

## RILEY HOUSE MUSEUM SHOWCASES IMPACTFUL EXHIBITION



The City of Tallahassee's John G. Riley Center/Museum for African American History & Culture invites everyone to enjoy a major exhibition. "African Americans in Tallahassee: The Antebellum Period" is the theme of the multifaceted show that runs through October.

The exhibition offers a comprehensive narrative of resistance, resilience and success against all odds. It is the first of a four-part, four-year series that chronicles the history of Blacks in the Capital City from the Antebellum Period to the Civil Rights Era.

"Using oral histories, artifacts, photos and newly rendered maps and illustrations, we highlight some of the many Tallahassee families who trace their ancestral roots back to one of the many plantations in the

area," explains Aron L. Myers, Ph.D., the museum's Executive Director.

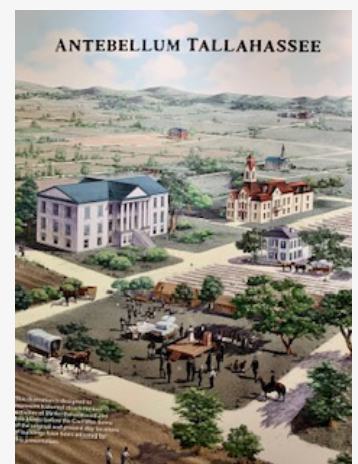
The exhibit explores Tallahassee during its establishment in Territorial Florida in 1824 and the many contributions the enslaved made to the economy through institutional slavery. It also examines the "maroon communities," safe, but often temporary havens for runaways, and it profiles several free Blacks who called Tallahassee home before the Civil War.

This spring, in partnership with Visit Tallahassee, the Riley Museum will release a children's book, Luke and Leila's Tallahassee Adventure. According to the storyline, Luke and Leila go on a scavenger hunt around town, visiting more than 28 sites, including the Old Capitol, the two universities and the Museum of Florida History.

The gallery spaces at the Riley House are in tip-top shape thanks to a recent renovation, with grant funding provided by the Florida Department of State. Myers said the nearly \$285,000 historical grant helped protect the infrastructure of the museum against future environmental or catastrophic threats. "It addressed exterior and interior stabilization and restoration needs and hardened the 134-year-old house." Renovations include repaired and restored floors and walls and new windows throughout the two-story building.

The John G. Riley Center/Museum is located at 419 E. Jefferson Street. The museum is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for guided tours, which include a stop at the Smokey Hollow Commemoration, and self-guided tours. It is open Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays by appointment. For more information, visit [rileymuseum.org](http://rileymuseum.org) or call 850-891-3560.

Sponsors for the current exhibit include the City of Tallahassee, Florida Division of Arts and Culture, Florida African American Heritage Preservation Network, Council on Culture & Arts and Visit Tallahassee.



*Sustainability Tip*

Set your thermostat as high as comfortably possible in the summer. The smaller the difference between the indoor and outdoor temperatures, the lower your overall cooling bill will be.

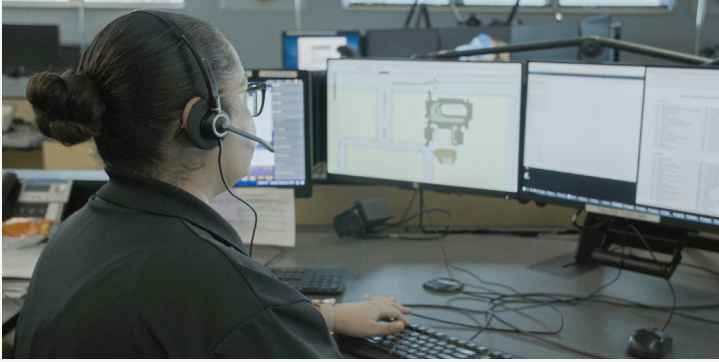


# APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH

The City of Tallahassee supports fair housing and recognizes April as National Fair Housing Month. Congress passed the Fair Housing Act in April 1968 immediately following Dr. King's assassination. Amended in 1988, the Act guarantees equal housing opportunities for all people and makes it illegal to discriminate based on race, color, national origin, gender, religion, family status or disability. If you think you have been denied your housing rights, you may have experienced unlawful discrimination. For more information, please visit [Talgov.com/Housing](http://Talgov.com/Housing).



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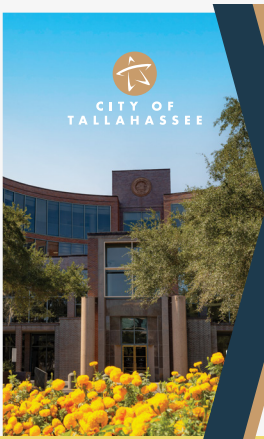


The second full week of April is celebrated as National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week. Locally, these professionals provide the steady, reassuring voice on the other end of the line when we dial 911. The Consolidated Dispatch Agency (CDA) provides a lifeline, connecting the public to first responders and ensuring the right help quickly gets to residents during their time of need. Each interaction is an opportunity to make a difference and perhaps to save a life. Take a moment, April 14-20, to say "thank you" to these dedicated public servants. Learn more about the CDA at [tlccda.org](http://tlccda.org).

## YARD WASTE TIPS



Spring is here, and utility customers are started to place piles of yard debris curbside for collection. Yard debris refers to vegetative fragments like tree trimmings, grass clippings, pine straw and leaves. Residential yard debris is collected from behind the curb in front of each residence every other week, no earlier than the weekend before your designated Red or Blue Week. When disposing of yard debris, place it within three feet of the curb and away from low-hanging wires, trees and other obstacles, such as mailboxes, fences, etc. Clippings and pine straw may be placed in clear bags or boxes. Limbs must be smaller than 4 inches in diameter and less than 6 feet long. Each pile of limbs and shrubs must be smaller than 6 feet long, 4 feet wide and 4 feet high. Place yard waste, bags and bulky items in separate piles for pickup. For more information on how to properly dispose of your yard debris, visit [Talgov.com](http://Talgov.com).



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## MEETINGS IN MAY

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