

## CAPITAL CASCADES CROSSING



The Capital Cascades Crossing is now open! The bridge and trail project, which was completed this fall, is quickly becoming a local landmark.

Designed by Tallahassee-based FIGG Engineering, the bridge has many unique features. The design of the white canopy is a modern interpretation of our canopy roads and is fitted with solar panels with an Estimated Annual Production of 6,500 kWh. LED lights provide a beautiful nighttime display and can be coordinated with the lights at Cascades Park and Lake Anita. The bridge’s paint uses nano technology, which helps to clean the air. Though a pedestrian facility, the bridge was built to accommodate the weight of a small vehicle, and the support walls were designed to mirror the limestone walls at Cascades Park near the old Centennial Field. Large box culverts have replaced the open ditch and are located under the trail. They serve to improve safety, reduce area flooding and can handle rainfall from a 100 year storm event.

The attention to detail throughout the project is impressive, and this segment of the larger Capital Cascades Trail project provides a new, vital connection from Cascades Park to FAMU Way and Gaines Street, linking our community together, which is the most impressive feature of all!

### DECEMBER CALENDAR

- 5** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency board meeting at 1 p.m.
- 7** City Commission regular meeting at 4 p.m.
- 14** City Commission regular meeting at 4 p.m.
- 15** Consolidated Dispatch Agency board meeting at 10:30 a.m. at the Public Safety Complex, 911 Easterwood Dr.
- 26** Christmas holiday (observed); administrative offices closed (Please visit **Talgov.com** for information on schedule changes during the Christmas holiday week.)



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# BE SAFE WHILE SHOPPING

The Tallahassee Police Department reminds you to be safe during the holiday shopping season. While you are in the stores picking out those must-have gifts, thieves could be out in the parking lots checking your car doors. Always remember to park in a well-lit area, near other people and to lock your vehicle doors. Criminals are always looking for the easiest target to make a quick buck, and an unlocked car is a simple target. It takes less than ten seconds to open a door, peek inside and steal your valuables before moving on to the next car in the parking lot. By simply locking your car doors, you can prevent most car burglaries during the holiday season!



Ring in the holiday season on Saturday, Dec. 3, from 3-10 p.m. as the Winter Festival celebrates 30 Years of Holiday Magic. This holiday extravaganza includes the Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m.; the Jingle Bell Run, sponsored by Capital Health Plan in conjunction with the City of Tallahassee, at 6:15 p.m.; and the Nighttime Holiday Parade, sponsored by the City of Tallahassee Your Own Utilities, at 7:15 p.m. The festival also features five stages of live entertainment, a stroll through Candy Cane Lane, a children's activity area, food vendors, arts and crafts merchants and thousands of festive decorations. The following weekend, enjoy an enchanted evening in Cascades Park for the annual Holiday Stroll from 6-8 p.m. Additional information about all the City's holiday events will be posted in late November / early December at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

## ADOPT A TREE PROGRAM

Every year, the City of Tallahassee works to enhance the urban forest canopy. Eligible homeowners living in the City limits may request up to two trees to be planted in the front right of way of their property.

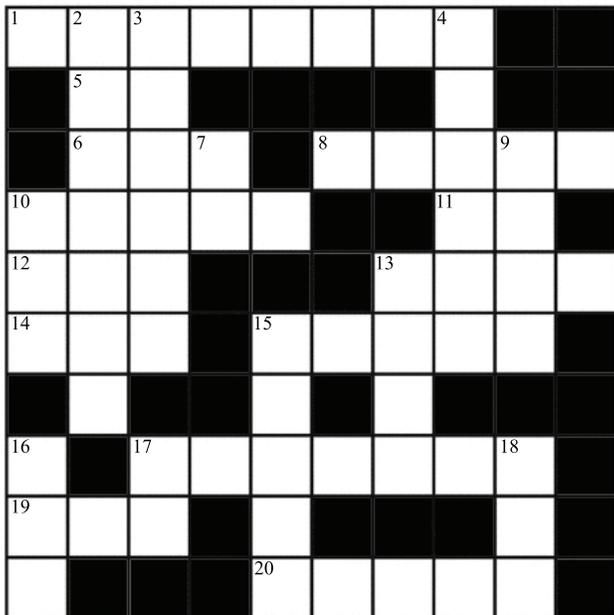
The three species offered this year are Eastern Redbud, Black Gum and Southern Red Oak.

For more information on the program and to register go to [Talgov.com/you/you-adoptatreeprogram](http://Talgov.com/you/you-adoptatreeprogram) to fill out your Adopt a Tree application. Direct questions to [AdoptaTree@talgov.com](mailto:AdoptaTree@talgov.com) or 891-5300.

## DEDICATED TO ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The Underground Utilities and Public Infrastructure department recently became the fifth organization in the world, third in the United States and first in Florida to obtain accreditation from NSF International to the stringent International Standard for the implementation of an Environmental Management System (ISO 14001:2015). This underscores our commitment to protect and preserve our environment.

## YOUR CITY CROSSWORD



Answers available at [www.talgov.com/cheater](http://www.talgov.com/cheater)

### This Month's Topic: Composting

- 1) Cracked & mixed in a compost pile, these add valuable calcium
  - 5) A small Greek island in the eastern Mediterranean Sea near Kastellorizo
  - 6) Plural, possessive, personal pronoun
  - 8) Another name for a bog or marsh
  - 10) Opposite of urban
  - 11) Actors provide this (abbrev.) for animated shows
  - 12) Opposite of begin
  - 13) Good, better, this
  - 14) Notices in a public medium promoting a product
  - 15) Mow this to create another item for your compost pile
  - 17) When your Jack-o-Lantern's smile wanes, add this to your compost pile
  - 19) This byproduct of wood fires is a useful additive to compost
  - 20) Considered brown compost material, this is dry stalks of cereal plants
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- 2) Add these to your compost after your morning caffeine kick
  - 3) These popular, edible fall decorations are compostable
  - 4) Rake these up to boost your compost pile
  - 7) Ancient Egyptian sun god
  - 9) The peat type of this can be added to a compost pile
  - 10) Last name of English mycologist, botanist and naturalist who focused on fungi
  - 13) If this tough outer layer on a tree breaks off, add it to your compost
  - 15) Kickball, chess and solitaire are examples of these
  - 16) This isn't just for horses; it's great for your compost pile
  - 17) A measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a solution
  - 18) Opposite of old