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BUILT WITH LOVE

From raising rafters to laying sod, City of Tallahassee employees recently helped build two more homes for local families in partnership with Habitat for Humanity. The new homeowners received the keys to their houses this spring. These builds resulted from the City Commission voting to continue the partnership with Habitat for Humanity by contributing \$60,000 per house from the City's Affordable Housing Trust Fund, 600 volunteer hours by City employees and the donation of City-owned vacant lots, in accordance with the five-year Strategic Plan. Exceeding the requirement, current and retired City employees assisted in every stage of construction, accounting for more than 1,600 volunteer hours worked. The City-sponsored homes in the Griffin Heights neighborhood bring the total number of homes built through this partnership to 17 since 2017 and an investment of more than \$1 million to date, which has been leveraged to produce more than \$3 million in affordable housing real estate for our community.



This is one strategy in the City's robust efforts to increase the number of safe, affordable housing options in our community. Actions taken by the City Commission have added new units in the pipeline at three times the rate of the previous decade. Learn more about the City's commitment to affordable housing, including programs such as inclusionary housing, new home infill, down payment assistance, the Community Land Trust and more, at Talgov.com/Housing.



Rediscover outdoor cooking with a natural gas grill. Keeping the heat out of the kitchen can help reduce your summer air conditioning costs.

HURRICANE SEASON: KEEP YOUR PREP GUIDE HANDY



as well as find information about City services. You can download the Step by Step Prep guide at Talgov.com/PREP to help your household prepare.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO DOWLOAD THE HURRICANE PREP GUIDE



KNOW WHAT'S BELOW

The City of Tallahassee Gas Utility installs yellow pipeline markers along the route of its gas pipeline to indicate an underground gas facility is in the general area. Markers may not be placed directed over the pipeline, and they don't indicate its depth, which will vary. They show the owner of the pipeline, the product contained in the pipeline and the number to call in the case of an emergency. In dense residential and downtown areas, pipeline markers may not be present even though underground gas facilities may be within the right-of-way.

Knowing the approximate location of underground facilities is important before any digging project to avoid being injured and causing a service disruption. If you are planning to dig, call 811 at least two full business days in advance to have the approximate location of underground facilities marked, and then use caution while digging. Know what's below. Call before you dig. In case of a natural gas related emergency, after you call 911, call the Gas Utility at 850-891-4968.



PICKLEBALL AT ITS BEST



Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in America for people of all ages, and the City of Tallahassee is at the forefront of

the action. The game uses hard paddles, modified whiffle balls and nets. Pickleball combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. The City's newest pickleball courts opened in February at Four Oaks Park. View a full list of available courts at **Talgov.com/Pickleball**. Both indoor and outdoor court options are available seven days a week. On the site, you can also learn about clinics, round robins, leagues, court reservations and more.

NO SIGNS ON POWER POLES



Driving around Tallahassee, you've likely seen utility poles covered in signs. No matter what they're advertising, these signs are placed

there illegally and create a major safety hazard for utility workers. The staples and nails used to attach the signs can and do puncture the rubber gloves line workers wear to protect themselves from electrical injury or death. You can help protect them by not attaching any type of sign or poster to utility poles. If you see a sign attached to a utility pole, contact the City of Tallahassee's Code Enforcement Division at 850-891-7007 or report it via the City's free DigiTally app.

For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquiries, please call 850-891-4968 or visit Talgov.com.

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MEETINGS IN

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