

EARTH MONTH, EVERY MONTH

While every April is Earth Month, at the City of Tallahassee, we strive every day to integrate sustainability into all that we do. The City continues to lead the region in transitioning its buses and light-duty fleet to low- and zero-emission vehicles, investing in infrastructure and expanding recreational opportunities, while providing best-in-class service. From broad initiatives like the Clean Energy Plan to individually tailored efforts like residential energy audits, the City works to care for the people and places that make Tallahassee such a great place to live, work and play.

Below are five actions you can implement to reduce your impact on our environment and conserve natural resources.

- Insulate your home by sealing gaps around windows and doors and ensuring proper ceiling insulation.
- Repair water leaks quickly. A hot water leak is especially important to fix as it also wastes energy.
- Set your thermostat wisely. The smaller the difference between the outdoor and indoor temperature, the less your cooling/heating system needs to work.
- Divert waste from the landfill by composting food scraps; recycling paper, plastic, glass and metal; and donating, repurposing or re-homing gently used items.
- Walk, bike, carpool or use public transportation whenever possible.



Learn more about the City's sustainability efforts and ways you can get engaged at Talgov.com/Sustainability.

Sustainability Tip

As temperatures rise, water lawns once or twice a week for 30 minutes in the early morning. Adjust for rainfall and avoid overwatering to keep your lawn healthy and conserve water.



TALLAHASSEE LINEMEN SHOWCASE SKILLS



The annual Florida Lineman Competition, held last month, brought together electric lineworkers from across the state to demonstrate their skill and knowledge. Competitors took on various challenges such as replacing crossarms and insulators on utility poles, replacing blown arrestors, crossing poles and completing a simulation of rescuing injured lineworkers. The competition also included a Mutual Aid Event, where teams were formed from three different utilities, emphasizing the importance of industry collaboration.

"The City of Tallahassee's electric utility continues to set the standard for excellence, whether it's delivering reliable service to our community, providing mutual aid in times of need, or competing on a statewide or national stage. Their performance at the Florida Lineman Competition is a testament to our commitment to developing industry leaders who rise to every challenge. I am incredibly proud of this team and the work they do every day to power Tallahassee forward." -Mike Crow, Assistant General Manager - Power Delivery

City teams took home a whole lot of hardware, earning second and third place in the Journeyman Event and claiming six of the top 20 spots (out of 77) in the Apprentice Event. Hats off to the City of Tallahassee Electric Utility competitors who put their skills to work in service of our community every day!

CONNECT WITH HISTORY AT THE JOHN G. RILEY CENTER/MUSEUM



The second of a four-part, four-year exhibition series that depicts the lives of Blacks in Tallahassee from the Antebellum Period to the Civil Rights Era is now open at the John G. Riley Center/Museum for African American History & Culture.

"African Americans in Tallahassee: The Civil War and Reconstruction Era" is the theme of the multifaceted show that runs through the end of 2025. The exhibition offers "a comprehensive narrative of resistance, resilience and success against all odds," said Riley Museum executive director Aron L. Myers, Ph.D.



PRESERVING HISTORY & CULTURE

The exhibit begins in the museum's Visitor Center, with Tallahassee during the Civil War Era, and ends in the historic Riley House next door. It examines what life was like for newly freed African Americans in

Tallahassee, profiles Civil War era pioneers who persevered despite unimaginable hurdles and shines a light on the life and legacy of John G. Riley, the museum's namesake.

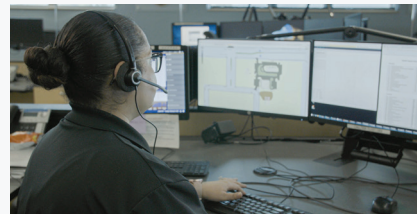
Plan your visit at RileyMuseum.org or call 850-891-3560.

RECOGNIZING FAIR HOUSING MONTH

The City of Tallahassee supports fair housing and recognizes April as National Fair Housing Month. Congress passed the Fair Housing Act in April 1968 immediately following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Amended in 1988, the Act guarantees equal housing opportunities for all people and makes it illegal to discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, family status or disability. If you think you have been denied your housing rights, you may have experienced unlawful discrimination. For more information, please visit Talgov.com/Housing.



ANSWERING THE CALL FOR HELP



The second full week of April is celebrated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Locally, these professionals provide

the steady, reassuring voice on the other end of the line when we dial 911. The Consolidated Dispatch Agency (CDA) provides a lifeline, connecting the public and first responders and ensuring the right help quickly gets to residents during their time of need. Each interaction is an opportunity to make a difference and perhaps to save a life. Take a moment, April 13-19, to say "thank you" to these dedicated public servants. Learn more about the CDA at tlccda.org.

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MEETINGS IN APRIL

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.

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