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THE MANY SHAPES OF ONEPULSE

THE ONEPULSE FOUNDATION WAS FOUNDED IN 2017 TO CREATE "a memorial that opens hearts [and] a museum that opens minds"

After nearly seven years of no discernible progress towards either a memorial site or a museum, OnePulse announced they would be selling the Pulse Nightclub property to the city.

Leaving many to wonder, what went wrong and where did the millions of dollars OnePulse raised actually go?

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PULSE



NEW DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS NAMED FOR PARRAMORE'S LONG-AWAITED "SPORTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT"

SED Development and Orlando Magic have just named two new partners for the long-awaited Sports and Entertainment District project planned for the vacant lot next to Amway Center in the Parramore neighborhood.

According to a press release received last week, both JMA Ventures and Machete Group have signed onto the development team for the massive mixed-use project, which will include a 260-room full-service hotel with 16,000 SF of Class A office space, 125,000 SF of retail, a 3,500-person live event venue, a town square, and 1,100 new parking spaces. Machete Group worked on the Amway Center, as well as the Chase Center in San Francisco and the TQL Stadium in Cincinnati.



The DeVos family is also involved in the \$500 million project.

The 8.4-acre project was first made public in 2011. A project timeline and completion date are still not public at this time.





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FDOT EXTENDS SUNRAIL **OFFER FOR ORLANDO** MAGIC FANS

The Florida Department of Transportation has extended its Train-To-The-Game program with SunRail, which offers later train services on weeknights when Orlando Magic hosts a home game.

The program launched in 2022, giving fans another transportation option to get safely in and out of downtown Orlando during the game. All Magic ticket holders can ride Sun-Rail for free to and from the games just by showing a hard copy or electronic copy of their ticket to SunRail conductors when boarding.

The SunRail Church Street stop is just a block away from the Amway Center and easy to navigate on foot. The program will run for a total of 27 weekday home games in the 2023-24 season, including the following:

November 6 vs. Dallas Mavericks November 21 vs. Toronto Raptors November 22 vs. Denver Nuggets November 24 vs. Boston Celtics November 29 vs. Washington Wizards December 1 vs. Washington Wizards December 11 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers December 20 vs. Miami Heat December 27 vs. Philadelphia 76ers December 29 vs. New York Knicks January 9 vs. Minnesota Timberwolves January 19 vs. Philadelphia 76ers January 22 vs. Cleveland Cavaliers February 8 vs. San Antonio Spurs February 13 vs. Oklahoma City Thunder February 14 vs. New York Knicks February 27 vs. Brooklyn Nets February 29 vs. Utah Jazz March 13 vs. Brooklyn Nets March 19 vs. Charlotte Hornets March 21 vs. New Orleans Pelicans March 27 vs. Golden State Warriors March 29 vs. Los Angeles Clippers

FROM THE EDITOR



And we're off like a herd of turtles. October was a lesson in marathon event management, and I don't mean the running kind. Because I don't care about anything that much that I would run to get there faster.

We're so appreciative for all of the positive feedback for our launch issue last month and we're now full steam ahead with our new #NewspaperLife. It was all we could do to not take to the streets like the cast from Newsies and start seizing the day and throwing bundles of papers at bystanders on the street. But we're too small of an outlet at the moment to get sued for hitting anyone in the head with a Bungalower while belting out Broadway hits. Our office was busy with a number of

crazy events and initiatives last month, including a new partnership with our friends at Orlando Parking Lot Party. We've been hosting a series of outdoor concerts, powered by a Ford F-150 Lightning via our friends at Connect Ford, which will continue through the end of the year. We also hosted a sold-out Drag Bingo at the Milkhouse Social to launch the new brunch service led by Swine and Sons which has taken over the kitchen there.

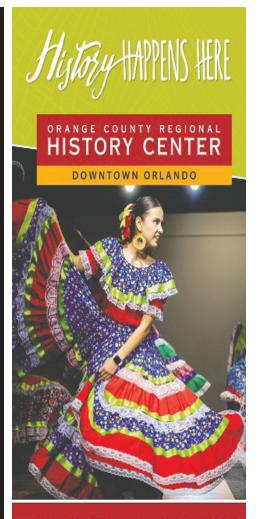
November promises to be just as busy. Our editorial calendar is brimming with fun activations and dates with our favorite local partners and we've hit the ground fast-walking (because running sucks) trying to keep track of them all so you don't miss a thing.

This issue is chock full of some of the best headlines of the month along with some meditations on new stories, fun games, guides, and the latest gossip. We hope you enjoy it as much as we enjoyed cobbling it together for you.

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Have a question for Brendan? Email him at Brendan@Bungalower.com



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THE TOP 10 THINGS TO KNOW THIS WEEK YOUR WEEKLY DOSE OF ORLANDO'S BIGGEST NEWS STORIES SUBSCRIBE TODAY AT BUNGALOWER.COM

STORIED ORLANDO: CH. 106 BY SCOTTIE CAMPBELL - Denny stared at Wayne's laptop, dumbstruck.

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DEVELOPING STORIES



ORANGE AVENUE PARTIALLY REOPENED TO TRAFFIC IN IVANHOE VILLAGE

A section of Orange Avenue running through lvanhoe Village that was temporarily closed for construction in mid-September has partially reopened to vehicular traffic, with single travel lanes open in both directions.

On September 11, the City of Orlando's Public Works Department kicked off Phase 1 of construction to replace sanitary sewer lines on North Orange Avenue, which required the closure of the road to any and all car traffic.

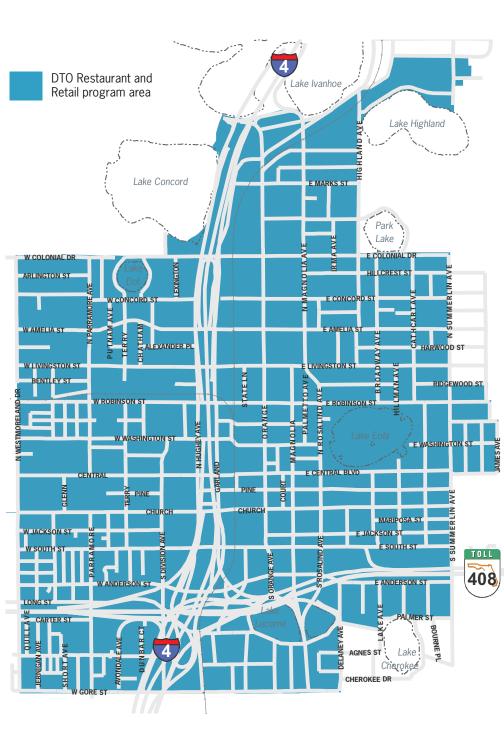
According to the City of Orlando, the closure was necessary to replace the undersized sewage pipeline along the corridor over the next 13 months, in five phases, with the first phase addressing a section between Ivanhoe Boulevard and Alden Road.

During that time, questions were raised by adjacent businesses about the duration of the construction, and the smell of sewage coming from the construction site. The first weekend of construction resulted in a Lake Alert being issued for the adjacent Lake Ivanhoe, when a pipe being worked on at the site cracked, and released approximately 50 gallons of waste into the street and nearby lakefront.

Shortly after that Lake Alert was eventually lifted on September 21, a video was taken by an adjacent business, showing foul-smelling fluids being discharged into one of the large ditches on the worksite.

According to the City of Orlando's Public Works staff, the fluid being discharged in the video was groundwater, and not sewage, despite the smell. Public Works investigated the site and came to the conclusion that the water leak was the result of "tampering with the site after work hours." The City then issued another Lake Alert for Lake Ivanhoe, just in case.

Local businesses adjacent to the construction, including Lucky Lure, The Greek Corner, Gnarly Barley, and The Pinery, have all shared a dramatic decline in business during the construction. So now that the stinky hose water has been tucked away, the Lake Alert lifted, and the road partially open to traffic while construction continues to one side, Bungalower Media would like to encourage you to take a side trip to the area in the coming weeks to help support some of the businesses that were adversely affected by the work.



BUTTERFLY-ADORNED OFFICE BUILDING RAZED AND PREPPED FOR POSSIBLE DEVELOPMENT

The three-story office building that once occupied the lot at 500 S. Magnolia Avenue, across from the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, was recently demolished and the property razed to the ground to make it a sexier prospect for hopeful developers.

The land had been approved for a hotel project back in 2016 by then-owners GDK Properties, but that stalled shortly after. The offices were then adorned with a sive mural of a monarch butterfly, painted by Ink Dwell studio, back in 2018, and entitled "Midnight Dream." The piece had been commissioned by The Nature Conservancy to raise awareness of the dramatic decline in monarch butterflies over recent years.

COUNCIL APPROVES NEW INCENTIVES FOR RETAIL AND RESTAURANTS DOWNTOWN

Orlando City Council approved a new financial incentive program to help entice new restaurants and retail shops downtown that could give hundreds of thousands of dollars to businesses looking for a home in the urban core.

The Community Redevelopment Agency's Retail Stimulus Program was originally created in 2010 to help attract strong retail operators downtown and was updated in 2020. In the years since the CRA has been tasked to attract more restaurants and retail downtown as part of the mayor's shift away from bars and nightclubs and a more family-friendly (insert buzzword) "neighborhood."

The program has officially been divided into two separate branches; the DTO Retail Program and the DTO Restaurant Program, which will award qualifying businesses funds for build-outs and rental assistance. An eligible full-service restaurant concept looking to open in the downtown core, including Parramore and Creative Village, can now get up to \$400,000, or \$100 per square foot, in funding as well as up to \$50,000 in rental assistance. Those funds must be matched by the building owner to qualify. The Retail Program has a cap of \$150,000 for tenant improvements or \$25 per square foot. Businesses must have operated for at least five years to qualify for funding.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DOWNTOWN'S BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAMS







SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBSCRIBE TO BUNGALOWER'S NEWSLETTER, AND STAY INFORMED ON ALL OF THE DEVELOPING STORIES AFFECTING ORLANDO'S BUNGALOWER NEIGHBORHOODS An exact plan for the property is not known at this time.



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He met Wayne in his first week in Orlando over a decade ago

LOCAL ELECTION ROUNDUP

By Mike Donohue

The City of Orlando General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 7 with three public positions up for grabs: City Mayor, District 4 Commissioner, and District 6 Commissioner. While the incumbents in each race seem well positioned for reelection, historically low voter turnout in previous municipal elections means it wouldn't take many votes to trigger an upset. 11 11 And with several contentious issues facing the City Commission in the coming year, Tuesday's LOCAL GOVERNANCE results could have a significant impact on several HELP 5¢ ongoing local projects. MOMS 4 TERM LIMITS 1 THE MAYOR IS IN CITY MAYOR Buddy Dyer Tony Vargas As Orlando's chief executive and sev-Samuel Ings Steve Dixon (Incumbent) enth member of the City Council, the According to his campaign Tony Var-Coming off a defeat to Linda Stewart Ings, a former OPD Captain and Buddy Dyer has served as the May-Mayor holds significant influence over in the 2022 general election for Flor gas is a "seasoned fitness profesor of Orlando since 2003, winning City Council member blames Dyer's city legislation and administration. sional and active Orlando resident ida Senate District 17 - in which he five consecutive general elections leadership for the rise of the homefor over three decades." However, ran as a Republican - Dixon has set in the process. His tenure, for better less tent cities and crime rates in Vargas has never served in public his sights on the nonpartisan posi-Campaign finance reports suggest

that the race is Buddy Dyer's to lose. He's raised over \$480,000 for his campaign - ten times more than what the other mayoral candidates have raised combined.

or worse, has been defined by Orlando's rapid growth and all the municipal challenges that come with it, including a lack of affordable housing and accessible public transit.

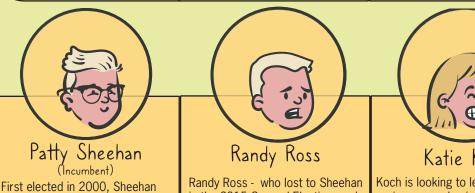
Parramore. Predictably, the focal point of his campaign has been making "neighborhood policing a priority in every community, not just downtown.'

office. Like Ings, Vargas is focused on addressing the crime rate and tackling the homeless tent cities which "are deteriorating the quality of life in our downtown core."

tion of City Mayor. Running on a platform which includes crushing crime and igniting Orlando's economy Dixon seeks to "M.O.G.A." (Make Orlando Great Again). Good Grief.

DISTRICT 4

District 4 - which encompasses parts of Mills 50, Milk District, SoDo, Thornton Park, and the Central Business District - has seen significant change in the last twenty years. One constant, however, has been its elected official, City Commissioner, Patty Sheehan. Two candidates - neither of which have held public office before - will seek to end Sheehan's tenure.



Randy Ross - who lost to Sheehan in the 2015 General Election, and most recently Doug Bankson in the 2022 Republican primary for Florida House of Representatives District 39 - believes Sheehan has

Katie Koch

Koch is looking to leverage her experience as a business owner and working mom to usurp Sheehan's incumbency. Koch's legislative priorities are enacting term limits for local elected positions and rolling

DID YOU KNOW?

Less than 23,000 of eligible voters participated in Orlando's last general election. That's a voter turnout of only 12.64%.

Your voice is vital and fundamental to this community. We encourage you to make that voice heard by participating in local elections.

For information on how to vote, or to find your nearest polling place, visit ocfelections.com or

been consistently critical of the handling of the Pulse memorial.

has been a vocal representative

for Orlando's most prominent

neighborhoods. She is an advo-

cate for LGBTQ issues and has

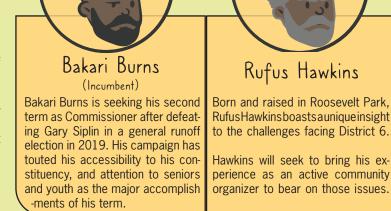
allocated "far too much money for murals and speed bumps."

back the recently passed commissioner pay rates.

call 407-836-2070.

DISTRICT 6

District 6 - which makes up parts of Pine Hills, MetroWest, Washington Shores, and Parramore - has been a major talking point for mayoral candidates leading up to the general election. The area faces significant challenges with a rising crime rate, and the all too familiar combination of a lack of affordable housing, and low median household income.



DISTRICT 2

While the position of District 2 City Commissioner was scheduled to be decided during the 2023 General Election, Commissioner Tony Ortiz is running unopposed and thus has automatically won reelection.



Tony Ortiz has held the position of District 2 City Commissioner in his mustachioed, and mostly unopposed grip, since 2008. He is often the most outspoken member of the City Commission, and was extremely critical of the recently passed downtown bar ordinances.

and they became such close friends that people teased them about being a couple,

ART/CULTURE

Section B

ORLANDO GETS \$1 MILLION GRANT FROM BLOOMBERG PHILANTHROPIES

Bloomberg Philanthropies announced that Orlando was one of eight recipients nationwide grant to support temporary public art projects to support local civic issues.

Orlando will be using the funds to support an installation entitled, "Art Pollination: Building Food Justice Through Creativity." The collaborative project will feature local non-profits like Black Bee Honey, 4 Roots, Hebni Nutrition Consultants, Ideas For Us, Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida, and the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, as well as the Downtown Arts District and Snap! Orlando.

The winners have the next 24 months to develop and launch their projects.

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING THIS STORY

WINTER PARK INSTITUTE SPEAKER SERIES LIVES AGAIN

Popular speaker series, The Winter Park Institute, is back in action as an independent non-profit, under the direction of Lauren Zimmerman, the owner of Writer's Block Bookstore, and Jeffrey Blyndenburgh.

The series is slated to return on November 10 with a talk entitled "Empowering Voices, Building Futures, led by authors Ryan Craig (left) and Stephen Shedletzky (right). The event is scheduled to open at 7 p.m. at the Bush Auditorium at Rollins College.

Ryan Craig is a managing director at Achieve Partners, an investment firm engineering the future of learning and earning, and the author of "A New U: Faster + Cheaper Alternatives to College" – one of the Wall Street Journal's Books of the Year for 2018.

Stephen "Shed" Shedletzky, is a speaker, coach, advisor, and author of "Speak-Up Culture: When Leaders Truly Listen, People Step Up."

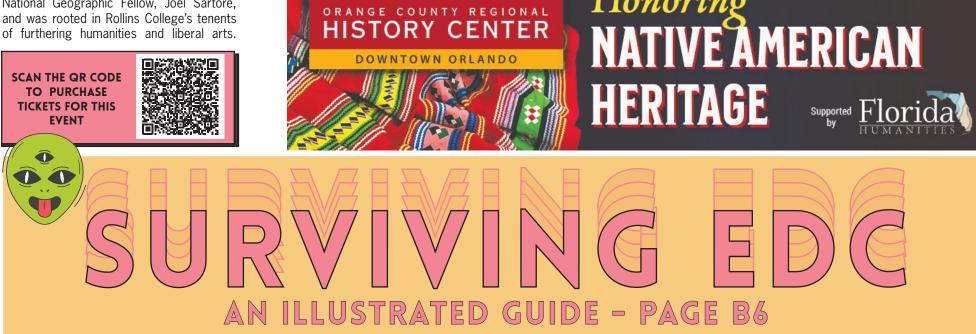
The series was founded in 2008 to feature world-renowned scholars in a public forum, including Star Trek's George Takei, Beyonce of Urbanism Candy Chang, and National Geographic Fellow, Joel Sartore, and was rooted in Rollins College's tenents of furthering humanities and liberal arts.







ORANGE COUNTY REGIONAL HONORING



even though Denny is straight.

ORANGE COUNTY SEEKING SUBMISSIONS FOR NEW

The Orange County Public Art Review Board has issued a Call For Artists to submit artwork for the new Orange County Innovation Lab, which will be located in the new Multicultural Center in Pine Hills.

The Center, once open, will feature a number of public spaces for the community, includ-

ing an Innovation Lab for ongoing STEM ed-

ucational programming and a senior center.

The center will be for people of all ages to work on tech-based creations

and ideas including robotics and VR.

The County would love to see submissions ranging from suspended three-di-

mensional art pieces, murals, augmented

reality, kinetic sculptures and textile art,

to digital and interactive art installations.

The commission is \$77,600.

INNOVATION LAB



In a pickle? You're in luck- Our resident advice expert, Brenda from Bithlo, has a TON of experience with pickles.

So, whether you're looking for answers on money, love, or wigs, tuck in, this is...Ask Brenda!

HEY, BRENDA. I THINK MY GIRLFRIEND WANTS TO BREAK UP WITH ME BUT I'M TOO AFRAID TO ASK. WHAT SHOULD I DO?

- SCARED TO ASK

Hey, baby. The thought of being alone can be scary, but it's something you should definitely meditate on from time to time. If only to help you really value the healthy relationships you do have, and maybe to look at the ones that could use some pilates or a surgical removal. There's something to be said about following your gut, and if you think something's not right, it probably isn't, but you're not going to know for sure unless you ask. I hope it's something y'all can work out, but if it isn't, and you're cute and own a boat, give me a call.

MY HUSBAND HAS GOTTEN REALLY FAT SINCE WE GOT MARRIED. HE USED TO **BE REALLY FIT, WHICH IS PART OF WHY** WE GOT TOGETHER IN THE FIRST PLACE, BUT NOW HE'S SO PUDGY, I DON'T LIKE LOOKING AT HIM WITH HIS SHIRT OFF. **IS THAT WRONG?**

- B. SMALLS

Lady, if you got married to someone just because they have a six-pack, you were destined to break up anyway. Muscles come and go, but a good connection is here to stay. And if they got that heavy that quickly, it sounds like y'all have some other shit to work out. But he could just be really comfortable in the fact that he got you, and he thinks you're his wife forever. Don't shame him about his weight, that's awful. But if it really is concerning to you, put on your big lady pantsuit and woman up. Ask him what's going on. And while I don't think it should be all about your exterior when you're in a relationship, there is something to be said about wanting to look good for vour partner. You could also just put on a few pounds yourself and rub bellies and call it a day though.

BRENDA MY BOYFRIEND HAS THE HAIRIEST BUSH I'VE EVER SEEN AND I LOW-KEY HATE IT. BUT HE'S SO SWEET



CONCEPTUAL RENDERING/INSPIRATION

THREE LOCAL ARTISTS **HOSTING OPEN STUDIO TOUR ON NOVEMBER 11**

Three local artists are teaming up for an open studio tour on Saturday, November 11, and inviting collectors, art enthusiasts, and lookie-loos into their studios for a one-day show and sale.

Participating artists include Michael Galletta (left), an art professor at Valencia College where he teaches ceramics, sculpture, and drawing. His personal practice includes a mix of functional objects ranging from planters and mugs to vases and oil lamps, Julie Harbers (center), a full-time potter and ceramic teacher with a practice that ocuses on colorful functional items like platters, bowls, and vases, and Richard Munster, who



teaches at Valencia and is a regular face at FAVO in Park Lake Highland, he focuses on more functional and sculptural forms and experimental glazes and firings.

The event will also host several local guest artists including Gabriel Isaac, Carly Bigran, and Warren Perko. Scan the QR code for a map to each of the artists' studios.



STORY



ORLANDO MUSEUM OF ART TO OFFER ONE FREE DAY A MONTH **AS PART OF NEW PARTNERSHIP**

The Orlando Museum of Art has just announced that it has received a grant from the Art Bridges Foundation through its "Access for All" program to help offer free admission to Central Floridians and visitors.

The museum will now host a new Access for All Third Thursdays series, where they will offer a day of free admission, launching in January 2024. OMA will open its doors from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. on the third Thursday of every month.

The museum also shared in a press release that it has plans to partner with local transit systems to offer transportation assistance to visitors.

"We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with Art Bridges and to make art experiences more available to the entire Orlando community. We look forward to welcoming everyone, especially those who haven't attended before, to the museum to enjoy the galleries and special events on Access for All Third Thursdays."

- CATHRYN J. MATTSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CEO, ORLANDO MUSEUM OF ART

The first Access for All Third Thursday will take place on January 18, 2024, and will feature live performances, educational programming, and refreshments. Parking at the museum is free for visitors.

PARK AVE CDS EXPANDING **INTO FORMER JUNIOR'S** DINER

The shop, which just celebrated its 39th anniversary, first opened on Park Avenue in Winter Park, before finding its way to its current home at 2916 Corrine Drive [GMap], and has been in business since 1984. The store will now be expanding into the former home of the adjacent Junior's Diner, which has been shuttered for months following a sudden unannounced closure and abandoned renovation.

Shop owner, Sandy Bitman, shared that his team was still, "putting our idea board together," but that the diner was in fairly poor shape and that it would take some time to put it into

LAST MONTH ON BUNGALOWER & THE BUS Episode 347 - Nightmare on Orange Episode 348 - Chicken Guy

AND SEXY. IS IT STUPID TO ASK HIM TO SHAVE IT?

- B. MOORE

While there's nothing wrong with being hairy, if you need to get a rake in order to find your way, that's probably a bit excessive. Some men think personal grooming only applies to the bits that peek out of their polos. I like a little hair to hold onto myself, since I'm a bit top-heavy and prone to tipping over, but a girl doesn't want to have to get a weed whacker every time she wants to get busy. Tell that man that if he wants to sell the house, he's got to keep the front yard trimmed and get him a grooming tool for a stocking stuffer. Hell, help him trim it up and make it into a sexy date night activity for the two of you. You can shave some shapes in it and have a giggle. If he's a bit reticent, tell him a short hedge makes the tower seem taller.





Bungalower and the Bus is the weekly podcast dedicated to Orlando's top headlines, new restaurants, and upcoming events. The show is co-hosted by Jon Busdeker and Bungalower's own, Brendan O'Connor

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Brendan and guest host Scottie												
head to The Courtesy Bar in Winter												
Park to see their seasonal bar take-												
over, Nightmare on Orange, and												
to try some of the new cocktails.												

For Episode 348, Jon's back from his European adventures just in time for his birthday, so Brendan and Mike take him out for a night of excessive fried chicken sandwiches.

"Most Powerful People" issue, Orange County tax dollar allocations, and the new Winter Park budget, and Canadian smoke invading Florida.

Topics include Orlando Magazine's Topics include some spicy commissioner headlines, the constitutional right to hunt and fish, this weekend's solar eclipse, and the Return to Joyland Invitational Beer Fest

Episode 349 - Susuru Juju

Jon takes Brendan out for an omakase dinner at Juju, the sister restaurant to Disney Springs-adjacent Susuru. Brendan is out of town, so Jon hangs out with Mike and Moses DeWitt of the DeWitt Law Firm and JustCallMoe.com.

Episode 350 - DeWitt Law Firm

Topics include the pending sale of Pulse Nightclub, Visit Orlando's recent lobby for Tourist Development Tax dollars, OPD phasing out its mounted patrol unit, and a developer who wants to build a tive for Downtown Orlando, and

Topics include the sale of Pulse Nightclub, a crash in Baldwin Park, sports betting in Florida, Moe's Jury Juice beer, a new retail incensurf park in West Orange County. the return of the Orlando Magic.

'Boringly straight to the point of tedium,'

CITY COUNCIL VOTES YES TO PULSE NIGHTCLUB PURCHASE

The City of Orlando will be moving forward with its proposed purchase of the Pulse Nightclub property.

City Council voted to approve the purchase during the Monday, October 23 council meeting, with only Commissioner Jim Gray pausing to question whether or not the city was overpaying for the property.

"For us to suggest that that property is worth \$1.9 million is misleading. Seven years ago when we looked at this site, our own appraiser said the property was worth \$700,000. So where's the balance? People are trying to give value to the improvements, and I would suggest to you that the improvements, those that are still there, the owners have already been paid for their improvements through insurance. If they haven't, it's their own fault they didn't have insurance. But we are buying land, don't make any mistake about it. And I would also suggest that the value of that land, since the event, is probably less-more, because of the tragic event and the stigma associated with that ... we're paying at least two-tothree times the value of that property."

- COMMISSIONER JIM GRAY

Commissioner Gray went on to say that the only future of the property was to be made into a memorial and that the only fair way to do that would be to exercise eminent domain, which he believed met the criteria since it would be for the public benefit/use.

Mayor Dyer clapped back saying that though he didn't want to buy the property he still viewed it as a necessity.

"I don't really want to spend \$2 million, would rather see the property donated to OnePulse, but that's not where we are. I am looking at this as an elevation of what is best for the families of the victims, the survivors, and our community as a whole.'

– MAYOR JOHN DYER

The City of Orlando tried to purchase the property immediately following the shootings seven years ago for \$2.25 million before the Pomas, and Daytona-based Michael Panaggio, decided to keep the property at the last minute – choosing to launch their own non-profit and build their own memorial instead.

OnePulse Foundation officially walked away from the memorial site in July 2023 following a public divorce from its founder and Pulse Nightclub co-owner, Barbara Poma. The separation was allegedly largely due to a disagreement between the Pomas and One-Pulse, centered on whether the land should be donated or that they should have to pay for it out-of-pocket, according to sources at the organization.

City Hall will now begin a process to fundraise and offset the \$2 million cost of the property purchase with private donations and planning a new public memorial for the site.



CENTERFOLD THE MANY SHAPES OF **ONEPULSE** BY MIKE DONOHUE

In 2017, the owners of Pulse Nightclub founded the OnePulse Foundation with the stated mission of "creating and supporting a memorial that opens hearts, a museum that opens minds, educational programs that open eyes and legacy scholarships that open doors."

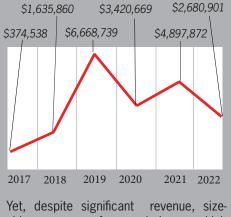
On October 23 - more than six years after the foundation's formation - the City of Orlando announced it would be purchasing the Pulse property for \$1.9 million.

How did we get here? And what happened to the millions of dollars OnePulse raised in the process?

BY THE NUMBERS

Over the last seven years, onePULSE has received millions in contributions from private and corporate donors interested in seeing the Foundation deliver on its promise of honoring the "49 Angels that were taken, the 68 others who were injured and the countless first responders and healthcare professionals who treated them."

onePulse Foundation's Annual Revenue



able expenses from salaries - which accounted for 25% of onePULSE's overall revenue, external PR and project management consultants, and large fundraising expenses (nearly 10% of total revenues) appear to have eaten away at the Foundation's balances.

Part of onePULSE's stated mission is to provide legacy scholarships honoring the respective interests, careers or aspirations of those killed at Pulse on June 12, 2016.

onePULSE did not institue the scholarship program until 2019, when it awarded scholarships to a class of 49 applicants. On the onePulse website, the inaugural legacy scholarship recipients were given a total of \$330,000. Though, according to tax records, only \$313,000 was actually provided.

Since the Foundation's inception, a total of \$912,800 has been distributed as legacy scholarships - less than 5 percent of onePulse's overall revenue, and just \$2,929 less than the total compensation of onePULSE executives in 2022.







PAYCHECK PROTECTION PROGRAM LOANS

onePULSE has received two PPP loans: the first, in April 2020 for \$166,500, and the second in January 2021 for \$204,235. The full amounts of both loans were forgiven in the same calendar year they were approved.

During those years, executives at onePULSE were paid a total of \$1,005,371 in base compensation.

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port a memorial that opens hearts, tion of the Pulse Interim Museum Internatioal Design Com- ty Regional History Center. On a 1.7-acre parcel of land a museum that opens minds, educa- Memorial in conjunction with petition on March 25, 2019. In October 30, the competition jury selects on which to construct the tional programs that open eyes and local landscape firm, Dix Hite. October, six of the design teams the dsign team made up of two architec- museum and memorial. legacy scholarships that open doors.

shortlisted by the competition jury tual firms: Coldefy & Associés and RDAL

onePULSE and the selected design team.

According to onePULSE's tax filings, \$1.3 million was spent on salaries, employee benefits, and other compensation. This includes \$915,729 paid as base compensation to just six individuals:



\$249.580 **BARBARA POMA** Founder (Former CEO)



\$156,614 **CLAUDIA MASON Chief Financial Officer**



\$152,303 SCOTT JACKSON Chief Marketing Office



\$151,986 SCOTT BOWMAN Chief Communications Office



\$109,870 EARL MOWATT VP of Education



\$95,376 DEBORAH BOWIE **Executive Director**



ly manage the Pulse Memorial project. A ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, in a post-pandemic climate," one- erty owners of Pulse donate the property to ing the memorial project and would be returning donations made to the project timeline and master plan for the con-onePULSE elects to reevaluate the PULSE opts to move forward with a the city, Orlando City Council announces it be returning the 1.7-acre parcel of land foundation for the memorial project, struction of the memo rial is developed by master plan and project timeline. re-scaled version of the memorial. will purchase the property for \$1.9 million.

since walked that statement back.

2022 PAY BUMPS

Many executives received significant compensation increases from in 2022: Compensation for Scott Jackson and Scott Bowman increased by 40% from the previous year, while Caludia Mason's salary rose by 33%. Poma, who stepped down as CEO in March, received the most significant increase, 147%.

When WFTV asked onePULSE about the pay bumps, a spokesperson explained that they couldn't accurately be described as raises, since the higher compensation was only a temporary increase and would reset the following year. Tax filings for 2023 are not yet available to confirm this.

TOURISM DEVELOPMENT TAX In October 2018, the Orlando City Council

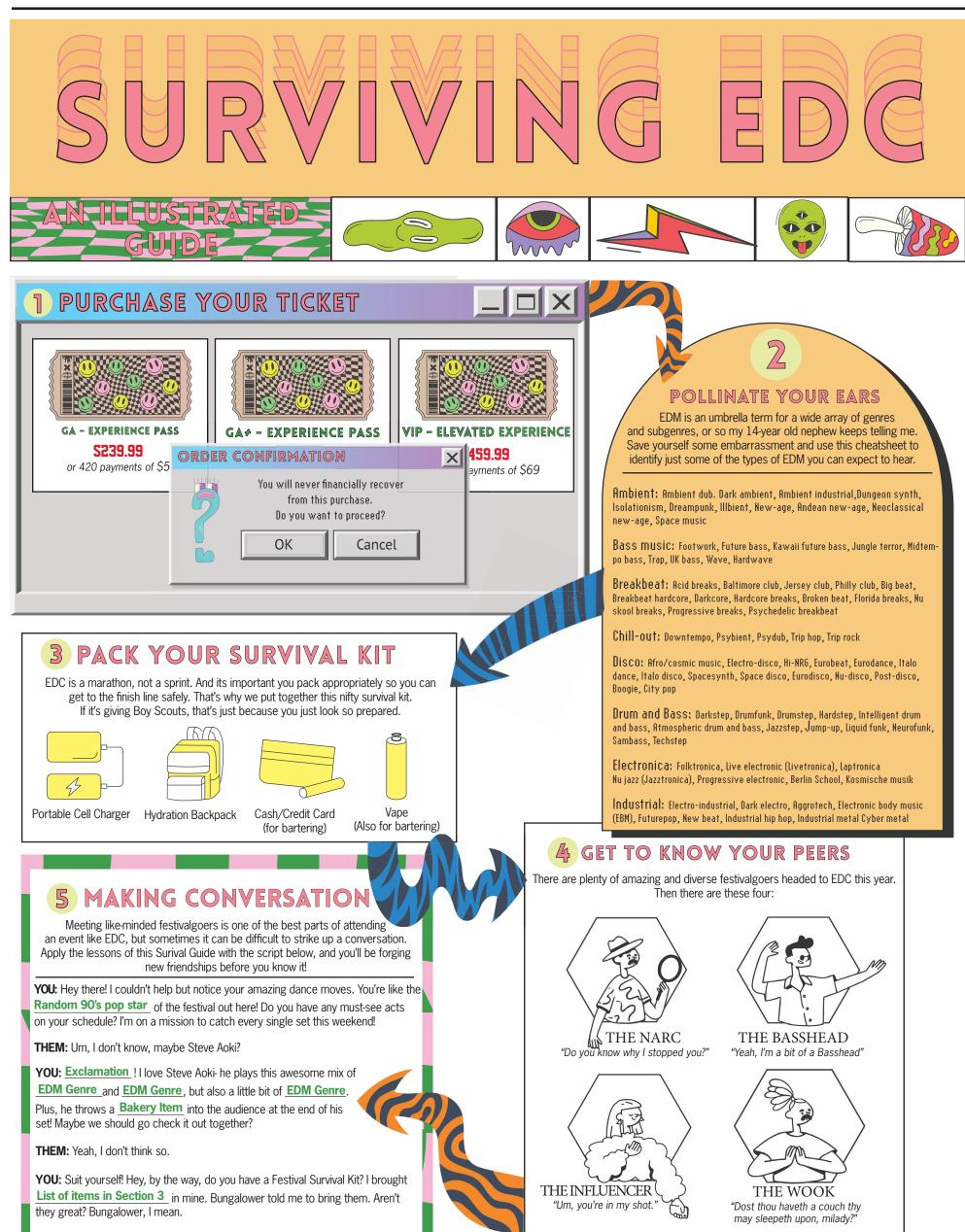
approved \$10 million in TDT funds to assist onePULSE in the design, construction, and operation of a permanent museum. \$3.5 million of those funds were used by the Foundation to purchase a 1.7-acre parcel located at 438 W. Kaley St. An additional \$3 million was spent on the memorial site's design.

Several weeks ago, the Foundation reached an agreement with Orange County officials to return the land. As part of the agreement, onePULSE will forego the remaining \$3.5 million in TDT reserves

The County will not get back the \$3 million spent on design.

BUNGALOWER

ART/CULTURE



THEM: Why is your nose bleeding?

YOU: Haha, anyways! Let's swap contact info, and if we get separated in the chaos, we can regroup and conquer the dance floor together. What do you say?

THEM: Actually, I think my friends are probably worried about me, I think I'm going to go find them.

YOU: Oh, that's cool. I'm probably just going to grab a Basic household fruit Bowl from the food marketplace over there. I can't believe they're only charging Any amount over \$35!

WAS IT FIRE?

After a long weekend at EDC, it is important to decompress, and examine your experience. With this mathematical equation, you can be objectively sure you maximized your vibes.

X + 2y -3z -150u

Euclid's Third Law of Vibes

VIBE VARIABLES

B5

X=Average BPM of every performance y=Number of Kandi Bracelets received 2= Amount you spent on bottled water u= Number of times your phone was stolen

If amount is equal to or over 100, your EDC was, in fact, fire!

Shortly before dying, Wayne asked Denny to handle a few personal matters

FOOD/DRINK

ELVIS FRENCH TOAST FROM RAVENOUS PIG BY MISTY HEATH

The Ravenous Pig in Winter Park is an excellent spot to enjoy the best meal of the week, brunch. With a powerhouse team of chefs, led by James and Julie Petrakis, their menu is constantly evolving, using local purveyors and seasonal ingredients. Their Elvis French Toast is new to the brunch menu and was developed by chefs Nick Sierputowski and Camilo Velasco. This dish hits all the notes; it's salty, sweet, decadent, and a perfect hangover cure. It's a dish that is worthy of The King.

INGREDIENTS

Challah or brioche loaf 2 cups of canola oil 1.5 cups of half and half 2 eggs ¹/₄ cup of peanut butter ¹/₂ teaspoon of cinnamon 1/4 teaspoon of vanilla paste teaspoon of nutmeg 1 cup of heavy cream 1.5oz of banana liqueur (optional, and highly encouraged) 2 tablespoons of confectioners sugar, and a bit more for sprinkling 4 ripe bananas, sliced ¹/₂-inch thick on diagonal 1/2 cup of granulated sugar 1/2 cup of salted peanuts, rough chopped 1 lb of cooked bacon (recommend thick cut) ¹/₂ cup of maple syrup

WHIPPED CREAM

In a cold large bowl, whisk the heavy cream, confectioners sugar, and banana liqueur until medium peaks emerge. Your arm may get tired but it's worth the effort. When the cream is set, put in a pastry piping bag and refrigerate until you're ready to serve. For a more rustic finish, ditch the pastry bag and use a spoon to dollop on your toast.

BRÛLÉED BANANAS

On a sheet pan, sprinkle an even layer of sugar on the surface of the bananas. If you have a kitchen torch, fire up the bananas until nice and caramelized. No blowtorch? Just broil them in the oven super close to the heating element for 3-5 minutes until they're nice and golden.

FRENCH TOAST

In a large cast iron pan, add oil and begin warming on medium heat. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, whisk the eggs. Add cinnamon, vanilla, and nutmeg and whisk some more. Add peanut butter, whisk. Add half and half and whisk until everything is incorporated.

Slice bread in one-inch slabs. The Ravenous Pig does this horizontally for a dramatic preparation. If you prefer, slice vertically for more individually-sized servings. Check your oil to make sure it's hot. If you're not sure, add a drop of water and if it pops, the oil is ready. Increase heat if needed. Dip your bread in the custard on both sides and carefully place in oil. Once nicely browned, use your tongs to flip your toast and brown the other side. It takes about two minutes per side. Place on a paper-towel lined dish and repeat with remaining servings. Keep your toast warm in your oven on its lowest setting until you're ready to eat.







COMING AND GOING

Section

NEW SHOP BRINGING CZECH SOFT SERVE ICE CREAM TO ORLANDO

Idaho-based Crispy Cones has set its eyes on Orlando for its first Florida location. The specialty shop serves up Czech-style chimney cake ice cream cones which feature stumpy, croissant-like cones that are encrusted with cinnamon and sugar, lined with a spread like Nutella or peanut butter, and then filled with ice cream and topped with things like graham crackers, strawberries, Oreos, and more. Then they top it with a sauce like raspberry or caramel.

Crispy Cones will open adjacent to the Hourglass Social House at 2415 Curry Ford Road in the former Freehand Goods storefront. An exact opening date is not known at this time.

NEW TEX-MEX RESTAURANT OPENING IN WINTER PARK

A new Tex-Mex restaurant is opening in the newly-erected Palm Hills development in Winter Park/Maitland. Superica will open in a new 5,000 SF storefront and offer a menu of "Mexican-meets-Texas ranch-style cooking," according to a recent press release. The new restaurant will also feature a 900 SF patio. The menu features items like wood-fired steaks, enchiladas, and shrimp tacos with fresh-made flour and corn tortillas, and Texas-made spirits in the cocktails.

Superica is located at 415 S. Orlando Avenue, Suite 211 and is expected to open sometime this month.

MEXICAN FOOD TRUCK OPENING NEW BRICK-AND-MORTAR IN SODO THIS MONTH

Talkin' Tacos, a popular Mexican food truck from Miami, is opening a new brick-and-mortar restaurant on the

PLATING

Arrange your finished toast on some pretty plates. Drizzle with maple syrup. Artfully pipe or spoon your hand-made cream and then heap on the bananas. Finish with a handful of chopped nuts, bacon, and a dusting of powdered sugar.



Photos by Kimberly Jefcoat



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This article first appeared on Bungalower.com in 2019 as "Locavore: Elvis French Toast from Ravenous Pig." A "locavore" is a person whose diet consists only or principally of locally grown or produced food. As part of the locavore series, we invited local restaurants to share how they create some of their signature dishes for our readers to make at home.

southern edge of Orlando's SoDo neighborhood on Friday, November 17.

The new restaurant will open in the Eco Plaza at 3123 S. Orange Avenue at 6 p.m., serving scratch-made Mexican dishes, mostly centered on their trademark beef birria, which is braised every day for 12 hours. The first 100 guests to arrive will get a free order of their signature Birria Tacos.

The new 1,700 SF restaurant features seating for 48 guests and self-serve kiosks where they can make their own orders.

BUNGALOWER BEER IS HERE

Bungalower Media and Tactical Brewing have teamed up on a new beer, released in October for Come Out With Pride.

The hazy IPA is named after Bungalower Drag Bingo host, Brenda from Bithlo, who when asked what sort of beer she would like, simply said, "Something really dank that you can smell from across the room."

"Brenda's Schtanky Danky" Hazy IPA is dryhopped with Motueka, NY Chinook, and Centennial hops, with added terpenes, grapefruit, pineapple, and mango. A portion of the proceeds from the beer sales will be donated to Zebra Youth to aid in their mission to empower local LGBTQ+ youth.

Art for the can was created by Tactical Brewing's label master, Schiani Ledo.

Cans and draft of Schtanky Danky are available for purchase at Tactictal Brewing (4882 New Broad Street) in Baldwin Park.

Bungalower Buddy members can unlock a 10% discount on their tab with their special Bungalower Buddy keychain.

NEW OWNERS REOPENING GOFF'S ICE CREAM THIS WEEK

Storied ice cream hawkers, Goff's Drive In, were forced to close in May 2022 following a fire set by an Alfred Jerome Kirkland, according to Orlando Police. The owners worked hard to try to repair the ice cream shop but weren't able to overcome all of the obstacles and inevitably never reopened.

The shop, which is located at 212 S. Orange Blossom Trail first opened in 1948. They were allegedly firebombed in 1951 by the KKK for serving Black guests in the same line as white people. Now, under the guidance of new owners and Orlando natives Eric MacIntosh and Jelani Gray, the beloved ice cream shop is set to reopen on Saturday, November 4 at 2 p.m., but under a new name.

Sweetie's Ice Cream will host a number of other vendors at their grand opening event, along with games, music, free candy, and more. A menu is yet to be shared publicly.



THUMBS UP/ Thumbs down

Sometimes reading is hard and you just want someone to tell you what to think about something (hopefully not how to vote, but you do you).

So here's our monthly list of Thumbs Ups and Thumbs Down. These aren't up for debate. They're just accepted truths.













OPD is phasing out its mounted patrol unit.

NEW STREAMING SHOW SHOW-CASES LOCAL CHEF TALENT IN BLINDFOLDED COOKING CHALLENGE

Hearst Media's online streaming chan-

A VERY LOCAL ORIGINAL SERIES

nel, Very Local, has added another Orlando-based show to their growing collection, a cooking competition.

Blind Kitchen features a lineup of notable regional chefs competing to recreate each other's dishes after a brief tasting where they are blindfolded and unable to see the actual dish. Judges taste both the original dish and the blindfolded recreation and choose the winner.

The series was filmed at the Emeril Lagasse Foundation Kitchen House and Culinary Garden in College Park by the local crew at Oxenfree Film and Motion and hosted by Orlando-based foodie personality, Emily Ellyn.

To watch Blind Kitchen for free, install the Very Local app to stream live or watch on demand on your Amazon Fire TV, Roku, iOS, and Android mobile devices.



THE IMPERIAL MOVING WINTER PARK LOCATION TO PARK AVENUE

The Imperial Winter Park opened in March 2019, in the former home of Clean Beauty Bar, led by John Washburn of Washburn Imports.

The five-year-old business was forced to close this month when a new building owner chose not to renew any of the existing leases, forcing them to close up shop. We reached out to Washburn who shared that he is hoping to move somewhere nearby on Park Avenue.

"A new owner bought our building in Winter Park and has their own plans for that building so we had to relocate. The location that we are planning on moving to on Park Avenue is not ready until the summer of 2024 so we are moving the current Winter Park kitchen to our lvanhoe location. We are planning on keeping the restaurant open in Ivanhoe Village once we get that together but when our lease begins in Winter Park, we will move part of that staff there. The goal is to keep the restaurant component open in Ivanhoe Village, and also open on Park Ave. " – JOHN WASHBURN

Washburn went on to say that his staff had a number of months to secure jobs at other businesses.

An exact address is yet to be shared publicly, as the space is currently occupied by an existing tenant. Once open, the new space will allegedly have more room for live music and an expanded menu.

HAMMERED LAMB OWNER BUYS INTO THORNTON PARK RESTAURANT

Jason Lambert, owner/operator of The Hammered Lamb in Ivanhoe Village has bought out one of the partners at The 808 in Thornton Park and is bringing a new concept to the former Publix storefront.

Wendy Connor, an original partner in The 808 and owner of The Abbey, is remaining as co-owner of the new Jack and Honey's diner concept which will replace The 808 Hawaiian eatery/bar later this month.

"When Jason came to me with the concept of opening an elevated diner in the space, I knew that it would be a great addition to the neighborhood. Our building is an icon in Thornton Park, and I'm thrilled to partner with Jason to bring Jack & Honey's to life." – WENDY CONNOR, CO-OWNER

The concept, which is named in honor of Lambert's grandparents, will feature New American-style food, craft cocktails, and allday brunch. The team has hired on Hannah Wicker as the executive chef. Wicker has over 18 years of restaurant experience, most of which was spent in the theme parks, including Victoria and Albert's and Lombard's Seafood Grille.



ISLAND TIME OPENS NEW OUTDOOR "SECRET GARDEN" FOLLOWING DRUNK CAR CRASH WITH PARKLET

Popular Thornton Park brunch spot, Island Time, made a name for itself during the pandemic with weekly drag brunches hosted on its front porch and in the adjacent street, bringing sold-out crowds each weekend. That is until a drunken driver came along at 1:30 a.m. and ruined everything.

In late March, a driver crashed their vehicle into a city-sponsored parklet located in the street to facilitate more outdoor, socially-distant, dining. The car managed to take out almost all of Island Time's outdoor furniture, and canceled weeks of outdoor programming until the part was moved into the rear of the property.

Island Time has since invested more money into the rear courtyard, reopening in October as an official outdoor event space called the "Secret Garden."



Longtime Bungalower readers may recognize the name from a previous story published in 2018, where we reported that Lambert was looking to open a 24-hour diner of the same name in his current offices adjacent to the Hammered Lamb at 1235 N. Orange Avenue.

An official grand opening date is yet to be scheduled.





Had Wayne forgotten in the haze of pain meds or was this a confession?

EVENT CALENDAR

ADULT FIELD DAY

Thursday, November 2, 3 p.m. Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

Sign up to walk in the Come Out With Pride Parade with The Milk District Main Street and secure your spot by attending this fun tie-dye event. There are only 50 spots available so sign up today.

Head downtown for an action-packed day of classic field games pitting office against office. Compete for bragging rights and the chance to win the coveted Key to The City.

BEST OF WINTER PARK

Thursday, November 2, 5 p.m. Winter Park Central Park

Join the Winter Park Chamber of Commerce for its annual celebration of local businesses and cultural institutions. They will also reveal the nominees and winners of their annual "Best Of" categories before a live concert.

TASTE OF BALDWIN PARK

Thursday, November 2, 5 p.m. Baldwin Park | \$55 - \$85

Graze your way through 45 of Orlando's best restaurants in Baldwin Park's town square while a nine-piece band performs on the lakeside stage. It's all-inclusive, so get there early to get your money's worth.

TASTE OF THORNTON PARK

Thursday, November 2, 6:30 p.m. Washington and Hyer | \$40

Enjoy a night under the stars with tastings provided by local Thornton Park restaurants, in support of the local neighborhood association, which looks after the iconic fountain at the center of Washington and Hyer.

GREEK FEST 2023 November 3 - 5 Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church

Head to Maitland for a weekend of authentic fresh-cooked Greek food, live music and dance performances, marketplace shopping, and activities for all ages.

FESTAPALOOZA

Saturday, November 4, 10 a.m. Winter Park Public Library

Festapalooza is a lively family fun fest and community fundraiser benefitting the Winter Park Library. This event offers a variety of food and entertainment, including games and activities for all ages.

JAZZFEST 2023

Saturday, November 4, 5 p.m. Edgewater Drive, College Park

Stroll along Edgewater Drive to enjoy three stages with live music performances, rent one of 100 VIP tables with festive decorations, and check out local shops with extended hours during the event.

ORLANDO BEER FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 4, 2 p.m. **Orlando Festival Park**

Orlando Weekly's cracker jack event machine is cranking out another beer fest, featuring beers from breweries from across the country alongside interactive games, tasty food, and live music. You must be 21 to enter.

MAKER FAIRE ORLANDO

Sunday, November 5, 10 a.m. Central Florida Fairgrounds

Maker Faire Orlando is a non-profit, community-organized, celebration featuring local do-it-yourself science, art, rockets, robots, crafts, technology, music, and hands-on activities.

NEIL GAIMAN IN CONVERSATION WITH ART SPIEGELMAN

Sunday, November 5, 8 p.m. Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

International bestselling author, Neil Gaiman, and Pulitzer Prize-winning artist, illustrator, and author, Art Spiegelman, talk about writing, working across artistic mediums, friendship, identity, and more.



ELECTRIC DAISY CARNIVAL November 10 - November 12 Tinker Field

EDC will return to Orlando November 10-12 at Tinker Field at Camping World Stadium with a lineup which includes names like Kaskade, Camelphat, Bassrush.

GROWVEMBER FALL PLANT SALE

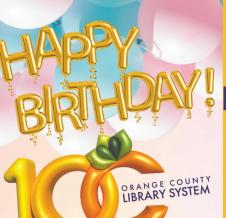
Friday, November 10, 2 p.m. Mead Botanical Garden

Mead Garden's annual fall plant sale is back with an array of high-quality plant vendors and exhibitors, kid's activities, live music, food, a beer garden, and more.

COWS 'N' CABS

Saturday, November 11, 6 p.m. Winter Park's West Meadow

Numerous James Beard Award-nominated chefs, along with 45-plus popular local restaurants, join co-hosts John Rivers and Dave Larue under some massive circus-like tents in Winter Park's West Meadow.



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"KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN" **IN CONCERT**

Sunday, November 12, 2 p,m. The Abbey | \$20 - \$30

Winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical, Kiss of the Spider Woman explores the complex relationship between two men caged together in a Latin American prison for very different reasons. Valentin dreams of his girlfriend and the political revolution he once led, while Molina, a gay window-dresser, spins a fantastic yarn of romance and intrigue about Aurora, a B-Movie actress.

SWAMP SISTAS PRESENT ZEBRA LA LA TO BENEFIT **ZEBRA YOUTH**

Sunday, November 12, 2 p.m. Renaissance Theatre Company | \$20

Benefiting Zebra Youth, a network of organizations that provide services to Central Florida lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and all youth (LGBTQ+) ages 13 - 24, the event will feature the Zebra Youth Troupe, a group of talented young people currently attending an eight-week performing workshop hosted by the Beth McKee and her Swamp Sistas.



"TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES"

Tuesday, November 14, 9:30 p.m. Enzian Theater | \$11

In New York, mysterious radioactive ooze has mutated four sewer turtles into talking, upright-walking, crime-fighting ninjas. The intrepid heroes - Michelangelo, Donatello, Raphael, and Leonardo - are trained in the Ninjutsu arts by their rat sensei, Splinter. When a villainous rogue ninja arrives and spreads lawlessness throughout the city, it's up to the plucky turtles to stop him.





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Thursday, November 9, 7 p.m. Amwav Center

There's really nothing else to say here other than to bring lots of water. You're gonna be thirsty.



FESTIVAL OF TREES Thru November 19 Orlando Museum of Art

The Council of 101's annual glittery takeover of Orlando Museum of Art is back featuring a fun new lineup of galas and events and family-friendly programming.

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DAZZLING NIGHTS

Friday, November 17, 5:30 p.m. Harry P. Leu Gardens | \$25

Orlando's 50-acre Harry P. Leu Gardens transforms once again into a stunning winter wonderland featuring a million dazzling lights, shining forests, magical displays, music, and beautiful sculptures.

10TH ANNUAL FLORIDA JERK AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Sunday, November 19 Orlando Festival Park | \$50 - \$180

This popular family-friendly music and food fest will feature, a jerk food tasting, delicious international cuisine, funactivations, a kid zone, and live performances from popular Caribbean sensations Luciano, Ding Dong, and Destra.

ТСНАМІ

Saturday, November 25, 10 p.m. The Vanguard| \$20

Widely-known as the founding father of the Future/House genre, Tchami changed the dance music scene forever with era-defining tracks including 'Afterlife,' 'Adieu' and 'Promesses' - with the latter catapulting him into dance-music royalty, racking in over 50 million streams across platforms.



FUSIONFEST Sunday, November 26, 8 a.m. Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

FusionFest is a project of the Orange County Office of Arts & Cultural Affairs whose signature event is a two-day multicultural festival – showcasing over 100 cultures through shows and contests (culinary, fashion, film, art, dance, spoken word, and more).

A VERY DARREN CRISSMAS LIVE

Wednesday, November 29, 7:30 p.m. Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts

Kicking off the Christmas season Criss will perform songs from his recent holiday album, A Very Darren Crissmas. His first-ever full-length project includes a wildly eclectic collection of songs from big band Christmas classics to novelty tunes to modern-day folk-pop ballads. Made with Ron Fair, multi-Grammy nominee and producer of numerous GRAMMY-winning hits.

CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

EVENT CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 2023







Thursday, November 30, 6:15 p.m. Central Park, W. Morse Avenue

Each year, the Morse Museum helps launch the holiday season in Winter Park when it lights up Tiffany windows in Central Park and presents the Bach Festival Choir and Brass Ensemble in concert.

For questions or comments related to the Bungalower event calendar, please email news@bungalower.com

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