



MARCH 2020



A COMMUNITY APPROACH TO SAFETY

In 2019, our community had energetic and robust conversations about public safety. Like never before, residents participated in activities and contributed to decisions relating to the Tallahassee Police Department. That momentum has carried into 2020.

One of the largest engagement efforts of the past year was the process to identify a location for the next police headquarters. TPD has outgrown its current headquarters, which was originally built as a school and is nearly 100 years old. Building a new facility will require a large public investment and have ripple effects for the surrounding community. Ensuring residents have a voice in the process is vital.

Launching the effort, 68 site proposals were received from the community. Through multiple rounds of evaluation and public input, the list was narrowed multiple times. After considering community feedback and property analyses, the City Commission selected the Northwood Centre site to be the next home of TPD's headquarters.

The second site under consideration – the Lake Bradford Road Wastewater Treatment Plant – will also be developed; the Commission voted unanimously to build a new Tallahassee Fire Department station at the location.

As this project moves from a bold idea to physical amenities for our city, community input will continue to be incorporated.

Leading the charge for TPD will be the newly hired Chief of Police, who was selected from a nationwide pool of 52 candidates following a robust selection process. In January, Chief Lawrence Revell was sworn-in and immediately took steps to strengthen community engagement, hosting and attending a variety of events to develop a dialogue with residents. To continue this effort and enhance the flow of information between TPD and the community, he established a Citizens Advisory Committee.

Additionally, TPD continues to implement proactive, community-based solutions that complement law enforcement efforts, from prevention campaigns like #9PMRoutine to community philanthropy like Bigs in Blue to educational classes like RAD (Rape Aggression Defense).

These efforts reflect the holistic approach required to affect real change in public safety. Moving forward, the City and TPD will continue to work hand-in-hand with residents to make Tallahassee safer, resilient and inclusive.

MEETINGS IN APRIL

Apr 8 City Commission workshop at 1 pm

Apr 8 City Commission meeting at 4 pm

Apr 14 Joint City/County Adoption Hearing (small scale) and Transmittal Hearing (large scale) and rezonings for 2020 Comp Plan Amendments at 6 pm

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

Apr 22 City Commission meeting at 4 pm

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 850-891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at Talgov.com. Follow @CityofTLH on Twitter for City news.

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**APRIL
18 & 19**

**FREE AND OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**



**Chain of Parks
ART FESTIVAL**



TENNIS CHALLENGER RETURNS

From April 20–26, the City’s Forestmeadows Tennis Complex, 4750 N. Meridan Road, will be home to the Tallahassee Tennis Challenger. This men’s

professional USTA/ATP Challenger Tour event benefits the D. Mark Vogter M.D. Memorial Endowment for Neuro-Intensive Care at Tallahassee Memorial Hospital and the City’s tennis facilities through the Friends of Our Parks Foundation’s Maria Yealdhall Challenger Tennis Fund. This is your opportunity to watch world-class competitors right here in Tallahassee. Learn more at TallahasseeChallenger.com.



PROJECT SHARE

Heating and cooling typically accounts for the largest portion of residents’ utility bills. For some residents, it is a struggle to put enough money together to stay warm during the winter or cool

in the summer. Fortunately, the City has a long-standing program that allows you to help those truly in need. Project Share has aided thousands of City utility customers thanks to the generosity of other City utility customers. Project Share funds are administered locally by the Capital Area Community Action Agency, and each application is carefully screened to ensure funds are distributed to those truly in need. If you are willing and able to help, call 850-891-4968 and tell the customer service representative that you would like to donate to Project Share.



MAKE IT COUNT. THE 2020 CENSUS.

Every ten years, an enormous effort is conducted - counting every living person in the United States for the official Census. The stakes are high, and the

results will influence federal funding, grant distribution, political representation and future planning for years to come. This feat is spearheaded by the U.S. Census Bureau but made possible by the actions of local governments. The City is committed to ensuring a successful outcome for the Census 2020 effort in our area. To learn about the Census, how the data collected will be used and what to expect next, visit Talgov.com/Census.

Sustainability Tip

Install and set a programmable thermostat to help you save on heating and cooling costs.



SAFETY IS RAD

To help women develop techniques to protect themselves, the Tallahassee Police Department proudly offers free R.A.D. (Rape Aggression Defense) classes. The R.A.D. System is a comprehensive,

women-only course that begins with awareness, prevention, risk reduction and risk avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training. There are opportunities to take this free two-day training in April, May, July, August, October and December. Learn more at Talgov.com/TPD.



CASH FOR TRASH RETURNS

Cash for Trash will be held on Saturday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. for residential customers. The event will take place at the City’s Community

Beautification and Waste Management facility, 2727 Municipal Way. As a thank you for participating, City residential utility customers with active garbage service will receive a \$5 credit toward their utility bill. Customers may bring large bulky items such as furniture, appliances, large toys and special wastes such as batteries, fluorescent lamps, computers and automobile tires (limit of four per customer; no commercial tires) for disposal or recycling. Visit Talgov.com/YOU for more information.

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