

CELEBRATE ARBOR DAY

THIS JANUARY

As you travel around our great state, you may notice that some cities and towns feel more welcoming than others. If asked to specify what characteristics contribute to this perception, you may be hard pressed to say. One reason might be a thriving, mature tree canopy. Numerous studies and surveys show the benefits of a well maintained urban forest in relation to positive public perception, enhanced traffic calming and increased property values.

Here in Tallahassee, January is the ideal time to plant trees! Trees and shrubs planted early in the year are more likely to survive a dry spell in May. That's why in Florida we celebrate Arbor Day on the third Friday in January.

In addition to adding beauty to your lawn, planting shade trees can save energy. Good shade on your home's roof can lower summer air conditioning costs by 30 percent.

These easy tips will help you make the most of planting trees near your home.

- For energy savings, plant shade trees on the east, south and west sides of your home.
- To block winter winds, plant evergreen trees and shrubs on your home's north and northwest sides.
- Choose deciduous trees that drop their leaves in winter. You'll get shade in summer and sun in winter.
- Don't plant trees under power lines.

Wondering what trees to plant? Local nurseries and arborists can help you choose wisely. You can also apply to receive two free trees through the City's Adopt a Tree program. The species being offered this year are Southern Red Oak, Tupelo and Eastern Redbud (this species is reserved only for those residents who have overhead utility conflicts). Visit Talgov.com, call 891-5300 or email AdoptaTree@Talgov.com for more information.

JANUARY CALENDAR

- 2** New Year's holiday; administrative offices closed (Please visit Talgov.com for information about holiday week schedule changes)
- 11** City Commission retreat at 9 a.m., location TBD
- 16** Martin Luther King Jr. holiday; administrative offices closed (Please visit Talgov.com for information about holiday week schedule changes)
- 23** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency board meeting at 1 p.m.
- 25** City Commission workshop at 1 p.m.
- 25** City Commission regular meeting at 4 p.m.
- 26** Community Redevelopment Agency board meeting at 9:30 a.m.



For all City of Tallahassee utility-related inquiries, including account issues or to report outages, please call Your Own Utilities at 891-4YOU(4968) or visit Talgov.com.



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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). Meetings are rebroadcast the following Thursday through Sunday at noon and 6 p.m. each day. City Commission meetings are also streamed live online and are indexed and posted for viewing on 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. Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.

CASCADES PARK IS A GREAT PLACE

If you've ever seen the joy on a child's face as water dances in the light at Imagination Fountain or felt the music stir your heart during a concert at the Capital City Amphitheater, then you know that Cascades Park is a jewel in the Tallahassee community. Now, the entire state of Florida knows that, too! Cascades Park recently won the American Planning Association – Florida Chapter's (APA-FL) Great Places in Florida award! This signature project for the Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency exemplifies the agency's mission to preserve, protect and enhance the quality of life in Tallahassee. Learn more at DiscoverCascades.com or follow the park on social media.



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE



Once the holiday season has come and gone, be sure to recycle your Christmas tree. The easiest way is to place it at the curb on your scheduled yard waste collection day. Please remove all decorations first! Collected trees are ground and reused as mulch. There will also be select community sites where you can drop off Christmas trees for recycling. More information will be posted near the end of December at Talgov.com.

CONSERVE WATER NOW, SAVE MONEY LATER

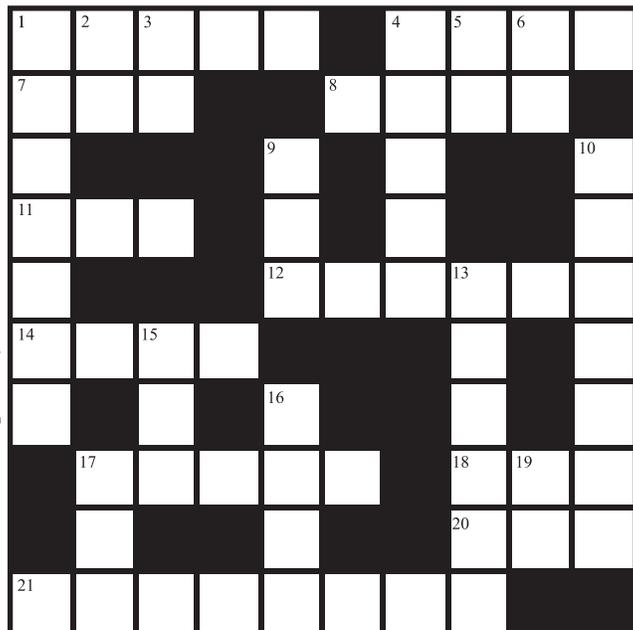
Every April, the City re-sets your residential Maximum Sewer Charge based on your prior winter's water usage. The City calculates your Sewer Max based on the second highest month of metered water usage as billed during December through March, which is when most customers use the least amount of water. Little efforts to conserve water in winter can result in big savings later! For more information, visit Talgov.com/YOU.

GET IN THE GAME

There's no need to re-live the glory days because local seniors are still living them by participating in the annual Capital City Senior Games! Registration will open in January. With a wide variety of sports, there's a niche for everyone age 50 and older. The games will take place March 3-13, 2017.

For more information call 891-FUNN (3866).

YOUR CITY CROSSWORD



Answers available at Talgov.com/cheater

This Month's Topic: Tallahassee International Airport

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| ACROSS | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To get on an aircraft 4) Saying when parting ways: "Take ____!" 7) The gallery in Tallahassee International Airport shows rotating ____ exhibits 8) Term for when planes move slowly along the ground after landing 11) This tacky treat can help your ears adjust on an aircraft 12) Tallahassee International Airport has two: 9/27 and 18/36 14) In the airport, wait at this for your flight 17) Maximum fluid ounces allowed per bottle in your carry-on 18) A Scottish word that means go 20) Female, possessive pronoun sometimes classified as a possessive adjective 21) Government issued document required for international travel |
| DOWN | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tallahassee International Airport renovated the area where you claim this after a flight 2) Postal code for Oregon 3) Preposition expressing arrival in a particular place 4) Section of an aircraft in which passengers travel 5) This sharp lumberjack tool is not permitted on flights 6) Postal code for Rhode Island 9) The free or unconfined space above the surface of the earth 10) A period of waiting, typically in the middle, before a further stage in a journey 13) To avoid extra charges, the ____ of your checked bag must be 50 pounds or less 15) IATA airport code for Tallahassee International Airport 16) Skycaps can ____ with your suitcases 17) Abbreviation for the government group that mans the airport checkpoints 19) IATA airline code for Mandarin Airlines |