



NOVEMBER 2019



## MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

**Dec 04** City Commission regular meeting at 4 p.m.

**Dec 12** Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency meeting at 3 p.m.

**Dec 17** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency board meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**Dec 25 Christmas holiday;** administrative offices closed (Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for holiday week schedule change information.)

**Jan 1, 2020, New Year's holiday;** administrative offices closed (Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for holiday week schedule change information.)

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## 2020 Adopt a Tree Program

As a proud Tree City USA, every year the City of Tallahassee provides and plants trees for eligible homeowners in an effort to increase the urban forest canopy. The trees, depending on the species, are between five and eight feet in height and are species native to the southeast. Eligible homeowners living in the City limits may request up to two trees be planted in the front yard within 100 feet of the centerline of the roadway (within the City limits) and must agree to keep each tree watered for one year.

### Tree species offered this year include:

**Autumn Brilliance Serviceberry** blooms white flowers in early spring, produces sweet purplish berries in the summer (they are edible!) and puts on a fiery foliage show in the fall. It can reach 20 to 25 feet both in height and width at maturity. It is a great tree for small areas or where overhead utilities may be a conflict. It does well in spots with full to partial sun, so it makes a lovely accent for a property border or the front yard.

**Nellie R Stevens Holly** is one of the most attractive of all hollies. It is a broadleaf evergreen species that bears spiny dark green leaves and round berries. It is low maintenance and can be used as a hedge tree or a privacy screen. It typically reaches a height of about 30 feet and spreads out about 15 feet at its base, resembling a Christmas tree.

**Tulip Poplar** is the tallest eastern hardwood in North America – it can reach between 80 and 120 feet in height! It has tulip shaped flowers, which are pale green, yellow or white with an orange band, that bloom in midspring and provide nectar for ruby-throated hummingbirds. The leaves turn a pale yellow in the fall. It prefers deep, rich and rather moist soil but not wet soils. It prefers full sun and can grow very quickly (more than 24 inches per year).

Visit [Talgov.com/AdoptATree](http://Talgov.com/AdoptATree) to fill out your Adopt a Tree application.

Questions can be emailed to [AdoptaTree@Talgov.com](mailto:AdoptaTree@Talgov.com) or answered by calling 891-5300.



### Eat, Drink and Shop Locally

Support your neighbors this holiday season by keeping your dollars local.

## DOWNTOWN MARKETPLACE

Join us every Saturday from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Monroe St. and Park Ave. through the end of November.

Enjoy the beautiful fall weather and take a hike at one of Tallahassee's parks.

Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for more info.



## HOST OF HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Create lifelong memories this December as holiday festivities take place all over town. On December 7, downtown will be packed with merrymakers from 3 to 10 p.m. for Winter Festival, featuring the Lighting Ceremony at 6 p.m., Jingle Bell Run at 6:15 p.m. and Nighttime Holiday Parade at 7:15 p.m. The festival features five stages of live entertainment, Candy Cane Lane, food vendors and much more. The following weekend on December 14, enjoy an enchanted Saturday evening in Cascades Park for the Holiday Stroll from 6-8



p.m. Soul Santa's itinerary has him visiting the LeVerne Payne Community Center, located at 450 W. 4th Avenue, from 2-6 p.m. on December 21 and the Walker-Ford Community Center, located at 2301 Pasco Street, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on December 22. While the lights will be up throughout December, Dorothy B. Oven Park will have extra holiday cheer on December 19 for Elf Night from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Check [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) closer to December for additional information about these and other holiday happenings hosted by the City.

## WALK BRIGHTLY



Because of limited daylight hours in winter, your daily walk might occur in dark or low-light conditions. Here are tips to help keep you safe:

- Walk in well-lit areas.
  - Wear bright or reflective clothing.
  - Carry a flashlight.
- Face traffic and walk on the sidewalk. If one is not available, walk as far away from the road as possible.
  - Cross only at designated crosswalks.
  - Put your phone down and take off your headphones.
  - Walk with a friend or group, if possible.

## CONSERVE NOW, SAVE 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](http://Talgov.com/YOU).

### Sustainability Tip

Proper insulation in the attic will cut heat loss in the winter. To help, the City offers ceiling insulation grants. Call 891-4968 for details.



## 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 lot 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 10 seconds to open a door, peek inside and steal your valuables before moving on to the next car in the parking lot. Whether you're out shopping or parked at home, by simply locking your car doors you can prevent most car burglaries during the holiday season.

For all City of Tallahassee utility related inquires, please call 891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).

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