

TALLAHASSEE CELEBRATES TRIFECTA WIN AS ALL-AMERICA CITY



Tallahassee kicked off the summer with a major win, achieving national recognition as a 2025 All-America City. Presented by the National Civic League, this coveted annual award is earned by just 10 communities from across the country that exemplify inclusive civic engagement, outstanding innovation and meaningful collaboration to create a strong community.

Adding to its wins from 1999 and 2015, Tallahassee is now part of an elite group of only a few cities nationwide – out of more than 19,500 – to receive this honor three times, reinforcing the continued collective efforts that make it a model for cities across the nation.

Tallahassee's application focused on standout initiatives that reflect the City's dedication to equity, sustainability and resident-driven change: the Southside Action Plan, a community-informed blueprint guiding infrastructure investments, housing initiatives and neighborhood improvements on the Southside; the Clean Energy Plan, an inclusive roadmap that sets the course for a 100 percent net clean renewable energy future through measurable action and community participation; and the City's 100+ parks, which offer equitable access to parks and recreation, enhance quality of life and showcase environmental sustainability.

“To earn the All-America City national recognition for the third time is a direct result of strong leadership and a passionate, engaged community that works collaboratively to accomplish extraordinary results. I could not be prouder of what we have accomplished working together to ensure Tallahassee is a top city in the U.S.”

– Mayor John E. Dailey

The City's application was supported by a diverse delegation of residents, students and city and community leaders, who traveled to Denver to share Tallahassee's story on a national stage. Being named a 2025 All-America City reflects Tallahassee's vibrant spirit, one rooted in collaboration and a shared vision for a more inclusive and sustainable future.

In addition to taking home its third All-America City title, Tallahassee won top honors in the 2025 All-America City social media award. For more information, visit nationalcivicleague.org.

TEMPO PROGRAM ACHIEVES NEW MILESTONE

The City of Tallahassee's nationally recognized youth program, Tallahassee Engaged in Meaningful Productivity for Opportunity (TEMPO), recently graduated nearly 160 formerly at-risk students in the eighth program cohort.

Among the graduates were 100 General Education Diploma (GED) recipients, the largest number of GED recipients since the program began in 2017 with 12 students. In addition, more than 50 students received technical certificates from Lively Technical College, Tallahassee State College and Florida Health Science Consulting.

This year's cohort also included five stop-gap initiative graduates. This innovative expansion of TEMPO allows family members of youth participants to get their GED, too, helping lift households out of generational poverty.

Administered by the City's Department of Housing & Community Resilience, TEMPO is a public safety outreach effort that identifies, engages and reconnects disconnected or at-risk youth, 16-24 years old, who are neither employed nor in school, to educational and employment opportunities. For more information, visit Talgov.com/TEMPO or call 850-891-8722.



SHOP LOCAL, EAT LOCAL

The Southside Farmers Market returns this month with a series of event dates scheduled through the end of the year. The market offers a variety of fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables at affordable prices and accepts SNAP benefits and EBT cards. Additionally, free health screenings, cooking demonstrations and more routinely take place at the market. Visit from 2-6 p.m. on designated Thursdays outside the Walker-Ford Community Center, 2301 T-Pain Lane (formerly Pasco Street). Find dates and more details at Talgov.com/FarmersMarket.



STARMETRO SERVES STUDENTS

It's time for a new school year! If your K-12 kids are interested in riding the City bus, sign them up for StarMetro's Student Transportation for Academics and Responsibilities (STAR) Program, which allows them to ride for free. StarMetro is also a convenient way for students, faculty and staff to reach Florida State University, Florida A&M University and Tallahassee State College. Learn more about StarMetro's bus pass options at Talgov.com/StarMetro.



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MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

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