

The Talladega Fire Department will be giving out and installing free smoke detectors to homes with elderly people and school aged children, thanks to a federal grant.



The grant, worth approximately \$30,000, was awarded through the federal Fire Protection and Safety Program and aims to assist segments of the population most vulnerable to fire-related injury. Firefighters will assist with the installation of the alarms.

Qualified residents may download the application and view the map at www.talladega.com

Please return the completed application to Station 1.

For more information, please call 256-362-3149

Softball / Baseball / T-Ball

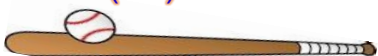
Registration

Jan. 30th—Mar. 8th



Call or visit the Parks and Rec. office on Spring St. for registration and tryout information

(256) 362-0514



Baseball & Softball \$75.00

T-Ball—\$50.00

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ANNUAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LUNCHEON

Alabama Secretary of Commerce, Greg Canfield, will be the keynote speaker for this year's annual Chamber of Commerce luncheon on January 23rd at Shocco Springs. As the Secretary of the Alabama Department of Commerce, Greg Canfield has taken his role on with zeal as Alabama's leading economic developer, and as the chairman of Governor Bentley's strong knit Alabama Economic Development Alliance (AEDA).



Call the Chamber of Commerce to order your tickets (256) 362-9075

CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY!

Construction has officially begun on the 500-acre, \$20 million shooting facility in Talladega, bringing with it national competitions and gun enthusiasts from across the country. The site is a project of the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP), a national nonprofit organization that promotes shooting skills among civilians.

Representatives from the CMP recently visited the Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce to educate area residents on CMP's plans for their Talladega Marksmanship Park. The program has one of its two offices in Anniston, as well as a store that sells surplus rifles such as the M1 Garand. Those sales fund the CMP and its training projects. The group receives no funding from the federal government.



The Talladega county site will offer a 600-yard rifle range, another 100-yard firing range, a 50-yard pistol range and several shotgun stations, in which shooters will fire at clay pigeons. According to Mark Johnson, Deputy Chief Operating Officer, CMP officials also plan a clubhouse and pro shop. Johnson said the range will host national competitions as well as quarterly, monthly and weekly matches. But he stressed that the range will still serve as a place for residents to learn and practice marksmanship skills.

People like Dennis DeMille believe the shooters coming to the new range from all around the globe will provide a boost to the area economy. "It is gonna be one of the most state-of-the-art ranges in the country, if not the world," he said. DeMille, the general manager of Creedmoor Sports, a company that manufactures competitive shooting gear, said the new range is the primary reason his company moved to Anniston from Oceanside, Calif.

Johnson said CMP officials chose the site for the new range, on Turner's Mill Road about 2 miles from the Talladega Superspeedway, because it was secluded enough for their purposes, but close to Interstate 20.

<http://annistonstar.com/bookmark/23788945-Civilian-Marksmanship-Program-plans-20M-firing-range-for-Talladega-County>



The Talladega Police Department

24/7 Tip Line (256) 299-0011 can be used as a way for citizens to anonymously pass along information related to crimes. A live person does not answer this line so any information you have concerning a crime will remain anonymous with no questions asked.

Tip Fund which can pay a cash reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an offender. In order to receive a reward, the person would be required to leave their name and contact information

Neighborhood Watch is one of the oldest and most well known crime prevention concepts in history. It is based upon involvement in your neighborhood as well as building a relationship between the police department and the community. It was formally organized in the 1960's to combat an increasing burglary rate, but informally traced back to the colonial days. This program has been extensively studied and is proven to have a positive impact on communities of all types by decreasing crime.

The Talladega Police Department fully supports the Neighborhood Watch Program and is available to assist neighborhoods and community groups in starting their own Neighborhood Watch program. If you would like more information, please contact the department at 256-362-5561

Public Meeting

Historic Courthouse Square
Design Guidelines

January 30, 2014 City Hall 5:00 pm

Property Owners on the Square, Business and Civic Leaders, and members of the Community are encouraged to attend and become a part of the process of preserving the Square's unique historic appearance while promoting economic growth.

Historic Courthouse Square Guidelines Project

The City of Talladega received a \$14,000 grant from the Alabama Historical Commission with funds available through the Historic Preservation Fund of the National Park Service (US Department of the Interior). The grant funds will be used to develop a detailed set of Design Guidelines for the Historic Courthouse Square District. The Historic District is a one block radius around the Talladega County Courthouse and includes a National Register of Historic Places commercial district with several mixed-use buildings that provide loft apartment opportunities. The end result of this project will be a set of Design Guidelines the local Historic Preservation Commission can use to balance the preservation of the historic features with the cohesive growth of the Courthouse Square District.

During the January 9th meeting, the City Council approved a contract with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood to prepare these Guidelines. A very important part of this Project is community input and the first Public Meeting will be held on January 30, 2014 (Thursday) at 5:00 pm at City Hall. This is the beginning of consistently preserving what is historically unique about our Courthouse Square and planning for the improvements and economic growth of this area. The property owners, business leaders and community need to be involved and understand the process as these historic buildings find new life and purpose in today's Talladega.



For updates on Veterans Park and other community information, please visit www.talladega.com