

FIND MORE FUN

This Park & Recreation Month, explore your favorite local outdoor spaces or find a new one. With over 70 miles of scenic trails and 4,000 acres of well-managed parkland ranging from neighborhood playgrounds to regional parks, the City of Tallahassee is proud that over 90 percent of Tallahassee residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park or greenspace. Whether you want to stay active or find peace and quiet, the City's more than 100 parks offer fun for people of all ages and abilities in every corner of our community.

The City's park system runs the gamut from active recreational complexes complete with a wide variety of athletic facilities – like Forestmeadows and Tom Brown Park – to passive parks where visitors can see native Florida flora and fauna in peaceful surroundings – like Brinkley Glen and Governor's Park. Many of our parks offer a mix of both – like Cascades Park with its paved paths, perfect picnic spots and popular amphitheater or Myers Park with its nature trail, ball fields and tennis courts. Learn more and find your summer fun at [Talgov.com/Parks](https://www.talgov.com/Parks).



REFLECT ON AMERICA'S 250TH AT RILEY CENTER & MUSEUM



Included as a stop on the official America250FL Roadtrip (america250fl.com/roadtrip), the Riley Center & Museum was constructed circa 1890 on the fringe of a community called Smokey Hollow. Originally a private home, the owner was a former enslaved man, John Gilmore Riley, who rose to prominence as an educator and civic leader.

Today, the Riley Center & Museum serves as an important symbol of African American history in Florida's Capital City. A multifaceted exhibition titled "African Americans in Tallahassee: The World Wars and Post-War Life" is on display through the end of 2026. Through the lens of Tallahassee's African American community, the exhibit explores how global

conflict shaped lives at home and abroad and how resilience carried them forward during the transformative decades that followed. Using biographies, historical photographs, archival documents, artifacts, audiovisual media and interpretive displays, the exhibition offers a comprehensive narrative, examining how Black men and women navigated military service, wartime labor, segregation and civic life at home, while unknowingly laying the groundwork for the modern Civil Rights Movement.

A dedicated interpretive component of the exhibition recognizes America's Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) and situates African American service and civic participation within the nation's founding ideals.

Located at 419 E. Jefferson Street, the Riley Center & Museum is operated and maintained by the City of Tallahassee. Plan your visit at RileyMuseum.org.

COMMITTED TO WATER QUALITY



The City of Tallahassee's annual Water Quality Report once again confirms the exceptional water quality provided by the City to its water customers. Drinking water standards for quality and safety in Florida are established at extremely stringent levels by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Florida Department of Health.

The 2025 Water Quality Report, a federally mandated publication that's also known as the Consumer Confidence Report, provides the monitoring data and explains the source and treatment process for the City's drinking water. The 2025 report is based on the results of monitoring for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025, unless noted otherwise.

For more than 120 years, the City has been providing safe, clean drinking water to the community. The best way residents can help ensure that high-quality drinking water delivered to their property makes it from the City's distribution system to their faucet is to maintain their home or business's plumbing system. One way to do this is to flush the plumbing system if it's been stagnant for an extended period. This can be done by running cold water from all the faucets and hose bibs for several minutes to

allow fresh water into the building's plumbing. Customers should also consider replacing older pipes.

Always remember to use water wisely. Steps including turning water off while brushing your teeth, fixing leaky toilets or faucets and using rain sensors on your irrigation systems can help conserve water now and safeguard this resource for future generations.

For more information about the City of Tallahassee's water utility and to view previous reports, visit Talgov.com/WaterQuality.

TRY SOMETHING NEW



The Tallahassee Senior Center's L3X (LifeLong Learning Extravaganza) annual program returns this September! The program offers a robust month of classes, tours, workshops, recreational activities, field trips

and entertainment on the broad themes of art, music, science, history, culture, food and drink. Follow the Tallahassee Senior Center on Facebook or visit TallahasseeSeniorFoundation.org/L3X for details about L3X "Preview Parties" in August, which will be held at the Tallahassee Senior Center, 1400 N. Monroe St.

FINANCE ECO-UPGRADES



Interested in making your home more energy efficient? The City of Tallahassee offers 5 percent interest financing for more than 25 energy-efficiency measures, including energy efficient air conditioners; natural gas furnaces; electric heat pumps; natural gas water

heaters; electric heat pump water heaters; floor, wall and ceiling insulation; natural gas dryers, ranges and standby generators; solar photovoltaic systems; and ENERGY STAR certified refrigerators, freezers, windows and sliding doors. Learn more to help get your project started at Talgov.com/Loans.

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MEETINGS IN AUGUST

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.