs are expected to continue into overnight hours, and Underground Utilities officials hope to have repairs completed and all southbound lanes reopened by tomorrow.

June 08 Celebrate Adopt-a-Cat Month with the Animal Service Center

Giving a Feline a Forever Home Just Became More Affordable! - Each year, thousands of kittens are born during spring and summer, and 4 million cats end up in animal shelters, waiting for loving homes. To promote adoption of these playful, affectionate animals, American Humane celebrates Adopt-A-Cat Month® in June. Come visit the fabulous felines at the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center (ASC), located at 1125 Easterwood Drive by Tom Brown Park, and take home your new best friend!

To help encourage adoptions during the month of June, the Animal Service Center is reducing the cat adoption fee to \$25 from \$50. If you also adopt a companion cat or kitten, the ASC will waive the fee for the second adoption. You read correctly: Buy one cat at half-price and get the second one free! Sterilization fees will still apply. All cats adopted through the ASC are micro-chipped, and many are already spayed or neutered.

Cats make wonderful companions. They are playful, affectionate, independent, self-cleaning animals that can reduce your blood pressure and keep you smiling with their antics. They also don't need to be housebroken, as using the litter box comes naturally to them. Cats are good indoor pets that don't need a lot of space to thrive, making them perfect for apartments and smaller homes. Taking care of a cat is also a great way to help teach children humane values and responsibility.

The ASC is operated and maintained by the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department. It is open Tuesday through Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. Check out its online kennel and more information about adopting through the [ASC online](#) at Talgov.com.

Remember, don't buy; opt to adopt!

June 10 - TPD Officers Capture Burglary Suspects

Yesterday, at approximately 3:30PM, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to 1325 West Tharpe Street (The Commons Apartments) in reference to a reported burglary. A 22 year old black female caller (victim) was in her bedroom when she heard a knock on the front door of the apartment. The victim ignored the knock because she was taking a nap. The victim's bedroom door was closed, but she heard a male voice say from an adjacent room, "I am going to take this computer." The victim was home alone and she quickly called police. Officers arrived within minutes and observed Devin Spalding and Daniel Orneas walking down the stairway leading to the victim's apartment. When officers attempted to make contact with Spalding and Orneas, the two men quickly ran away.

Officers Eric Hahn and Michael Hubbard apprehended Spalding and Orneas after a brief foot pursuit. Officers discovered a credit card belonging to the victim's roommate in Spalding's pant pocket. Additionally, officers located a single latex glove in a pant pocket belonging to Orneas. When confronted with evidence linked to the burglary, both men denied involvement in the crime.

Arrested:



Devin Spalding, B/M, 21 yoa. Charges: Burglary of a Dwelling, Petit Theft, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence.



Daniel Orneas, W/M, 23 yoa. Charges: Burglary of a Dwelling, Petit Theft, Possession of Burglary Tools, and Resisting Arrest Without Violence.

June 11

Report Highlights Tallahassee's High Quality Drinking Water and Underground Utilities

As the City of Tallahassee begins its second century of providing safe, dependable and environmentally sound water services, it has released the 2009 Water Quality Annual Report. All City water customers can expect to receive a copy in the mail early next week.

Also known as the Consumer Confidence Report, this federally mandated publication must be mailed to Water Utility customers by July 1 each year in response to provisions of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Act.

The report, designed to educate consumers on local water-related topics, contains important information about conservation, resource protection and governmental safeguards. It also highlights the results of the City's comprehensive water testing and analyses performed throughout the year.

"We've also increased the scope of the report this year by providing additional information about the City's Energy Smart Plus (e+) campaign, designed to help our customers save energy, save water and save money," Underground Utilities General Manager Mike Tadros said.

Once again, the results show that Tallahassee's drinking water continues to meet all state and federal standards for safety and quality.

"The City is deeply committed to providing the cleanest and best tasting water, while also taking every step possible to protect our environment. We continue to take our role as an industry leader and environmental steward very seriously, as we move forward to make technological improvements and maintain the highest standards of customer service," Tadros said.

"It's great to see these results. It should come as no surprise to our customers why Tallahassee was voted as having Florida's best tasting drinking water last year," Mayor John Marks said.

For more information or to download/request copies of the report, please visit Talgov.com/YOU or call 891-1200.

June 08 - TFD

Apartment Fire in the 1800 Block of Jackson Bluff Road

This morning around 9:20, Tallahassee Firefighters responded to a reported fire in the 1800 block of Jackson Bluff Road at the Casa Cortez Apartments. Firefighters found heavy smoke coming from the downstairs apartment, and located the fire in the rear bedroom. The resident was not home at the time of the fire. Firefighters made entry into the apartment and were able to rescue the pets and extinguish the fire.

without incident.

Damages are estimated at \$10,000. No injuries were reported during the incident.

June 11

New Service To Dallas-Fort Worth Began Today

American Eagle Airlines Now Offering Daily Flight - American Eagle, an affiliate of American Airlines, began service today between its Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport's (DFW) hub and Tallahassee Regional Airport (TLH). American Eagle will operate one daily flight between the airports using its ERJ-140 aircraft (44 seats).

"The addition of this new service offers Tallahassee area citizens the ability to connect to western US destinations and provides even more options for connecting internationally. This new service represents another successful partnership resulting from our efforts to bring new and enhanced air service to Tallahassee," said Mayor John Marks.

The schedule for the new DFW service is as follows (all times local):

TLH to Dallas/Fort Worth

Flight #	Departs	Arrives
3238	1:35pm	2:50pm

Dallas/Fort Worth to TLH

Flight #	Departs	Arrives
3237	9:50am	1:10pm

In March 2008, American Eagle began service at TLH with two flights to Miami International Airport (MIA). Due to the tremendous success of the new service, the airline added a third flight to Miami earlier this spring. The expanded service came as a result of good performance of the existing two flights between TLH and MIA and provided a welcomed addition for the spring legislative season. American Eagle's new service to DFW demonstrates a growing confidence in the Tallahassee market.

American Eagle is one of five major commercial air carriers servicing the Tallahassee market, including Continental, Delta Air Lines, Northwest Airlin, and US Airways Express. To view flight schedules or book a flight, go to www.aa.com.

The Airport encourages the regional community to take advantage of air travel opportunities to promote the stability of established air service and generate demand for new service in the future.

June 12

Partial Lane Closure On Capital Circle SW Begins Monday

Beginning on Monday, June 15, the City of Tallahassee will establish a partial lane closure along Capital Circle Southwest in front of the Tallahassee Regional Airport as part of the Airport Entrance Improvement project. Construction will be taking place from 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and will require the closure of one lane. Work is scheduled to be completed by Saturday, June 20. Motorists are urged to exercise caution in all construction zones.

June 12

Duval Street Exit from Kleman Plaza Parking Garage Closed for Two Weeks

Patrons to Use Bronough Street to Leave Garage - Phase two of driveway construction work will temporarily close the Duval Street exit from the Kleman Plaza parking garage for approximately two weeks, effective at 7 a.m. on Saturday, June 13. During this period, all patrons leaving the parking garage must use the Bronough Street exit lanes.

Detour signage within the garage will direct patrons to the Bronough Street exit lanes. As all garage traffic will be required to use the Bronough Street exit, patrons may want to stagger their departure times for the next two weeks, particularly during the evening rush hour. Police officers and/or flagmen will be stationed at the Bronough Street exit weekdays between 4 and 6 p.m. to assist motorists leaving the parking garage. The City is notifying current monthly parking patrons and downtown businesses of these changes.

Repairs to the Duval Street entrance lanes will be completed and reopened to public use by 6 a.m. on Monday, June 15. Motorists will then be able to enter the parking garage via both Duval Street and Bronough Street. Work on the Duval Street exit lanes should be completed by Monday, June 29, and all Kleman Plaza parking garage entrances and exits will then return to normal operation.

For more information, please contact the City's Facilities Management Department at 891-8222.

June 22 - TFD

Fire Destroys Abandoned House in the 9100 Block of William M Smith Road

Yesterday at 4:23 P.M., Tallahassee Firefighters responded to an abandoned house fire in the 9100 block of William M Smith Road. An off-duty firefighter noticed smoke while traveling north on Crump Road and called for assistance. The residence was fully engulfed with fire when discovered by the firefighter. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

No injuries were reported during the incident.

June 22 - TFD
Mobile Home Fire in the 2000 Block of Mistletoe Court

Around 1:40 P.M. this afternoon, Tallahassee Firefighters responded to the 2000 block of Mistletoe Court for a mobile home fire. The owner reported that her nanny was home alone with her two children at the time of the blaze. The nanny noticed fire in the area of the screened-in porch and called 911. She was able to escape the residence with the two children, as well as the family pets, without injury. Firefighters found the entire roof of the structure in flames upon arrival. The fire appeared to have spread from the porch to the attic and then throughout the rest of the house.

Damages are estimated at \$50,000. No injuries were reported during the incident.

June 23 - TPD
Police Initiates Investigation into Officer's Use of Force

Tallahassee Police Chief Dennis Jones today announced he has asked for an internal affairs investigation of an incident that took place on Friday, June 19, involving the use of a taser to subdue a juvenile. The officer involved has been placed on administrative leave pending a complete review of the circumstances surrounding the officer's use of force.

The incident occurred at approximately 6:30 p.m., on June 19th, when a 15 year old male stepped into the path of Officer Chris Omerod's patrol vehicle. When the officer exited his vehicle to warn the juvenile to use more caution, the youth refused to listen to the officer and ran to a nearby home on Colorado Street. The officer used his taser to subdue the juvenile outside the home.

Chief Dennis Jones was informed of the details surrounding the incident on Monday, June 22, 2009. "Officer Omerod does not have a record of excessive use of force from his past service" stated Jones and "as part of the internal affairs investigation, there will be a review of all aspects of the situation to determine if the use of the taser was consistent with the department's specific policies." "Once the investigation is complete, we will take appropriate action as a Department," said Jones.

June 24
They're Going, Going, and (Hopefully) Gone to Good Homes

Animal Service Center Hosts Annual Pet Adopt-a-Thon - If you've been thinking of adding a four-legged member to your family, now is the time! This Saturday, June 27, the Tallahassee-Leon Community Animal Service Center (ASC) is hosting its annual Pet Adopt-a-Thon. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Animal Service Center, located adjacent to Tom Brown Park at 1125 Easterwood Drive.

During the event, all adoptions are half priced! The Animal Service Center has reduced the standard \$50 pet adoption fee to only \$25 for the event. The ASC will also provide free microchip identification along with a 5-pound bag of Hill's Science Diet food for each adopted animal. The majority of the animals up for adoption are already spayed and neutered, making them ready for the loving arms of a new owner.

Each year the ASC shelters nearly 11,000 animals. The goal of the annual Pet Adopt-a-Thon is to increase adoptions during the time of year when the Center takes in the largest number of animals, especially young ones.

"During the summer months we see a dramatic increase in the number of homeless animals brought to our facility," said Stephanie Sikorski, ASC's humane educator and acting director. "The Adopt-a-Thon provides an opportunity to help the Center deal with the challenge of pet overpopulation that faces animal welfare organizations across the country."

The Pet Adopt-a-Thon will have a carnival atmosphere with children's activities courtesy of Tallahassee 25 (including animal-themed face painting), Child IDs with the Tallahassee Police Department Crime Prevention Unit, local animal supply and service vendors and animal artwork from local pet artist Pattie Maney.

The ASC is operated and maintained by the City's Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department. For more information, please call 891-2950, or visit the City's website at Talgov.com/animals. Most animals available for adoption have photos included on the website, and prospective owners may download adoption applications.

June 24 - TFD
Mobile Home Fire in the 3200 Block of Mahan Drive

Around 10 P.M. last night, Tallahassee firefighters responded to a mobile home fire in the 3200 block of Mahan Drive. The resident reported that his cigarette had caught his chair on fire and quickly spread when it made contact with oxygen from his portable medical oxygen tank. The resident was treated for smoke inhalation on scene and later transported to the hospital in stable condition.

Damages estimated at \$20,000.

June 24

Local Track & Field Games First Step to State/National Stage

Competition Takes Place Thursday - The City of Tallahassee Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs (PRNA) Department invites boys and girls, ages 9 to 14, to compete in PRNA's running of the Hershey's Track & Field Games. The meet takes place tomorrow, Thursday, June 25, at the Maclay School track. Winners in this meet will advance to the state/provincial meet on Saturday, June 27, in Altamonte Springs, Fla.

State/provincial meet winners do not automatically advance to the North American Final. They are entered into a regional pool and become eligible for selection to a Regional Team that will travel to Hershey, Pa., to compete in the North American Final, held Saturday, August 1. All regional winners will qualify for the North American Final Meet.

Events include the 50 meter dash, 100 meter dash, 200 meter dash, 400 meter dash, 800 meter run, 1600 meter run, 4 x 100 meter relay, standing long jump and softball throw.

The Hershey's Track & Field Games has involved millions of youngsters from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the 10 provinces and 3 territories of Canada. It is sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association, USA Track & Field, Athletics Canada and The Hershey Company. Hershey's Track & Field Games is designed to encourage physical fitness among youth and emphasize participation and sportsmanship.

For more information, contact Tynetta Smith with Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs at 891-3866.

June 25

Road Closures - East Park Avenue Closed This Weekend

Segment Between Franklin Blvd. and Magnolia Dr. - This Saturday and Sunday, June 27-28, the City of Tallahassee will close East Park Avenue between Franklin Boulevard and Magnolia Drive between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. for street resurfacing. The detour route will be clearly posted, with only local traffic permitted in the work zone. Weather permitting, the project should be completed by 6 p.m. Sunday, June 28.

Intermittent Closures Along Weems Road

The City of Tallahassee will close Weems Road between Mahan Drive and Easterwood Drive intermittently to through traffic beginning Friday, June 26, for approximately three weeks for electric transmission line pole installation. Intermittent closures will take place weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. and again between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Residents, patrons and employees of businesses along or accessible via Weems Road will be allowed access to and from homes and businesses. Only through traffic will be detoured around the project. The detour route will be clearly posted and flagmen will be present to direct motorists. Weather permitting, the work should be completed and Weems Road reopened to normal use by Saturday, July 18.

June 25

Bank Receives Unusual Deposit

Yesterday, at approximately 4:30PM, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to 3400 South Monroe Street (Wachovia Bank) in reference to a suspicious deposit. A teller at the drive through window received a \$200 cash deposit from a man later identified as 38 year old Cameron Jefferson. The teller explained that mixed with the cash deposit was a small baggie of marijuana and cocaine. The teller notified a supervisor, who then contacted police. Upon arrival, Officer Jamie Martinez detained Jefferson and recovered the baggie of suspected drugs. Jefferson was arrested and taken to jail. Inside Jefferson's vehicle, Officer Martinez located the remnants of three marijuana cigarettes.

Arrested:



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June 03 - TPD

Attempted Murder Suspect Apprehended

On Sunday, May 17, 2009 at approximately 12:15AM, the Tallahassee Police Department responded to 1805 North Monroe Street (Marzuq Shrine Temple) in reference to a shooting. Upon arrival, officers discovered a 38 year old black male had been shot several times by an unknown suspect. Investigator Scott Beck responded to the scene and continued the investigation. Acting on information obtained from witnesses, Investigator Beck compiled a photo lineup and positively identified Sterling Mallory as he shooting suspect. Investigator Beck obtained a warrant for the arrest for Sterling Mallory.

Today, at approximately 12:15pm, members of the Tallahassee Police Department's Career Criminal Unit were assisted by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the U.S. Marshal's Service in apprehending Mallory in the 2300 Block of Clara Street. Mallory was taken into custody without incident, but denied involvement in the shooting.

ARRESTED:



Sterling Mallory, 20yoo, B/M Charges: Attempted Murder