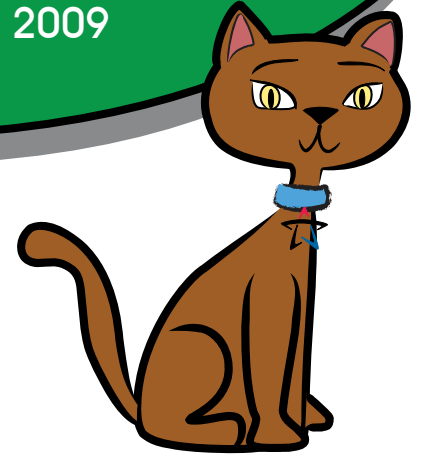


# CityScope



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## Tallahassee native seeks patent for Pants on Easy Device helps the disabled get dressed

By Dave Hodges

TALLAHASSEE DEMOCRAT BUSINESS EDITOR

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**Jim Longhurst** is fond of the expression that everyone puts their pants on one leg at a time — except for those who use his invention, appropriately named "Pants On Easy."

After years of developing his product, the Tallahassee inventor now has a U.S. patent pending on the device, which was inspired by his own recovery from hip surgery.

A pair of suspender clips is attached to a tube that has a rope inside. Longhurst attaches the trousers' front waistband to the clips, and with a rope in each hand, tosses the pants past his feet.

The pants open at the waist, and once the user's feet are inside, the ropes pull the pants back up.

"What I've done is I have given it out to rehab centers and individuals," Longhurst said. "I have given it out to people I know who have a limitation on getting dressed."

Marjorie Day, 68, of Tallahassee, has been using Pants on Easy for about a week and says it works well with skirts, too.

"This has saved the day for me," she said.

"It's wonderful. You just put the pants on it, lower the bar and put your pants on. It's great."

Day has a lower back injury from an accident, but she says she isn't the only one who needs the handy device.

"I know there are a lot of folks that could make use of this. There are a lot of



*Jim demonstrates how to use his invention. He has received nothing but praise from those who have used his product, Pants-On-Easy.*

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## Working Our SOCS Off A Look into the Life of a StarMetro Driver

On Election Day, while people headed toward the polls, I headed to a place I hadn't ventured since my freshman year at Florida State, C.K. Steele Plaza; I was catching the bus. This time, however, I wasn't trying to get to Wal-Mart and the mall. I was at Gate U/V, trying to catch the 80X and one of its drivers, Pete.

**Pete Marchessault** has worked full time for StarMetro since 1992. He's driven tens of thousands of passengers, and today, I was one to be one of them. He greeted me with a smile and a handshake, after having a short conversation with one of his regular passengers.

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## City Parks Need Your Help! New Volunteer Program Announced

The City of Tallahassee Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs Department (PRNA) is launching a new park volunteer program, known as **Volunteers In Parks** or **"VIP"**.

With the diversity of projects, tasks and programs that PRNA oversees, there is no limit to the volunteer opportunities, no matter what a person's skill set, trade or interests. Volunteers are needed who can provide maintenance assistance in the form of general clean-up, such as picking up litter, painting, weeding and minor planting; provide direct monetary

assistance for facility enhancements; look out for vandalism and maintenance issues and report such items to the department; and provide input to the Department on park development and programs.

The VIP program is a great opportunity for community organizations, businesses, neighborhood associations and individuals to become directly involved in improving our parks, landscaped areas, greenways and recreational facilities to help build community spirit and a sense of civic responsibility. PRNA staff will assist with available resources to provide training and supervise the progress of the work of each individual or group.

By supplementing City resources, the VIP program will enhance the condition of and help beautify our parks, recreational areas and open spaces in neighborhoods throughout Tallahassee and will help improve the quality of life for our entire community.

If you are interested in learning more about this fulfilling opportunity, you can visit their page on Talgov.com at <http://www.talgov.com/parks/vip.cfm> or contact **Andrea Griffin** with PRNA at 891-3846. All interested parties will be asked to submit an application, and a background check will be completed prior to approval.

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handicapped people that can't bend over," she said.

Longhurst, a city of Tallahassee code-enforcement supervisor, said his next step is production of Pants on Easy. He's had discussions with a potential manufacturer, but no deal worked out yet. Marketing it via the Internet is a possibility, as well.



*Jim Longhurst designed Pants-On-Easy and is currently seeking a patent.*

"I have to get my ducks in a row," he said. "I can't go out on the Web and yet have no way to produce it."

The feedback from users is encouraging, especially about how easy the device is to use. And sometimes, overcoming a simple challenge is a boost for a person with a disability.

"If I succeed in that, it would be wonderful to me," Longhurst said, "to know that a person can feel better about themselves."

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It was late in the morning, and the rush had died down. About five people got on and off the bus while I rode along. On an average day, Pete estimated he drives 140 people on his route. The morning rush, around 7:30, is usually when the bus fills up. It's also when his route schedule gets the tightest because of traffic, but he is rarely, if ever, late to pick-up or drop off his passengers. On a commuter route, this is a valued trait in a bus driver.



**Pete Marchessault**

Another point of pride for Pete, and another valuable piece of information for riders seeking peace of mind, is that he has never, in all his years of driving a bus, caused a wreck, and he's been driving for

a long time.

Pete grew up on a farm in Vermont. He started out driving tractors and other farm equipment. He first worked for a transit agency in Vermont, battling snow and ice instead of our Florida rain. After learning to drive large vehicles in those conditions, he said the hardest part about incimate weather in Tallahassee is other drivers on the road.

The 80X route began in August 2006, and Pete has been driving it for about two years. It runs from Bradfordville into C.K. Steele Plaza, then south to SouthWood and the Koger Office Complex and back to the plaza. During his shift, he drives the route eight times, seven on his short day.

Drivers receive their routes through a bidding process every four months. Those with the most seniority get first choice of routes. Pete is one of StarMetro's most tenured drivers. This is why he now drives the 80X route five days a week on the morning shift. He no longer works evenings or weekends, which allows him time to devote to his hobby of auto repair. Occasionally though, he volunteers to work a football game day route, driving

people from the Civic Center to Doak Campbell Stadium, which can be a lot of fun, he said.

His usual route is pretty tame though. The route with the most stories is probably the Night Nole, he said. The Night Nole runs from 10 p.m. to 3 a.m., Tuesday through Saturday, looping Florida State's campus, the Tennessee Strip and the primarily student housing areas along High Road, Ocala Road, Tennessee Street, Appleyard Drive and Pensacola Street.

While Pete is happy he has never driven it, if he did, he would receive many a slurred thank you's from students heading home from the bar on this popular and appreciated route. And that is, after all, what Pete says is most rewarding about his job, hearing a sincere, "Thank you," after helping someone who is lost or new to town get to where they want to be. He doesn't do it for the money; he just has the desire to drive, which is what he said you need to be a successful transit driver, well, that and a class B CDL license.

# Letter from the Editor



It's the New Year, and I have already dropped the ball on a few of my resolutions. It has only been a month, but time is flying by. As a nation, we have seen the economy continue to drop and the fighting overseas press on. The news is splashed with despair, but the hope of the American people shone as millions packed Washington, D.C. to watch history made as President Barack Obama was sworn into office on January 20.

Many departments, as well as employees, contributed their time and energy during the holidays, and continue to do so, to bring hope to those less fortunate in our community. In our next edition, I'd like to feature some of these good deeds. So, if you, your department or one of your co-workers has a heart-warming story to share about commitment to community, please contact me. CityScope is only possible with your contributions.

Thank you for reading.  
Lizzy Kelley

## In The Kitchen With Tallahassee's Bravest

### SKINLESS EGG ROLLS

#### Ingredients:

2 lbs ground beef  
2 medium onions  
5 cloves garlic  
1 lb bag Cole slaw  
2 cups rice (uncooked)  
1 Tbsp teriyaki sauce  
Lawry's seasoned salt  
Black pepper

#### Directions:

Brown and drain ground beef. While browning ground beef, cook rice according to directions. Also, dice onions and garlic.

After ground beef is browned and drained, add onions, garlic and teriyaki sauce, over medium heat until onions are pearly. Add Lawry's seasoned salt and black pepper to taste. Turn fire off. Stir in bag of Cole slaw. When rice is done, add it to the ground beef and slaw. The steam from the rice and ground beef will wilt the slaw just enough to take away the raw taste, but will allow a little texture to the meal. Serve hot. This dish may be topped with sweet and sour sauce, duck sauce, or any number of other sauces found in the Asian cuisine section of your local grocery store.

Preparation time for this meal is 30-45 minutes.

For a healthier twist, brown rice may be used. This will increase the time of preparation by 15-20 minutes. Also, broccoli slaw can be used instead of Cole slaw.



Submitted By:  
**TFD Lieutenant Jake Anderson**

## Chili Cook-Off

The 10th annual Chili Cook-Off was held in City Hall this past fall. Organized by **Charlie Cheshire** and **Ray Wilkinson** last year, the cook-off benefited the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP) and brought in \$118.

"In years past, the proceeds went to an adopted Christmas family," Wilkinson said. "This year, we decided to make a donation in support of our troops to the Wounded Warrior Project with the proceeds."

According to its website, the WWP "seeks to assist those men and women of our armed forces who have been

severely injured during the conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world." WWP is a nonprofit organization that is officially accredited as a veterans service organization by the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more information on WWP and how you, too, can help our nation's wounded warriors, please visit their website at [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

While it's all for a good cause, the cook-off is still a serious competition, complete with smack talk among the chefs.

"One year, I added cinnamon and a little sugar to try to get the upper hand," Wilkinson said. "Ray Einarson nicknamed it

'cinna-bun chili,' as in it tasted like a cinnamon bun. All in all, it's a great time, and everyone gets to test out many different recipes, as every chili has its own distinct flavor."

This year's Chili Cook-Off winners are **Charlie Cheshire** (first place); **Ray Wilkinson** and **Wes Lee** (tied for second place); and **Cindy Cook** and **Adrienne Belflower** (tied for third place).

"Next year, we encourage as many people to enter a chili (it's open to everyone) to take down Charlie Cheshire (back-to-back blue ribbon winner 2007-2008)," Wilkinson said.

## Crime Analysts Complete Certification

Written by Annie Gainous Thompson

Congratulations to TPD Crime Analysts **Sheree Stebbins** and **Dwayne Cisrow**. On July 25, 2008, CA Stebbins graduated from the 10th Class of the Florida Law Enforcement Analyst Academy (FLEAA). CA Cisrow graduated from the 11th Class of the FLEAA on December 18, 2008. The Tallahassee Police Department now has in its tool belt two analysts who have completed the intense training to be the best in their field of law enforcement analysis. Both CA Stebbins and CA Cisrow are excellent employees and use their advanced training to better identify crime patterns and trends.

The FLEAA is a very intensive six-week program that is sponsored by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security Anti Terrorism grant funds the program. The six-week program spans a period of six months (one week each month). Analysts learn criminal and intelligence analysis skills, as well as a variety of other complex analytical skills, which are used by law enforcement and other emergency responders to successfully prevent crime

and conduct complex investigations. Each participant must be fully committed to successfully complete the program.

During the six-week period, the analyst

“The Tallahassee Police Department now has in its tool belt two analysts who have completed the intense training to be the best in their field of law enforcement analysis.”

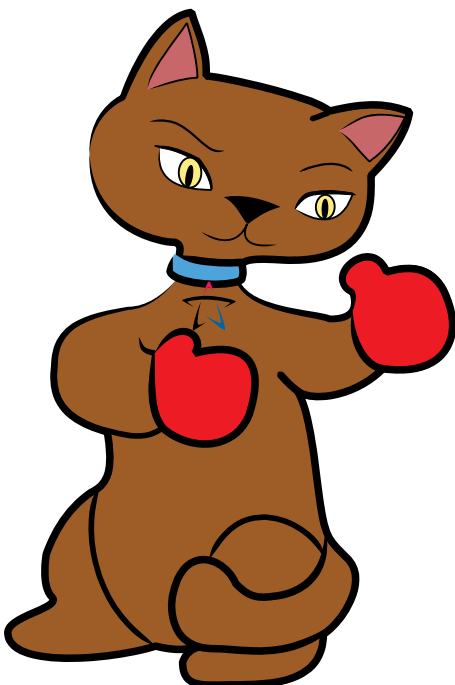
must conduct and prepare a written assessment of a real issue in the law enforcement community. Part of the final grade is the oral presentation of this assessment.

In order to be eligible to attend the academy, analysts must first successfully complete two weeklong prerequisite courses, Florida Basic Analyst Training and Computer Application and Analytical Techniques. Once these two courses have been completed, the prospective applicant's supervisor must complete a

comprehensive nomination application package to assess the qualifications, professional accomplishments and performance skills of the analyst. The head of the agency must then complete a commitment statement in support of the prospective applicant. There is a waiting list to attend this program, and attendees are only invited once the Academy Review Board approves them. With the recent graduation of Class 11 of the FLEAA, there are approximately 325 certified law enforcement analysts statewide.

“I'm very proud of Sheree's and Dwayne's accomplishments,” said Annie Gainous Thompson, supervisor of the TPD Crime Analysis Unit. “They are both exceptional employees and have worked very hard to successfully complete the program. With these advanced skill sets, they will continue to be an asset to the agency and the citizens of Tallahassee. I congratulate Sheree and Dwayne on a job well done. As we all work together to fight crime, they will continue to benefit every facet of the police department's investigative and operational needs.”

## SOCS It to Me Letters to the Editor



### Missing Anniversaries Strike Negative Cord

“Good morning Lizzy. I am very, very disappointed that each and everyone with an Anniversary was not listed. This is one of the most popular sections, and I look forward to seeing/acknowledging my co-workers that I no longer work with and have forgotten about over the years due to all the different locations for City workers these days.” – Keli

“The list is far too long. Maybe you could leave out a little something or just make the pager larger, but I think every one enjoys the anniversaries.” – Tommy

**Note:** We will not leave out anniversaries again, and please accept my apologies for doing so in the last issue.

### CityScope's New Look Gets Raves (Mostly)

“I love your new CityScope look. Nice job.” – Susan

“Congratulations on the updated CityScope. Looks great!” – Janet

“I L\*O\*V\*E the new look of CityScope!” – Tonya

“Well Done! LOVE the new look! Very clean, easy on the eyes...love the font, it all looks fantastic.” – Misi

“Get rid of the cat and the kitty stuff. I do not like cats.” – Damian

## Well Done!

"After watching **WCOT** faithfully for years, it occurred to us we should thank you for a job well done," a local couple wrote. "The productions are extremely professional, the information is enlightening, and the entertainment is delightful."

The **City's Web site** received kudos from a few Air Force Public Affairs/Information employees. They complimented the look, consistency in brand, ease of navigation and the amount of information provided. Keep up the good work web wizards!

Several compliments came in for the new look and design of CityScope, which was produced by **Tayo Fayemi**. Your creativity is most appreciated!

**Leann Brewer**, the United Way coordinator from Legal, completed her campaign with 100% participation and raised more \$14,000, as of October 13. Legal also had 6 leadership givers. Hooray! The **Legal Department** should be proud!

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**The Tallahassee Police Department is getting lots of love. Here's what people are saying:**

"I live alone, and Basin Street is in my back yard. It is nice to see that police officers patrol that road every few hours. Helps me feel safer. Thank you."

A tip of the hat to the officers who stepped in and helped with the memorial ride for Arthur "Trey" Hayworth. "As far as I know, this was not organized ahead of time with TPD, and TPD stepped in immediately with they saw all of us biking. Thank you for your help," one rider wrote. "Just wanted to say thank you to TPD for the escort last night during the memorial ride. That was a wonderful gesture TPD did for the community," another cyclist wrote.

"My daughter and I attended the **SPEED class** last night. It was informative and very well done. Thanks to all involved who work so hard at educating and protecting the public."

A Refuge House resident would like to

thank the two officers who picked her up at Wal-Mart and took her home in June. "It was my own fault I was stranded there in the first place. I...missed the last bus home. Thanks!"

"Recently, one of your officers, **Officer S. Stabley**, demonstrated something I thought Tallahassee had lost, the ability to actually make its citizens feel like they matter," a local woman wrote. Her dog escaped during a storm while she was at the movies with her phone turned off. He found her dog. "Not only was I relieved to know that my dog was now safe but to hear that this wonderful officer has taken it upon himself to take a frightened dog back home was very special. Knowing that one of your officers would take his valuable time to do something as hometown as take care of someone's lost dog makes me feel really lucky to live here in Tallahassee."

A pat on the back came in for **Officer Payley** (badge #742) who helped locate a suspicious person, who turned out to be a known burglar, in a local apartment complex. "I am brand-new to Tallahassee," the man wrote. "I, along with all the residents of this city, are fortunate to have dedicated officers, such as Officer Payley, protecting this community."

A woman whose car broke down on Monroe Street sends her warmest thanks to **Officer M. Brown** who stopped while off-duty to assist her by redirecting traffic around the vehicle, allowing the woman to use her cell phone to call for a tow truck and waiting with her until the tow truck arrived. "I believe [she] went above and beyond her duties. She made a positive difference in what was a negative and stressful situation," the woman wrote.

A malfunctioning home alarm repeatedly sent TPD to a citizen's house while she was out of town on business. "I appreciate TPD. **Officer M. McCloud** was especially understanding," the citizen wrote. "It put my mind at rest until I could get back."

A huge thank you goes out to **Sergeant Mike Abbey** from a local teacher. Since 1999, Sgt. Abbey has been a guest speaker twice a year to her classes at Leon High School. "He is always well prepared, and the

students enjoy asking him all kinds of question," she wrote. "He is an integral part of my teaching year."

A local woman sends her deepest thanks to **Sgt. Woody Kerce** and **Officer Jessica Miller** who assisted her when she was having difficulties with her adult son. "He was inebriated, being extremely uncooperative and disrespectful," she wrote. "Both of these officers assisted me far above and beyond their call of duty. I would trust these officers with my life. I truly believe they are committed to serving the needs of the citizens of Tallahassee, and they certainly are my angels of mercy."

"Thanks TPD and **Officer Medina** for going the extra mile and teaching my kid about the value of law enforcement," a mother wrote after her daughter's wallet went missing at the mall and was subsequently recovered with Officer Medina's help.

"I wanted to thank **Chief Jones, Melanie Tudor** and **Lawrence Revell**, as well as other TPD officers, regarding their support during the loss of my boyfriend's brother," a woman wrote. "Thank you so very much for all you have done and continue to do for your 'family members.'"

A couple would like to thank **Officer J. Caplan** and all the other TPD and TFD personnel who responded to their son's traffic accident during Tropical Storm Fay. "Officer Caplan is an outstanding professional, with a big heart

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and a cool head,” the mother wrote. “He has that rare human touch.”

“I want to commend **Officer Harold Berentsen** for his positive attitude and encouragement,” a local man wrote. Upon responding the traffic accident the man and his wife were involved in, “Officer Berentsen demonstrated the best in all of our policemen.”

A student would like to thank **Officer Maltese** for his caring attention to her situation during a noise complaint. “He listened to my complaint without dismissing me as a college student who didn’t know any better,” she wrote. “My roommates and I just desire a quiet place to study and relax. I commend Officer Maltese for seeing beyond the common stereotype and treating us like Tallahassee residents who deserve their peace and quiet.”

**Officer Trowbridge** was thanked for his response to a trespassing issue. He “was there promptly, was courteous, helpful and successful in resolving the issue in a very low-key manner,” the man wrote. “I feel very happy to know that officers like him are working to serve and protect my community.”

A thank you came in for **Officer Cathy Kennedy** and **Officer Marcia Shea** from an elderly citizen. “I am eighty years old, and their thoughtfulness and kindness meant the world to me, and I will never forget them,” she wrote after the officers aided her.

**Officer Bryant** got a nod of the hat for helping dissolve a stressful situation. “She was able to diffuse the anger, provide a solution and allow both parties to feel like they received attention and closure in the situation,” one of the involved parties wrote.

A local father was pleased with his experience with **Inspector Friend**. “I wrote an email yesterday to complain and was contacted within 10 minutes,” the father wrote. “He handled my complaint very professionally and is an outstanding representative for your department.”

**Tropical Storm Fay was a challenge that every City department stepped up and responded to in its own specific way. The community thanks you.**

“Our City employees should be commended for the hard and dangerous work they performed during...Tropical Storm Fay. Without them, this city and the people who live here would have been in deep trouble.”

“I would like to thank the Utilities linemen and other City workers for working so hard to keep services going and to restore services when needed.”

“The utility company here is the best of any city I’ve lived in. I was very appreciative of the utility vehicles that were circling the neighborhood and noting the problems [during TS Fay]. It felt good to know that the city was prepared and was aware of any problems we were experiencing.”

“I just wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in getting power back on for me and our neighbors,” a woman wrote. A tree fell on a line near her house during Tropical Storm Fay. TFD, City Utilities, Public Works, and Utilities Customer Service aided her and her neighbors. She said everyone involved was “nice, professional, courteous, kind and understanding.”

More thanks poured in for the City’s response to Tropical Storm Fay from a man who has “tried to stop and personally thank every Utility worker [he’s] seen because [he believes] a simple thanks goes a million miles.”

A gentleman on Page Road sends this thanks to the three utility personnel who restored his electricity. “I have to admire these guys. Pouring down rain and high winds didn’t even slow them down,” he wrote.

A West Palm Beach employee sends his thanks to the “staff that created and updated the information on what the [City of Tallahassee] was doing in

response to TS Fay.” His daughter is a new student at FSU, and the updates reassured him of her safety. He would also like to thank the woman in Drainage who answered his questions about flood zones.

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**Shining Stars brighten days throughout the City!**

**Henry Blocker** has been nominated by a citizen for a City Employee of the Year award. “Mr. Blocker was not only courteous and professional, but incredibly helpful and even called me to check in and see how things were going” after responding to a residential gas leak.

**Manny Hairston** was complimented for “his excellent listening skills, understanding the situation and knowing exactly what [the caller] needed to do.”

**Ronnie Harrington** represents “going beyond the job duties and caring to get the job done [which] are rare commodities these days.

**Allen LeBlanc** received kudos for performing an energy audit at a couple’s home. “Thank you for the valuable information and assistance,” they wrote.

“**Ms. Lynn Hammelman** at UBSS Utility Accounts has been an absolutely indispensable asset that I have been able to call on,” wrote a Solid Waste Services employee. “Having someone with her talent and ability to call on has enabled [us] to resolve some of the most convoluted SWS issues in a timely manner.”

**Dan McKenzie, Don Hannah and Bryan Barfield** are shining stars for their prompt service while aiding a local woman whose meter was having a pressure problem.

# Awards and Honors

The City of Tallahassee's website, **Talgov.com**, was recognized by the Center for Digital Government as a **Best of Web** winner at the 2008 Best of Web and Digital Government Achievement Awards. Out of nearly 100 entries, Talgov.com placed No. 4 from around the nation.

The Department of Communications won two awards from the City-County Communications and Marketing Association during their annual awards. The department won a first place **Savvy Award** in the category of Communications and Marketing Plans for their communications plan for the underground portion of the Eastern Transmission Line. They also won a third place **Award of Excellence** in the Service Delivery category for the Tallahassee Go Green entry.

For the third year in a row, StarMetro received Florida Public Transportation Association's (FPTA) top award for **Mechanic of the Year**. First place winner **Mike Johnson** and other award-winning technicians from around the state received their awards during the FPTA 34th Annual Conference.

**Janet Garrison** was honored with the **Exemplary Service Achievement Award** from the American Society for Public Administration – North Florida Chapter.

City of Tallahassee Inspector **Del Sparkman** was recognized at the 56th Annual Building Officials Association of Florida (BOAF) Educational Conference as the **Building Official of the Year for the Big Bend Chapter of BOAF**. Sparkman, a once retired City Chief Mechanical Inspector, returned to work as a Residential Combination Inspector in 2003 for the City of Tallahassee Growth Management Department. Earlier this year the Big Bend Chapter of BOAF elected Sparkman as the Building Official of the Year for the Chapter. The Big Bend Chapter of BOAF consists of the Building Officials, Inspectors and Plans Examiners in the surrounding counties and municipalities. Sparkman was honored with a plaque at the BOAF Annual Educational Conference along with other chapter representatives throughout the state.

The City of Tallahassee received the **Excellence in Site Reuse Award** from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This was the first time EPA has ever given this award, which recognizes the City's innovative and environmentally sensitive work to remove contaminants from the Cascades Park area so it can be developed into a world-class public park. The clean-up activities removed over 80,000 tons of contaminated soil. The project is now in a long-term groundwater-monitoring phase.

StarMetro and Florida State University received top honors from the Florida Public Transportation Association for joint marketing efforts of the Seminole Express service. The Seminole Express campaign received a first place **Award of Excellence, Best of Best Award and Judges Favorite Award**.

**Jay L. Townsend**, an Army veteran with strong experience in city government and private enterprise and former City Administrator for the city of Hayden, Idaho, is the City's newest **Assistant City Manager**. In his new assignment, Townsend is responsible for the following departments: Police, Fire, Economic and Community Development, Emergency Management and Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Affairs. As a City of Tallahassee Assistant City Manager, Townsend reports directly to the City Manager and is a member of the city's Executive Team. Townsend will be responsible for a total staff of approximately 1,084 and an annual budget of \$130,000,000.

The City of Tallahassee's Digital Harmony Project won the award for **Excellence in Bridging the Digital Divide** at the ITFlorida Awards Gala held in Orlando. ITFlorida is an umbrella, not-for-profit, membership organization that represents Florida's diverse technology community on a statewide basis.

The American Public Transportation Association honored StarMetro for its excellence in marketing at the 29th Annual AdWheel Awards ceremony. In the nationwide competition, StarMetro received **first place honors in the electronic media category** for the 80X Northern

Extension Commercial entry.

StarMetro received **first place honors in Print Instructional Information** for the Ride Guide from the Florida Public Transportation Association.

The City of Tallahassee received two awards during Recycle Florida Today's Annual Conference and Exhibition. The City's Green City Initiatives and Solid Waste Services (SWS) Administration Building won the **2008 Outstanding City Program (Urban) Award**. SWS also won the **Outstanding Recycling Partnership Award** for its partnership between the Florida Bar and Southern Waste Information Exchange for its ongoing recycling of Statutes and legal documents.

The City of Tallahassee received the **Best Practice Award** in the Government category for its Green Initiative at the 10th Annual Sustainable Florida Best Practice Awards ceremony held locally. The City was also a finalist in the Green Building category for its Solid Waste Services Administration Building and in the Partnership category for StarMetro. Tallahassee was the only nominee to unanimously win a category and the only nominee to be a finalist in three separate categories.

**WCOT** won three awards from the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors (NATOA) this year. In the Visual Arts category, EcoSmart Open placed third. On Location: Movie Magic received honorable mentions in the Documentary Event Coverage category, and Tallahassee Matters also received honorable mentions in the Magazine Format Series category. In addition to the NATOA award, Tallahassee Matters won a Telly this year.

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# **Anniversaries**

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## **5 Years**

Robin Abney  
Ilene Akers  
David Alford  
Luke Allen  
Joseph Amison  
Robert Arnold  
Darius Ayers  
Tony Barker  
Joseph Brannon  
Leann Brewer  
Tom Bronakoski  
David Brost  
Andrew Brown  
Scherri Bryant  
Eddie Bunion  
Sonya Bush  
Naomi Byrd  
Michael Callaway  
Kevin Carey  
Duane Colvin  
David Conley  
Patricia Cooper  
Kenyetta Copeland  
Matthew Copelin  
Linda Cox  
Tyrone Crawford  
Herbert Daugherty  
Paul Donaldson  
Kenneth Edwards  
Jody Fruchtnicht  
James Garrett  
Janet Garrison  
Jason Gaston  
Michael Hadden  
Israel Harris  
Allena Harris-Ammons  
Marvin Henderson  
Thomas Hendrix  
Kurt Hindle  
Cassandra Jackson  
Cecilia Jackson  
Donald Jackson  
Shannon Jackson  
Kelley Jenkins  
Wendell Jones  
Jonathan Kever  
Granville Knowles  
Roger Latson  
James Lee  
Michael Lee  
Travis Leonard  
Michael Lindert  
Kyle Ludlam  
Philip Maher  
Joyce Martinez

Michele McGee  
Edward Millender  
Jason Newhouse  
Theron O'Quinn  
Robert Proctor  
Ruben Rodriguez  
Michael Sacco  
Gary Sarrels  
Terrye Smith  
Dwayne Snyder  
Bobby Stafford  
Carl Stubbs  
Paul Thomas  
James Voyles  
Rufus Walden  
James Walker  
Garrett Warner  
Chad Youmans  
Cara Yown

## **10 Years**

Marilyn Aloï  
Troy Anzalone  
Rob Bascom  
Douglas Bedford  
Shannen Brown  
Carl Carlson  
Thomas Carman  
Tracy Clark  
Gary Dansby  
Cynthia Dickinson  
Patrick Dooley  
Clyde Dotson  
Cesar Fernandez  
Linda Flippo  
James Floyd  
Fernando Francisco  
Kathryn Gohlke  
Jason Greisl  
Todd Hacker  
Gary Hall  
Michael Hatcher  
Jeffery Heggen  
David Henry  
Christine Herig  
Robert Herman  
Chris Hewett  
Steven Hodges  
Patricia Holliday  
Carolyn Horsey  
Robert Ingram  
Serena Jamison-Mccollum  
Augustus Jerger  
Rhonda Kerce  
Jason Laursen  
Donna Loomis

B. Love  
Sheila Lowe  
Tawanna Morris  
Patricia Ormerod  
Michael Peacock  
Mary Perrine  
Bobby Porter  
Charles Ritter  
Shannon Roberts  
Colleen Roland  
Dwight Roney  
Michael Smith  
Kenneth Stoutamire  
Roger Sullivan  
Priscilla Symon  
Joni Synatschk  
Koren Taylor  
Steven Tiefel  
Michael Trowbridge  
Charles Twombly  
Patricia Wallace  
Willie Watson  
Gregory Wilder  
Mendes Williams  
Tony Williams  
Marsha Williams-Hill  
Ronald Wilson  
Donald Worrell  
Valder Zeigler

## **15 Years**

Jarvis Bedford  
Dexter Bouie  
Walter Branch  
Troy Brewer  
Wayne Bryan  
Jodie Cahoon  
Michael Chbat  
John Dailey  
Cyrinda De Montmollin  
Phil Dunaway  
David Fatkin  
Andrea Griffin  
Janice Griffin  
Todd Grimes  
Michael Hall  
Gary Hames  
Linda Hudson  
Larry Ivory  
Andre Johnson  
Logan Lane  
Jonathan Lich  
Charles Lindsey  
Terry Lowe

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# Anniversaries

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Bernice Mcqueen  
Donna Nichols  
Jesse Pennywell  
Arturo Sivilla  
Gary Speight  
Cyrus Underwood  
Johnny Washington  
Charles Windom  
Garret Yount

## 20 Years

Larry Allen  
Daniel Arrant  
John Beeman  
George Bentley  
Gary Brinkworth  
Daniel Buie  
Tracy Case  
James Colbert  
Mark Daughtry  
Claude Davis  
Curtis Davis  
Francis Dietrich  
Roberto Di-Gonzalez  
John Dilks  
Craig Dough  
David Dowdy  
Tina Drose  
Julia Dupree  
Brent Elofson  
Ricardo Fernandez  
David Folsom  
Edward Forsberg  
Annette Garrett  
John Govans  
Oliver C. Griffin  
Eric Halvorsen  
Barbara Hampton  
Kenneth Hochstetler  
Doris Howard  
Gregory Hunter  
Latrenda Johnson  
Darryll Jones  
Charlotte Justice  
Cathy Kennedy  
Troy Kinsey  
James Kirkland  
Reginald Lawyer  
Dawson Leggett  
Elvis Mcmillian  
Howard Mcneil  
Michael Meeks  
Kenneth Mock  
Douglas Moore  
Robert Obernier  
June O'Meara

Jim Oskowis  
John Ouzts  
Janet Pagels  
Charles Perry  
Linda Plante  
Henry Pride  
Roger Rankin  
Alvin Reese  
Patricia Reeves  
Glenn Sapp  
Harry Savage  
Mayank Shah  
Dietrich Simmons  
Catherine Slappey  
Kelii Smith-Franklin  
John Snelling  
Jeffrey Speight  
Douglas Strickland  
Joy Strickland  
Mike Tadros  
John Tuttle  
Kenneth Wade  
Kenneth Watts  
Neil Wild  
Eve Williams  
Larry Williams  
Michael Womble

## 25 Years

Bernard Bailey  
Harold Barber  
Charles Bass  
Gloria Burke  
Gary Burns  
Ronny Butler  
Rhuben Dickey  
Robert Duncan  
David Ferrell  
Stephen Gauding  
M. Glover  
Mary Guertin  
Claudette Harrell  
Herman Harris  
David Hendry  
Philip Inglese  
Andrea Jones  
Dean Kindley  
Billie Land  
Cassandra Leland  
Leonard Lindsey  
Linda Lingar  
Wayne Martin  
William McClellan  
Samuel Mock  
Robert Neal  
Karen Palmer

Mark Peavy  
Richard Ratcliff  
Michael Robinson  
William Robinson  
Tamara Southworth  
Mark Wheeler  
Wendi Wilson

## 30 or more years

Jimmy Abbott  
Roderick Allen  
Kirt Armantrout  
Stephen Ashmore  
Willie Austin  
Steven Baczewski  
Sharon Katrinka Ball  
Daniel Beck  
Lin Black  
Anita Borders  
James Brinson  
Arthur Brown  
Steven Chase  
H. Cheeseborough  
Charles Cheshire  
Paula Cook  
Heidi Daws  
Ronald Dickey  
Tamara Erewa-Harris  
Vettye Gibbs  
Jean Gregory  
Brenda Hall  
William Hammelman  
Dorothy Henderson  
Cherie Herndon  
Mark Heuring  
Carolyn Hightower  
Cecil Hightower  
Woodrow Isom  
Lance King  
Rhonda Johnson  
Billie Mack  
Donald Mathis  
Robert Mckenzie  
Gloria McNeil  
Gerald Norman  
Sharon Ofuani  
Earnest Paul  
Donna Peacock  
Freddie Pye  
Larry Register  
Crandall Roberts  
Michael Rutherford  
John Sanders  
Patricia Savage

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Kathleen Schoff  
Frank Simmons  
Isaac Simmons  
Leroy Smith  
Robert Swearingen  
Bobby Thomas  
Jow Thomas  
Joseph Ward  
James Williams

year as well.

**Maurice Majszak**, senior plans examiner with TFD, received Florida's Fire Inspector of the Year award from the Florida Fire Marshals and Inspectors Association. According to Majszak, who has worked for TFD for the last three years, there are between 11,000 and 12,000 fire

inspectors in the state. "It's definitely a great feeling anytime you're honored by your peers," said Majszak of the award.

## Images from Across The City



Sandra Manning and the Water Drop pose for a picture before the City Commission meeting to recognize the City's Water Utility for 100 years of service.



Mike Tadros gives a speech before the City Commission in honor of the City Water Utility's 100 years of service.



Mike Meeks and Kim Connell hang a banner for the new SmartBill option at the Utility Payment Drive-Thru.



The crowd was gathered, despite less than ideal weather, for the United Way Kick-Off event at Messer Field.



(L-R) Brian Smatt, Rachel Duerr, Lori DiGuglielmo, Cheri Howe with TPRNA attended the United Way Kick-Off event.



(L-R) Freddie Lawrence with TPRNA and Frank Walker with Public Works not only attended the City's United Way Kick-Off, they lent a helping hand, setting things up and tearing them down.



Bill Woolery with Public Works showing attendants at an open house maps for potential routes for the proposed FAMU Way extension.



Crews work to repair the intersection at Capital Circle Southeast and Apalachee Parkway in the aftermath of Tropical Storm Fay.

# Images from Across The City



Citizens turned out with lots of CANtributions during CANpaign 2008.



Volunteers helped City employees collect the CANtributions.



Employees from the Office of the City Attorney pose in their costumes during Halloween.



Mayor John Marks and Commissioner Debbie Lightsey accepted the EPA award on behalf of the City.



City officials and staff posed for a picture at the Cascades Park event after EPA awarded the City of Tallahassee the first ever Excellence in Site Reuse Award.



Underground Utilities gets ready for Customer Service week in October.



Staff enjoys the goodies at Underground Utilities' Customer Service Week celebration.



It was a team effort for Underground Utilities' Customer Service Week celebration.



Mechanic of the Year Mike Johnson accepts his award.



Del Sparkman poses with his award for Chapter Building Official of the Year for the Big Bend Chapter of the Building Officials Association of Florida.



Ian Lee with TPD worked the breast cancer support walk in Southwood and showed his spirit with a painted pink ribbon on his wrist.



Wade Bishop with WCOT walked to support breast cancer research.

## *Images from Across The City*



Mayor John Marks gave a speech to help kick-off the City's United Way campaign, while Don DeLoach, the City's United Way coordinator and director of ISS, looked on.



City and County United Way Departmental Coordinators attended training at Jack McLean Park.



Don DeLoach and Bill Behenna joke around at the United Way Departmental Coordinators training.