



## BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY

A variety of public and private projects are set to enhance economic development opportunities in Tallahassee.

The North Monroe Street landscape is changing as the City of Tallahassee prepares the Northwood Centre site for redevelopment. Construction of the Tallahassee Police Department headquarters facility is a key component within the redevelopment of the roughly 29.5-acre parcel. Additionally, the site presents opportunities for new green space, community amenities and other economic development projects.

As the project moves forward, the City will continue seeking community input on how this space evolves to best serve residents. Stay informed at [Talgov.com/NorthwoodProject](https://www.talgov.com/NorthwoodProject).

In August, Amazon.com Inc. announced plans to locate a new robotics fulfillment center on the east side of our community. According to an economic impact analysis conducted by the FSU Center for Economic Forecasting and Analysis, this project could create a total of 3,600 new jobs, \$167.6 million in wages and generate approximately \$451 million in local economic impact for Tallahassee-Leon County.

Amazon is anticipated to deploy \$200 million in capital investment for the new 630,000-square-foot fulfillment center, which will become the largest facility of

this type in the entire Tallahassee Metropolitan Statistical Area. Construction is expected to begin near the Mahan Drive/1-10 interchange in September 2021 and be completed in late 2022.

The decision by Amazon to locate a distribution and fulfillment center in Leon County comes after the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency Board, comprised of City and County commissioners, approved approximately \$2.5 million in incentives through the Office of Economic Vitality's Targeted Business Program to support the company's expansion.

A month earlier, in July, the City Commission voted to sell two adjacent properties in downtown Tallahassee to the Valencia Development Corporation. The Johns Block is on South Duval Street, and the Chevron Block is on South Bronough Street. Each plot of land was sold for \$4 million, for a total of \$8 million. In total, they make up 5.09 acres.

Valencia plans to build new hotels in two phases. The first hotel would employ 175 people, and the second would employ another 75. The developer says all the jobs will make more than minimum wage.

With many more public and private economic development efforts underway, it's easy to see how Tallahassee is building a stronger community.

### MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Visit [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com) for the current list of Tallahassee City Commission, Community Redevelopment Agency, Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency and Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meetings and workshops.

Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information and view the current meeting agendas online at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com). Follow @CityofTLH on Twitter for City news.



### NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

September is National Preparedness Month. The 2021 theme is "Prepare to Protect. Preparing for disasters is protecting everyone you love." There are many ways to prepare for disaster, from learning lifesaving skills like CPR to verifying that your insurance covers any hazards you may face.

This month take practical safety steps to better protect your family, like identifying family meeting points, learning how to shut off your water service and updating important contact numbers. Learn more at [Talgov.com/Emergency](https://www.talgov.com/Emergency) or [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov).

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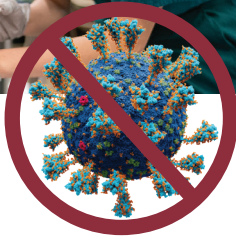
## VISIT THE SOUTHSIDE FARMERS MARKET

The Southside Farmers Market is focused on serving the nearby community. Located at the Walker-Ford Community Center, 2301 Pasco Street, it provides easy access to fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs and seafood from local farmers. Unless otherwise noted, the market will be open from 2-6 p.m. on the following Thursdays through the end of the year: Sept. 9, Oct. 14 and 28, Nov. 4 and 18, and Dec. 9 and 16. Learn more at [Talgov.com/FarmersMarket](http://Talgov.com/FarmersMarket).



## COVID-19 VACCINES AVAILABLE

Getting a COVID-19 vaccine is safe, easy and free. COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk spreading the virus and provide another layer of protection. There are several ways to find a vaccination provider near you. Check with your pharmacy or doctor's office, call 1-800-232-0233 or visit [Vaccines.gov](http://Vaccines.gov).



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## Sustainability Tip

Windows can be a significant source of energy waste. Window shades, shutters and awnings can provide an extra layer of insulation between your home and external temperatures year-round.



## GET BEHIND IT

When traveling around downtown Tallahassee, you may notice bright green squares near the crosswalk at some intersections. These are bike boxes. They are designed to create a safe location for cyclists and reduce bike and vehicle collisions. As a driver, your job is simple -- stop behind the white line. Cyclists stop in the bike box, and pedestrians use the crosswalk. To learn more about bike boxes, visit [Talgov.com/Traffic](http://Talgov.com/Traffic).



## COME PLAY AT THE #1 DISC GOLF COURSE IN FLORIDA

Florida has long been known for its beautiful, year-round sporting opportunities. Now, the City of Tallahassee is again receiving notice for having the best disc golf venue in the state for 2021. The 24-hole course at Tom Brown Park beat courses in Central and South Florida for the top honor for the second year in a row. For more information about parks, trails and Disc Golf, visit [Talgov.com/DiscGolf](http://Talgov.com/DiscGolf)

The City's disc golf courses are set to welcome tournament-level play again this fall. The Open at Tallahassee, a PDGA event, offers an amateur division weekend tournament Oct. 30-31 and the pro/advanced division tournament weekend Nov. 19-21. Check [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) closer to the events for more details.