

YEAR IN REVIEW

The City of Tallahassee was founded 198 years ago as Florida's capital city. Today, the City proudly serves a diverse community of nearly 200,000 neighbors in all facets of life, work and recreation. Each day, a devoted workforce of nearly 4,000 people come together to ensure the needs of the community are met through municipal service.

During Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22), the City again demonstrated its strength and resilience as an organization and a community. Significant progress was made on strategic priorities outlined in the Five-Year Strategic Plan, and efforts continued to ensure the strength of our community, the vibrancy of our neighborhoods, the economic growth of our region, the preservation of our natural resources and the quality of life of our citizens.

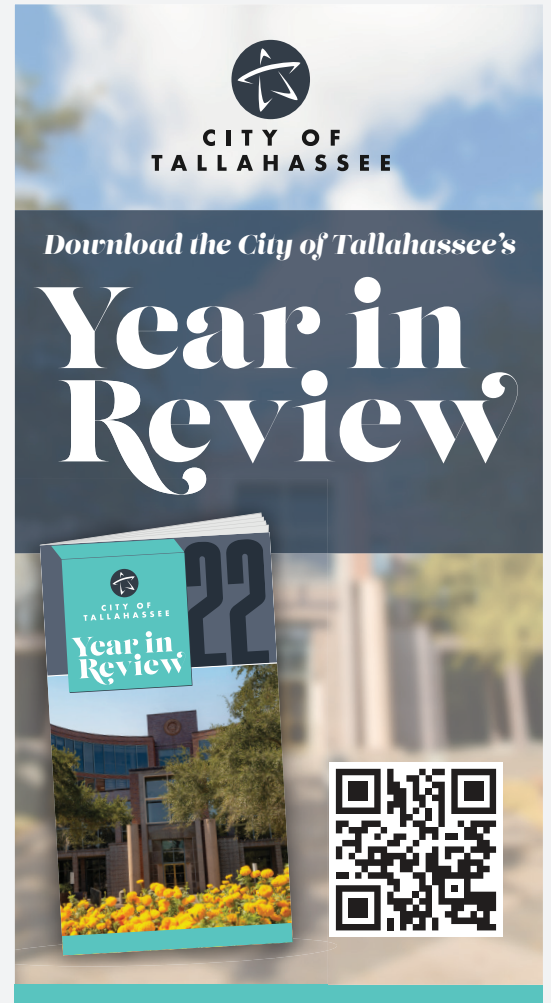
Of note, the City focused on mitigating the financial strain members of the community experienced this past year. While many across the country are seeing substantial increases in their electric bills, the City took proactive measures to save utility customers \$75 million in FY22 through price hedging agreements for natural gas. Average residential electric bills in Tallahassee are \$106 and remain well below the state average of \$154. Additionally, the City provided nearly \$2 million in residential and commercial energy efficiency loans and \$1 million in rebates and grants for energy-efficiency upgrades to utility customers.

You can learn more and read an overview of what the City accomplished in the annual Year in Review, which is available at [Talgov.com/YearInReview](https://www.talgov.com/YearInReview).

Here are some highlights:

- Increased affordable housing units in the pipeline to more than 1,900, a number greater than the last 25 years combined
- Broke ground on the International Processing Facility at Tallahassee International Airport
- Achieved placement on the National Register of Historic Places for Jake Gaither Golf Course
- Committed more than \$380 million in Southside infrastructure and capital improvement projects in the next five years
- Identified and reserved \$1 million in the FY23 budget to address gun violence in the community based on Commission direction.

By focusing on its mission to be the national leader in the delivery of public service, the City has affirmed its position as a competitive, sustainable, best-in-class municipality. Stay engaged year-round by signing up for City news at [Talgov.com/Subscribe](https://www.talgov.com/Subscribe), following [@CityofTLH](https://twitter.com/CityofTLH) on social media, reading Insight monthly and checking [Talgov.com](https://www.talgov.com) regularly.



SHARE WITH THOSE IN NEED

This time of year is known as “the season of giving.” To aid those who want to help others, the City of Tallahassee offers Project Share, an assistance program that allows utility customers to donate funds through their utility bill to other utility customers who are elderly, disabled or who have fallen on unforeseen hard times. Project Share, which has been around since 1986, has helped thousands of customers make their monthly utility payments, keeping them and their families safe and comfortable. To donate or apply for Project Share, visit Talgov.com or call 850-891-4968.



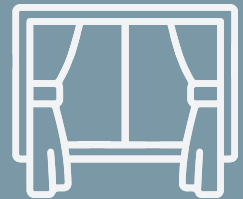
RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



After the holiday season, recycle your live-cut Christmas tree. The easiest way is to place it behind the curb on your scheduled yard waste collection day. Please remove all decorations first! Customers are reminded to separate yard waste piles from any bulky items set out for pickup. There will also be community drop off sites at Tom Brown Park (443 Easterwood Drive), Myers Park (913 Myers Park Drive) and San Luis Park (131 San Luis Road) where you can take your Christmas tree to be recycled into mulch for use in City parks.



Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home. Close them at night to reduce heat loss & the chill you feel from cold windows



ASH IS NOT TRASH



When the weather outside is frightful, a warm fire can be so delightful. Even after a fire dies down, however, coals, embers and ash can retain enough heat to rekindle a fire. Let them cool in place for several days

then remove them using a metal shovel and metal container. Wet them down in the container and store them away from combustible materials and refuse. Do not dispose of these items in your garbage container. Cooled, wet ashes can be added to your compost pile or sprinkled around your garden to add nutrients to the soil.

SPRING SPORTS FOR YOUTHS AND ADULTS

Interested in playing spring sports?

The City will offer youth baseball and softball, as well as adult softball, flag football and beach volleyball.

To register, visit Talgov.com/Parks.



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MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

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.

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