

## Strategic Planning Yields Results, Guides Continued Progress

Tallahassee offers an exceptional blend of culture, community and natural beauty. This is due in part to the City of Tallahassee organization's collective commitment to smart growth, innovation and excellence. With its five-year Strategic Plan as a guide, the City continues to chart a course toward an even brighter future, one that further positions Tallahassee as the best city in the nation for residents, businesses and visitors alike.

"City employees provide best-in-class municipal services to our community of approximately 200,000 neighbors, supporting them in all facets of life, work and recreation," City Manager Reese Goad said. "With direction from the City Commission and our robust, five-year Strategic Plan as a guide, momentum toward our shared goals is strong."

Over the past year, the City advanced key initiatives that strengthen Tallahassee's economic competitiveness, infrastructure capacity, public safety and quality of life. Progress includes continued job growth and residential

development, targeted investments to reduce the impacts of poverty, modernization of public infrastructure and transit systems, nationally recognized operations and a measurable reduction in crime. Collectively, these efforts reinforce the City's position as a well-managed, innovative organization focused on delivering high-quality services while maintaining strong fiscal stewardship and public trust. With its strategic focus on being the national leader in the delivery of public service, the City was even named the best-run City in Florida.

Building upon the past year's success, strategic efforts continue in 2026 to bring transformative projects to life, including the City's second Senior Center, Southside Transit Center, International Processing Facility at Tallahassee International Airport, TPD Headquarters, new parks, EV fast charging stations and more.

Get more details about recent successes and milestone at [Talgov.com/YearinReview](https://Talgov.com/YearinReview) and dive into the five-year Strategic Plan at [Talgov.com/StrategicPlan](https://Talgov.com/StrategicPlan).



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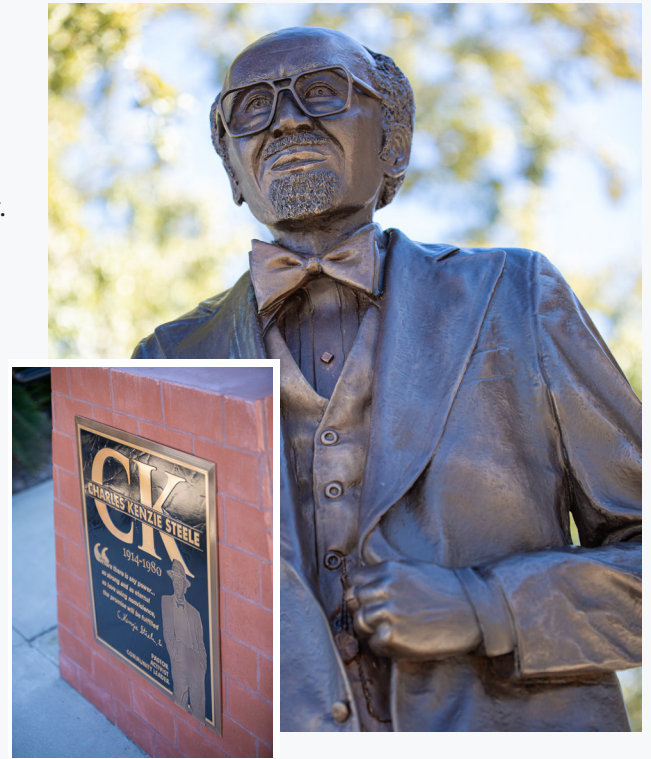
You may not be thinking about cooling costs this winter, but now is a good time to plan ahead and plant shade trees. Good shade can reduce your summer air conditioning costs significantly.



# Recognize Black History

Black History Month grew from a one-week celebration initiated by Carter G. Woodson in 1926. Fifty years later in 1976, President Gerald Ford made the effort to notice Black History Week and officially recognized the time as Black History Month in February of that year. In time for Black History Month, a new exhibit is now open at the City's John G. Riley Center/Museum for African American History & Culture. "African Americans in Tallahassee: The World Wars and Post-War Life" is the theme of the multifaceted show that runs through the end of 2026. It is the third of a four-part, four-year series that depicts the lives of Blacks in Tallahassee. Find hours of operation and more details at [RileyMuseum.org](http://RileyMuseum.org).

You can connect with local Black history this month by visiting some of the many historical sites, museums and memorials in Tallahassee, like the John G. Riley Center/Museum, the Footsteps to Freedom memorial at the corner of Monroe and Jefferson streets downtown, the Frenchtown historical markers and more. Get details about these City sites, commemorations and public art honoring Black history at [Talgov.com/BlackHistoryMonth](http://Talgov.com/BlackHistoryMonth).

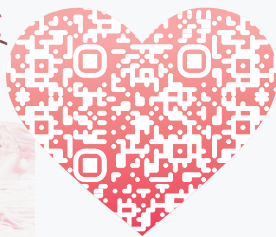


# Sign Up for the Senior Games

Ready to play like a champion? The ever-popular Capital City Senior Games return Feb. 25 to March 17. Presented by the City of Tallahassee, the games help keep local seniors active and healthy. Sports enthusiasts age 50-90+ are encouraged to get involved. The games feature competitions in more than 15 sports designed for all fitness levels. From archery and bag toss to golf and pickleball to swimming and so much more! Volunteers are also needed. Get a full list of events and registration details at [Talgov.com/SeniorGames](http://Talgov.com/SeniorGames).



# Love, Pets



A snuggle buddy. A best friend. A smile waiting at the end of a long day. Who doesn't want that kind of companionship? Invite love in forever by adopting a wonderful pet from the City's Animal Service Center.

View the online kennel at [Talgov.com/Animals](http://Talgov.com/Animals).

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