The Village Square

www.tothevillagesquare.org

Tallahassee  |  Kansas City  |  St. Petersburg  |  Sacramento  |  Ft. Lauderdale
A nervy bunch of liberals and conservatives who believe that dialogue and disagreement make for a good time and a good country.
Figure 1.1. Conversations on the Internet

- Fury
- Yelling
- Name calling
- Rock throwing
- Hatred

Civil discourse magnified over 1 billion times.
eliminationism

A belief that one's political opponents are "a cancer on the body politic that must be excised... in order to protect the nation."

The opposite of what is required by the form of government left to us by our founders.
“The constant clashing of opinions”
The town hall is born.
Five locations
One freestanding 501c3
Two community colleges
One university
One community nonprofit
20 events a year in Tallahassee
Dinner at the Square

25 events

In 7 seasons
Take-out Tuesdays
many events
FREE: pizza, food trucks, or dessert/coffee
Series:

Amendments 101
Our Town forums
Faith, Food, Friday
Club of Honest Citizens
Dinner at the Square
Tuesday, April 21, 5:30 to 7:30 PM

PURPLE STATE OF MIND

Finding Middle Ground in a Divided Culture

Fuller Theological Seminary, Los Angeles
Craig Detweiler
Filmmaker
Christian

Former 60 Minutes Producer, Novelist
John Marks
Journalist
Skeptic

Beyond the political...
Two friends. Three decades. Four conversations.
...it gets personal.

"Irreverent, accusatory, supportive, blunt, profound." - The Charlotte Observer

Tickets:
www.tothevillagesquare.org 264-8785
catered by:
Mozaik

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FLORIDA RECOUNT
+10 YEARS
Dinner at the Square

- Same month.
- Same state.
- Same city.
- Same people.
- Friendlier.

Tuesday, November 9th
5:30 to 7:30 PM optional extended hour to 8:30
St. John’s Episcopal Church, downtown

catered by: bella.bella.

For tickets/more info: call 264-8785
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Tuesday July 14
5:30 to 7:30 PM
The Village Square presents
Dinner at the Square
ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
211 North Monroe, downtown
a rabbi
a priest
a pastor &
an imam

$25 $35
thru 7/12 after
The last in our season
FAITH POLITICS & neighbors
BUMPER STICKER Tuesday
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There are **ELEVEN** amendments on the November ballot.

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**Take-out Tuesday @ St. John’s**

**Constitutional Amendments 101**

**October 16 & 23, 5:30 to 7:30p**

Bring your favorite take-out & a drink and learn about the amendments on the ballot in November.

Learn more:

- [www.collinscenter.org](http://www.collinscenter.org)
- [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org)
- [www.floridataxwatch.org](http://www.floridataxwatch.org)

**admission is free**

**October 16th**: Smart Cap (3), 2, 4, 9, 10, 11

**October 23rd**: Healthcare (1), State Courts (5), Abortion (6), Religious Freedom (8), Board of Governors (12)

**For more info:** call 264-8785

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Our future. Our choices.

OUR TOWN

in partnership with:

Tallahassee Democrat
Tallahassee.com

LEADERSHIP TALLAHASSEE
A DIVISION OF THE GREATER TALLAHASSEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Thursday, April 4
5:30 to 7:30 PM

St. John’s Episcopal Church
Downtown Tallahassee
Bring your favorite take-out and a drink

Free & open to the public
RSVP to reserve your seat

Bob Gabordi
Editor, Tallahassee Democrat
moderates a discussion featuring

Tallahassee City Commissioners
& Leon County Commissioners

Neighbors being neighborly, talking about the hometown we share...
Our hopes, Our families, Our Town.

Watch livestream @ tallahassee.com

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Knight Foundation

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FAITH FOOD FRIDAY

Improbable conversations for people of faith and no faith at all < because talking politics wasn't hard enough >

Faith in the Public Square
Friday, October 28
Noon to 1 pm

Programs are free & open to the public. Lunch is available for $8 (cash or check at the door) or you may bring your own lunch

108 W. College Avenue
Downtown Tallahassee

To RSVP or get more information: 264-8785
www.tothevillagesquare.org

The December Dilemma
Friday, December 9
Noon to 1 pm

Dr. Doug Dortch
First Baptist Church

The Rev. Dave Killeen
St. John’s Episcopal Church

Pastor Darrick McGhee
Bible Based Church

Rabbi Jack Romberg
Temple Israel

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Speed Date Your Local Leaders >

7 citizens + 1 elected official x 7 minutes. Then repeat. = a real conversation (and a better hometown)

Thursday, April 11
5:30 to 7:30 PM
We treat for pizza and drinks

St. John’s
Episcopal Church
Downtown Tallahassee

This program is free and open to the public. An RSVP is required due to limited space.

Part of our local issues series:
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The Club of Honest Citizens

A forum for fierce community collaboration

In the spirit of Mr. Franklin and the tradition of invention & association that has always made America unique, please join us for "Company, Chat, a Laugh, a Glass" and "wise Sentences."

SEASON 1. If Government is the Problem, What is the Solution?

One Group. Three Dates. No Charge. Limited space.

1. Thursday, March 27 5:30 to 7:30pm: PUB NIGHT
   Madison Social @ College Town
   A Founding Debate:
   What is the proper role of government?

2. Sunday, May 4 from 2 to 4 pm
   COFFEE & SOPHISTICATED THOUGHT
   RedEye Coffee in Midtown
   Beyond 3 Minutes at the Podium
   In the London Coffeehouse tradition, 1 penny coffee available

3. Thursday, June 12 5:30 to 7:30pm: POT LUCK
   St. John's Episcopal Church, downtown
   Ye Olde Neighborly Gathering at the Square
   & Pot-Luck Dinner with Commissioners'
   "recipes" included

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or 264-8785 for info/RSPV
You may also call 606-5300 to register
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1. We rebuild social civic community

Diverse hometown civic community now requires new intentionality to preserve

Events are social, people want to attend, they’re even socially prestigious
2. We don’t push broccoli

Eat your broccoli civics is struggling

We all know it’s good for us but we live in a culture that doesn’t delay gratification well
3. Founding fathers provide a plumb line; an institution to preserve

“The constant clashing of opinions”

Cass Sunstein: “The most profound insight of the framers was “to see heterogeneity as a creative force…”"
4. 

Hearts first, heads follow

We have a relationship problem, not an information problem

We reject the “rationalist’s delusion”; good decisions are made in a social context

We draw people into relationships as we draw them into discussions
5. We try to inspire

“If you want to build a ship don’t gather people together to collect wood and don’t assign them tasks and work but rather teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.”

*Saint-Exupéry*
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