

## VIBRANT NEIGHBORHOODS



Neighborhood leadership, neighborhood safety, neighborhood beautification – if it has to do with neighborhoods, the City of Tallahassee is engaged. The City provides a variety of programs, grants and support that strengthen local neighborhoods and empower residents.

For example, leading up to hurricane season, the City offers Neighborhood PREP (Plan for Readiness and Emergency Preparedness) workshops during which participants learn what supplies to have on hand, steps to protect their homes and resources available that can help them and their neighbors organize before and after a storm. Check [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) in mid-April for dates and more information.

Every neighborhood has unique needs and goals, and residents are actively engaged across the community. To celebrate the individual achievements of neighborhoods and neighbors each year, the City hosts a Neighborhood Awards program. Applications typically open in spring.

Another popular program is the City's Neighborhood Leadership Academy. Each fall, a cohort of residents gets a first-hand look at the breadth and depth of City services through this multi-week program. Applications typically open in August. To aid resident-led initiatives, the City offers support for neighborhood planning through the Neighborhood First process and for special projects through the Vibrant Neighborhood Grants program. Help is even available to organize a neighborhood cleanup!

To help neighborhoods access these offerings and more, each neighborhood within the City of Tallahassee's boundaries has a Neighborhood Services Coordinator (NSC) assigned to it. It is the role of NSCs to serve as liaisons between neighborhoods and the City, helping residents effectively access City services and get issues resolved. Not sure who your NSC is? Call 850-891-8795 or email [Neighborhoods@Talgov.com](mailto:Neighborhoods@Talgov.com). For more information, visit [Talgov.com/Neighborhoods](http://Talgov.com/Neighborhoods).

*Sustainability Tip*

### **Schedule a free energy audit**

Call 850-891-4968. This can help you identify places to save energy, water and money at your home.



## **GROW YOUR GARDEN**

Just in time for spring, rain garden grants are again available through the City's Think About Personal Pollution (TAPP) program. A rain garden is a landscaped area that is designed to capture and hold excess rainwater for a short period of time, allowing it to soak into the soil and recharge the groundwater. They help slow the flow of water from a yard during and after a storm, which helps reduce water pollution to area waterbodies. Grant applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis until May 31, 2023. Only owners of property located within the Tallahassee City limits are eligible, and first-time applicants will receive priority. Access the application and more information at [TAPPwater.org](http://TAPPwater.org).





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### STAY INFORMED & ENGAGED

Informed, engaged residents are key in creating strong, vibrant communities. Here are six ways that you can stay connected with the City of Tallahassee.

- Visit **Talgov.com**: The City's official website has everything you need to know about every service the City provides.
- Use Digital Subscriptions: The City's email subscription service connects you to City news. To subscribe, go to the Talgov.com homepage and click the green bar labeled "Sign Up to Receive City News."
- Join a Board: Citizen advisory boards aid the City with program and policy development. To learn more, go to the homepage of Talgov.com and click the tab labeled "Our City." From the drop-down menu, select "Citizen Advisory Boards." Go to the tab labeled "Vacancies" to view open board positions.
- Watch WCOT: WCOT is the City's government access channel, which airs on Comcast Cable, CenturyLink Channel 13 and online at Talgov.com/WCOT. Programming includes live coverage of City Commission meetings, fitness classes and much more.
- Get Utility Alerts: Keep your City Utility account contact information current to ensure that you receive important service information, as well as emergency alerts. Update your contact information at **Talgov.com/Update** or call 850-891-4968.
- Follow CityofTLH on Social: Connect with the City on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube by following **@CityofTLH**.



### YARD WASTE TIPS

Spring is fast approaching, and soon, utility customers will be placing piles of yard debris curbside for collection. Yard debris refers to vegetative fragments like tree trimmings, grass clippings, pine straw and leaves. Residential yard debris is collected from behind the curb in front of each residence every other week. When disposing of yard debris, place it within three feet of the curb and away from low-hanging wires, trees and other obstacles, such as mailboxes, fences, etc. Clippings and pine straw may be placed in clear bags or boxes. Limbs must be smaller than 4 inches in diameter and less than 6 feet long. Each pile of limbs and shrubs must be smaller than 6 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. Place yard waste, bags and bulky items in separate piles for pickup no earlier than the weekend before your designated Red or Blue Week. For more information, visit **Talgov.com/YOU**.

### IGNITE YOUR CREATIVITY

The City of Tallahassee's Lafayette Arts and Crafts Center has been serving Tallahassee for over 50 years, offering classes and programs for both youths and adults. Every quarter the center offers classes such as pottery, stained glass, crochet and drawing. It also offers a summer art camp and various workshops throughout the year. Located adjacent to the Sue McCollum Community Center, the Lafayette Arts and Crafts Center is a great place to show your creativity!



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### MEETINGS IN APRIL

Visit 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**. Follow **@CityofTLH** on Twitter for City news.