



OCTOBER 2019



## Fall Fun Abounds

This is the season to explore Tallahassee. Whether you want to cheer on the home teams at football games or expand your horizons at cultural festivals, fall is full of opportunity. Here are a few free community favorites you may want to check out.

Early in the month, Experience Asia 2019 will brighten Bloxham and Lewis parks on October 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This family-friendly event in downtown Tallahassee features music, performances, food and more. Of note, visitors will be dazzled by Maturiza, the famous Japanese drummers who also perform at Disney World in Orlando.

On October 12, enjoy an evening of live music in Cascades Park with the Sundown Concert Series, which begins at 7 p.m.

On October 19, discover all things STEM at the Tallahassee Science Festival on Kleman Plaza from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Exhibitors from across the region and state will offer engaging demonstrations, while interactive activities, like a scavenger hunt, keep kids of all ages curious.

Later that day, make your way over to Cascades Park to see Disney's Aladdin on the big screen at dusk.

On October 25, the Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra's annual Symphony Spooktacular in Cascades Park. Wear your favorite costume and enjoy an evening of trick-or-treating, food trucks and spooky music. Trick-or-treating starts at 6 p.m. The concert begins at 7 p.m.

Two days later, on October 27, join with neighbors from every walk of life at the Longest Table. Take part in thought-provoking conversation over a single, shared dinner table on Duval Street.

All month long, you can show your school pride at community block parties. Events like the Friday Night Block Party, Frenchtown Rising and Northtown Get Down take place on Fridays before Florida State University and Florida A&M University home football games.

Looking ahead, you can start the holidays early at the Tallahassee Senior Center's annual Brews and Brats on November 1 from 5-9 p.m. The center's annual Deck the Halls celebration returns the evening of December 6, and the following day, thousands will gather downtown for Winter Festival.

Want event more? The City's 88 parks provide unlimited options for fall adventures. Test your off-road riding on a new mountain bike trail, like the one in Timberlane Ravine Park. Help your pup make new friends with a visit to the dog park, like the one in Boulevard Park near the All Saints neighborhood. Shoot hoops with friends at an outdoor basketball court, like the one at Optimist Park.

Tallahassee's charm shines in the fall through its many festivals and events. Act like a tourist in your own town and explore something new in the Best City Ever.

### MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

**Nov 11 Veterans Day holiday;** administrative offices closed (Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for information about schedule changes during the holiday week.)

**Nov 13** City Commission workshop at 1 pm

**Nov 13** City Commission regular meeting at 4 pm

**Nov 14** Community Redevelopment Agency board meeting at 9:30 am

**Nov 19** Capital Region Transportation Planning Agency meeting at 1:30 pm

**Nov 28-29 Thanksgiving holidays;** administrative offices closed (Visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) for information about schedule changes during the holiday week.)

*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 and rebroadcast on WCOT, the City's government access channel (Comcast Cable and CenturyLink channel 13). 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 891-8533 for more information or view the current City Commission agenda online at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com). Follow @COTNews on Twitter for City news.*

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## NEW BUDGET YEAR STARTS



The City's new fiscal year began on October 1, and OpenGov makes it easy to stay informed and involved with the budget process year-round. This tool (accessible at [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com) under "Our City") provides direct access to the City's financial information,

including revenues and expenditures, allowing citizens to customize views, explore data and download reports. With direction from the City Commission, the budget process has been enhanced to increase transparency through easily accessible information, frequent City Commission budget updates, stakeholder meetings and citizen surveys. This robust, year-round process helps the City gauge community priorities, address current needs and plan for the future. More information is available on [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).



## TURN AROUND. DON'T DROWN.

Water is a powerful force. During thunderstorms, localized flooding can cause road closures. If you encounter a blocked or flooded roadway, turn around. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that more than half of all flood-related drownings occur when a vehicle is driven into hazardous flood water. Many of these deaths are preventable. One foot of rushing water can carry away a small car, while 2 feet of rushing water can carry away most vehicles. In addition to being swept up in the current, flood water could contain debris, contamination and other harmful elements. Stay safe. Turn around. Don't drown.

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## PLAN AND PRACTICE YOUR ESCAPE

The smoke alarm is wailing; what do you do? In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely. Use these tips to help you prepare.

- Plan your escape route. You should know two ways out of every room.
- Test your smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be placed near every room where someone sleeps, and there should be at least one on each floor of your home.
- Choose a meeting place outside. This will allow you to know that everyone made it out safely.
- Conduct two fire drills. Use your main escape route the first time and an alternate the second.

Fire Prevention Week runs from October 6-12. For more information, visit [Talgov.com/Fire](http://Talgov.com/Fire).

## Sustainability Tip

Prepare now for winter heating by servicing or upgrading your home heating systems. If you're replacing older heating equipment, City of Tallahassee loans and rebates may be available to help. Call 850-891-4968 or visit [Talgov.com/YOU](http://Talgov.com/YOU).



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