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**June 29 - July 12, 2023**

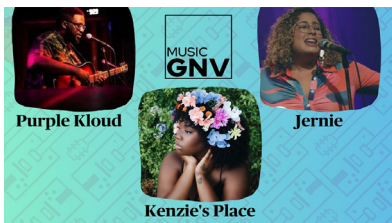


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**Savor Diverse Menus at the Thornebrook Food Truck Festival**  
**Friday, July 7, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. | Shoppes at Thornebrook**  
**2441 NW 43rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

Enjoy a variety of tasty food, live music and retail pop-ups at First Fridays at Thornebrook. Limited seating is available, bring your own chair or spread a blanket in the courtyard.



**Experience a Local Music Showcase with MusicGNV and the Free Fridays Concert Series**

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

MusicGNV curates a night of music with Purple Kloud, Jernie and Kenzie's Place. The region's largest and longest-running free outdoor concert series features performances each Friday night through August 25. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



**Don't Miss the Final Performances at the Hippodrome's Hit Summer Musical A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder - Extended Through July 16!**  
**Now through Sunday, July 16 | 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. Winner of four Tony Awards including Best Musical, A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder entertains with hilarious songs and paired with dastardly hijinks. Sponsored in part by Visit Gainesville, Alachua County  
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**Get a Peek Behind the Curtain at Sip and Stroll: Historic Tour of the Hippodrome Theatre**

**Sunday, July 9, 5 p.m. - 7:15 p.m. | Hippodrome Theatre**  
**25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Join the Hippodrome for an exclusive behind-the-scenes building tour. Explore areas of the Hippodrome that are typically off-limits to the public and uncover hidden secrets of the theatre. Journey through the Hipp's Lower Level basement and up to the little-known third floor. Admission includes one complimentary drink from the bar.



**Learn How to Grill the Best Steak at Gator Grill Camp**  
**Saturday, July 8, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. | UF Meat Science**  
**2250 Shealy Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608**

Join University of Florida meat scientists for a one-day session. Learn about meat selection and grading, seasonings and marinades, and grilling tricks and tips. Gator Grill Camp features discussion on a variety of topics leading up to a final project of using the day's knowledge to prepare a steak.

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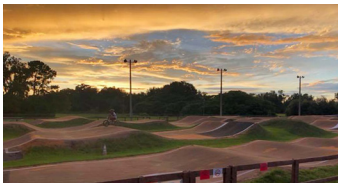
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### Enjoy Toe-Tapping Jazz with CuBop at Jazz on the Green

**Saturday, July 8, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Celebration Pointe  
4848 SW Celebration Pointe Ave., Gainesville, FL 32608**

CuBop is a six-person band performing jazz classics full of energy and expert musicianship. As the sun sets, spread a blanket or pull up a chair and enjoy live music on the promenade. Enjoy food, drinks and sweet treats from nearby restaurants.

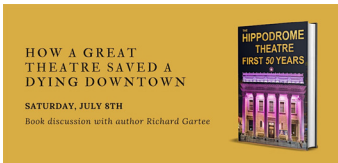


### Drop Into a Night of Fun Racing at the Sizzling Summer Nights Series at High Springs BMX

**Saturday, July 8, 6:30 p.m. | High Springs BMX  
NW 2nd St., High Springs, FL 32643**

High Springs BMX hosts a night racing at the track. Membership and previous experience is not required. Sweatshirts awarded to participants of 6 summer nights races.

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### Learn How the Hippodrome Theatre Became a Cultural Icon and the Center of the Artistic Community in Downtown Gainesville with Award-Winning Author Richard Gartee

**Saturday, July 8, 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. | Matheson History Museum  
513 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Richard Gartee discusses his book *The Hippodrome Theatre First Fifty Years*. Learn the role the theatre's move to the old Post Office building played in the formation of Gainesville's historic preservation effort and the revival of its downtown business district. Former Hippodrome general managers Mark Sexton and Jessica Hurov join the discussion to shed light on the positive contribution the Hippodrome's presence continues to bring to the city and its place as a cultural icon and a centerpiece of Gainesville's artistic community.

### Tips for Writing About Local History with Authors Richard Gartee and Shamrock McShane

**Sunday, July 9, 2:30 p.m – 4:00 p.m. | Millhopper Branch Library  
3145 NW 43rd St., Gainesville, FL**

Local writers and historians, Richard Gartee and Shamrock McShane discuss the ins and outs of writing about local history. Richard Gartee shares the ins and outs of researching and writing about the Hippodrome theatre's history for his latest book *The Hippodrome Theatre First Fifty Years*. The discussion focuses on how to research a topic, what resources are used and how to get readers interested about local history.

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