



Tallahassee is a diverse community with options for people of all ages and interests. Find out more about your new hometown at **Talgov.com**. You can also get current information by liking the City of Tallahassee on Facebook and following @COTNews on Twitter or Instagram. Again, welcome to Tallahassee!

Learn more information about City of Tallahassee services at **Talgov.com**.

## Get Rid of Bulky Items

The City's twice-yearly **Cash for Trash** event returns **Saturday, October 20, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the City's Community Beautification and Waste Management facility, 2727 Municipal Way (off W. Pensacola St. near the Messer Field softball complex). At the event, citizens can dispose of large bulky items, household hazardous waste, automobile tires (4 per customer) and electronics items. City residential utility customers with active garbage service participating in Cash for Trash will receive a \$5 credit toward their City utility bill.

Visit **Talgov.com/YOU** for more information.

## Students: Welcome to Tallahassee

Whether you're a returning student or are in your first year of studies at FSU, FAMU, TCC or one of the other local higher education institutions, the City of Tallahassee welcomes you! The City offers a wide variety of services and programs that will help you settle in and make you happy to call Tallahassee home.

To start, download the City's free mobile app, DigiTally. There, you'll find information about many City services, including StarMetro bus routes, hurricane preparedness and more. You can also easily report issues like power outages and graffiti via the app.

If you're living off campus, you most likely have City utilities. Stay up-to-date with your account by using the e+ Mobile app. You can choose paperless billing, find your garbage collection schedule and learn more at **Talgov.com/YOU**.

Want to reconnect with nature and stay active? There are 88 City parks, each with its own amenities from trails and open spaces to sports leagues and dog parks. You can find one near you with the TallyParks app or at **Talgov.com/Parks**.

If you have a pet, the Animal Service Center offers a low-cost microchip and rabies vaccination clinic on the first Tuesday of every month. They also provide helpful information about being a responsible pet owner. Learn more at **Talgov.com/Animals**.

The Tallahassee Police Department is here to help as well as protect. If you have questions about neighborhood watch, personal defense classes or other community safety concerns, call TPD at 891-4200. Your safety is of the utmost importance. For emergencies, always call 9-1-1.



## Get Behind It

When travelling near downtown Tallahassee, you may notice bright green boxes near the crosswalk at some intersections. These are bike boxes, which are designed to create a safe location for cyclists and reduce bike and vehicle collisions. As a driver, your job is simple – stop behind the white line. Cyclists stop in the bike box, and pedestrians use the crosswalk.

To learn more about bike boxes, visit **Talgov.com/Traffic**.

COMING IN OCTOBER	
Oct 16	Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency retreat at 9 am (location TBD)
Oct 24	City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm
<p><i>All meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall (300 S. Adams St.), unless noted otherwise. Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. City Commission meetings are shown live and rebroadcast on WCOT, the City's government access channel (Comcast Cable and CenturyLink channel 13). City Commission meetings are also streamed live online and are indexed and posted for viewing on <b>Talgov.com</b>. Call the Department of Communications at 891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at <b>Talgov.com</b>. Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.</i></p>	

## Drain and Cover

Don't take chances with mosquito-borne illnesses. Take precautions to reduce your contact with mosquitoes and to stop mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business. Protect yourself and your family with these easy steps:

- Drain standing water to stop mosquitoes from multiplying.
- Cover your skin with clothing and use mosquito repellent.
- Cover doors and windows with screens to keep mosquitoes out.

For more information, visit [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov).

## National Preparedness Month

September is National Preparedness Month. This annual observation encourages Americans to take steps to prepare for emergencies of all kinds, like hurricanes, wildfires, floods and more. That's why this year's theme is "Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How." There are many ways to prepare, from learning lifesaving skills like CPR to verifying that your insurance covers the hazards you may face. This month, take practical safety steps to better protect your family, like learning how to shut off your water and gas service, identifying family meeting points and updating important contact numbers.

Learn more at [Talgov.com/Emergency](http://Talgov.com/Emergency) or [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov).



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## Got Gas?

Have you seen the loose wire sticking out of the ground under your gas meter? This wire is not a "loose" wire at all – it serves an important safety function. This is a "tracer wire," which is installed next to the gas pipe when it is run underground from the gas main at the street to a house. The wire aboveground is often wrapped loosely around the base of the gas supply pipe running to the meter. Because many gas pipes today are plastic and not electronically traceable, the wire can be energized at a frequency that is recognized by a hand-held tracing tool to locate the path of the pipe and prevent damage from digging.

For more information about the City's Gas Utility, visit [Talgov.com/YOU](http://Talgov.com/YOU).

## Monroe Street Project Complete

The City of Tallahassee has completed its project to upgrade water and sewer lines along North Monroe Street from Thomasville Road to John Knox Blvd. This project enhances reliability for area residents and provides capacity for future demand. Later this year, the Florida Department of Transportation will repave the road, once again creating a smooth ride. The City's project was proactively planned in advance of this scheduled FDOT work to limit future impacts to the fresh road surface.

Learn more about FDOT projects at [www.FDOT.gov](http://www.FDOT.gov).



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For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquiries, please call 891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

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