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August 31 - September 6, 2023



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Feast on Plant-Based Flavors at Vegan Street Party

**Saturday, September 2, 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St. Gainesville, FL 32601**

Indulge in a mouthwatering array of plant-based delights and experience the vibrant vegan community in Gainesville. The lively atmosphere features live music, entertainment and engaging activities.



Celebrate the Diverse Local Community at the GGIC Welcoming Week 2023 International Festival

**Saturday, September 2, 12 p.m. – 5 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

Welcoming Week 2023 is a national celebration of culture, heritage and inclusivity in local communities. Welcoming Week is a global movement bringing neighbors, immigrants and communities of all backgrounds together. Celebrate with food from international chefs, live music and dance, artists and community organizations.



Savor Tasty Menus at the First Fridays at Thornebrook Food Truck Festival

**Friday, September 1, 4 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Shoppes at Thornebrook
2441 NW 43rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606**

Browse the park-like setting at the Shoppes at Thornebrook and enjoy a variety of food trucks, live music and retail pop-ups. Seating is provided but feel free to bring your own comfy chairs or blankets to throw down.



Go on Safari and See Rare Animals at Carson Springs Labor Day Weekend Tours

**Saturday, September 2 and Monday, September 4, 10 a.m. | Carson Springs
Wildlife Conservation Foundation
8528 E CR 225, Gainesville, FL 32609**

Enjoy outdoor fun with a zoologist led tour with rare animals, baby lemurs, big cat feedings and more. Carson Springs is located on 275 acres of lush Florida woods and farmland providing a home environment to approximately 30 rare and endangered species and over 100 animals. TripAdvisor awarded Carson Springs Wildlife the 2023 Traveler's Choice Award recognizing the attraction as one of the top 10% of in things to do worldwide, based on visitor reviews.

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Unwind Outdoors on the Monthly Guided Walk at Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Kanapaha Botanical Gardens
4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608

Stroll through pet-friendly paved pathways and view plant collections spanning the 68-acre property. See what's in bloom at the end of the summer. View the last of the giant Victoria water lilies as the growing season comes to an end. Visit the tranquil bamboo garden, the largest public display of bamboo in Florida.



Pair Birding with a Pint at Birds and Brews
Sunday, September 3, 5:45 p.m. – 7 p.m. | First Magnitude Brewing Company
1220 SE Veitch St., Gainesville, FL 32601

Meet at the brewery and join a nature walk led by Alachua Audubon Society volunteers. Stroll through the nature trail at Depot Park before returning for a craft brew and discuss your findings. All birding skill levels are welcome. Bring comfortable shoes, a water bottle and a pair of binoculars or borrow a loaner pair.



... And Action! Watch a Double Feature at the Grand Reopening of the Hippodrome Cinema
Saturday, September 2, 10 a.m. – 1 a.m. | Hippodrome Cinema
25 SE 2nd Pl., Gainesville, FL 32601

Experience the revitalized theatre with new seats, expanded sound system and new screen. Ticket passes include a double feature of films with discussions following each screening. Before or after your cinematic experience, visit the bar for snacks and drinks and don't miss the Panhandle Slim exhibit in the Hippodrome Art Gallery.



Don't Miss the Final Weekend of No Exit at Acrosstown Repertory Theatre's New Location
Friday, September 1 – Sunday, September 3 | Acrosstown Repertory Theatre
3501 SW 2nd Ave. STE O, Gainesville, FL 32607

The existential play by Jean-Paul Sartre features two women and one man, punished in the afterlife by being locked up in a single room. Windows are bricked up, there are no mirrors, lights can never be turned off and there is no exit. Find out why Jean-Paul Sartre famously stated, "Hell is other people."



View the Spiders Alive! Exhibit Before it Crawls Away on Monday
Now through Monday, September 4 | Florida Museum of Natural History
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

With more than a dozen live species from around the world, Spiders Alive! dives into the world of spiders, scorpions and their relatives. Featured animals on display include the Asian Forest Scorpion, Brazilian Red and White Tarantula, Southern Black Widow, Wolf Spider and more.

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