

## NEW BUDGET YEAR BEGINS



The City of Tallahassee's new fiscal year began on October 1. OpenGov makes it easy to stay informed and involved with the budget process year-round. This tool (accessible at [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com) under "Our City") provides direct access to the City's financial information, including revenues and expenditures, allowing citizens to customize views, explore data and download reports. The City's five-year Strategic Plan helps guide budget development to address current needs while planning for the future and providing ample opportunities for citizen input. More information is available on [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com).

## CITY'S HOUSING EFFORTS HONORED

The City of Tallahassee earned statewide honors as the recipient of the Florida Housing Coalition 2023 State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Award for its rehabilitation and new construction programs. With affordable housing prioritized in its five-year Strategic Plan, the City provides a variety of programs to rehabilitate and enhance existing housing inventory, as well as to facilitate and encourage the construction of new affordable housing units. As part of the City's efforts to support a strong community with vibrant neighborhoods, these programs help keep low-income homeowners in safe, healthy homes and aid others on the path to homeownership. Learn more at [Talgov.com/Housing](https://www.talgov.com/Housing).



Prepare now for winter heating by servicing or upgrading your home heating systems. If you're replacing older heating equipment, City of Tallahassee loans and rebates may be available to help. Call 850-891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com/you](https://www.talgov.com/you).



## TECHNOLOGY ASSISTS LAW ENFORCEMENT

The new Capital Region Real Time Crime Center is open. This facility is a collaboration that brings together resources of local law enforcement and the nation's leading criminology researchers in an effort to make the community safer. The center is a partnership between the Florida State University Police Department, Leon County Sheriff's Office, Tallahassee Police Department and Florida Department of Law Enforcement that is tasked with improving communication, intelligence sharing and coordination between agencies.



## CITY DISC GOLF COURSE IS TOPS IN STATE



Established in 2002, the disc golf course at the City of Tallahassee's Tom Brown Park is the oldest of the top five courses in the state; it is also ranked #1. Disc golf is one of the country's fastest growing sports, and the City is proud to offer two challenging courses – the other is at Jack McLean Park. Disc golf is considered a lifetime sport for the whole family, offering a great way to enjoy the outdoors and get some exercise while having fun. The rules of the game are similar to ball golf, but disc golf is played by throwing a Frisbee-like disc from a tee pad into a wire basket. Learn more about the City's two disc golf courses at [Talgov.com/Parks](http://Talgov.com/Parks).

## SAVE THE DATE FOR HOLIDAY FUN

Mark your calendar now to join in the fun on Friday, Dec. 1, when the Tallahassee Senior Center becomes a winter wonderland at Deck the Halls. With festive food and drinks, music and good cheer, this is a great event for a great cause – to support senior services! Get details about the many events always happening at the Senior Center at [Talgov.com/Seniors](http://Talgov.com/Seniors).



## KITCHEN FIRE SAFETY



Each October, the City of Tallahassee Fire Department and National Fire Prevention Association promote Fire Prevention Week to enhance public safety through education and awareness. Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home fire injuries. Implement these steps to reduce your risk and prevent cooking fires.

- Never leave cooking unattended.
- Move flammable items, like paper towels and potholders, away from the stove.
- Make sure children and pets stay at least three feet away from a hot stove, grill or fryer.
- Turn handles of pots or pans toward the back of the stove so no one can bump them or pull them over.

If an accident happens, it's important to know how to respond.

- Keep a lid nearby to smother small grease fires. Smother the fire by sliding the lid over the pan and turn off the stovetop. Leave the pan covered until it is completely cooled.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.

When in doubt, get out! Fires can spread quickly. To help you get the early warning necessary to escape a deadly fire, ensure your home's smoke alarms are properly placed and maintained. For more fire safety information, visit [Talgov.com/Fire](http://Talgov.com/Fire).

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## MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

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