



CITY ADOPTS SUSTAINABILITY GOAL

The Tallahassee City Commission voted unanimously to adopt a Clean Energy Resolution, further strengthening the City of Tallahassee's commitment to sustainability. Developed in collaboration with Tally35, the City's Utility Citizens Advisory Committee and the local chapter of the Sierra Club, the resolution outlines the City's goal of moving the organization and community to 100 percent renewable energy by 2050, including setting milestone markers.

Per the resolution, the goal for 100 percent renewable energy includes both public and private uses of energy. When the goal is met, the City will, on average, produce as much clean renewable energy as the community consumes, and any unavoidable use of non-renewable energy will be balanced by the export of renewable energy to other communities.

The following milestone markers were adopted as part of the effort to reach the ultimate goal:

- Operation of all City facilities using 100 percent renewable energy no later than 2035
- Shift City light duty vehicles to 100 percent electric no later than 2035
- Shift StarMetro fixed route buses to 100 percent electric no later than 2035
- The remainder of the City's vehicle fleet will move to all electric as the technology becomes available for reliable service delivery.

Progress is already being made toward these milestones. StarMetro is in the process of purchasing 15 new, all-electric buses as part of a partnership with Florida State University. This means one-third of the City's daily bus fleet will be electric.

The City is also expanding its solar energy production. Tallahassee's first commercial solar farm, which is a 20-megawatt (MW) facility, came online at the beginning of 2018, and construction on Solar Farm 2, which is slated to be a 40MW facility, will begin later this year. The new facility is expected to be operational in 2020.

As the community works to reach the ambitious goal set by the Clean Energy Resolution, the City will continue to focus on its operations and customers' energy use. From incorporating compressed natural gas-powered vehicles within the City's fleet to performing more than 58,000 free energy audits for customers, the City's wide-ranging endeavors have and will continue to reduce the community's dependence on fossil fuels, reduce emissions and improve local air quality.

Enjoying a clean, healthy environment is a hallmark of life in Tallahassee. Learn more about City operations and its many sustainability programs at Talgov.com.



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MEETINGS IN MAY

May 14 Joint City of Tallahassee / Leon County Public Hearing - 2019 Cycle Comp Plan at 6 pm at the Leon County Courthouse, 301 S. Monroe St.

May 15 City Commission workshop at 1 pm

May 15 City Commission meeting at 4 pm

May 16 Community Redevelopment Agency board meeting at 9:30 am

May 21 Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency Board meeting at 1:30 pm

May 27 Memorial Day holiday; administrative offices closed (City service schedules change during holiday weeks. Visit Talgov.com for information.)

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 Talgov.com. Call the Department of Communications at 891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at Talgov.com. Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.





CALL BEFORE YOU DIG!

Damage from digging is the most common cause of underground natural gas leaks. Knowing where underground utility lines are buried before you begin a digging project on your property is the best way to avoid being injured and disrupting utility service to your neighborhood. The depth of utility lines varies, and there may be multiple utility lines in the same area. If you are planning to do any outdoor activities, don't forget to call 811 before you dig.

**IF YOU
SMELL
GAS**

Immediately leave the area and phone City Utilities at 891-4968 from another location. Staff is available 24 hours a day.

Sustainability Tip

In hot weather, set your AC thermostat to 78 degrees or your highest comfortable temperature. For the AC's fan setting, always choose AUTO; never choose ON.



ECOCITIZEN DAY

In partnership with WFSU, Florida Fish & Wildlife and the Coastal Plains Institute, we're celebrating citizen science and the diversity of life in Tallahassee with EcoCitizen Day, a City Nature Challenge event. Using the iNaturalist app on your phone (available for download in the Apple and Google Play stores), you can contribute to the challenge by logging nature sightings any time and any place in town from April 26-29. Your contributions will automatically count toward our tally. Want to be more involved? Join in the BioBlitz event on Saturday, April 27. This free event features guest speakers, live music and meet-and-greets with PBS KIDS Nature Cat. Visit wfsu.org/ecologyblog for more details.



NATIONAL FAIR HOUSING MONTH

The City of Tallahassee supports fair housing and recognizes April as National Fair Housing Month. It is illegal to consider race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status or disability in housing decisions. If you have been denied your housing rights, you may have experienced unlawful discrimination. For more information, please visit Talgov.com or call 891-8290.



PLEDGE TO CONSERVE WATER

Tallahassee sits on top of one of the largest and most abundant sources of groundwater in the world – the Floridan Aquifer. This important natural resource provides our drinking water. In honor of Earth Month, we invite you to join us in preserving and protecting this resource by pledging to reduce your water use. Conservation now can help ensure that generations of Tallahasseeans can have access to clean, safe drinking water. Take the pledge today at www.mywaterpledge.com. This effort is part of the 2019 National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation.

Actions big and small make a difference when it comes to water conservation, making it easy for the whole family to get involved. Learn about programs offered by City Utilities that can help you use water wisely at Talgov.com.



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