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June 15-21, 2023



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Start Your Weekend with Blues from Ramblin' Mutts at the Free Fridays Concert Series

**Friday, June 16, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

The region's largest and longest running free outdoor concert series features performances each Friday night through August 25. Ramblin' Mutts perform soulful, original, rhythm and blues. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



Experience the Majesty of The Royal Horses of Europe at a Special Father's Day Performance of The Gala of the Royal Horses

**Sunday, June 18, 3 p.m. | Alachua County Agriculture and Equestrian Center
23100 W Newberry Rd., Newberry, FL 32669**

International riding master René Gasser brings The Royal Horses of Europe to a North American audience featuring Lipizzaner Stallions, Spanish Andalusian, Friesian, majestic Arabian breeds and the Quarter horse. The gala performance celebrates The Royal Horses' tradition, athleticism and grace in a culturally rich and stunning tribute for the whole family to enjoy.



Rock Out on the Heartwood Lawn for a Free Father's Day Concert Zee-R and the Green Room Surf Music

**Sunday, June 18, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Kick back for a free Father's Day concert on the Heartwood Lawn. After a career spanning over 20 years, with more than 2500 concerts in over 300 cities around the world, Zee-R brings classic rock hits to Gainesville for the first time. Joining Zee-R is Mike Boulware's latest project, The Green Room Surf Music. Admission and the first beverage for dads is free.



Party with the Pollinators and Kick-off National Pollinator Week at Pollinator Palooza

**Saturday, June 17, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Join Florida Museum of Natural History researchers for a family-friendly festival supporting pollinator conservation. Pick up a free pollinator-friendly plant, enjoy live music, food trucks and special beer releases for grownups – Calamintha Hibiscus Wit and Honey Bee Citrus Blonde Ale. Get more festival details and learn about museum research online.



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Add Summer Blooms to Father's Day with Free Entry for Dads at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

**Sunday, June 18, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. | Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608**

Browse diverse plant collections and see what's in bloom at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens. Look for sunflowers in bloom in the Rose Garden. Look for delicate rain lilies in the bulb garden. Follow your nose from the East door of the entrance building to find the snake arum and its distinctive shape and aroma.



Commemorate Juneteenth with Family Fun at Freedom Fest 2023

**Saturday, June 17, 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

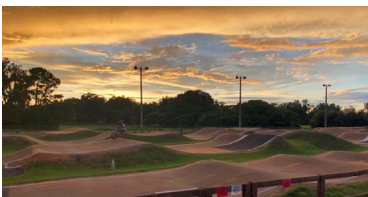
In collaboration with the Cotton Club Museum & Cultural Center, the second annual Freedom Fest is a free, family-friendly historical music festival. Enjoy music performances, vendors, kids zone with special activities in celebration of Emancipation Day, Juneteenth, and the idea of freedom and equality for all. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



View the Unveiling of the Sankofa Statue in Honor of Dr. Patricia Hilliard Nunn at Reaching Back to Move Forward

**Monday, June 19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Alachua County Administration Building
12 SE 1st St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

The celebration features a tribute to Dr. Patricia Hilliard Nunn and unveiling of the Sankofa statue. Guest speakers honor the life of the teacher, scholar, artist and community activist who often emphasized the importance of "Sankofa," the importance of learning from the past to shape the future, in her lectures. Following the unveiling, a drum procession featuring West African drummer Mohamed DaCosta and the Core Drum Ensemble lead attendees to Bo Diddley Plaza for local history, musical performances and a motorcycle parade.



Adults Get In on the Fun at the High Springs BMX Summer Nights Race Series

**Saturday, June 17, 6:30 p.m. | High Springs BMX
NW 2nd St., High Springs, FL 32643**

The Father's Day weekend is open to dad, mom and even grandma. No racing experience or license is necessary. Experienced BMX racers compete in separate races. Repeating competitors earn a sweatshirt for completing 6 races during the summer series. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County



Don't Miss the Summer Musical A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder

**Now through Sunday, July 9 | Hippodrome Theatre
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601**

The dazzling musical comedy follows Monty Navarro as he tries to eliminate pesky relatives standing between him and a wealthy inheritance.

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