

Putting Neighborhoods First



The City's network of neighborhoods sets us apart from any other community. Neighborhood leadership, neighborhood safety, neighborhood beautification – if it has to do with neighborhoods, the City of Tallahassee is engaged. Through its Neighborhood

Affairs division in collaboration with other departments, the City provides a variety of programs that strengthen local neighborhoods and empower residents. Leading up to hurricane season, the City offers workshops for its popular Neighborhood PREP (Plan for Readiness and Emergency Preparedness) program. During this year's virtual presentations, participants will learn what supplies to have on hand, steps to protect their home and resources available that can help them and their neighbors organize before and after a storm. Check Talgov.com in mid-April for dates and more information.

Each fall, a cohort of residents gets a first-hand look at the breadth and depth of City services through its Neighborhood Leadership Academy. Applications for this multi-week program typically open in August.

Every neighborhood has unique needs and goals. To support resident-led initiatives, the City offers support for neighborhood planning through the Neighborhood First process and special projects through the Vibrant Neighborhood Grants program.

To help neighborhoods access these offerings and more, each neighborhood within the City of Tallahassee's boundaries has a Neighborhood Services Coordinator (NSC) assigned to it. It is the role of NSCs to serve as liaisons between neighborhoods and the City, helping residents effectively access City services and get issues resolved. Not sure who your NSC is? Call 850-891-8795 or email Neighborhoods@Talgov.com. For more information, visit Talgov.com/Neighborhoods.



Sustainability Tip

Schedule a free energy audit by calling 850-891-4968. This can help you identify places to save energy, water and money at your home.



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Stay Safe While Swimming

If you find yourself daydreaming about the return of warm temperatures and getting back to swimming, this is the perfect time to make sure everyone in your house is prepared for the fun! Use these tips from the Tallahassee Fire Department to help you stay safe around water:

- Install barriers around your home pool or hot tub.
- Safety tools, like a pool hook or rescue tube, should be kept nearby.
- Actively supervise children whenever they are in or near the water.
- Install proper lighting around the pool. Motion sensors can help make sure a light is always on when needed.

For those who want to learn or brush up their swimming skills, the City's Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs department offers swim lessons for ages 6 months to adults (13 & older). Check Talgov.com/Aquatics this spring to register.

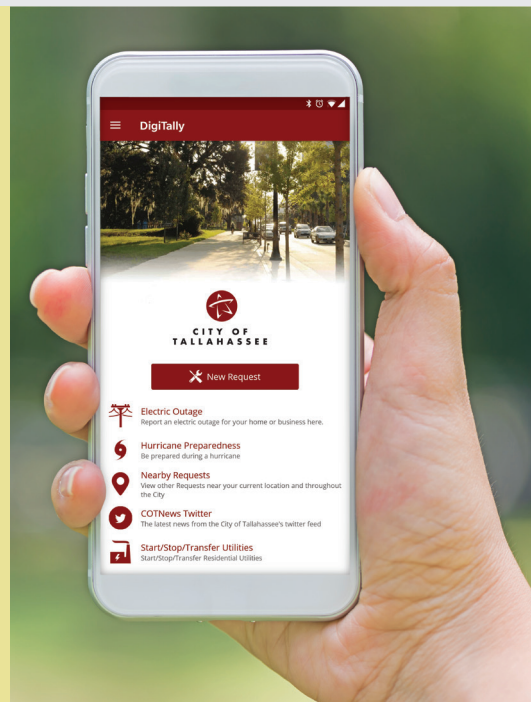
Additionally, the City is looking for great lifeguards. In partnership with the American Red Cross, the Aquatics Division offers lifeguard training classes for those interested in protecting the safety of swimmers.

For details, visit Talgov.com/Aquatics or call 850-891-4903.

Stay Informed and Engaged

Informed, engaged residents are key in creating strong, vibrant communities. Here are six ways that you can stay connected with the City of Tallahassee.

- **Visit Talgov.com:** The City's official website has everything you need to know about every service the City provides.
- **Use Digital Subscriptions:** The City's email subscription service connects you to City news. To subscribe, go to the Talgov.com homepage and click the green bar labeled "Sign Up to Receive City News."
- **Join a Board:** Citizen advisory boards aid the City with program and policy development. To learn more, go to the homepage of Talgov.com and click the tab labeled "Our City." From the drop-down menu, select "Citizen Advisory Board" Go to the tab labeled "Vacancies" to view open board positions.
- **Watch WCOT:** WCOT is the City's government access channel, which airs on Comcast Cable CenturyLink channel 13 and online at Talgov.com/WCOT. Programming includes live coverage of City Commission meetings, updates on City projects and much more.
- **Get Utility Alerts:** Keep your City Utility account contact information current to ensure that you receive important service information, as well as emergency alerts. Update your contact information at Talgov.com/Update or call 850-891-4968.
- **Follow CityofTLH on Social:** Connect with the City on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram YouTube by following @CityofTLH.



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APRIL MEETINGS

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.