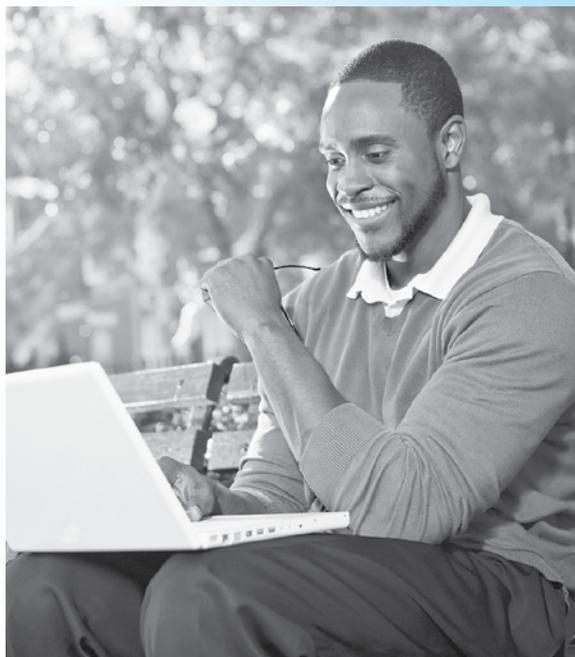


**A New Connection at Cascades**  
*Free Wi-Fi Now Available Park Wide*



Cascades Park has become THE place to connect with art, culture, history, music and friends. With the recent addition

of free wireless internet access (Wi-Fi), citizens can now connect to the internet, too, making it easier than ever to upload photos, stream music or conduct a business meeting.

While in Tallahassee's first "Smart Park", citizens can log on to the free Wi-Fi service by simply finding "Talgov Wi-Fi" in their device's Wi-Fi settings. Once connected, citizens are free to browse, stream and upload.

This free Wi-Fi service joins a list of City digital innovations, helping to bring local government closer to the citizens it serves. The City also offers free mobile and web apps, including DigiTally, TallyParks, StarMetro Trip Planner and e+ Mobile. To learn more about the City's apps, visit [Talgov.com/apps](http://Talgov.com/apps).

**Apply Now for CRA Grant**

The City of Tallahassee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is kicking off its Fiscal Year 2017 Promotional & Special Event Grant Program Cycle. The grant funds will be available to qualified not-for-profit organizations that will host promotional and/or special events during Fiscal Year 2017, which starts on October 1, 2016, and ends on September 30, 2017, within the CRA's two redevelopment districts.

**Applications will be accepted July 1-29, 2016.**

A special event or promotional activity eligible for funding is defined as a new or existing organized concert, exhibition, festival, carnival, athletic event, craft show, competition, parade, celebration, market or any event similar in nature which is open to the public. Special events do not include social parties, conferences, open houses, grand openings, ribbon cutting ceremonies or events that are not open to the public.

For more information, please call the CRA office at (850) 891-8357 or visit our website at [Talgov.com/cra](http://Talgov.com/cra).

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**INSIGHT**

**Tallahassee  
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*The City of Tallahassee and AARP are working together to adopt age-friendly planning and policies*



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## Be Street Smart. STOP STREET SPAM!



Tallahassee is known far and wide for its charm and natural beauty, and we want to keep it that way. As you've driven throughout our city, you've likely seen signs that advertise everything from business services to garage sales. No matter what's being advertised, these signs, which tend to cause visual blight, are typically placed within the Right-of-Way (ROW) along the sides of streets or within the medians of divided roads.

Unfortunately, signs placed within the ROW along Tallahassee streets are placed there illegally. These illegally placed signs, otherwise referred to as "street spam," litter our roadways and distract motorists.

It's important to understand that placing signs within the City ROW is prohibited. Signs placed within the ROW may be removed or subject to a possible notice of violation if not removed voluntarily within a given timeframe. Failure to remove signs could even result in an appearance before the Code Magistrate with first offence fines of \$100 per sign and repeat offender fines up to \$250 per sign. In addition, signage, including posters, fliers, etc., is prohibited from being placed on utility and street light poles and traffic signs.

Together, we can maintain the charm and natural beauty of our city. If you see a sign that you believe is illegally placed within the ROW or if you have any questions regarding City sign regulations, contact Code Enforcement at 891-6500. You can also report "street spam" using the DigiTally app on your smartphone, tablet or online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

# Tallahassee - A Great Place at Any Age

In a livable community, people of all ages can get around without a car, live comfortably, work or volunteer, enjoy public places, socialize, find the services they need, and make their town a lifelong home.

Studies show Tallahassee's 50+ population is growing faster than other parts of its population, so in 2015, Tallahassee City Commissioners voted to join the AARP-World Health Organization (WHO) Age-Friendly Communities Network. This means our elected leadership has made a commitment to work toward making Tallahassee a great place for people of all ages.

The City of Tallahassee and AARP are working together to adopt age-friendly planning and policies that will allow communities to become places where adults can successfully age in place.

Recently, AARP Research conducted a survey to measure how City residents felt about Tallahassee's performance in eight areas of an age-friendly community established by the WHO. The eight areas are Outdoor Spaces and Buildings, Housing, Transportation, Social Participation, Respect and Social Inclusion, Civic Participation and Employment, Communication and Information, and Community and Health Services.

To develop the report, a mail survey was sent to 3,000 residents and AARP members aged 50+ living in Tallahassee. A total of 355 completed surveys were returned by the cutoff date. This survey has a margin of error of +/- 5.2 percent.

Results showed that Tallahassee residents aged 50+ have deep roots in the community. Nine in 10 people say Tallahassee is a great place for older people to live! Four in 10 have lived in their community for at least 25 years. One in six has lived in their community between 15 and 25 years.

Survey respondents rank Health and Wellness, Transportation, and Housing as the top 3 domains most important to them. This included home repair services for older adults, transportation options for older people to travel to volunteer opportunities and

job opportunities well adapted to older adults. The survey also showed local residents aren't yet familiar with community information options and would like to connect more easily with information about community services.

The survey findings will help policymakers, planners and others better understand the needs of an aging population in order to begin to brainstorm steps and policies that can be taken to improve livability for all.

To learn more about programs and services for active adults in Tallahassee, visit [Talgov.com/Seniors](http://Talgov.com/Seniors).



## CALENDAR

# AUGUST

During the month of August, the City Commission is in recess; there are no scheduled meetings. As the meeting calendar can change during the month, please visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) to view the most up-to-date schedule of all City meetings and events.

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