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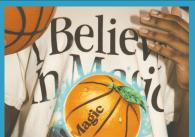


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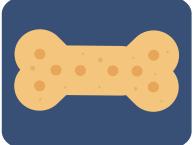


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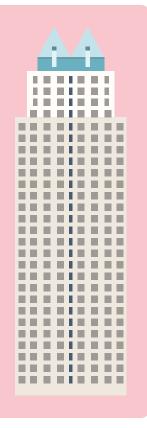






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#### **NEW RENDERINGS SHARED** FOR HOPEFUL CAMPING **WORLD RENOVATIONS**

Florida Citrus Sports recently shared concepts for the next phase of renovations at Camping World Stadium in Orlando's West Lakes neighborhood, just west of downtown Orlando near Orange Blossom Trail.

Florida Citrus Sports first shared the plans for renovations earlier this year while in the process of wooing Orange County Government for a big chunk of Tourist Development Tax dollars, \$800 million to be exact. If awarded, the funds would have been used to pay for a long list of improvements, including a fancy exoskeleton-like facade reminiscent of the abandoned Pulse Museum designs, a new 18,000-seat upper deck, wider aisles, and a 360-degree concourse - the proposed \$400 million canopy

The Orange County Board of Commissioners didn't choose the project for this year's funding, but Mayor Dyer recently shared his hopes to issue bonds to pay for the stadium improvements along with another \$256 million for the Amway Center.





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#### FROM THE EDITOR



The holidays cometh, my friends! We've worked hard this year, collectively as a city, and we deserve to let our hair down a bit this season, y'all. Let's take off that old scrunchy and let loose.

There are so many festivals and amazing things happening around The City Beautiful right now it can be hard to keep track. Luckily, we've launched a new fancy online events calendar on Bungalower.com. We're working with a company called City Spark which has a long history of working with hyper-local publications like ours to source the best events based on zip codes. We're using science to keep you plugged in - with a heavy dose of curation to make sure it's not all just networking junk and speed-dating hullabaloo. We're revamping our online shop too. Because, tis the season. The first item to be listed on the shop is our special Bungalower Buddy Holiday Box.

Give someone the gift of a Bungalower Buddy membership this month which can come with a cute little box of goodies like a can of Brenda's Schtanky Danky Hazy IPA collab from Tactical Brewing in Baldwin Park, a bag of Bungalower Blend coffee from our friends at Lobos Coffee Roasting in Audubon Park, hot sauce from our friends at JustCallMoe.com, and more. Just head to the store on our website or click the link in our Instagram bio to sign up for yourself or a friend.

This is our last month of pop-up concerts powered by #ConnectFord. We've been parking a new F-150 Ford Lightning at Orlando Parking Lot Party events over the past couple of months, and plugging in a local band or DJ as part of a series of public activations for local Ford dealerships. Keep a look out for our music videos recapping the events!

We're so thankful for each and every month we get to spend reporting on things that matter to you, our readers. We look forward to coming to work every day, to serve you. And we can't wait to see what the future holds for our tiny team. May you have a restful, happy holiday season with your family and friends.

— Brendan O'Connor

Editor in Chief Bungalower

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



#### THE BUNGALOWER HOLIDAY GIFT BOX



Because everything else... Is already sold out.

#### 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.



The City of Orlando keeps hanging holiday signs before Thanksgiving.

Bob Carr Theater is going to be renovated and reused.





The new owner of the Hood's Up building is about to be announced.





# HEADLINE WORD SEARCH

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## ONEPULSE FOUNDATION TRUSTEES VOTE TO DISSOLVE ORGANIZATION

Following a tumultuous series of events fit for an inevitable Netflix special, the trustees of the embattled OnePulse Foundation voted late Tuesday evening to dissolve the organization.

The announcement was made early Wednesday morning that the trustees would begin transferring assets to other local organizations, along with its planning and design materials for its since canceled Pulse Museum.

"We have been challenged by unexpected and definitive events, among them the inability to secure a full donation of the Pulse nightclub site from the property owners and a global pandemic that brought with it critical limits and many unanticipated consequences, that ultimately impacted our fundraising efforts."

onePulse Foundation Board
 Spokesperson Yolanda Londono

SCAN THE QR CODE TO VIEW THE FULL ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISSOLUTION.



The announcement followed the resignation of Deborah Bowie, the executive director of the foundation who was hired in June 2022, following the resignation of former director and founder, Barbara Poma.

Poma, the co-owner of Pulse Nightclub, along with her husband and Daytona-based Michael Panaggio, recently made headlines when the City of Orlando agreed to purchase the Pulse Nightclub from them for \$2 million after they refused to donate it to the foundation.

The foundation announced this October that it would not be pursuing its plans to build an offsite Pulse Museum due to failed fundraising initiatives and increases in construction costs following the pandemic.

OnePulse purchased a 1.75-acre parcel for \$3.5 million in September 2019, with the hopes of opening a National Pulse Memorial and Museum sometime in 2022. Orange County government had previously agreed to award the foundation \$10 million in Tourist Development Taxes in 2018 to help purchase the land and plan the museum, which was expected to cost roughly \$15 million to build at the time.

According to a recent report by Spectrum News 13, the foundation was issued a five-page letter from Orange County Government claiming it was in violation of its TDT funding agreement by renting out the museum warehouse to a third party, in spite of the TDT agreement which states they must seek county approval for any use of the site other than the planned museum.





#### CORRINE DRIVE GETS SEMI-PERMANENT BIKE LANE

A one-day bike lane pop-up that was installed earlier this year for a May the Fourth B(like) With You cycling event has been temporarily adopted by the City of Orlando.

Then, in late September, the City of Orlando Transportation Department installed a quick-build bike path using semi-permanent materials and paint along a parking lane on the north side of Corrine Drive. That new installation will now be in place for at least six months, with an option to extend based on traffic safety data and community feedback.

According to the City of Orlando, the goal of the project this to "... address the immediate needs of the community for additional, safe, bicycle and pedestrian access, with a long-term eye toward the transformative Complete Streets project."

Future plans for the Corrine corridor include wider sidewalks created by the elimination of westbound on-street parking, raised intersections, speed reductions, and more mid-block signalized crossings, like the one that was recently installed in front of East End Market.



#### DADDY YANKEE LAUNCHES ORLANDO PRO PADEL LEAGUE TEAM

The King of Reggaeton, Daddy Yankee, has just launched a new Pro Padel League Team in Orlando, called the "Flowrida Goats." We're still waiting for the PR team to tell us how to pronounce it, because they weren't exactly sure either.

Padel, or padel tennis, has origins in Mexico and is similar to pickleball but can only be played as doubles, whereas pickleball can be played as both singles and doubles. It's often referred to as a mix between squash and tennis and is one of the fastest-growing sports in the world. PPL launched in 2022 with an inaugural season featuring seven franchises ranging from Los Angeles, San Diego, Miami, Toronto, Mexico, Arkansas, and Las Vegas, with Las Vegas Smash walking away with the 2023 PPL Cup Championship win.

Major League Pickleball added an Orlando team, Orlando Squeeze, this past January.



Photo from Dillon Francis' Instagram Page

#### FAMOUS DJS PUNT 100 PUB SUBS INTO CROWD AT EDC

EDC, the Electric Daisy Carnival, just wrapped up at Camping World Stadium's Tinker Field and while we can all still hear the bass in our ears, we thought it pertinent to share this magical moment that took place during the three-day dance fest. World-renowned DJs and producers Dilon Francis and Valentino Khan dressed up as Publix employees for their set at the festival and handed out 100 free Pub Subs to people in the crowd.

An estimated 520,000 people came to this year's festival hosted by Insomniac Events.

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#### **BUNGALOWER HOLIDAY GIFT BOX**



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The only thing better than a Bungalower Buddy keychain/membership is a Bungalower Holiday Box! This thoughtfully curated collection of locally sourced products is a great way to show your appreciation and support for the local businesses and community you love.

The Bungalower Holiday Gift Box includes:

-A one-year membership to the Bungalower Buddy program.

-A Bungalower Buddy keychain.

-A Can of Schtanky Danky IPA from Tactical Brewing.

-A 1/2 pound bag of Bungalower Blend Coffee from Lobos Coffee Roasters.

-A Bottle of Hot Sauce from Moe DeWitt. -A Howliday Dog Biscuit from Eola Pets.

-A bar of handcrafted soap from Indeu Apothecary.

-This issue of the Bungalower newspaper

#### **BURROW PRESS SUBSCRIPTION**



\$60 Per Year | Burrow Press

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Give your book-loving friends something to squee over with a subscription to local indie Orlando publisher, Burrow Press. Members get four books by Florida authors sent to their mail box a year.



#### FRESH AF DUDS FROM DUVIN



Prices Vary | Duvin Design

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This brand was created by Lake Highland Prep graduates and is taking the region by force with its fresh AF designs and gear. Shopping from their tricked-out schoolie shop is something every Orlandoan should add to their local bucket list. Be sure to check out their latest collab with Orlando Magic too.

#### THE GIFT OF FUNGUS



Prices Vary | Fungi Jon

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Give the gift of amateur mycology to your loved ones so they can enjoy their own homegrown shrooms, cultivated with 100% organic ingredients. Choose from Instagram friendly pinky or blue oysters, or the more subtle-yet-classy Italian brown, or the bulbous and vaguely sensual lion's mane varietals to match the personality of your giftee.

# HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Buying gifts can be so difficult, y'all. Especially if the person you're buying for is super cute and you really want to make a good impression. Well, if they read Bungalower, then they likely have great taste, so here's a roundup of some great gifting ideas that are sure to impress.

Bungalower Media's annual gift guide is finally here with a whole lineup of options for Orlando lovers, longtime residents, and City Beautiful newbies alike. We hope this list helps you really connect with that special someone in your life.

#### **FLORIDA STATE PARKS PASS**



\$60 - \$120 Per Year | Florida State Parks

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You can get an Annual Entrance Pass to all of Florida's State Parks for just \$60. Scan the QR code to order one for your outdoor-loving loved ones. Annual entrance passes can also be purchased at all park ranger stations and museums during regular business hours, 365 days a year. Please call the park in advance to ensure availability.

#### MEMBERSHIP TO ENZIAN THEATER



\$60 - \$2,200 Per Year | Enzian Theater

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Become a member at Enzian Theater and enjoy a year's worth of discounted admission to movies, one free popcorn per show, and discounted admission to select programming. The higher the membership level, the more the perks.

#### PLANT SUBSCRIPTION THE HEAVY



\$108 Per Year | The Heavy

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Instagram-ready shop, The Heavy, is ready to supply subscribers with a unique four-inch diameter plant to take home with them every month for \$108 a year. Scan the QR code above for more information.

#### YUMMY SMELLS FROM LA JETÉE



Prices Vary | La Jetée Perfumery

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The store is owned by Joseph Todd who happens to own downtown venues Bauhaus and Hanson's Shoe Repair and is a passion project for the Orlando resident who has a deep passion for perfume. The name of the shop was inspired by one of Todd's favorite films of the same name, La Jetee, a 1962 French science fiction featurette by Chris Marker that later inspired Terry Gilliam to create 12 Monkeys in 1995. The shop is only the second perfumery in the state of Florida and carries some of the rarest and bestrated perfume houses. Say hi to Lulu the shop dog if you see her pressing her cute little nose

against the window

at you.

#### **BARKUTERIE BOARD**



Prices Vary | Eola Pets

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Maybe you only sort of like someone but absolutely love their fur baby. Skip buying that garbage human a present and gift something to their dog instead. Our pals at Eola Pets have adorable charcuterie boards made for doggies and Bungalower Buddy members get discounts there with their special keychains.

#### **SOAK IN BEER, WITH A BEER**



Prices Vary | Beer Spa Orlando

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There's a spa on International Drive where you can pour your own beer while soaking in a tub full of beer. Each private room will have self-serve beer taps with three choices of beer, and red and/or white wine. The spa rooms also have an infrared sauna, private rooms, and a cozy atmosphere. Go check them out!

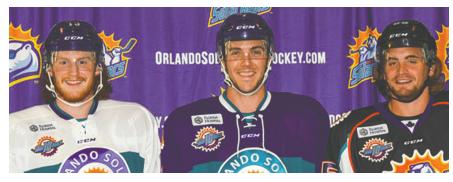
#### SUNCARDS FOR SUNRAIL



Prices Vary | SunRail

Sometimes people only try things because they can do it for free, so why not gift a friend or loved one with the gift of free transportation? SunRail has reloadable SunCards that can hold a prepaid value and let you tap on and tap off at your leisure. Be sure to let your friends know about the bike trails they can access via the SunRail too.

#### GO CATCH A SPORTSBALL GAME AND EAT ALL THE THINGS



**Prices Vary** 

Support a local sports team and become a season ticket holder. You have plenty to choose from too, including Orlando Magic, Orlando City Soccer and Orlando Pride, Orlando Solar Bears, Orlando Squeeze, Orlando Guardians, and the new Flowrida Goats.

#### **BONUS RANDOM GIFT IDEAS WE LOVE:**

- NIGHT AT THE BEAUTIFUL TOM AND DAN AIRTND
- -A POCKET GUIDE TO PIGEON WATCHING
- -AROMA CERAMIC STONE DIFFUSER ANIMALS
- -BOTTLED DRESSINGS AT HUNGRY PANTS
- -CUSTOM 3-D CITY MICRO-SCAPES
- -LEGO SUCCULENT ARRANGEMENTS
- -MYSTERY TACKLE BOX
- -SAD DUCK NIGHT LIGHT/PHONE HOLDER

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#### AN OMAKASE/CHEF'S TABLE EXPERIENCE

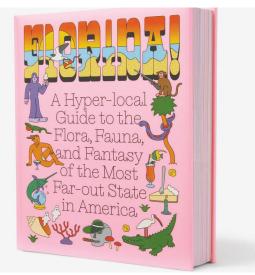


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Sometimes nothing says "I love you" more than spending a big chunk of change on a multi-course dinner. Orlando has a variety of amazing chef's table experiences to choose from, but some of our favorites include Foreigner in Audu bon Park, Kaya in Mills 50, Susuru Juju in Colonialtown, and Camille in Baldwin Park. Maybe bring a little tasteful or something to gift with dessert though too if you're hoping to get lucky.

#### UNLOCK THE SUNSHINE STATE



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This book is not only aesthetically titillating, but it's also full of amazing things to see, do, and rejoice in the Sunshine State. Learn about worm grunting and airbrush painting and the people who keep those crafts going in the post-capitalism hellscape we find ourselves in today.

# **ART/CULTURE**

Section





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 HATE GOING HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS, IT'S ALL ABOUT MY BROTHER AND HIS SHITTY KIDS. I LITERALLY FEEL LIKE A SNOWFLAKE ON THE BREEZE THE ENTIRE TIME I'M HOME, **BECAUSE I GET NO SAY IN ANY PART** OF THE SCHEDULE AND WHEN I INEVI-TABLY PUT MY FOOT DOWN AND TRY TO CARVE OUT SOME TIME FOR ME, EVERYONE THINKS I'M BEING SELFISH. WHAT DO I DO TO SAVE CHRISTMAS, **FOR ME?** 

#### - HOMO FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Gurl, I get it. My parents were just here for Thanksgiving and I definitely had to squash down those "second sibling fiddle feelings" with some extra stuffing, if you know what I mean. But grandparents love grandkids, don't fuck that up for them. Let them dote all over them. Put in your time with the family at the meals and present opening, and carve out that time to see your friends and drink too much at the local pub later. It's the holidays, you shouldn't be happy the entire time you're home anyway - there's a reason you left in the first place. I find it always helps to just be honest and open about your plans from the first day of the visit, that way there are no surprises. And I'll tell you what, your sibling with the kids would probably love to take off for a night and have an old fashioned with you while the kids are asleep. Invite him or leave him behind, that's up to you, you selfish prick.

BRENDA, I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO **GET MY MOM FOR CHRISTMAS. HELP! SHE ALWAYS OPENS HER PRESENTS** LAST AND JUST PUTS THINGS ASIDE AS SOON AS SHE'S DONE UNWRAPPING. I DON'T THINK SHE'S LIKED ONE SINGLE GIFT I'VE EVER GOTTEN HER.

#### - PERPLEXED PRESENTER

Well, at the risk of being blunt (which is why you wrote me, so don't get mad), either you're really shitty at giving presents, or, you just don't really know your mom that well. It's probably the latter though. Lots of moms kind of bundle themselves up so they can raise their kids and send them on their way without losing their minds, but then some of them either forget or aren't able to un-bundle themselves and remember who they were before and who they can be now that they've successfully reared a human being. Short of just asking your mom what she wants for Christmas, maybe spend some time listening to her, and observing her in an un-creepy way. Maybe you can pay to have her favorite house coat mended. Maybe she really needs a new bra because she's been wearing the same one since she used to caravan you and your friends to school every day. Maybe, she just doesn't need another pair of fuzzy socks, and would prefer a trip to New Orleans for Mardi Gras to get wasted and make out with a stranger.

MY DAD IS SO CONSERVATIVE IT MAKES IT HARD TO SIT DOWN FOR HOLIDAY **DINNER. WHAT DO I DO, BRENDA?** 

- WOKE WILLIE

There's something to be said for declaring "time out." We used to do it all the time as kids when we were playing tag or games that suddenly ramped up too hard, too fast. It lets you take a second, pull in a couple of deep breaths, and reassess. I think the same applies for dinner with people who have different views from yours. My partner's dad is so conservative, his Pokemon would be a xenophobic snail that only comes out of its red hat-wearing shell to chew on a piece of straw or shout a guote from "Ancient Aliens." When we used to go out to dinner, he'd inevitably wind up hollering about a waitress's round bottom or cackling about the gun he'd brought with him in a little purse. But we've since come to an unspoken agreement, that if he wants the pleasure of our company, he needs to put a sock in it about certain topics. I don't want to talk about politics ever, least of all when I'm trying to fit a burrito in my mouth. Maybe this year, ask him if you could ban certain topics from being discussed at the dinner table. And if he can't do it, get up and take your dinner to go. You're a grownup, Willie. Nobody's making you stay there. Get your ass up, thank your dad for dinner, and drive your ass somewhere where you can be thankful for the holiday and reflect on how to not be your dad.



#### **COOL JOB ALERT:** CREALDE SCHOOL OF ART **BEGINS SEARCH FOR NEW DIRECTOR**

After 28 years, longtime executive director Peter Schreyer will be stepping down from his role at Crealde School of Art in Winter Park. The Swiss-American documentary photographer took the helm at the art school after serving 13 years as the director of its photography program, leading its faculty of nearly 50 teaching artists.

The 48-year-old non-profit arts organization is poised to begin a search for an Associate/Incoming Executive Director that Schreyer will train over the next year, starting in April 2024, with a target to have that person become the formal executive director by January 2025.

"We want to be sure the Associate/Incoming Executive Director candidate who will become the next CEO/Executive Director is fully supported and has the highest chances of success as the leader of the school. The Board and leadership team also want to be sure this candidate will be able to enjoy the organization as much as we all do."

#### - DEAN JENNINGS, PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD, CREALDE SCHOOL OF ART

The posting for the new position is expected to go live on Crealde's website on December 15. A press release issued earlier this week shared that Schreyer expects to remain on campus as a consultant and senior faculty member and program manager of the photography program.

The main campus of Crealde School of Art is located at 600 St. Andrews Boulevard and will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in 2025.



#### LAST MONTH ON BUNGALOWER & THE BUS Episode 351 - Brother Jimmy's BBO Episode 352 - Gravity Taproom



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

Tune into Bungalower and the Bus every Friday on Real Radio 104.1 FM.

#### Jon Busdeker and Brendan O'Connor

head to Brother Jimmy's BBO at Icon invited to check out the newly Park to try out the awesome brisket everyone is always talking about.

Topics include a flat tire that caused the evacuation of a Disney monorail, local celebs buying into Orlando City Soccer ownership, OnePulse Foundation giving up on building a museum, and big changes for some downtown venues.

#### **Episode 353 - Freehand Goods**

Jon and Brendan head to College Park and grab a pizza from Pizza Bruno and wash it down with some tasty craft beers at Freehand Goods.

Topics include Pink giving away banned books on her concert tour in Florida, Orlando Museum of Art being counter-sued by former director Aaron de Groft, and the expansion of the problematic semi-autonomous BEEP shuttle program.

Jon and Brendan O'Connor were opened Gravity Taproom in the North Quarter near downtown Orlando.

Topics include Orlando City making it to the MLS Cup Playoff Conference Semifinals, EDC weekend, Orange County Animal Services being overwhelmed with too many surrendered dogs, local election results, and the return of Festival of Trees.

#### **Episode 354 - Asian Lantern Festival** Jon and Brendan were invited

to visit the Central Florida Zoo for a special tour of this year's amazing Asian Lantern Festival. surf park in West Orange County.

Topics include the official launch of the holidays in Orlando, the dissolution of OnePulse Foundation, and City Hall leasing a long-ignored corner lot in downtown Orlando, and the return of KrampusFest to the Milk District.

# DOWNTOWN Multiple HOLIDAYS

# \* Holiday Drone Show

# DECEMBER 23, 8 P.M. AT LAKE EOLA PARK

This show will feature a dazzling display of synchronized drones flying in formation to create beautiful holiday-themed designs in the night sky. Attendees will be able to sit back and watch the light show from the comfort of their own blankets and lawn chairs.



Learn more about holiday happenings at downtownorlando.com/holidays



#### HELLCATS USA MOVING TO AUDUBON PARK

Local retail and design darlings Hellcats USA are jumping ship from Winter Park and opening a new shop in Audubon Park.

The popular retail shop, run by Britt Reagan and Clark Orr, will finish out the year at their current location in Winter Park before opening the new shop at 2822 Corrine Drive in January 2024 – joining established Audubon retail shops like Park Ave CDs, The Lovely Boutique, Freehand Goods, and Joybird Books.

Hellcats specializes in their own brand of clothing and accessories and first opened their Winter Park location on Orange Avenue in 2019.



#### CITY HALL LEASING DOWNTOWN CORNER LOT FOR POP-UP PARK SPACE

Orlando City Council voted to approve the lease of a vacant parcel at the corner of Orange Avenue and Pine Street at 30 S. Orange Avenue during the October 9, 2023, Council Meeting, in order to carry out a series of improvements to transform the space into a new urban pocket park.

Despite being located on one of the busiest intersections in downtown Orlando, the lot has sat empty for over a decade. The building that had originally occupied that corner was built in 1886 but burned down years later and was never replaced.

Now, thanks to the City of Orlando, the site will soon be occupied by an urban pocket park/plaza that will feature chairs, tables, and an art installation. The CRA will be paying \$500 per month in rent and is responsible for stormwater utility fees during the lease, which is currently set to renew every year.

The lot was home to a shortlived installation care of Insomniac Events and the Electric Daisy Carnival leading up to the most recent festival, before being removed to allow for construction on the site. Crews started laying down crushed stone/aggregate this past Monday to make it more accessible for public use and the installation will return once the work is complete in roughly three weeks.

The lot recently received a new mural care of Visit Orlando's "Unbelievably Real" brand initiative earlier in the year.



#### CITY HANGS JACK KAZANZAS STAR AHEAD OF THANKSGIVING

The annual Orlando tradition of raising the Jack Kazanzas Star over Orange Avenue has just taken place, marking the official start of the holiday season in downtown Orlando.

The raising of the 600-pound light-up star has been taking place since the 1950s, when two competing department stores, lvey's and Dickson and lves, would join together to celebrate Christmas by stringing the star between both of their buildings at Central and Orange.

In 1984, the star had fallen into disrepair, and lifelong resident Jack Kazanzas, rallied the city to raise funds and replace it with a new installation that features 4,000 LED lights.

Traditionally, the star is raised after Thanksgiving, but City Hall must have felt the need to bring some holiday cheer downtown a little earlier this year. City District Main Street lit its Christmas tree last week and Ivanhoe Village flipped the switch on its Happy Holiday Sign on the historic OUC building for Jingle Eve.







# FOOD/DRINK



# CHRISTMAPOLITAN

**COURTESY OF THE COURTESY BAR** 

The annual Christmas-themed bar takeover, Miracle on Orange, has returned for its second year since The Courtesy Bar opened in Winter Park last year.

Their regular cocktail menu is not available during Miracle but will return in the new year. They've selflessly provided the recipe for one of their signature drinks - the Christmapolitan - so you can share in the miracle at home.

#### **INGREDIENTS**

2 oz vodka

1/4 oz elderflor liquer (St-Germain)

1/4 oz dry vermouth (Noilly Prat Extra Dry)

1 oz spiced cranberry sauce (recipe below)

1/2 oz lime juice

Absinthe spritz (Pernod)

#### METHOD

- 1. Spray a chilled coupe cocktail glass with absinthe mist.
- 2. Place all ingredients into a cocktail shaker, top with icwe, shake and strain into the prepared glass.
- 3. Garnish with a rosemary sprig resting on the side of the glass.

#### **DRINK NOTES**

Created by Nico de Soto, adapted by Joann Spiegel.

A seasonal twist on the Cosmopolitan, the Christmapolitan has been on the Miracle menu since 2014 and has proven to be a best-seller each year.

The cranberry sauce keeps well - Courtesy makes 3-5 gallons at a time. They also batch the alcohol portion so when building this drink, it's a 2 1/2 oz pour of that batch, then add the syrup and citrus. Spray the glass with absinthe (not the drink) and use a healthy sprig of rosemary to garnish - you want to get that rosemary scent when taking a sip.

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**7** Bottle, date, and refrigerate.

# FREEHAND GOODS OWNER INVITES FELLOW EAST END MARKET VENDOR TO THE COLLEGE PARK PARTY

Jacob Zepf of Freehand Goods will be joining forces with fellow East End Market tenant, Matt Hinckley of Hinckley's Fancy Meats, to open a new concept in College Park.

The new collaborative concept is called Mid-Drive Dive and it will be located in the former home of Graffiti Junktion at, which closed in March earlier this year on Edgewater Drive.

According to their website, the duo hopes to open their new space in February 2024, with a "mid-century feel" and "serving up elevated American classics." It will also feature a 40-seat bar serving shareable bites and larger entrees, using the original (albeit scrubbed clean) bar left behind by Graffiti Junktion.

Zepf opened a craft beer bar/retail shop in College Park in March 2023, in the same plaza.





#### SUFFERING BASTARD OPENS ABSINTHE-FOCUSED SISTER CONCEPT IN MILLS 50 Death in the Afternoon is a new "friendly

"Pour one jigger absinthe into a Champagne glass. Add iced Champagne until it attains the proper opalescent milkiness. Drink three to five of these slowly."

- ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Suffering Bastard, the intimate Tiki-flavored speakeasy lounge in Sanford's Tuffy's Bottle Shop and Lounge, has opened a new absinthe-focused concept in Orlando's Mills 50 District.

Death in the Afternoon is a new "friendly neighborhood absinthe house" that is opening in the former home of Retromended Vintage at 930 N. Mills Avenue. The name comes from the 1932 non-fiction work by Ernest Hemingway on the traditions of Spanish bullfighting, and a cocktail he invented (allegedly) during his time in Key West. The recipe was featured in a 1935 cocktail book featuring recipes from 30 celebrity authors of the time, "So Red the Nose, or Breath in the Afternoon."

The new space held a brief soft-open in November and is now open to the public on Tuesdays through Sundays, 5 p.m.-midnight.

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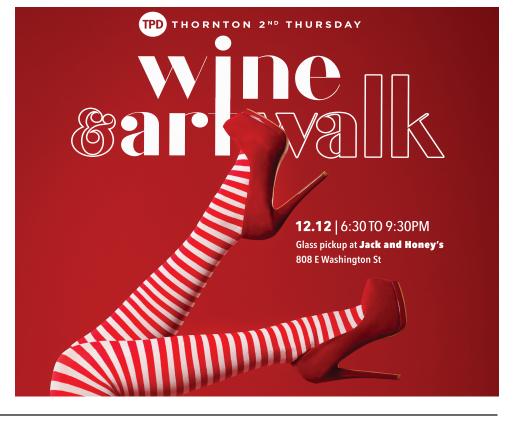
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# BUNGALOWER BLEND COFFEE NOW AVAILABLE

Bungalower Media is excited to announce a new partnership with our friends at Lobos Coffee Roasters in Audubon Park.

As of this month, we have a new coffee blend available for purchase called the "Bungalower Blend." This summer, Lobos featured a flight of three possible blends to choose from for our perfect batch and readers were able to sample and vote for their favorite – which turned out to be a darker roast with flavors of chocolate, nutmeg, and a hint of maraschino cherries.

The Bungalower Blend will be available for purchase for \$17 in person on December 10, during the Mystic Moon Market at Lobos Coffee Roasters, which is the same day as Grandma Party Bazaar in Audubon Park.

You can also purchase a special limited-edition Bungalower Buddy Holiday Box for \$40, which includes a one-year Bungalower Buddy membership and keychain, a can of Schtanky Danky Hazy IPA from tactical Brewing, a 1/2-pound bag of Bungalower Blend coffee, a bottle of hot sauce from Moe DeWitt, a Howliday Dog Biscuit from Eola Pets, a bar of handcrafted soap from Indeu Apothecary, and a December issue of the Bungalower Newspaper. A limited number of holiday boxes will be available during the Mystic Moon Market.

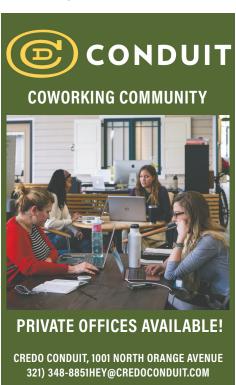


#### COWS 'N' CABS BREAKS FUNDRAISING RECORD WITH OVER \$1 MILLION RAISED

This year's blockbuster charity event Cows 'n' Cabs in Winter Park broke records with a whopping \$1,020,000 raised overnight. In its 11th year, the event attracted 3,171 guests to enjoy food and drink samples from over 120 food and drink stations, including fancy lounges hosted by Patron, Woodford Reserve, and Crown Royal. For added perspective, the event has succeeded in raising \$2.1 million total in the past 10 years.

The annual fundraising event was co-founded by John Rivers and ABC Fine Wine and Spirits' Dave Larue, and takes place in Winter Park's Central Park and features live music on two separate bands and a massive circus tent. This year's proceeds will be donated to local charities After School All Stars Orlando, John River's own charity 4 Roots, and Winter Park Day Nursery.

Next year's event is already scheduled for November 9, 2024.







# EVENT CALENDAR

Section



\_\_\_\_\_ DEC. 1

#### **FLORIDA SHOWCASE 2023**

Annual juried and curated exhibition of over 40 outstanding Florida artists as curated by Snap! Orlando.

7 p.m. | Snap! Orlando Downtown, 420 E. Church Street | South Eola | FREE | snaporlando.com

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#### TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

It's all in the name, y'all. Come see the lighting of Orlando's official Christmas tree.

5 p.m. | Lake Eola Park | Downtown | FREE | cityoforlando.net

#### "MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL"

A screening of arguably the best holiday movie ever. And "cheeses for us meeses."

7 p.m. | Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue | Maitland | \$11 | enzian.org

\_\_\_\_ DEC. 2

#### **ORLANDO POTTERY FESTIVAL**

The largest winter celebration and market for Central Florida ceramic artists, featuring over 50 vendors at this year's event at all stages of their careers.

9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday | Florida Army National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Ferncreek Avenue | Hourglass District | FREE | orlandopotteryfestival.org

#### **OUC HALF MARATHON**

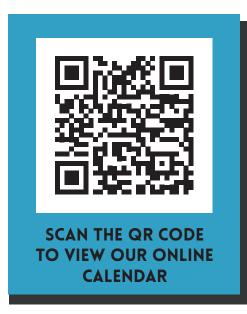
One of the top road races in the Southeast, featuring a route through scenic downtown Orlando with a finish line at Lake Eola. Over 4,000 runners are expected to attend the race and even more will be enjoying beer afterwards.

7:15 a.m.-11 a.m. | Lake Eola Park, 195 N. Rosalind Avenue | Downtown | Various prices | trackshack.com

### TIST ANNUAL WINTER PARK CHRISTMAS PARADE

This is the oldest continuous holiday parade in the region and features over 80 organizations including marching bands, floats, and even Santa Claus (allegedly).

9 a.m. | Downtown Winter Park | FREE | cityofwinterpark.org



#### HOLIDAY MOVIE AT LAKE EOLA: "THE POLAR EXPRESS"

A man with the face of Tom Hanks but with dead eyes, steals away children in the wee hours of the night and takes them to a compound in the mountains where they sing and dance for his pleasure.

7 p.m. | Lake Eola Park | Downtown | FREE | downtownorlando.com

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#### **KRAMPUSFEST 2023**

Celebrate the season with a market, live music, delicious food, locally crafted beer and a full bar, Christmas vendors, costume contests, spanking and more. Take the kids home when the sun sets though, cuz it gets sexy.

3-10 p.m. | The Plaza Theatre, 425 N. Bumby Avenue | Milk District | FREE | themilkdistrict.org

#### ———— DEC. 8 LIGHT UP HANNIBAL SQUARE

This is the 4th year of this event which features a mini-market of holiday gift-selling artisans, a holiday lights countdown at 7 p.m., and a cupcake challenge.

6-8 p.m. | Hannibal Square Heritage Center, 642 W. New England Avenue | Winter Park | FREE | crealde.org

#### THE NUTCRACKER

Premier of Orlando Ballet's entirely new production of "The Nutcracker."

7:30 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$29 | orlandoballet.org

#### FAIRE OF THE DOG WINTER MARKET

A vintage/makers market at the Wills Pub compound 50+ vendors both inside and outside with plants, vintage, art, jewelry, home goods, coffee, food, and more.

Noon-5 p.m. | Will's Pub, 1040 N. Mills Avenue | Mills 50 | FREE | willspub.org

#### PHANTASMAGORIA'S HAUNTED VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS

Whimsical and "spirited" ghost tales for the season, by Victorian performance troupe for a festive journey through whimsical and haunted tales of the holidays!

8 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$36-48 | drphilipscenter.org



#### REPTICON: REPTILES AND EXOTIC ANIMALS EXPO

Repticon hosts reptile and exotic animal shows in many major cities throughout the United States with a mixture of vendors, breeders, educators, and animal lovers. And weird uncles who always wear shorts, and guys who smell like a basement but tell you they're only living with their mom because they're helping her through a tough spot.

10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Central Florida Fairgrounds, 4603 W. Colonial Drive | West Orlando | FREE-\$16 | repticon.com

#### WINTER PARK HOLIDAY BOAT PARADE

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Winter Park, this yearly event showcases a flurry of decorated boats that people can enjoy from their back docks or at Dinky Dock Park, which is open to the public.

6-9:30 p.m. | Lake Virginia | Winter Park | FREE | winterparkrotary.com

—— DEC. 10

#### GRANDMA PARTY BAZAAR

Come hang out with your friends, eat, drink, and shop unique items made by our great local artists, makers, movers and shakers. There will be DJs and live music and the most bitchin' raffle in Orlando.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. | Stardust Video and Coffee, 1842 Winter Park Road | Audubon Park | FREE | @grandma\_party

\_\_\_\_\_ DEC. 12

#### DEREK HOUGH: SYMPHONY OF DANCE

Incredibly sexy and approachable snack of a man, Derek Hough, prances onto the stage showing why all of middle America fell in love with him on that dance show everyone watched. I dunno, my mom called it her special time and always made me do the dishes and not bother her. Like when she would read "Outlander."

7 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$49.50 | drphillipscenter.org



#### "GREMLINS"

A pushy salesman takes advantage of an Asian shopkeeper and steals a precious artifact. That artifact is in fact a living creature that comes with very specific care instructions, which are immediately abandoned when the animal is dumped on the man's unsuspecting, but oddly attractive son. Don't get it wet, indeed.

9:30 p.m. | Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue | Maitland | \$11 | enzian.org



- DEC. 9



#### CHASE PADGETT: 6-STRING CHRISTMAS

Blends music and comedy, as Padgett becomes six different characters each representing a different musical genre including blues, jazz, rock, classical, folk, and country.

8 p.m. | Orlando Shakes, 812 E. Rollins Street | Ivanhoe Village | \$37.10 orlandoshakes.org



### SARAH BRIGHTMAN: A CHRISTMAS SYMPHONY

Sarah Brightman, the world's best-selling Soprano and UNESCO Artist for Peace Ambassador, has amassed sales of more than 30 million, receiving awards in over 40 countries and garnering over 1 billion streams worldwide.

8 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$49.50 | drphillipscenter.org

\_\_\_\_ DEC. 15

#### DIZZLEPHUNK'S 7TH ANNUAL SHOE AND SOCK DRIVE

Donate gently loved shoes and socks for underprivileged families in Central Florida for access to a Christmas DJ rager.

9 p.m. | Grape and The Grain, 1110 Virginia Drive | Ivanhoe Village | By donation | @Dizzlephunk

—— DEC. 16

#### CHUCK MAGID'S 8TH ANNUAL X-MAS RAGER

Join Chuck Magid and the gang as they're joined by Nesto's Jazz Trio and John Lee Wyatt for an evening of rock 'n' roll and holiday sweaters.

8:30 p.m. | Will's Pub, 1042 N. Mills Avenue | Mills 50 | \$20 | willspub.org

#### **MERRY TUBACHRISTMAS**

Baritone players of all ages perform at this free concert, showcasing holiday favorites. There's a \$10 fee if you want to perform, otherwise, just bring a chair and enjoy the chaos.

1 p.m. | Central Park | Winter Park | FREE | cityofwinterpark.org

#### OHP PRESENTS BOOMBASTIK! TROPICAL DANCE PARTY

A tropical dance party featuring the music of Supernova from Pangea Sound with Sado Smooth, Say!, West, and Dennis Mero, hosted by Franke Rose and T.

7 p.m. | Grape and The Grain, 1110 Virginia Drive | Ivanhoe Village | \$10-\$30 | orlandohouseparty.com

—— DEC. 17

#### DIRTY DANCING IN CONCERT

Enjoy the digitally remastered hit film like never before on a full-size cinema screen, with a live band and singers performing the film's iconic songs. It'll sound so good you'll forget that Baby is 17 and Johnny is 25.

7 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$40 | drphillipscenter.org

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#### MILK MART HOLIDAY MARKET

With over 250 local vendors, artists, and businesses to shop from, there's something for everyone on your list.

Noon | Sideward Brewing Co., 210 N. Bumby Avenue | Milk District | FREE | themilkdistrict.org

#### "THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS"

An undead man tires of his life of luxury and privilege and tosses it all in the trash to steal another man's lifework. Songs ensue and missiles are fired. Free for kids under 12.

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— DEC. 20

#### **LEANN RIMES**

LeAnn Rimes is an international multi-platinum-selling acclaimed singer and ASCAP award-winning songwriter.

8 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$45.50 | drphillipscenter.org

#### DEC. 21 3RD THURSDAY ORLANDO

Celebrate arts, culture, and history on the third Thursday of every month featuring a gallery hop, makers market, live performances, food trucks, drink specials, and more.

6-9 p.m. | CityArts, 39 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | FREE | downtownartsdistrict.

## THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS" HOLIDAY MOVIE

Pack your blankets, chairs, and snacks and bring the whole family for a free movie in Lake Eola Park.

7 p.m. | Lake Eola Park, 195 N. Rosalind Avenue | Downtown | FREE | downtownorlando.com

#### HOLIDAY DRONE SHOW

The City of Orlando has nixed the fireworks in favor of a new dazzling display of synchronized drones, flying in formation to create beautiful holiday-themed designs in the night sky.

8–8:15 p.m. | Lake Eola Park, 195 N. Rosalind Avenue | Downtown | FREE |

#### THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS 2

Get away from your stinky in-laws and come rock out with your stockings out at the premier pre-Christmas hip-hop event of the season. Featuring local and interstate talent, this show will make you say "Wow, this beats Aunt Sue's casserole for sure."

10 p.m. | Uncle Lou's Entertainment Hall, 1016 N. Mills Avenue | Mills 50 | FREE

#### POP-TARTS BOWL

The bowl will match the top selection from the ACC (inclusive of Notre Dame) outside of the CFP series against the second selection from the Big 12 outside of the CFP series.

5:45 p.m. | Camping World Stadium, 1 Citrus Bowl Place | West Lakes | Various prices | campingworldstadium.com

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#### **FORTUNE FEIMSTER**

She first became known nationally as a writer and panelist on E's hit show Chelsea Lately before starring as a series regular on Hulu's The Mindy Project and NBC's Champions.

7 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$29.50-\$100 | drphillipscenter.org

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#### ORLANDO GIRLS ROCK FEST

Orlando Girls Rock Camp teaches girls, non-binary, and trans youth to build self-esteem music and this is their first-ever rock festival. It'll have awesome vendors too. Come out and support.

2 p.m. | Will's Pub, 1042 N. Mills Avenue | Mills 50 | \$15-\$25 | willspub.org

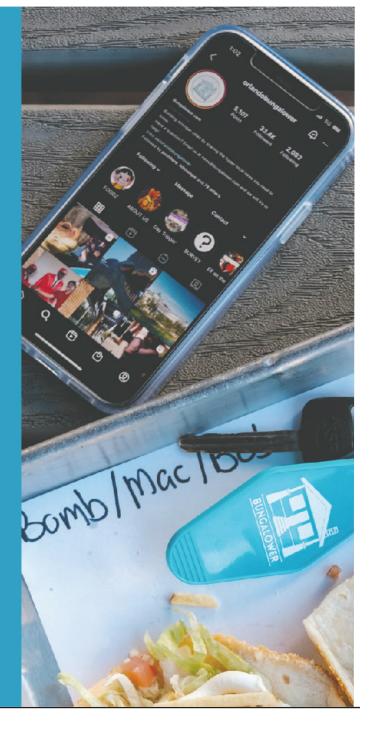
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