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## ORLANDO'S CRA VOTE TO PURCHASE FOUR DOWNTOWN PROPERTIES

As first reported by Ryan Lynch for Orlando Business Journal, Orlando's Community Redevelopment Agency is considering an ambitious four-property real estate sweep at this month's board meeting.

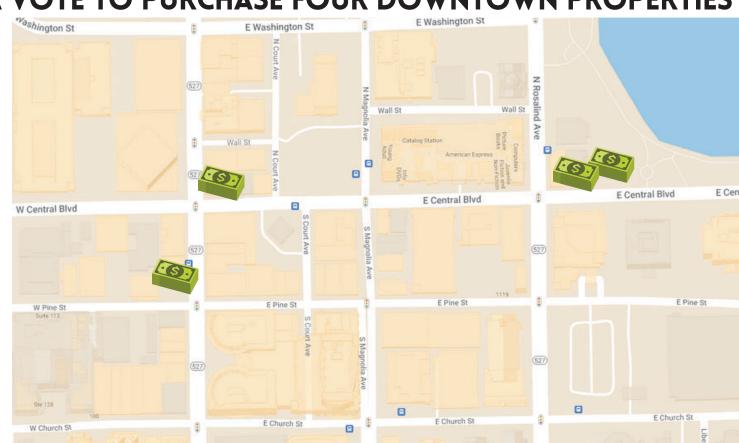
The first of the four properties up for grabs is 30 S. Orange Avenue, the former home of the historic O'Connell Building before it burned down in 2005. The CRA is currently leasing the space from the owner and using it as a pop-up park/open space but according to the CRA meeting agenda, they are hoping to purchase it for \$1,362,294.

The second property is one of Orlando's original skyscrapers, located at 1 N. Orange Avenue. The ten-story State Bank of Orlando and Trust building was built in 1924 but has been vacant for roughly 15 years. If the CRA gets its way, it will purchase it for \$9.59 million for "future redevelopment and re-use."

In Lynch's piece, he quotes PIO Ashley Papagni suggesting it could potentially house a two-story restaurant use on the ground level and some sort of "attainable housing."

The third and fourth properties at 205 and 215 E. Central Boulevard are adjacent to each other and sandwiched between the new pocket park project at Rosalind and Central and the larger Lake Eola Park. The CRA is proposing to purchase the two properties for a combined \$8,390,648 to be redeveloped by the City and incorporated into the park. The property is of particular interest to the city as a new potential gateway to Lake Eola as part of its upcoming overhaul.

The purchasing of the four properties will be voted on by the Community Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board at the upcoming February 28 meeting at Orlando City Hall at 3 p.m. If approved, the purchase of all properties will occur simultaneously over the next year, with a price tag of almost \$20 million.











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## 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.



Orlando City Soccer took away on-site bike parking.





Restaurants that complain about food trucks.





## FROM THE EDITOR



The tabebuias are in bloom and the pelicans and wood storks have taken over the lakes in Ivanhoe Village and College Park, so spring is in the air.

There's something about the Easter-themed coloring of the golden and pink trumpet trees that really slap me in the face every February that Orlando does have seasons if you're patient enough to observe and listen. Oak trees are dropping their dried dull leaves that sustained them through the winter and are pushing out vibrant greens that feel like they've been through an Insta filter.

Outdoor events are filling the calendar in a rush to grab out attention and disposable income before the summer charges in and pushes us back indoors where it's safe and the air conditioning whispers in our ears that without technology, Florida would beat us up and steal our wallets. We're cooking up plenty of activities at the Bungalower Media offices too. YogaHigh at The Acre Orlando has proven to be a hit, sponsored by our friends at Cookies Cannabis. Providing a safe, beautiful space to enjoy the perks of your medical marijuana card while taking a moment to breathe, stretch, and live in the moment has been an honor and a pleasure to bring to town; with the help of our amazing instructors Sarah Burnett and Mandy Harlan. We've had so much fun with the concept that we've been cooking up some other ideas and initiatives you'll want to keep an eye out for too.

## - Brendan O'Connor

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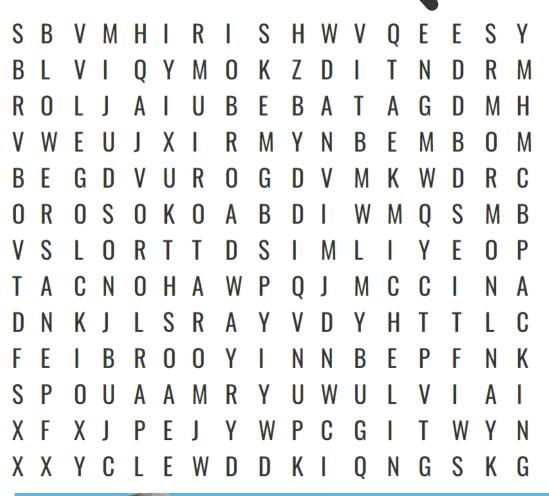
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## **ORLANDO CITY COUNCIL** WANTS TO EXTEND **MORATORIUM ON NIGHTCLUBS DOWNTOWN**

The Orlando City council voted yes on a first read to extend a moratorium on new nightclubs opening in the downtown core that was rolled out in March 2023, and will revisit the vote one more time this fall.

The ordinance was put into place to buy City Hall time to research and refine recommended code amendments to how nightclubs and bars operate in downtown Orlando and further regulations on alcoholic beverage sales. The City is actively looking to identify and encourage more daytime uses and programming in its downtown core to transition from an "entertainment destination into a true neighborhood."

The process was put on hold by the implementation of Senate Bill 250 which passed during the 2023 legislative session, preventing certain cities, including Orlando, from making changes to land development codes, for a period of six months.

"That time has passed and we are working diligently to prepare and finalize recommendations to better support nightclubs and to better manage development and zoning implications related to them. We expect those recommendations to come before the City Council prior to the expiration of this extension on September 20, 2024."

- CASSANDRA BELL, PRESS SECRETARY, OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, CITY OF ORLANDO

The City of Orlando is expecting recommendations from staff on suggested code amendments prior to the expiration of the moratorium extension by September 20, 2024.





PHOTO FROM CITY OF ORLANDO

## **CITY HALL ISSUES AVIAN FLU ALERT FOR LAKE EOLA**

The Orlando City council voted yes on a firThe City of Orlando has just issued a public alert due to the detected presence of Avian Influenza at Lake Eola Park.

According to posts on social media, the City of Orlando became aware of several bird deaths at Lake Eola and after some investigation, discovered that the birds were positive for bird flu.

Avian Influenza spreads among wild aquatic birds, including swans. The CDC shares that while people only rarely can get sick with the virus, it's important to limit exposure to it, and to take the following precautions when visiting

-Avoid direct contact with birds and only observe them from a distance.

-Do not feed birds.

-Avoid contact with any bird excrement. -Remove your shoes before entering your home and clean them off if contamination is suspected.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife is recommending that the flu be allowed to run its course to allow some birds to build immunity and the populations are being monitored by City staff.



PHOTO FROM WELLONS COMMUNICATIONS

## CHOO-CHOO TO THE ZOO RETURNS FOR SPRING BREAK 2024

SunRail and the Central Florida Zoo and Botanical Gardens are bringing back a popular daytime shuttle service connecting the Sanford train station with the zoo, just in time for spring break.

The shuttle service will run Friday, March 15, and then again March 18 through March 22. Visitors can ride SunRail to the Sanford station, then hop on a free "Choo-Choo to the Zoo" themed shuttle which will transport them to the zoo's front gate in under 15 minutes.

Return shuttle trips are timed with scheduled SunRail departures from the Sanford station and posted for customers at the dropoff areas at the zoo.

Zoo visitors can show their SunRail ticket at the ticket counter upon arrival to receive 20% off their admission. The offer is only valid on-site, and not online.



PHOTO FROM ORLANDO CITY SOCCER CLUB

## ORLANDO CITY SAYS IT'S WORKING ON BIKE PARKING ISSUE

Orlando City Soccer fans are used to walking a few blocks to get to the games at Inter&Co Stadium. You can certainly pay a premium to park on someone's Parramore lawn or behind a random warehouse, but most people opt to use a parking garage downtown and hoof it a mile instead; pinching those pennies to use for a beer when they eventually get there.

But a large portion of soccer lovers prefer to pedal to the game. But cyclists were surprised at the home game opener by a new security layout that made it all but impossible to access the stadium's bike racks. Security checkpoints were moved away from the gates where they were located last year to the periphery of the stadium property, on the public right-of-way along the sidewalks, where cyclists were told they needed to chain their bikes somewhere off-property to trees, light posts, and fences; outside of security.

"I've had my lights stolen multiple times while enjoying a game, and that's when my bike was chained up in front of a security gate. I'm kind of dreading the end of the game and seeing what's left on my bike when I get back out here."

- T. MURPHY. GAME ONE ATTENDEE

We spoke with Orlando City about the new security protocols and to see what that could mean for the future of cycling to the games.

This was obviously our first go with the security upgrades in place and with those, our stadium perimeter has increased to now include the hardscape outside the stadium. A not-expected factor in that was the bike racks being inside the security perimeter on certain sides of the stadium, meaning if people wanted to lock their bikes up, they would have had to "enter" the stadium but, they obviously can't "bring their bike into the stadium" due to rules. (Church & Central still have/had racks available outside the perimeter). That being said, our group is aware of that hiccup for Game 1 and we are working to slide some of the perimeter so bike racks will be available, outside the stadium perimeter. All-in-all, it wasn't intentional and we are working to address for future games."

- JACKIE MAYNARD, SENIOR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PR, ORLANDO CITY SOCCER AND ORLANDO PRIDE

So there you are. They're working on it and it's still the best way to get to the game.

## CITY OF ORLANDO RELEASES UPDATE ON UNDER-I PROJECT, ALONG WITH A NEW NAME

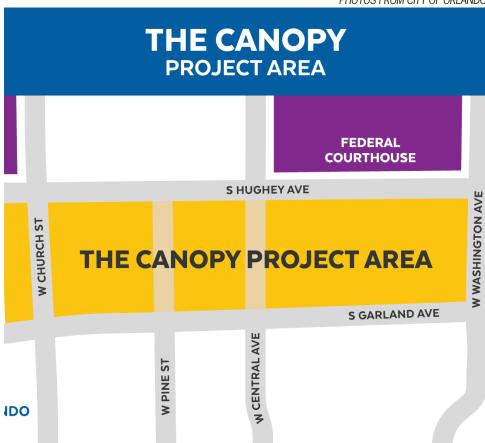
The City of Orlando has been relatively quiet on the long-awaited urban park project, previously known as the Under-i, since October 2022, when project manager Martin Hudson shared an update with Bungalower that it would feature the return of 500 parking spaces and a heck of a lot of projections.

The project is meant to transform a section of space under the I-4 into an active, urban park full of amenities and public programming to enhance the flow of pedestrian traffic between Parramore and the downtown core. But the City of Orlando surprised everyone last month with a new press release and concerted social media campaign announcing that the project will now be known as "The Canopy," The new concept is expected to begin construction in early 2025 and take two years to complete. Once finished, it will feature lush green spaces, space for gatherings and festivals, provide access to various modes of transportation, and feature pedestrian-friendly walkways and bike paths.

In the meantime, a temporary rideshare zone and parking concept will be activated in the Pine Street/Central Boulevard section of the project, which will include the installation of roughly 150 temporary public parking spaces for short-term parking and ride-share services.







## SOMEONE IS CLONING ORLANDO'S OLDEST TREE

The City of Orlando recently shared the efforts of a lab in Michigan that has charged itself with the mission to preserve the genetics of the world's oldest trees and propagate them for future generations.

Archangel Ancient Tree Archive is a 501 c3 non-profit organization that locates and propagates the world's largest and most iconic trees as part of a living library of oldgrowth tree genetics.

The organization recently visited Orlando to visit Big Tree Park in Park Lake Highland, which is home to "Big Tree," a southern oak that is more than 400 years old, dating back to before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Big Tree has survived multiple lightning strikes, countless hurricanes, and a massive fungal infection.

According to tree experts like those at Archangel Ancient Tree Archive, Big Tree's genetic memory makes it more likely to survive the ravages of time and climate change which is why tree climbers from the nonprofit recently collected fresh growth from the top of the tree in hopes of cloning it.

Cuttings from the tree will be taken up north to a lab in Copemish, Michigan, to be cloned, through a relatively simple process of rooting tree clippings and horticultural wizardry. Their hope is these cuttings will result in hundreds of young trees with the exact genome as Big Tree here in Orlando.



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## **SNAP! ORLANDO OPENING THREE NEW PHOTO EXHIBITS, MARCH 22**

Snap! Orlando will host three simultaneous photography exhibitions next month; TIME-LESS, Gotta Go – Gotta Flow, and Life-As-Is, opening Friday, March 22.

Gallery 1 will host the new TIMELESS show, featuring a collection by prominent L.A. photographers Brian "B+" Cross and Eric Coleman, who collaborated under the name "Mochilla." The two documented iconic West Coast rap and hip-hop artists for years.

Gallery 2 will host Gotta Go, Gotta Flow, an exhibition by Michael L. Abramson, showcasing a collection of black and white photography looking at the nightlife of Chicago's South Side in the 1970s.

Life-As-Is will hang in Gallery 3 and features photography by Lauren Withrow, touching on themes of growing up queer in the South and how that intermingles with ideas human connection and womanhood.

"We are thrilled to present these combined exhibitions which feature the exceptional works of photographers B+, Eric Coleman, Michael Abramson, and Lauren Withrow. All artists and representatives will be flying in to be here for the opening night on March 22, and it will certainly be a special evening."

- PATRICK KAHN, FOUNDER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SNAP! ORLANDO

An opening night party is scheduled for March 22 from 7-10 p.m. featuring guest DJs Nighel John, B+ and Eric Coleman, and a live performance by Kait Sardin featuring hip-hop and Irish dance. Craft cocktails will be provided by the Courtesy Bar.

Snap! Downtown Gallery is located at 420 E. Church Street in the South Eola neighborhood.



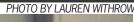




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PHOTO BY JUSTIN SKIPPER

## CITY INSTALLING MURALS AT **KEY INTERSECTIONS IN** DOWNTOWN ORLANDO

We told you in December 2023 that the City of Orlando was working on a "holistic plan to address roadway infrastructure" in the downtown core, to improve public safety and further its placemaking efforts, and that work has been happening ever since.

The work began with the resurfacing of Rosalind Avenue from South Street to Robinson Street, which meant the removal of the Black Lives Matter street mural which was installed at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the completion of a multi-story mural at the corner of Central and Rosalind in a newly completed pocket park.

The City has labeled the effort as the "Downtown Quick Build Infrastructure Project" and will feature murals and artistic crosswalks at key intersections along Rosalind, Orange Avenue, and Magnolia Avenue, and will also improve the existing green bike lane along Rosalind Avenue by adding separation berms and "bend-ins" at intersection crosswalks.

A number of asphalt murals have already been completed on Orange Avenue. These "visual speed bumps" have been proven to lead to a 50% decrease in pedestrian crash rates and a 37% decrease in crashes that lead to injuries.



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## LGBTQ CENTER HOSTING OSCAR WATCH PARTY TO BENEFIT LGBTQ YOUTH

The LGBTQ+ Center will host an Oscars Watch Party on Sunday, March 10 at The Abbey in downtown Orlando. The event will feature a red carpet starting at 6 p.m. with the show starting at 7 p.m. and will feature raffles, a silent auction, a DJ, and more, and will be hosted by local drag queens Ginger Minj and Gidget Galore with a special performance by Darcel Stevens.

Proceeds for the event will benefit the Singhaus Scholarship Fund, which provides funding for local LGBTQ talent seeking a career in the performing arts, specifically in performance, technical, creative, and costume design.

The fund was launched in May 2022 to honor three major arts supporters who all passed away from unrelated incidences in the same relatively short period; Marcy, Sam, and Steve Singhaus. Marcy was an award-winning costume designer who created looks for the likes of RuPaul's Drag Race alums Ginger Minj and Tyra Sanchez, and the beloved Sam Singhaus, (Steve's brother), graced countless stages, bartops, and fundraisers as his alter-ego, Miss Sammy, and even performed on Broadway in the original cast of "La Cage aux Folles." All three were known for their heart-filled contributions to the local arts scene and for hosting annual Oscar watch parties at their private homes.

Tickets are \$30 per person for general admission/limited seating or \$200 for a table of four.

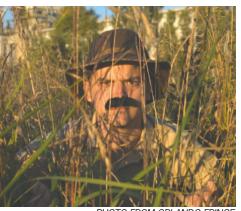


PHOTO FROM ORLANDO FRINGE

## ORLANDO FRINGE SETS DATE FOR 33RD ANNUAL THEATER FESTIVAL

Orlando Fringe has announced the dates for its 33rd annual Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival in Loch Haven Park. The 14-day cultural festival will run from May 13-27 and feature over 1,000 ticketed performances in a wide array of genres from dance and spoken word to comedy and musicals. The fest also includes free programming like an outdoor beer garden and music festival, Visual Fringe, and Kids Fringe for the wee ones.

"We're thrilled to announce the 33rd Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival! These two weeks are truly packed with exciting, new, and innovative shows that will entertain and uplift audiences, perhaps make them ponder and re-think. After all, Fringe is never the same twice! There are always new artists to discover, and we're always eager to explore new venues and see Orlando through the eyes of both local and visiting artists."

- SCOTT GALBRAITH, INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, ORLANDO FRINGE

The Festival is held in multiple venues around Loch Haven Park, including Lowndes Shakespeare Center, Orlando Family Stage, and the Orlando Museum of Art. BYOVs or "Bring Your Own Venues this year include Renaissance Theatre Company, The Starlite Room at Savoy, CityArts, and The Dust in downtown Orlando.



PHOTO FROM CITY OF WINTER PARK

## WINTER PARK SIDEWALK ART FESTIVAL SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 15-17

The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival will return for its 65th year in downtown Winter Park's Park Avenue District and Central Park.

The annual multi-day festival draws more than 250,000 visitors to Park Avenue every year and this year's event will feature a free Friday night jazz concert on the opening day, starting at 5:30 p.m. on the main stage in North Central Park with a performance by Jimmy Buffett tribute band, Gary Roland and The Landsharks.

## COUNCIL OF 101 HOSTING ART IN BLOOM FUNDRAISER FOR ORLANDO MUSEUM OF ART, APRIL 5-7

The Council of 101 will host its 41st annual spring fundraiser, Art in Bloom, April 5-7 this year in its ongoing effort to raise funds for the Orlando Museum of Art.

The event, which is sponsored by Advent Health for Women will feature special events, a silent auction, curated antiques, and daily programming and entertainment. "From fresh floral arrangements to inspiring speakers and Family Day events, Art in Bloom is the perfect event to celebrate spring," said Lisa Sheppard, president of Council of 101. "We look forward to showcasing all the amazing designs and activities and continuing our efforts for art education at the museum."

Events presented by Council of 101, including Art in Bloom, have raised more than \$14 million over the years, benefiting the Orlando Museum of Art's educational and life-long learning programs.

Tickets will be on sale soon, so follow their socials for more information.



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HEY, BRENDA. MY BOYFRIEND GOES REALLY HARD ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY AND ALWAYS ENDS UP A COMPLETE MESS. WHAT'S A GOOD WAY TO ASK HIM TO TONE IT DOWN WITHOUT BEING A BIG BUZZKILL? HE'S NOT EVEN IRISH.

## - ERIN O'BRAGHLESS

Well, firstly, I'm 99% sure that most people drinking on St. Patrick's Day aren't Irish, baby. They just like having an excuse to get drunk in public. Which is probably where your drunkard of a boyfriend falls. Which is fine to a limit. It's fun drinking with friends. I do it every Tuesday when I host bingo at Tactical Brewing, but I've established a safe word that our guests can use when I get a little too messy or tell a story that nobody wants to hear. They shout "pineapple" and I shut up and call some numbers and sober up a bit. Maybe y'all need a safeword too, like "You suck, I'm going home.

MY BUDDY AND I GOT REALLY MESSED UP AT BIG DADDY'S KARAOKE THE OTHER DAY AND WE MADE OUT. DOES THAT MAKE US GAY?

## - PADDY MCBUTTERFACE

Kissing someone of the same sex doesn't make you gay, dear. It just makes you fun to hang out with at a party. This may get me canceled, but I know lots of straight-identifying men who have had some fun with other men in their lives - but at the end of the day they don't identify as "gay." because they don't think they fit with the label. What I can tell you, is if you want to keep kissing your friend even when you're sober, and maybe go a little further, you may want to rethink where you fall on the Kinsey Scale. I'm happy to come sit next to you both at Big Daddy's next time and observe though, if you want a more in-depth opinion.

SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE I'M TOO FAT TO LEAVE MY APARTMENT. BUT I DON'T HAVE THE MOTIVATION TO DO ANY-THING ABOUT IT.

## - FATTY MCGEE

You're already doing something just by talking about it, my little soup dumpling. A lot of people go into "goblin mode" and hunker down at home for a day or two. I think it's just a self-care reflex from having to be around awful people in public some days. But don't let that dull your shine. I think you just need to find some fun things to do outside that either don't involve other people like a hike in the Little Econ or are around other people just like you. If you ever want to feel good about your body, hop over to a Bear pool party and go for a dip. Those big boys will put you on notice real quick that every body is beautiful in its own way. The important thing is to take little steps, build that confidence, and keep moving.

Have a question for Brenda? Message us on Instagram at @OrlandoBungalower and we'll try our best to get it answered for you. No promises!

## LAST MONTH ON BUNGALOWER & THE BUS



Superica Winter Park

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 in to Bungalower and the Bus every Friday on Real Radio 104.1 FM.

Episode 364 - Bungalower HQ
Bungalower's Strategic Partnership
Director, Mike Donohue fills in. The
week's topics include a pissed-off
mother who was banned from picking up her kids at their Christian private school because of her OnlyFans
ad on her car, updates on the Epic
Universe Park, and a woman who
threatened to pee on a flight to Philly
who could have been Mike's mom.

### Episode 365 - Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen

Brendan and Jon are invited to Tibby's New Orleans Kitchen to help celebrate the beginning of Mardi Gras and the Winter Park's restaurant new seasonal disco-inspired menu and decor. The week's topics include Mayor Demings trying for the Transportation Tax again, Taylor Swift threatening to sue a UCF student, and a new donut shop coming to College Park.

Episode 366 - Superica Winter Park Brendan and Jon were invited to try a new Tex-Mex restaurant in Winter Park called Superica. The week's topics include an upcoming audit for Visit Orlando, a spike in syphilis in Orange County, a dump fire in Lake Fairview, and Duncan Mcguire's no-good, totally shitty, bummer of a week.

Episode 367 - Jeremiah's Italian Ice Mike fills in again as the boys head to the first-ever Jeremiah's Italian Ice location in Winter Park to chat about their Leap Year promotions – because, frog! The week's topics include an explosive 2024 Atlantic Hurricane Season prediction and updates on an urban art project under the interstate.

Want to host Bungalower & the Bus at your restaurant or business for a future episode? Email us at sales@bungalower.com!

## DR. PHILLIPS ANNOUNCES 2024-2025 BROADWAY IN ORLANDO LINEUP

Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts has announced the 11 shows that will make up the upcoming AdventHealth Broadway in Orlando 2024-2025 season.

Standouts include Disney's The Lion King, Mean Girls, and The Book of Mormon which returns to Orlando for the first time since 2017.

AdventHealth Broadway in Orlando subscribers can renew their seats for the upcoming season as of February 16. If you're not yet a subscriber, you can join the waitlist at orlando.broadway.com.



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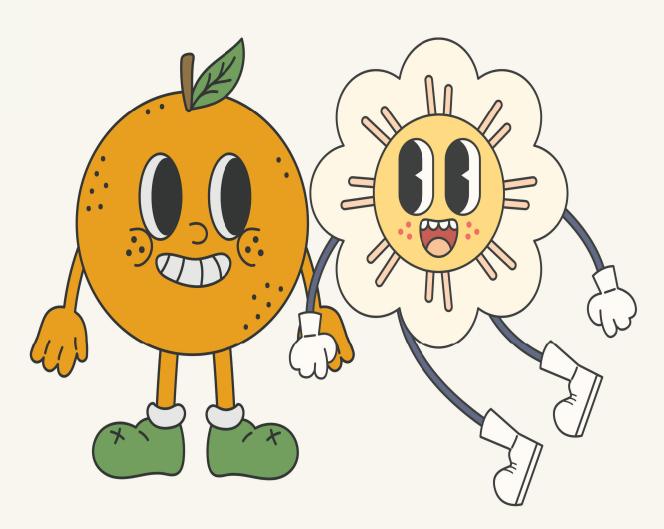
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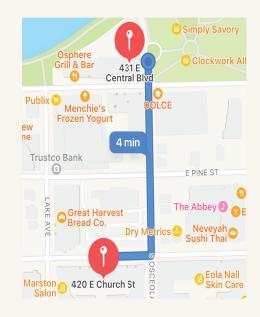
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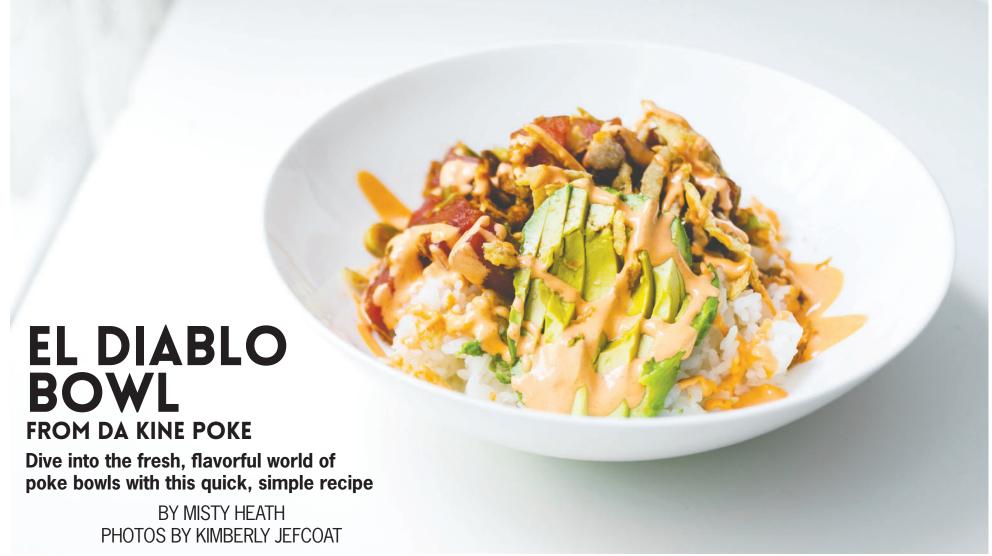
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## FOOD/DRINK





Da Kine Poke started as a food truck in April 2016 by founders Pete Downing and Aaron Smith and launched the current poke wave in the culinary scene. Since then they have opened multiple locations with loads of great healthy options at an affordable price including stalls at Market on Magnolia in Downtown Orlando and The Local Butcher and Market in Winter Park.

Bungalower's staff pick at Da Kine is without a doubt the El Diablo Bowl which has the perfect blend of fresh ingredients with spicy sauces – extra spicy mayo, please! It's the perfect summer dish that you can make without working up a sweat.

## **INGREDIENTS**

4 oz Ahi Tuna, ¾" cubed (raw)

- 2 T sliced scallion
- 2 T puffed rice crisps
- 1 T crispy fried onions (French's brand)
- 1 T spicy soy (mix sriracha & soy)
- $1\ \mathsf{T}$  spicy mayo (mix mayo, sriracha, squeeze of lemon)
- 1/2 avocado, sliced
- 1 cup seasoned sushi rice (see pro tips) Sriracha sauce
- 1 Lemon

## **PREPARATION**

In bowl mix first 4 ingredients with spicy soy sauce. In a serving dish, spoon the mixture over the rice, add crispy onions, drizzle spicy mayo, layer on the avocado. And you're done.

## **PRO PREP TIPS**

Super-fresh fish is a must. You can buy fish by the pound from Da Kine Winter Park or check out your local fish market like Lombardi's or Lighthouse.

To make perfect sushi rice simply rinse rice until water runs clear, and cook it off according to the instructions on the package. Cool to room temperature, add rice wine vinegar, a bit of salt and sugar, then hold it at room temp and top with furikake which you can get at any Asian market. It's a good idea to make at least an hour before serving to allow the rice to rest and cool off.

For Instagram-worthy plating, simply put your sauces into squeeze bottles for the perfect

For a faster and more low carb option, substitute your favorite greens for the rice.







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## MICHELIN ANNOUNCES NEW ADDITIONS TO ORLANDO LISTINGS

Michelin brought its popular series of restaurant guides to Florida for the first time in November 2021, at the behest of Visit Florida, and they've been adding to their reviews each year, and the 2024 additions were just announced. And it's very clear that Michelin loves the recent omakase wave that Orlando has been riding since mid-2023.

First up is Zaru, a new Japanese udon shop that opened in August 2023. Michelin noted its "upbeat playlist" and "attractive dining room" as well as its "chewy noodles" made with wheat sourced from Japan's Kagawa Prefecture. Zaru is located in the under-redevelopment Tien Hung Market in the Mills 50 District.

Sushi Saint, a new 12-seat temaki bar that opened in December 2023 on the edge of the Creative Village in Parramore, also made the list. This shouldn't be a surprise since it's owned by Michelin-recognized Chef Michael Collantes of Soseki in Winter Park. They serve a curated menu of small bites and nori handrolls alongside sake-based cocktails and in-house brewed craft beers.

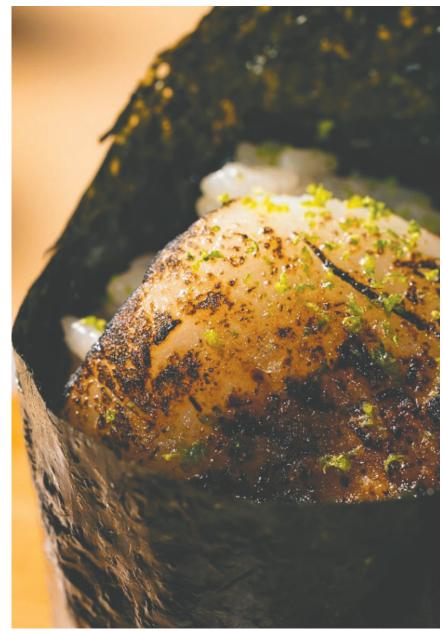
Natsu Omakase, located at 777 N. Orange Avenue in Orlando's North Quarter/Uptown neighborhood got a nod for its ten-seat dining room which hosts just two seatings each night.

Camille, the French-Vietnamese-inspired pop-up that started in the catering kitchen in East End Market before opening a fancy storefront at 4962 New Broad Street in Baldwin Park scored a mention. Chef Tung Phan's sweet potato brioche with gold chocolate ice cream and Vietnamese coffee sauce got a special nod for excellence.

Chuan Fu, a new concept by the owners of Chuan Lu Garden, opened in the former home of Orlando Meats at 1035 Orlando Avenue, just last year. The Szechuan-focused menu serves up family-style classics that will have you smiling through the sweat.









## TACTICAL BREWING HOSTING ST. PATRICK'S DAY FESTIVAL

Tactical Brewing is hosting a special Saint Patrick's Day street party on March 17 called "The Green Fling" from noon-5 p.m. The event will feature a curated food truck lineup provided by Orlando Parking Lot Party, live music, vendors, beer releases, and a special dodgeball-style green water balloon tournament emceed by Brenda from Bithlo. Teams of five can register for \$25 to enter the water balloon tournament, with the winning team walking away with a prize package of beer, merch, and gold medals valued at over \$600.

Bungalower Buddy members will have access to a tented members-only area with free draft beer provided by Tactical Brewing.

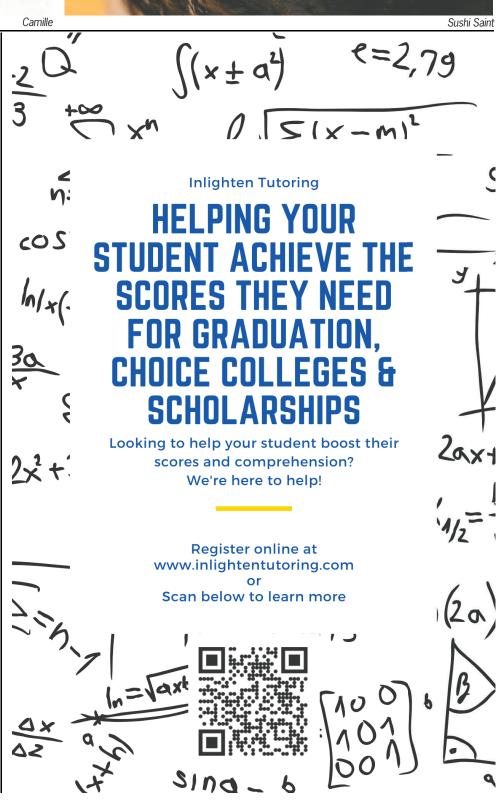


## NEW ITALIAN CONCEPT ANNOUNCED FOR FORMER BEM BOM BUILDING

We told you last month that the former Italian/Portuguese restaurant, Bem Bom in Audubon Park had closed up shop. At the time, we were told by the former owner that a replacement tenant was already in the works though he couldn't share any details.

We now know, thanks to a recent story by Faiyaz Kara for Orlando Weekly, that something called Grazie Modern Italian Kitchen will be opening sometime soon. The concept is a new project by Nazih Sebaali, former owner of Middle Eastern restaurant Cafe Annie and Baldwin Park's Meza Mediterranean Grill. Grazie's menu is available now on their website.





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## **NETFLIX'S "SOMEBODY FEED** PHIL" TO HIGHLIGHT **ORLANDO RESTAURANTS**

Netflix is showcasing several Orlando restaurants and businesses in the upcoming season of the popular Netflix show, Somebody Feed Phil, premiering on Friday, March 1. The unscripted culinary travel series will highlight eight different destinations, only two of which are in the United States this season, and was created by the Everybody Loves Raymond showrunner, Phil Rosenthal. Rosenthal worked with Visit Orlando to highlight some of The City Beautiful's lesser-known restaurants and cultural destinations and sat down with local foodies like Orlando Sentinel's Amy Drew Thompson and Tasty Chomp's Ricky Ly.

We don't know all of the restaurants Rosenthal visited while in town, but we do know that he featured Orlando's Puerto Rican-inspired Crocante and its chef, Yamuel Bigio, in the new season trailer, available below, with his award-winning porchetta.

Tasty Chomps reported last summer on their food blog that Rosenthal may have also visited East End Market, Sampaguita, and Banh Mi Boy in the currently under-construction Tien Hung Market.



PHOTO FROM VISIT ORLANDO

## **COMING AND GOING**



PHOTO FROM MID-DRIVE DIVE

## MID DRIVE DIVE IS NOW **OPEN ON EDGEWATER DRIVE**

We've told you a few times about the new Mid-Drive Dive concept moving into the former Graffiti Junktion space at 2401 Edgewater Drive and we are happy to share that they have finally opened to the public.

The new concept is an effort by longtime College Park residents and businessmen, Jacob Zepf of Freehand Goods and Matt Hinckley of Hinckley's Fancy Meats. The new midcentury-inspired interior is completely unrecognizable as the former Graffiti Junktion, other than the large, albeit resurfaced, bar at the center of the room and now features abundant natural light, wood and tiled surfaces, and lots of houseplants.

The menu features American classics like handhelds and mains alongside simple and approachable cocktails.



I LOVE ORLANDO CAFE NOW **OPEN BY LAKE EOLA** 

A new corner cafe has opened in downtown Orlando overlooking Lake Eola Park, on the southeastern corner of The Metropolitan of Orlando at 151 E. Washington Street.

We told you in August 2023 that a new concept with the fun name I Love Orlando Cafe would be moving into the former home of B. Nice Patio Bar with an ambitious goal of being open by the end of 2024.

Following a complete overhaul of the space, the tiny cafe now houses wall-to-wall astroturf, new seating, and a very Instagrammable faux wisteria in the corner, with a real-life backdrop of the Linton E. Memorial Fountain.

I Love Orlando Cafe is now open from 7 a.m.- 7 p.m. daily serving breakfast, ice cream sandwiches, coffee, and more.



PHOTO FROM ALFOND INN

## A NEW CAFÉ HAS OPENED AT THE ALFOND INN

The Alfond Inn just underwent an ambitious expansion project in Winter Park, which included the addition of an entire new wing, a second pool, a spa, a new 13,500 SF wellness facility, and a fancy new cafe.

The Cafe (that's the name of it) serves house-made breakfast pastries, crepes, desserts, coffee from local roaster Artifix, and wine later in the evening. It also has patisseries created by new house pastry chef, Jason Acevedo. Morning coffee and pastries are served from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. seven days a week.

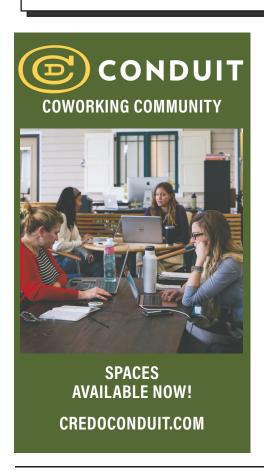
The cafe also features artwork from The Alfond Collection of Contemporary Art, with pieces by Vik Munik and photographer Gordon Parks.



## **OMO SETS MARCH OPENING** DATE FOR CHEF'S EXPERIENCE

We told you in January 2024 that a new restaurant called ÔMO by JÔNT would be opening in the former home of Sushi Pop at 115 E. Lyman Avenue in Winter Park. Well, they're taking reservations for this weekend.

Bungalower was invited to attend a recent media event at the latest concept by award-winning chef, Ryan Ratino, who is behind the Michelin-starred Bresca restaurant and two-star concept, JONT. The new 15-seat restaurant was designed by Make Design Studios, the group behind Soseki, Camille, and Zaru, and will feature three dining areas that guests will move through during their dining experience. The name is a derivative of Omotenashi, the Japanese word for "hospitality," that goes beyond simply being helpful, but rather providing more care than is expected.





## EVENT CALENDAR



## – MAR. 6

## IVANHOE PARK GOAT YOGA

Get ready to get zen at Ivanhoe Park Brewery! Join us for a hoppy hour of goat yoga, where relaxation meets bleat-iful moments and brews!

5 p.m. | Ivanhoe Park Brewing, 1300 Alden Road | İvanhoe Village | \$36

## ORLANDO TACO WEEK

\$7 Taco specials at 30+ top restaurants across Orlando for 15 days straight!

THRU MAR. 20 | Multiple venues | Orlando | \$7 | orlandotacoweek.com

## YOGAHIGH SPONSORED BY COOKIES

Join Bungalower Media and Cookies Cannabis in a guided yoga and breathwork class for medical cardholders only, in the beautiful and inspiring venue that is The Acre. And yes, you can smoke weed in class.

5:45 p.m. | The Acre, 4421 Edgewater Drive | College Park | \$15 | bungalower.com

## **ROTTERDAM PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA**

The Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, founded in 1918, has claimed its place among Europe, and the world's, most exciting orchestras.

7:30 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | Various prices

## — MAR. 7

## 2024 ONYX MAGAZINE'S WOMEN ON THE MOVE

Join Founding Partner Orlando Health, ONYX Magazine for food, music, and networking as they present 2024 Women on the Move Kickoff reception.

5:30 p.m. | Orlando Museum of Art, 2416 N. Mills Avenue | Mills 50 | \$40 | eventbrite.com



## C NOTE - ONE NIGHT WITH YOU

Celebrate 25 years of music with C Note's first headline show back in their hometown of Orlando,

7 p.m. | The Abbey, 100 S. Eola Drive | \$25 | abbeyorlando.com



## MANDY PATINKIN IN CONCERT: **BEING ALIVE**

Mandy Patinkin has been fortunate to carve out a varied career including theater, the concert stage, film, television, and as a recording artist.

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

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### "YOUNG FRANKENSTEIN"

This film is a part of our Popcorn Flicks in the Park series, which takes place in Central Park, Winter Park once a month and it's FREE and open to the public!

7 p.m. | Central Park | Winter Park | FREE | enzian.org

## - MAR. 8

## **BRYAN ADAMS WITH DAVE STEWART**

The Canadian superstar takes to the stage with Dave Stewart playing from his Eurythmics Soundbook. You won't want to miss it.

7:30 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$31-\$165 | kiacenter.org

### THE COLOR PURPLE

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Executive producer, Vince Farmer, and director, Kyona Levine Farmer, will present their musical production of The Color Purple at Dr. Phillips Center.

8 p.m. | Dr. Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$50-\$70 | drphillipscenter.org

## MAR. 9



**5TH ANNUAL BIGGIE BRUNCH** 

I love it when you call me BIG POPPA!

Noon-5 p.m. | Graffiti Junktion, 700 E. Washington Street | Thornton Park | Various prices

## **BATMAN 1989 IN CONCERT**

Experience the thrill of Batman (1989) in concert! Watch Tim Burton's classic film in Steinmetz Hall with music by Danny Elfman performed live by the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra.

3:30 p.m. | Dr Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$46 | drphillipscenter.org

## MARC ANTHONY: HISTORIA TOUR 2024

The 55-year-old singer is taking his 13-concert tour all over North America and has a stop in Orlando. Come for the salsa, stay for the memories.

8 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$661-\$181 | kiacenter.org

## MARDI GRAS DINNER DANCE AND **MASQUERADE**

Mardi Gras Dinner Dance - A Night of Masguerade and Mystery. Dinner includes a choice of Traditional Jambalaya or Cajun Chicken and King Cake will be served for dessert.

6 p.m. | Orlando Elk Lodge, 12 N. Primrose Drive | \$5-\$25 | orlandoelks.com

## ORLANDO CITY SC V MINNESOTA UNITED

Soccer! Come bleed purple!

7:30 p.m. | Inter&Co Stadium, 655 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$23-\$172 | orlandocity.

## LEU GARDENS PLANT SALE

Plants, Plants & more Plants! Shop directly from the growers and best of all, the Gardens is free all weekend. Bring a wagon or plant cart for your purchases. Rain or shine.

THRU MAR. 10 Harry P. Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue | Audubon Park | FREE | leugardens.org



## 3RD ANNUAL SINGHAUS SCHOLARSHIP **OSCAR PARTY**

Join your hosts Ginger Minj and Gidget Galore on the red carpet as we toast the Singhaus Family and show support for LGBTQ+ student artists.

5:30 p.m. | The Abbey, 100 S. Eola Drive | South Eola | Various prices | eventbrite.com

## FOREST BATHING WITH JULIE AT MEAD **BOTANICAL GARDEN**

Forest Bathing is inspired by the Japanese practice of 'shinrin yoku'. Shinrin means forest and yoku means bath. It's a process where we experience the forest (nature) through our sense. It's also scientifically been proven that the trees release a chemical called phytoncide. It's used to protect them from harmful bugs and germs, and helps us do the same in our bodies.

11 a.m. | Mead Botanical Garden, 1300 S. Denning Drive | Winter Park | \$30 | meadgardens.org

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## **ENZIAN'S OSCAR WATCH PARTY**

Celebrate the biggest movie event of the year at Central Florida's favorite independent theater. Experience the excitement of the 96th Academy Awards® - its surprise wins and big upsets - amongst friends and fellow movie lovers.

6 p.m. | Enzian Theater, 1300 S. Orlando Avenue | Maitland | FREE | enzian.org

## — MAR. 11

## **COURTHOUSE CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT**

The Scramble for the Courthouse Cup is a fundraiser for the nonprofit Historical Society of Central Florida, which supports the Orange County Regional History Center's mission and programs through an agreement with the Board of County Commissioners.

9 a.m. | Country Cup Golf Tournament, 1601 Country Club Drive | \$225-\$850 | thehistorycenter.org

- MAR. 13

## AN EVENING WITH DIONNE WARWICK

Scintillating, soothing and sensual best describe the familiar and legendary voice of six-time Grammy Award-winning music legend, Dionne Warwick. A cornerstone of American pop music and culture, Warwick has earned more than 75 charted hit songs and sold over 100 million records.

7:30 p.m. | Dr Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$40 | drphillipscenter.org



## - MAR. 14

### TOM SEGURA: COME TOGETHER

He's pretty funny, y'all. Leave the kids at home though. This is for adults.

7:30 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$28-\$95 | kiacenter.org

## WINTER PARK SIDEWALK ART FESTIVAL

The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is one of the nation's most prestigious outdoor art festivals. After you're done brows ing the art in the park make sure you walk down Park Avenue to enjoy the s idewalk sales our local merchants are offering!

THRU MAR. 16 | Central Park, W. Morse Avenue | Winter Park | FREE | wpsaf.org

## JIMBO'S DRAG CIRCUS WORLD TOUR

Get ready for an evening of outrageous characters and adult humor starring Canada's own Jimbo from RuPaul's Drag Race All Stars 8 and Canada's Drag Race.

8 p.m. | The Plaza Live, 425 N. Bumby Avenue | Milk District | \$35-\$50| theplazaliveorlando.org

## LUCKY ON LANG

Get ready to get lucky at the House on Lang with performances from The Lucky Cats, MAK, Buko Boys, and Driveaway!

6-9 p.m. | The House on Lang, 1308 Lang Avenue | Mills 50 | FREE

## SCALIA/GINSBURG

Scalia/Ginsburg is a one-act operatic comedy by composer-librettist Derrick Wang about the unlikely friendship between U.S. Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Antonin Scalia

8 p.m. | Dr Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$35-\$50 | drphillipscenter.org

## MAR. 16 RANDY RAINBOW FOR PRESIDENT

This unique evening includes a full screening of "Napoleon Dynamite" followed by a lively, freewheeling, discussion with fan-favorite cast members: Jon Heder (Napoleon Dynamite),

Efren Ramirez (Pedro) and Jon Gries (Uncle

7:30 p.m. | Dr Phillips Center, 445 S. Magnolia Avenue | Downtown | \$40 | drphillipscenter.org



## TIM MCGRAW: STANDING ROOM ONLY

He's my kinda rain.

7 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$35-\$215 | kiacenter.org

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## - MAR. 17

## THE GREEN FLING

Join Tactical Brewing as they shut down New Broad Street for a free block party to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. With a water balloon tournament.

Noon-5 p.m. | Tactical Brewing, 4882 New Broad Street | Baldwin Park | FREE

## - MAR. 22

## **NICKI MINAJ: PINK FRIDAY 2**

Downtown is gonna be busy this night, y'all.

8 p.m. | Kia Center, 400 W. Church Street | Parramore | \$55-\$315 | kiacenter.org

## — MAR. 27

## **YOGAHIGH SPONSORED BY COOKIES**Join Bungalower Media and Cookies Cannabis

Join Bungalower Media and Cookies Cannabis in a guided yoga and breathwork class for medical cardholders only, in the beautiful and inspiring venue that is The Acre. And yes, you can smoke weed in class.

5:45 p.m. | The Acre, 4421 Edgewater Drive | College Park | \$15 | bungalower.com

## JOEY FATONE AND AJ MCLEAN: A LEGENDARY NIGHT

Witness an epic collaboration as Joey Fatone of \*NSYNC and AJ McLean of the Backstreet Boys join forces along with their sensational seven-piece live band for an unforgettable concert tour! Brace yourself for a nostalgic journey through hits that defined an era, as these pop icons come together to create an electric atmosphere. Don't miss the chance to experience the magic of both worlds on one stage.

8 p.m. | Hard Rock Cafe, 6050 Universal Boulevard | Out of Bounds | \$36-\$96 | entertainment.hardrock.com







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