



## August 2024 District Update

Dear Friend,

I hope your August has been wonderful! As we step into September, let's take a moment to acknowledge a few important events:

**Labor Day (September 2nd):** This holiday honors the hardworking men and women who have built our country. It's a time to appreciate their contributions and the progress they've made.

**Suicide Prevention Month:** Mental health is just as important as physical health. Let's break down the stigma surrounding suicide and encourage open conversations about it. There are resources available to help those in need.

**World Alzheimer's Month:** Alzheimer's disease and dementia affect millions of people worldwide. Let's raise awareness about these conditions and support those living with them.

You can find more information about suicide prevention and Alzheimer's later in this email.

Sincerely,

-David

## Shelter Pets of the Month

In honor of National Dog Day, our August newsletter is highlighting six adoptable dogs! Since there are so many great dogs at the shelter that need a home, we couldn't pick just one.

By Appointment: Daily: 10:00a - 6:00p

Walk-in Kennel Viewings: Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays: 1:00p - 5:00p

Phone: 850-891-2950

Shelter Address: 1125 Easterwood Drive



**Blanche**  
***6 yr. old, female, Staffordshire Terrior***



**Spec**  
***3 yr. old, male, Staffordshire Terrior***



**Marlin**  
***1.5 yr. old, male, Staffordshire Terrior***



**Simon**  
**2.5 yr. old, male,**  
***Catahoula Leopard Hound***



**Primrose**  
**6 yr. old, female,**  
**Tennessee Treeing Brindle Hound mix**



**Abe**  
**6 yr. old, male,**  
***Labrador Retriever/American Foxhound***

[Shelter Adoption Information](#)

## September is Suicide Prevention Month

Save the number, save a life. Add the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (988) to your phone now—it could save a life later. Trained crisis counselors are available to talk 24/7/365.



**Need to talk?**  
Call or text 988.  
Confidential support 24/7.

**988**  
SUICIDE & CRISIS  
LIFELINE

 **NIH** National Institute of Mental Health

[nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention](https://nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention)

Call 2-1-1 Big Bend for Emotional Support and Local Resources. <https://211bigbend.org/>

**Emotional Support & Local Resources 24/7**

**CALL**



**Big Bend**

**Before a struggle becomes a crisis**

## September is World Alzheimer's Month

September is World Alzheimer's Month, a time dedicated to raising awareness and challenging the stigma surrounding Alzheimer's and other dementias. This global campaign helps educate the public and support those affected by these conditions.

Local Alzheimer's Resources:

[Alzheimer's Project of Tallahassee](#)

[Big Bend Caregiver's Support Groups](#)

[Alzheimer's Association | North Florida](#)

[Tallahassee Memorial | Memory Disorder Program](#)

Let's join hands in September to make a difference in the lives of those impacted by Alzheimer's disease. Together, we can create a world where every person affected by dementia is supported and understood.

## Washington Square Update



*What's happening with the downtown Washington Square project?* That's a question I keep getting from constituents.

Although it's a project being permitted by the City, it's directly behind the County Courthouse and located along several county maintained streets. The project has been stalled since 2018 and as of June 2024 the developer has racked up more than \$300,000 in city fines and violations.

Earlier this summer I raised several road safety issues with the County Administrator. Since that time our County Attorney has notified the developer that the County will terminate the agreement we have with the developer unless these immediate corrective actions are taken:

### Calhoun Street

- ⇒ Milling and resurfacing the southbound lane
- ⇒ Reconstruction of the curb and gutter along the east side of the road
- ⇒ Tree planting in the green space between the curb and sidewalk
- ⇒ Reconstruction of the sidewalk along the east side of the road
- ⇒ Moving the concrete barrier wall and fence outside the right-of-way
- ⇒ Restriping the road and restoring the parking spaces
- ⇒ Resetting the pedestrian crossing signals

### Gadsden Street

- ⇒ Milling and resurfacing between Jefferson Street and College Avenue
- ⇒ Reconstruct the curb and gutter and sidewalk along the west side of the road
- ⇒ Moving the concrete barrier wall and fence outside the right-of-way
- ⇒ Restriping the road and restore the parking spaces



**Update:** The developer failed to make the improvements to our roads and the agreement has been terminated. The developer now has until mid-September to comply and make these repairs and if they fail to do so, the County can seek legal remedies.

## Opening of the Family Resource Center

Last week we attended the ribbon-cutting for the Cross Creek Family Resource Center at 2002 Old St. Augustine Rd. The center which is funded by the Children's Services Council and managed by the Children's Home Society offers parenting resources, mental health support, a computer lab, employment help, connections to other services, and more.

For now, you can visit this center Monday-Fridays from 9 am - 5pm, at the **Children's Services Council of Leon County, 2002 Old St. Augustine Road, Bldg. A, Suite 50, Tallahassee, FL 32301**





## Sept. 5th Blueprint Meeting & Agenda

The Blueprint IA Board will meet on Thursday, September 5 at 3pm in the City Commission Chambers at Tallahassee City Hall (300 S. Adams St.). The agenda for the meeting was just released and you can read it [here](#).

### Agenda Highlights

- Item #5 - Information on Retaining an Attorney Who Reports Directly to the Blueprint Board.
- Item #7 - Public Hearing on the Proposed FY 2025-2029 Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budgets.

The Public Hearing on the FY 2025-2029 Budgets will begin at 5pm.

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