

## BETTON ROAD NOW OPEN



In June, Betton Road opened fully from Centerville Road to Thomasville Road, marking the completion of the Betton Road Traffic and Pedestrian Enhancement Project.

A more than \$3 million investment in local infrastructure, the primary purpose of the project was to reconstruct the road base of Betton Road, which was reaching the end of its service life. The City used this opportunity to also improve pedestrian safety along the corridor and upgrade the existing underground utilities, including water, sewer and stormwater drainage.

This project was done in conjunction with the Hickory and Spruce Water Main Improvement Project, which included replacing water main infrastructure along Hickory, Spruce and Chouteau avenues and Sycamore Street in the Betton Hills neighborhood. As part of the water main project, the impacted roads are slated for resurfacing in the future.

In line with its vision, the City is committed to supporting a strong community with vibrant neighborhoods. Throughout both projects, area residents and nearby homeowner's association have been actively engaged in the process.

These are some of the many City infrastructure projects recently completed or underway around the community. Collectively, these investments support the City's commitment to be a leader in utility service delivery and to proactively address issues related to aging infrastructure. Get more information at [Talgov.com/Projects](https://www.talgov.com/projects).



### *Sustainability Tip*

**Water your lawn in the early morning when temperatures and evaporation rates are low. Remember that 30 minutes twice a week is all your lawn needs.**

## SMART PREP FOR SENIORS

Hurricanes and other natural disasters present many challenges, and how you prepare should reflect your lifestyle and stage of life. Here are three tips to help local seniors build their disaster supplies kits:

- Store supplies in easy-to-carry containers. You may want to consider using containers with wheels.
- Label equipment, such as wheelchairs, canes or walkers, with your name, address and phone number. Keep a list in your kit of the type and model numbers of the medical devices you require.
- Learn about your doctor's and pharmacy's emergency plans and work with them to identify back-up service providers. Be sure to make provisions for medications that require refrigeration or devices that require electricity.

Everyone's situation is unique, so your kit and plan will be, too. Discuss hurricane preparedness with your family, friends and neighbors. Simple steps can make weathering the storm easier and safer for seniors. Learn more at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com).





## **JULY IS NATIONAL PARKS & RECREATION MONTH**

Tallahassee's large and diverse system of parks, green space and trails makes the city a great place to live, work and play! Did you know the City offers more than 90 parks totaling nearly 4,000 acres? In accordance with the City's strategic plan, our goal is to reach 100 parks by 2024, further expanding access for residents and visitors.

It takes a lot of work to care for our parks, and this month, we'd like to say thank you to all the professionals who make our community more vibrant, healthy and engaging through the power of parks and recreation. To learn more about the City's parks, visit [Talgov.com/Parks](http://Talgov.com/Parks).

## **SUMMER FIRE SAFETY**

The summer grilling season is here. Use these tips from the Tallahassee Fire Department to reduce risk of fire and injury:

- Place your grill on a flat surface at least 15 feet from anything combustible.
- Create a safety zone at least 3 feet in diameter around the grill to protect kids and pets.
- Remove fat and grease buildup in trays below the grill.
- Keep a hose or fire extinguisher near the grill.



Learn more at [Talgov.com/Fire](http://Talgov.com/Fire)

## **LIFELONG LEARNING EXTRAVAGANZA**



The Tallahassee Senior Center's L3X (Lifelong Learning Extravaganza) program will celebrate its 13th anniversary this September with a month of classes, tours, workshops, field trips and entertainment on the broad themes of art, music, science, history, culture, food and drink. L3X registration opens in August. Early registration is encouraged since many classes fill quickly. Visit [Talgov.com/Seniors](http://Talgov.com/Seniors) closer to August to get more details.

## **INVESTING IN WATER QUALITY**

Did you know that the City of Tallahassee has invested roughly \$123 million in its stormwater and wastewater systems this year? These efforts help protect the local environment and ensure reliable service. You, too, can help improve the health of local water bodies by reducing or eliminating your use of fertilizers and never dumping chemicals down storm drains.

Learn more at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) and [TAPPWater.org](http://TAPPWater.org).



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## **AUGUST MEETINGS**

There are no scheduled meetings in August. 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. Call the Department of Communications at 891-8533 for more information.

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