

# SENIOR CENTER LAUNCHES *Holiday Fun*

Launch your holiday fun at the Senior Center. The inaugural Deck the Halls Kickoff German Christmas Market will be held on Friday, Nov. 4, from 4-10 p.m. At the market, explore local arts & crafts, place early bids on auction items, hear live music and savor German fare. Taking place the same evening from 6-8 p.m. in the auditorium is a reception for the Insider's Art Show, with an awards ceremony at 7 p.m. This multi-faceted evening is a prelude to the Senior Center's signature holiday extravaganza - Deck the Halls - on December 2 at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$45 and available for purchase; contact [Tina.Niggel@Talgov.com](mailto:Tina.Niggel@Talgov.com) or call 891-4003. Proceeds benefit Tallahassee Senior Services. More information about Senior Center events is available at [Talgov.com/Seniors](http://Talgov.com/Seniors).

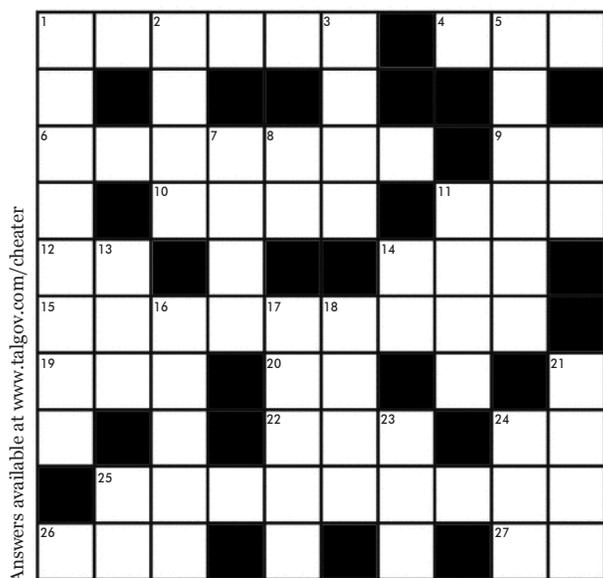
## CONVENIENT PAYMENT OPTIONS

The City of Tallahassee offers a variety of innovative, convenient ways for you to pay your City utility bill. The electronic SmartBill is delivered securely to your email inbox and lets you pay with no online fee. The free e+ Mobile app helps you pay on the go, and the new e+ Payment Kiosks are self-service centers that let you pay in person via cash, check, credit or debit. The kiosks are located at FAMU, TCC and the Frenchtown Renaissance Center. Learn more about the wide variety of City utility bill payment options at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

## TAXES AND RATES DECREASE

Tallahassee property owners and utility customers can look forward to lower bills as the decreased millage rate and reduced electric and natural gas rates go into effect. At its 9/28 meeting, the City Commission passed the Fiscal Year 2017 budget, which went into effect on 10/1. As part of the new budget, Commissioners decreased the millage rate from 4.2000 mills to 4.1000 mills. In addition, the City reduced electric and natural gas rates thanks to declining natural gas prices. The new rates began on 10/1, so residents will begin seeing savings on their City utility bills starting in November.

## YOUR CITY CROSSWORD



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### This Month's Topic: Breast Cancer Awareness

- 1) The disease caused by division of abnormal cells in a part of the body
- 4) To pose a question
- 6) To give assistance to someone
- 9) Abbr. for deionize water by pushing it under pressure through a semi-permeable membrane
- 10) A raw or painful place on the body
- 11) A precious or semiprecious stone
- 12) Common abbreviation for the hiking trail that runs from Georgia to Maine
- 14) Second person singular present of to be
- 15) The act of discovering
- 19) The seed-bearing head or spike of a cereal plant
- 20) Exclamation used to surprise or laughter
- 22) Major division of time that's a subdivision of an eon and subdivides into periods
- 24) A prefix that can mean once more
- 25) The x-ray image or test that plays a key role in early breast cancer detection
- 26) Louisville Slugger makes this item
- 27) One way to say hello in English slang

ACROSS

- 1) Park hosting 2016 Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk on Oct. 23
- 2) These are short periods of sleep taken during the day
- 3) Breast cancer in men is this, but possible
- 5) To test a person for the presence of a disease or contaminant
- 7) Jab or prod
- 8) Postal Code Abbr. for the Beaver State
- 11) Become larger over a period of time

DOWN

- 13) Most popular drink in the U.K.
- 14) Abbr. for the capability of a machine to imitate human intelligence
- 16) Try to heal or cure
- 17) Treatment of disease by means of chemicals that selectively destroy cancerous tissue
- 18) A widely cultivated tropical Asian aroid plant having broad leaves and large, starchy, edible tubers
- 21) Test as a trial while considering purchase
- 23) Some say this "is but a number"
- 24) Each of the lines in which light may seem to stream from the sun
- 25) One's mother



DOWNLOAD THE APP



Whether you're hiking, biking or looking for a new trail to explore, the TallyParks app allows you to find the best parks and trails that Tallahassee has to offer. TallyParks highlights some of the hidden gems within the city that are not available through other map services.

# PRESERVING TALLAHASSEE

Innovative projects that help protect our natural resources

Lakes, streams and prairie wetlands all contribute to our area's natural beauty. Preserving these natural resources is part of the mission of the City of Tallahassee.

On the east side of town, Upper Lake Lafayette provides habitat for a wide variety of plant and animal life. It is also downstream of Tallahassee's stormwater system. Following large rainstorms, stormwater runoff from over 10,000 acres ultimately drains through the stormwater pond located off Weems Road before flowing to Upper Lake Lafayette.



To protect Upper Lake Lafayette and the plant and wildlife that call it home, the City of Tallahassee, with support from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, upgraded the stormwater pond off Weems Road to a state-of-the-art treatment facility to reduce pollutants in stormwater before it reaches the downstream system. The Upper Lake Lafayette Nutrient Reduction Facility - also known as the Weems Pond Facility - was completed in 2015. It now captures and removes trash and pollutants and improves the quality of the water before it flows to Upper Lake Lafayette. Learn more about this innovative project with a short video about the project at [YouTube.com/WCOT](https://www.youtube.com/WCOT).

Learn more about how you can help protect local water bodies at [TAPPwater.org](http://TAPPwater.org) or [Talgov.com/YOU](http://Talgov.com/YOU).

## NOVEMBER CALENDAR

- 9** City Commission workshop at 1 pm
- 9** City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm
- 11** Veterans Day holiday observed; administrative offices closed (Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for information about schedule changes during the holiday week.)
- 14** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency meeting at 1 pm
- 21** Community Redevelopment Agency Board meeting at 9:30 am
- 21** City Commission Reorganization / Installation of New Commissioners at 4 pm
- 24/25** Thanksgiving holidays; administrative offices closed (Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for information about on schedule changes during the holiday week.)



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All meetings are held in the City Commission Chambers, located on the second floor of City Hall (300 S. Adams St.), unless noted otherwise. Meeting dates, times and locations are subject to change. City Commission meetings are shown live on WCOT, the City's government access channel (Comcast Cable and CenturyLink channel 13). The meetings are rebroadcast the following Thursday at 12:30 pm and 7:30 pm and the following Saturday and Sunday at 12:30 pm. City Commission meetings are also streamed live online and are indexed and posted for viewing on [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Call the Department of Communications at 850-891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Follow City news on Twitter @COTNews.