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COMING AND GROWING: WHAT'S CLOSED AND OPENED?

Previous East End Market pop-up darling **Camille** has opened a new brick and mortar in Baldwin Park and they're finally taking reservations. Bring a date and have fun.

Tin and Taco owner Rob Bair just shut down his Winter Park location in order to convert it into a new **SoDough Square** restaurant. The original location serves up some of the best pizza in town.

B.Nice Patio Bar which was probably the tiniest bar in Orlando, has closed. It was located on the bottom floor of The Metropolitan building, adjacent to Lake Eola Park. The owner says she's going to open something bigger and better with air conditioning very soon though.

Chick 'n' Cone, the fried chicken in an ice cream cone concept in Winter Park has closed. Leaving a hole in the Cock Block of fried chicken restaurants that we hope gets filled quickly.

Darden Restaurants bought **Ruth's Chris Steakhouse** giving rich people hope that the pandemic-led crash in fancy restaurants has finally ended.

Japanese pancake-makers, **Fuwa Fuwa**, will be opening any day now in Colonialtown. If you're asking what the heck a Japanese pancake is, we're not really sure, but it looks like a massive, jiggly, souffle. And we can't wait to be disappointed on our first visit!

FROM THE EDITOR:

As we embrace the vibrant and seemingly inclusive spirit of June, I wanted to take a moment to celebrate and reflect upon Pride Month, a time that holds a lot of significance for our diverse and thriving community here in Orlando. At least for those who are members of the gay alphabet soup mafia like me.

Despite the chaos around it, Orlando has emerged as a beacon of hope where diversity is cherished and celebrated. Pride Month in our city has become a remarkable showcase of the beauty and strength found within our LGBTQ+ community and its allies.

The annual festivals and booty-shaking events serve as reminders of the progress we have made and the work that still lies ahead. They allow us to stand in solidarity, acknowledging the individuals who paved the way for acceptance, while nurturing the aspirations and dreams of those who will continue the journey.

As an editor, I am honored to bare witness to the transformative power of storytelling and the impact it can have on breaking down barriers and forging connections on a daily basis. Throughout Pride Month, and beyond, we will continue to uplift the voices and narratives of our community, sharing stories that inspire, educate, and celebrate the diversity that makes Orlando the remarkable place it is. Happy Pride Month, Orlando. May the colors of love and acceptance shine brightly within our hearts, guiding us towards a future filled with compassion, unity, and equality.

-Brendan O'Connor, Editor.



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OF THE "COM-
ING AND GOING"
POSTS ONLINE

EVENTS!

17 RED BULL BC ONE SOUTHEAST CYPHER
Breakdancers throughout the Southeast take the stage to show off their skills, celebrate the breaking and hip-hop community, and be one step closer to a spot at the National Final in Philadelphia. Hosted by Orlando's own, Myverse, a poet, emcee, and battle rapper.

5:30 P.M. | FULL SAIL LIVE, 141 UNIVERSITY PARK DRIVE | WINTER PARK | \$10 | EVENTBRITE.COM

24 BRUNCHFEST
Everyone loves brunch, so why not go to a festival that has all of the brunch you can brunching brunch during one brunch. The event features bottomless brunch bevies like mimosas, live DJs, chances to win cash, XFL season passes, giveaways, and more. Take a Lyft though.

11 A.M. - 3 P.M. | FESTIVAL PARK, 2911 E. ROBINSON STREET | MILK DISTRICT | \$25-\$70 | ORLANDOBRUNCHFEST.COM

27 BEETLEJUICE
The hit Broadway musical, based on Tim Burton's amazing film, stomps its way into Orlando this month. If you're too young to know what we're talking about, it tells the story of goth/strange teen, Lydia Deetz, whose life changes when she meets a recently deceased couple haunting her new home and a demon that likes eating bugs and causing chaos.

VARIOUS TIMES | DR. PHILLIPS CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS | DOWNTOWN | VARIOUS PRICES | DRPHILLIPSCENTER.ORG

30 CATTOO DAY
Golden Tarot Ink Club is hosting its fifth annual Cattoo Day and you're invited. Pick from a list of pre-selected cat tattoo designs and help raise funds for Orange County Animal Services. Orange County staff will be onsite with adoptable kittens that have been thoroughly vetted, microchipped, and spayed/neutered.

9:30 A.M. - 4 P.M. | GOLDEN TAROT, 3744 HOWELL BRANCH ROAD | WINTER PARK | VARIOUS PRICES | GOLDENTAROTINKCLUB.COM


28 CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Parking Lot Party and Cholo Dogs are hosting a, well, party in a parking lot today to celebrate the half-way mark to Christmas 2023. They invite Bungalower Media to hop in the sandbox too so you know it'll be fun. We have absolutely no details, so treat this as a Save the Date, y'all. Bring your cute friends.

ALL DAY | WALLY'S MILLS AVENUE LIQUORS, 1001 N. MILLS AVENUE | MILLS 50 | VARIOUS PRICES | TBA

OTHER NOTABLE EVENTS:

EVERY TUESDAY - BUNGALOWER DRAG BINGO @ TACTICAL BREW
6/9 - "THE BROADS WAY" @ THE ABBEY
6/10 - BROOKS AND DUNN @ AMWAY CENTER
6/10 - FORBIDDEN KINGDOM MUSIC FEST @ FAIRGROUNDS
6/10 - THE GAME OF SHROOMS @ AUDUBON PARK
6/10 - MELROSE POP FESTIVAL @ MELROSE CENTER
6/13 - PARAMORE @ AMWAY CENTER
6/14 - ORANGE COUNTY JUNETEENTH - OC ADMIN BUILDING
6/16 - ART OF THE TEASE - LES VIXENS @ COLLEGE PARK GALLERY
6/16 - THE DRESDEN DOLLS @ THE SOCIAL
6/16 - HARRY POTTER IN CONCERT @ DPAC
6/16-19 - JUNETEENTH 407 WEEKEND @ PARRAMORE
6/17 - DURAN DURAN @ AMALIE ARENA
6/17 - RAINBOW RAPTORS PRIDE EVENT @ AUDUBON CTR BIRDS
6/18 - CFL PUPPET GUILD SUMMER SLAM @ IVANHOE PARK BREW
6/19 - GORDON LIGHTFOOT @ DPAC
6/20 - CELEBRATE WOMEN @ STARDUST COFFEE
6/22 - A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE @ TIMUCUA
6/24 - DRESS LIKE A DAD PUB CRAWL @ CURRY FORD WEST
6/24 - BIG BAD VOODOO DADDY @ DPAC
6/24 - PINEAPPLE FESTIVAL AT BOXI @ LAKE NONA
6/25 - FLEET FOXES, UWADE @ HARD ROCK LIVE
6/27 - "BEETLEJUICE THE MUSICAL" @ AMWAY CENTER
6/30 - NAOMI SMALLS @ SOUTHERN NIGHTS
6/30 - PETER FRAMPTON @ HARD ROCK LIVE
7/3 - OHP POP-UP: SUMMER SUGA @ CELINE
7/4 - FIREWORKS AT THE FOUNTAIN @ LAKE EOLA PARK
7/13 - POPCORN FLICKS IN THE PARK: ENCINO MAN @ CTRL PARK
7/21 - WWE FRIDAY NIGHT SMACKDOWN @ AMWAY CENTER
7/26 - SAM SMITH: GLORIA THE TOUR @ AMWAY CENTER

FOR MORE INFO ON THESE SELECTIONS, VISIT BUNGALOWER.COM/EVENTS



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Tune in to Real Radio 104.1 every Friday at 8 p.m. to hear Bungalower Media's editor, Brendan O'Connor, and former Orlando Sentinel and WESH 2 reporter/O Orlando lover, Jon Busdeker, talk their way through the week's hyper-local headlines, one beer at a time.

This month, the boys visit the newly opened Forward/Slash distillery and blending house in Winter Park, head to Wally's Mills Avenue Liquors for their new "Breakfast Club" happy hour, and to Piggza to hang out with Thomas Ward at his new Italian-ish restaurant in Mills 50.

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STORIED ORLANDO
CHAPTER 105: FLORIDA?!

By Scottie Campbell

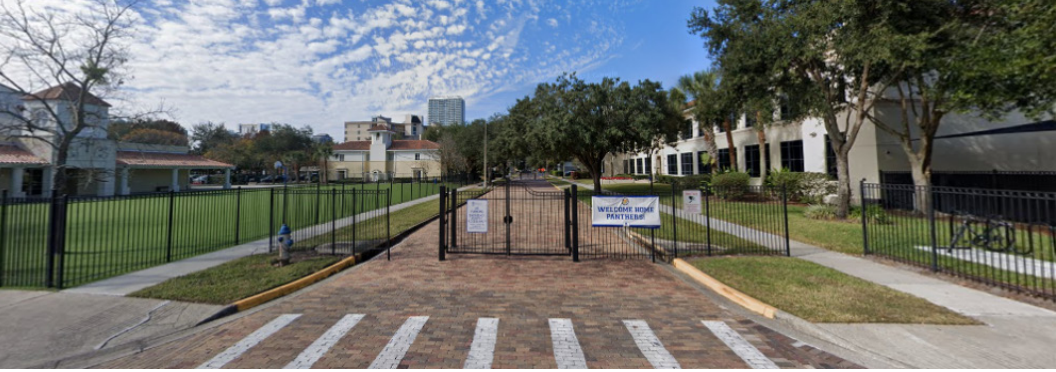
She felt everything she knew flow out of her as an icy blue filled her. Slack-jawed she stared at her laptop. Expecting to see little to know updates in her Ancestry.com account, Monica found instead that she no longer knew anyone on her mom's family tree. And - what the actual fucking fuck - these people are from Florida?! Now in her fifties with both parents gone, she thought Aunt Hannah's genealogy hobby would be comforting so she played along. Her shaky finger pressed speaker phone as she dialed her aunt's number. Without a hello, without breathing, she asked, 'Was mom adopted?'

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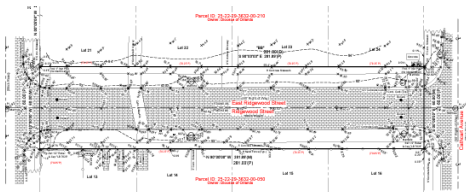
TUESDAYS @ 7 P.M.
TACTICAL BREWING



A LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL DOESN'T WANT NEIGHBORHOOD USING THE SIDEWALK

Orlando City Council voted to approve a request put forth by St. James Cathedral School to close a sidewalk that bisects its downtown campus.

We told you in February 2023 that the private school had put in a request to shut down and take over the public right-of-way along Ridgewood Street in Lake Eola Heights, in what it claimed was a reaction to a "significant increase in incidents of school violence since 1996."



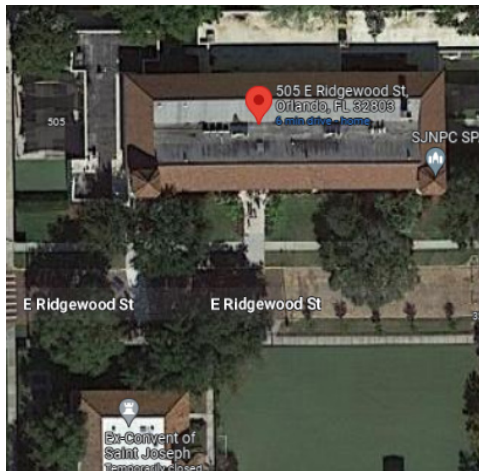
The private school was granted permission to block off a section of Ridgewood Street between Hillman Avenue and Cathcart Avenue in 1996, but the City of Orlando maintained rights for pedestrians and bicycles to continue to use the right-of-way on the street as a way to pass through the school campus. This most recent request from the school was to ask the City to abandon the easement in an effort to "protect its students."

Under the newly passed agreement with the City of Orlando, the school will now be able to lock the gates to its campus and the street from midnight to 8 p.m. daily, when there are classes scheduled to occur. The request for abandonment of the street was

not approved, despite a pouty-faced protest from the school lawyer.

The Lake Eola Heights Neighborhood Association, backed by district Commissioner Patty Sheehan, fought against the move, claiming the city was favoring a private organization over the needs of the neighborhood.

The agreement included a clause that reverts the street back to the city if the property, which has a Future Land Use designation of "Residential Medium Intensity," should ever be sold to another entity in the future.



**SCAN THIS CODE
TO WATCH AN INTENSE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING**





ORLANDO MAYOR DYER AT OPENING OF ACE CAFE

ACE CAFE ORLANDO IS OFFICIALLY CLOSED

According to a post the Ace Cafe shared on its Facebook account at 6 p.m. Sunday, May 28, they have officially closed.

The full statement is posted online.

The story was first reported by the local blog, Orlando Entertainment News, on May 4, along with the claim that someone at the company had shared that building was being sold to a private developer to be transformed into apartment towers, though that claim had not been proven true at the time of this post.

Ace Cafe staff refused to share any statements with media, declining an earlier request via Bungalow and other outlets for a statement. We have reached back out to see if they would share information on if they have indeed sold the property and to whom, or if they know of any future plans for the property, but still haven't received a response.

Ace Cafe, which is located at 100 W. Livingston Street, opened back in May 2019. The 35,000 SF complex opened with multiple dining and bar spaces, a gift shop, a motorcycle dealership, a gallery, and more.

The building was first used as a hardware and mill supply shop by Harry P. Leu, the namesake of Leu Botanical Gardens in Audubon Park, and was built in 1922 but is not considered protected by the City of Orlando.

Historical Side Note: Leu was kidnapped and thrown in the trunk of his own car while leaving this same building nearly 100 years ago. They let him out around Bithlo to walk home.

The 2.94-acre property has a current value of over \$10 million according to the Orange County Property Appraiser.



RENDERING VIA ORLANDO DREAMERS

A SPORTS-LOVING BILLIONAIRE JUST SHARED HIS PLANS FOR A BASEBALL STADIUM: DO WE CARE?

A team led by NBA exec Pat Williams, the man who is credited for bringing The Magic to Orlando, really wants the City Beautiful to have a baseball team too, and according to some fancy math on his team, having a Major League Baseball team could bring in an estimated \$40 billion to the region over 30 years.

Williams is hoping to create a billion-dollar stadium in order to lure the Tampa Bay Rays, or a franchised extension, to Orlando and he held a press conference this week to drum up some hype and put some pressure on Orange County to loosen up their purse strings.

Williams filed an application with the Tourist Development Tax task force asking for \$975 million to pay for his hopeful 45,000-seat stadium, which currently has a projected cost of \$1.7 billion. The remaining piece in the funding puzzle would hopefully be paid for by the owner of the new team or The Rays if they could seduce them to move to Central Florida – a task that would be a bit easier if Williams' stadium gets built.

The Rays have been unable to build their own stadium in the Tampa area and have been forced to host their home games at the albeit, less than modern, Tropicana Field in St. Petersburg.

If Orlando is unsuccessful at convincing The Rays to move, they would have to bid against steep competition like San Antonio, Mexico City, and Salt Lake City for just two new franchises, so getting a team that's nearby to simply relocate could be an easier bet – if Orlando really wants to have a professional baseball team that is.

According to the renderings, which you can see above, Williams' new stadium would sport a clear dome, office space, restaurants, and retail, as well as 1,000 new hotel rooms on the property, located on a 35-acre lot near Aquatica on International Drive.

Williams even has a name for the new team, the "Orlando Dreamers."

While the project succeeded in attracting plenty of attraction from local baseball fans, plenty of more people are asking whether or not the area needs another stadium and if residents should be footing the bill for a man who could likely pay for the project himself.

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REPORT





ORLANDO SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT

CRANE WATCH 2023

While our official state bird is a Mockingbird (dumb), and should be a Scrub Jay (amazing), another option could be a construction crane, am I right? (cue drum).

Here's a list of local developments that are currently under construction.

- **500 NORTH ORANGE** - The redevelopment of a former AT&T building near downtown will culminate into a new fancy office building with 20,000 SF of ground-level retail space.
- **THE GATEWAY BUILDING** - Advent Health is building a new 14-story building on campus in Ivanhoe Village with a 150-room hotel, a restaurant, and more.
- **HOLOCAUST CENTER** - The Maitland-based center is opening something bigger and better on the shores of Lake Ivanhoe where the former Orlando Chamber of Commerce building currently stands. Demolition should happen any week now.
- **THE MILK STACKS** - Adam Wonus, the de facto mayor of the Milk District, is building 27 new apartments with 10,000 SF of office in this lot near Southern Nights. They'll actually have milk stacks in the design too.
- **SOCIETY ORLANDO** - A 700-unit, mixed-use development with multiple towers and a new e-sports tenant. More on that soon.
- **SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT** - A massive undertaking by Orlando Magic that will put 420,000 SF of class A office space and a 300-room hotel with an events center and a parking garage directly across the street from the Amway Center. It's estimated to have a \$500 million price tag.
- **URBON AT AUDUBON PARK** - this new luxe apartment project is bringing 490+ units to a lot behind Orlando Fashion Square.

THUMBS UP/ THUMBS DOWN



WE LOST A REALLY POPULAR BUSINESS IN DOWNTOWN ORLANDO RECENTLY AND ONE OF THEIR MAIN REASONS FOR CLOSING WAS BECAUSE THEY SAID THE LANDLORD WOULD NOT HELP THEM WITH ISSUES RELATED TO THE OLDER BUILDING THEY WERE IN. THAT'S SOMETHING WE'VE HEARD A NUMBER OF TIMES THROUGH THE YEARS AND WE ARE OVER IT. STEP UP AND HELP OR SELL YOUR BUILDING!



THE ONEPULSE FOUNDATION IS GOING THROUGH IT, Y'ALL. THEY CAN'T CONVINCE THE PROPERTY OWNER/EX-CEO AND HER POSSE TO SELL AND/OR GIVE THEM THE LAND, SO THEY'RE HAVING TO TRY TO DO IT SOME PLACE ELSE. AND NOW EVERYONE'S WONDERING WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE PULSE BUILDING AND SITE AND IF WE EVEN NEED A MUSEUM AT ALL.



THE CITY OF WINTER PARK JUST APPROVED A NEW ART MUSEUM AND A FANCY NEW BUILDING FOR THE CRUMMER BUSINESS SCHOOL AT ROLLINS COLLEGE. THEY'RE CALLING IT THE INNOVATION TRIANGLE, WITH THE ALFOND INN THERE. WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT MAKES IT ALL INNOVATIVE THOUGH. IT'S KIND OF LIKE WHEN ALANIS MORISSETTE HAD THAT IRONIC SONG BUT EVERYONE WAS LIKE, GURL, THAT'S NOT WHAT THAT MEANS.

PEOPLE OF DOWNTOWN

Bungalower Media was approached by the Downtown Development Board/CRA to come up with a campaign and we are proud to announce the launch of a new photo series that we're calling People of Downtown.

Throughout the summer, we will be showcasing a different interview with someone we encountered in downtown Orlando, and asking them what brought them downtown, what they love about it, and where they're from. Those interviews will be shared weekly on social media, in our newsletters, and here on Bungalower.com, each month.

What's your name?

"I'm Jennifer Lopez, like the celebrity. A lot of people know me as 'J. Lo.'"

Where are you from?

"I'm actually from Orlando. I'm right by the Orlando Airport, so it's not that far away."

What's your favorite thing to do downtown?

"It's funny. I'm not a coffee lover, but I love going to the coffee shops. Because there's such amazing ambiance. The atmosphere is incredible. I love to just work on my work emails and all that fun stuff, so I'm always looking for a good shop to visit."



JENNIFER LOPEZ



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FROM "PEOPLE
OF ORLANDO"



TOP TEN THINGS TO KNOW

- 1) "French cafe downtown to ferme this month."
- 2) "Harmon Photo finally gets new tenant."
- 3) "Ask Bungalower: Is Ace Cafe for sale?"
- 4) "St. James Cathedral School versus Public Sidewalks."
- 5) "Renderings revealed for hopeful baseball stadium."

ICYMI

(IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)



CLIMBING GYM COMING TO OBT

Dr. Phillips Charities, the group behind the \$700 million Packing District development in the Fairvilla neighborhood just west of College Park, has just announced the addition of a new climbing and fitness gym. The new 45,000 SF gym will be the first Central Florida location of Tennessee-based High Point Climbing and Fitness and will feature a 55-foot-tall rope climbing area, a competition speed wall, a large bouldering and training area, and a 4,000 SF Kid Zone specifically for children. The facility will also have a fitness area with strength and aerobic machines, a yoga studio, locker rooms with showers, and a pro shop. It will also have a 9,000 SF dog spa and hotel on the property as well.

ARMSTRON LOCKS IS FOR SALE

The family-owned Armstrong Lock and Security has been in business since 1929 and they are putting their longtime home at 1120 N. Mills Avenue up for sale. The 0.37-acre property features a 2,900 SF building and 17 parking spaces – a commodity in the ever-growing Mills 50 District. It has been listed sans-asking price and is being marketed by Alex Bisbee, of Insite Real Estate, Inc. but was last assessed at \$937,278 in 2022.

FAZOLI'S IS RETURNING TO O-TOWN

15 years after it closed its last Orlando location, Fazoli's will be opening a new restaurant on Colonial Drive. The Italian-ish restaurant will be moving into a former Boston Market space at 4201 E. Colonial Drive, just east of Fashion Square Mall, and across the street from Orlando Executive Airport. The menu features Americanized versions of Italian-ish dishes like baked lasagna, baked spaghetti, chicken fettuccine alfredo, pizza, Italian ice, unlimited bread sticks, and those cookies that look like they were sculpted by robots before being plopped into little plastic envelope bags. An opening date isn't public at this time but their website says "coming soon."



HARMON'S GETS NEW TENANTS

The former home of Harmon Photo in Ivanhoe Village has been vacant for a number of years now but it seems its days of sitting empty have come to a close, with the signing of a new tenant. The team at Two Chic Beautique has signed the lease for the building, located at 1323 N. Orange Avenue, for use as a new salon. The new Trés Ivanhoe Salon is currently being prepped for construction to begin with a hopeful completion date by the end of the year.

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WE'LL SEND YOU THREE ROUNDUPS A WEEK OF HYPER-LOCAL NEWS!

- 6) "After Midnight Bar Permits: Who actually has one?"
- 7) "Orange Avenue inches closer to major overhaul."
- 8) "Ask Bungalower: Is Critical Mass canceled?"
- 9) "Armstrong Locks is selling Mills 50 property."
- 10) "Fazoli's returning to Orlando."

**MOST-READ
BUNGALOWER
HEADLINES OF
MAY 2023**



PHOTO VIA LAZY MOON PIZZA

PLANS RELEASED FOR HISTORIC TRAIN STATION

Bungalower Media launched a new series of YouTube videos that feature unique points of view and the latest addition to the playlist will definitely make you hungry.

See first-hand how the pizzaiolos at Lazy Moon Pizza create their massive, hand-tossed pizzas at the popular Mills 50 restaurant. Lazy Moon is known for their tasty, jumbo slices of pizzas in a fun, convivial atmosphere, and we asked them to let us join them in the kitchen to see how the magic happens.

Bungalower Buddy Keyholders should take note that they can unlock a special discount if they present their keychains at the point of purchase at the Mills 50 location at 1011 E. Colonial Drive.

SCAN FOR THE VIDEO



THE CITY LAUNCHED A FREE PARKING PROGRAM

The City of Orlando's Downtown Development Board re-launched PARK DTO on May 15 to provide free parking at on-street metered and non-metered spaces, via the ParkMobile app, and complimentary valet at participating restaurants. Participants can download the free ParkMobile app and receive up to two hours of parking at any downtown on-street metered and non-metered spaces using the ParkMobile code: ParkDTO.

This code can be used a maximum of four times per account. Promotion codes are valid 24 hours a day, seven days a week (on-street metered and non-metered parking is free after 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday, and free all day on Sunday). Any amount owed in excess of the validated time is the responsibility of the person parking. The program also includes complimentary valet for customers at participating restaurants between 5:30 - 9 pm. For a list of restaurants, and more information about the Park DTO program, visit downtownorlando.com/parkdto.





PHOTO VIA ALOHA BEAUTIFUL FACEBOOK

AFTER MIDNIGHT BAR PERMITS: WHO ACTUALLY HAS ONE?

Starting this month, bars and nightclubs in the Downtown Entertainment Area are now required to have a new permit in order to sell alcohol after midnight, but according to the City of Orlando, only a few bars have been issued an “After Midnight Sales Permit.”

Of the 80 documented bars and nightclubs in downtown Orlando, only 51 had applied for the new permit as of May 1, with only 26 of them having been issued a special decal by the city to operate late into the night, including:

- **ALOHA BEAUTIFUL**
- **THE ATTIC/THE BASEMENT**
- **BELLHOP**
- **BULLITT BAR**
- **CASEY'S ON CENTRAL**
- **CHILLERS**
- **CLANDESTINO**
- **CORONA CIGAR COMPANY**
- **CROW AND CO.**
- **DOWNTOWN POURHOUSE**
- **EMBER**
- **EVE ORLANDO**
- **FUEL**
- **HEN HOUSE**
- **HIGH TIDE**
- **HOOCH**
- **IRISH SHANNON'S**
- **KUSH GALLERY AND LOUNGE**
- **MATHERS SOCIAL HOUSE**
- **TACO KAT**

- **THE ROBINSON**
- **SHAKAI SUSHI LOUNGE**
- **SHINE**
- **SLY FOX PUB**
- **SWIGGS**
- **THE VANGUARD**

The permit, which was approved last month, requires businesses to display their hours of operation and occupancy numbers alongside the decal. In order to have a permit issued, bars must use a metal detector wand if they have more than 50 people inside at a time.

All bars will use I.D. scanners between the hours of 10 p.m. and 2 a.m. as well. Some of the larger clubs with higher capacities are also required to hire off-duty officers at a rate of \$90/hour.

If they fail to keep a log of their occupancy numbers or are found to not be compliant in any way, the bars could be forced to lose their permit and their ability to sell alcohol after midnight.

The City of Orlando gave downtown bar operators just three weeks to submit for the new permits, which cost \$250 to register.

The deadline to apply for a permit was May 1, 2023.

The main graphic for the event features a large, colorful rainbow arching over a yellow sun with a smiling face. Below the sun is a pink ribbon-like shape. The text "Summer at your Library" is written in a playful, bubbly font. "Summer" is in pink, "at your" is in orange, and "Library" is in blue. To the right of the text is a red character with a smiling face, arms, and legs, wearing yellow shoes. There are also several colorful flowers scattered around the text.

Summer
at your
Library

June 3 - July 29

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