



2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

Committed to its mission to be the national leader in the delivery of public service, the City of Tallahassee excelled over the past year in meeting the needs of the community. It made substantial progress on strategic priorities to ensure the strength of the community, the vibrancy of neighborhoods, the economic growth of the region and the preservation of natural resources.

The City remained focused on the health of the community by engaging in COVID-19 vaccination and mitigation efforts. With partners, the City hosted 24 vaccine clinics that administered 30,000 inoculations. It established new protocols for City-owned facilities, recreational activities and co-sponsored events, keeping in step with CDC guidelines. It proactively pursued and connected residents to federal grants and American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. With leadership from the City Commission, a balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2022 was proposed and adopted that allocates \$18 million toward meeting critical community needs caused by COVID-19.

Guided by its strategic plan, work continued to combat poverty and improve quality of life. This included supporting the development of more than 1,300 new affordable housing units and the allocation of \$16.3 million in ARP funding to support emergent human service

needs. The City provided more than \$2 million in façade improvement grants for 100 homes within the Greater Bond neighborhood. It also connected at-risk youth to education and economic opportunities. The City's TEMPO program had 70 participants earn their GED this spring, the largest cohort in the program's history.

Through strategic investments, the City affirmed its positioning as a competitive, sustainable, best-in-class capital city. This year, it attracted more than \$840 million in private development, projected to bring more than 5,000 new jobs to Tallahassee.

The City earned top awards for its sustainability efforts, including Gold-level LEED certification and the Florida Airport Council J. Bryan Cooper Environmental Award for its airport-based solar farm. Becoming the Best Public Utility in America, the City won the prestigious E. F. Scattergood System Achievement Award. It also earned industry recognition for having one of the 100 Best Fleets in the nation and the Best Disc Golf Course in the state.

Looking ahead, the City stands well-positioned to become stronger and more resilient. Learn more at [Talgov.com/YearInReview](https://www.talgov.com/YearInReview).

MEETINGS IN JANUARY

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.



ASH IS NOT TRASH

When the weather outside is frightful, a warm fire can be so delightful. Even after a fire dies down, however, coals, embers and ash can retain enough heat to rekindle a fire. Let them cool in place for several days then remove them using a metal shovel and metal container. Wet them down in the container and store them away from combustible materials and refuse. Do not dispose of these items in your garbage container. Cooled, wet ashes can be added to your compost pile or sprinkled around your garden to add nutrients to the soil.



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HAPPY
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Sustainability Tip

Find and fix water leaks. Common areas where leaks occur indoors include toilets, sinks and showers.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

This holiday season, open your heart and home by adopting a pet from Tallahassee Animal Services. Each year, the Animal Service Center (ASC) accepts thousands of animals who are looking to share their endless love with a forever family. To view animals, including kittens, puppies, cats, dogs and exotic pets, that are currently available for adoption, visit the online kennel at Talgov.com/Animals. You can also help connect missing pets with their owners this season by using the Lost and Found portal at Talgov.com/Animals. This portal allows owners to report missing pets and those who find missing pets to report them found. Through the adoption program and Lost and Found portal, Tallahassee Animal Services is helping local pets get home for the holidays.

SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED

This time of year is known as “the season of giving.” To aid those who want to help others, the City of Tallahassee offers Project Share, an assistance program that allows utility customers to donate funds through their utility bill to other utility customers who are elderly, disabled or who have fallen on unforeseen hard times. Project Share, which has been around since 1986, has helped thousands of customers make their monthly utility payments, keeping them and their families safe and comfortable. To donate or apply for Project Share, visit Talgov.com or call 850-891-4968.

GET SPORTY THIS SPRING

Interested in playing spring sports? The City will offer youth baseball and softball, as well as adult softball, flag football and beach volleyball. To register, visit Talgov.com/Parks.

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

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Insight is published monthly to inform citizens about City services and related items of interest. If you require an accommodation because of a disability in order to participate in a program, service or activity, please contact the City's ADA/Title VI Coordinator at least two business days prior to the event at 850-661-3235 or Kathleen.Wright@Talgov.com. For persons using a TDD, please call 711. Sign language interpreters require 10 days advance notice.

WALK BRIGHTLY

Because of limited daylight hours in winter, your daily walk might occur in dark or low-light conditions. Here are tips to help keep you safe:

- Walk in well-lit areas.
- Wear bright or reflective clothing.
- Carry a flashlight.
- Face traffic and walk on the sidewalk or as far away from the road as possible.
- Cross only at designated crosswalks.
- Put your phone down and take off your headphones.
- Walk with a friend or group, if possible.

RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

After the holiday season, recycle your live-cut Christmas tree. The easiest way is to place it behind the curb on your scheduled yard waste collection day. Please remove all decorations first! Customers are reminded to separate yard waste piles from any bulky items set out for pickup. There will also be community drop off sites at Tom Brown Park (443 Easterwood Drive), Myers Park (913 Myers Park Drive) and San Luis Park (131 San Luis Road) where you can take your Christmas tree to be recycled into mulch for use in City parks.

WINTER WEATHER TIPS

When a freeze warning is issued for Tallahassee by the National Weather Service, you can take simple steps to help protect your family, your pipes and your pets.

- Insulate all exposed outside pipes.
- Exercise caution when using supplemental heating units. Keep combustible materials, such as drapes or chairs, at least three feet away from any heating unit.
- Bring outside pets indoors during cold snaps, especially at night when temperatures dip to their lowest.

The City of Tallahassee wants to ensure all residents know what to do when the forecast calls for a hard freeze. Customers can call 850-891-4968 for utility service needs.

SET THE TEMPO

Young, out of work and out of school. If this sounds like people you know, one thing they aren't out of is options. The TEMPO (Tallahassee Engaged in Meaningful Productivity for Opportunity) program offers youth ages 16-24 a positive path forward. TEMPO's overarching goal is to connect local disconnected youth with educational and workforce opportunities. This program is a key connector for those at a crossroads between childhood and adulthood. Learn more at Talgov.com/TEMPO or by calling 850-891-8722.