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TAKE THE CLEAN ENERGY SURVEY

The City of Tallahassee has long been a pioneer among municipal governments in adopting environmentally sustainable practices and incorporating clean, renewable energy into the fabric of its infrastructure. Examples of this commitment to our environment can be found in the City's Tallahassee Solar program, which boasts the world's largest airport-based solar facility, and the City's Energy Smart Plus (e+) program, which offers grants, loans and rebates to utility customers who purchase energy efficient appliances and complete energy saving home upgrades.

Last year, that commitment to sustainability was reinforced when the Tallahassee City Commission voted unanimously to adopt a Clean Energy

Resolution. This bold step made the City one of the first municipalities in Florida to solidify its energy goals in the form of a resolution. The Clean Energy Resolution outlines the City's goal of moving the organization and community to 100 percent clean, renewable energy by 2050.

To help determine what that transition looks like for Tallahassee, the City has released a Clean Energy Survey. This survey will help build a sustainable map toward the most effective renewable policies and technologies best suited for our community's needs. To weigh in on our community's energy future, visit **Talgov.com** today to take the survey. Your feedback will be invaluable in helping our community protect our environment for generations to come.

MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

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.

TALLAHASSEE TOGETHER

A Virtual Race Relations Summit OCTOBER 29, 2020

The City of Tallahassee is hosting a virtual Race Relations Summit and you are invited. Featuring local community leaders and renowned experts on issues including housing, law enforcement, engaging our youth and more. Join us for a day of thought-provoking presentations from more than 15 speakers leading discussions designed to bring our community together in the spirit of collaboration and unity.

**For a list of workshops
and to register, visit
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CITY'S GREEN FLEET RECOGNIZED

Recently, the City was recognized for having one of the Top 50 Green Fleets in

North America. The City's Fleet Management Department was commended for its commitment to sustainability in transportation operations. This includes operating and maintaining a fleet that runs on conventional fuels (gas and diesel), electricity, alternative fuels (bio-diesel) and hybrid energy sources. The department oversees the City's extensive fleet, including light-duty hybrid vehicles, traditional fire trucks, StarMetro's all-electric buses and more. To learn about the City's commitment to utilizing alternative fuels, visit Talgov.com.

Sustainability Tip

Prepare now for winter heating by servicing or upgrading your home heating systems. If you're replacing older heating equipment, loans and rebates may be available to help. Call 850-891-4968 or visit Talgov.com.



NEW WATER QUALITY LABORATORY

Last month, the Mayor and City Commissioners broke ground on a new, state-of-the-art Water

Quality Laboratory, which will help further ensure high-quality drinking water for our community. The new Water Quality Laboratory will be constructed near the existing laboratory at the Thomas P. Smith Water Reclamation Facility, located at 4505 Springhill Road. Construction of the 8,720 square-foot building will be overseen by a local firm, CSI Contracting Inc., and is anticipated to last 12 months. Annually, the City's water laboratory performs 30,000 tests on our community's drinking water. The laboratory is certified by the Florida Department of Health and the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program. To learn more about our best tasting drinking water, visit Talgov.com.



WEEMS ROAD NOW OPEN

The section of Weems Road between Mahan and Easterwood drives is now open to traffic. Last month, the Weems Road Pedestrian and Street Safety (PASS) project was completed, following the opening of the Weems Road extension north of Mahan Drive. Combined, these two projects represent an investment of more than \$20 million by the City to build connections, enhance mobility, provide quality infrastructure and ultimately strengthen the community. Residents can now bike, walk and drive the full length of Weems Road. To learn more about infrastructure projects in our community, visit Talgov.com.



COOK WITH CAUTION

Cooking fires are the number one cause of home fires. Use these tips to protect yourself and your home.

- Don't leave the kitchen while frying, grilling or broiling food.
- For a dish with a longer cook time, use a timer as a reminder to check the dish regularly.
- Move anything that can catch fire away from your stovetop.
- Test smoke alarms monthly to hear the "beep." Properly installed smoke alarms can give a warning in case of fire to help you escape in time.

For more information on fire safety, visit Talgov.com.

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

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