

GATHERING AT THE LONGEST TABLE



This fall, more than 1,000 members of our community gathered together at The Longest Table for an unforgettable evening of food and friendly conversation. A proud local tradition, The Longest Table was an opportunity to celebrate all that makes Tallahassee shine, including the City's recognition as a 2025 All-America City.

“Tallahassee’s enduring spirit of unity and collaboration was on display at The Longest Table as hundreds of community members gathered to share a meal and engage in lively, meaningful conversation. For over 200 years, Tallahassee has been a place where neighbors come together to shape the future we share. We proudly continue that tradition and enjoyed this moment together to reflect on the incredible achievements that earned Tallahassee the coveted All-America City title for a third time.”

- Mayor John E. Dailey



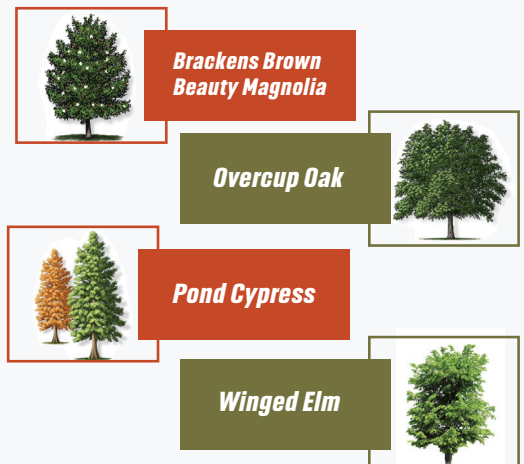
Earlier this year, the National Civic League honored Tallahassee with the prestigious 2025 All-America City designation, recognizing the City's commitment to innovative, inclusive and impactful community engagement. This national recognition highlights Tallahassee's dedication to building a stronger, more connected community through collaborative, community-driven dialogue and initiatives.

Among the programs highlighted at the All-America City competition were the Southside Action Plan, the Clean Energy Plan and the ambitious 100-Parks initiative. Each exemplified the power of partnership, public dialogue and shared vision.

These collaborative efforts mirror the spirit of The Longest Table — a Tallahassee-initiated model that brings people of all ages, ethnicities and backgrounds together over a shared meal to foster understanding and bridge divides. At the heart of both The Longest Table and the All-America City designation is a belief that meaningful change happens when diverse voices are heard, respected and empowered to shape the future.

ADOPT A TREE

Every year, the City of Tallahassee provides and plants trees for eligible homeowners to help cultivate the urban forest canopy. The trees, depending on the species, are between five and eight feet in height and are native, or cultivars of native species, to the southeast. Eligible homeowners living within the City limits may request up to four trees to be planted in the front yard within 100 feet of the centerline of the public roadway and agree to keep each tree watered for one year. Tree species offered this year include the Brackens Brown Beauty Magnolia, Overcup Oak, Pond Cypress and Winged Elm. City staff will assist the homeowner with tree placement and installation. Tree planting begins in December, and trees are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Find more details and submit your application at Talgov.com/AdoptATree.



HOLIDAY EVENTS

'Tis the season to make merry memories, and the City of Tallahassee has joyful events planned to help you celebrate with family and friends. The City's winter holiday celebrations begin on Friday, Dec. 5, with Deck the Halls at the Tallahassee Senior Center. The next day, Tallahassee's beloved Winter Festival continues a month of joyful tidings. This year's event will be held downtown on Saturday, Dec. 6, from 3-10 p.m.

More holiday magic can be found through the City's annual Santa Calling, Holiday Stroll, Elf Night and Soul Santa events. Find dates and other details, including registration deadlines, at Talgov.com/WinterFestival.



Sustainability Tip

Flip the switch! Switching your ceiling fan to spin clockwise in winter will create an updraft to circulate warm air around the room. Redistributing warm air into your living space can help improve the room temperature without having to bump up the heat.



As we near the winter season, remember the 4 Ps of cold weather safety to keep people, pipes, plants and pets safe and warm!

- Insulate all exposed outside pipes with cloth or a similar material.
- Exercise caution when using supplemental heating units. Keep combustible materials, such as drapes or chairs, at least three feet away from any heating unit.
- Bring outside pets indoors during cold snaps, especially at night when temperatures dip to their lowest.

The City of Tallahassee wants to ensure all residents know what to do when the forecast calls for a hard freeze. Customers can call 850-891-4968 for utility service needs or visit Talgov.com/ColdWeather for more safety tips.

SEWER MAX RATE

Every April, the City of Tallahassee resets your residential Maximum Sewer Charge based on your prior winter's water usage. The City calculates your Sewer Max based on the highest month of metered water usage as billed from December through March, when most customers use the least amount of water. Smart water choices during the winter months can help you save all year. For more information, visit Talgov.com.



For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquiries, please call 850-891-4968 or visit Talgov.com.

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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. 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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