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October 19-25, 2023



2023 Gainesville Pride Festival



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Happy Birthday Tom Petty! Experience 3 Days of Music Tributes and Storytelling at Tom Petty Weekend

**Friday, October 20 - Sunday, October 22 | Heartwood Soundstage
619 S Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601**

Tom Petty's birthday is October 20 and the Rock and Roll Hall of Famer would have been 73 this year. Heartwood Soundstage hosts the official festival of Tom Petty Nation and the Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers Fan Club. Indoor and outdoor stages host 3 days of music featuring Americana Music Association award-winning Shovels and Rope.

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Stroll the Gorgeous Grounds of Kanapaha Botanical Gardens and Browse the Annual Fall Plant Sale and Orchid Show

Saturday, October 21 - Sunday, October 22, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Kanapaha Botanical Gardens

4700 SW 58th Dr., Gainesville, FL 32608

Explore the beautifully manicured grounds of Kanapaha Botanical Gardens at the annual fall open house and plant sale. Browse 50 booths with a wide variety of plants for sale. Inside the entrance building, view the American Orchid Society's annual judged show with colorful blooms on display. Admission is free.

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Enjoy Family-Friendly Fun at the High Springs Fall Festival

Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | High Springs Museum Courtyard and James Paul Park

23718 W US Hwy 27, High Springs, FL 32643

The annual High Springs Chamber of Commerce Fall Festival features crafts and food vendors, kids activities and live music.

Meet the World's Largest Bats at the Florida Bat Festival

**Saturday, October 21, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Lubee Bat Conservancy
1309 NW 192nd Ave., Gainesville, FL 32609**

Spread your wings and celebrate all things batty with Lubee Bat Conservancy. The annual Florida Bat Fest raises awareness of bat conservation and education efforts. Enjoy a fun-filled day with Kids Zone activities, bat-themed gifts, a variety of food trucks, live music, craft beer garden with Florida breweries, bat experts, local conservation organizations and more.

Celebrate PRIDE at the 2023 Gainesville Pride Festival

**Saturday, October 21, 12 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville**

Browse over 100 vendors and resources, enjoy activities for all ages, live music and entertainment from LGBTQ+ performers featuring Dragula Season 3 winner Landon Cider. Admission is free.

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Find Creative Inspiration with Colorful and Artistic Displays at the Thornebrook Fall Arts Festival

Saturday, October 21 - Sunday, October 22, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Shoppes at Thornebrook | 2441 NW 43rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606

Stroll through the park-like setting at the annual showcase of artwork and artists. View paintings, sculpture, photography, mixed-media from fused glass to paintings with additions, fiber arts, wood carvings, furniture, pottery and jewelry. Enjoy food vendors and restaurants at the Shoppes at Thornebrook. Admission is free.



Flip Through the Largest Sale of its Kind in Florida at the Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

Saturday, October 21 - Wednesday, October 25 | Friends of the Library
430 N Main St., Gainesville, FL 32601

The Friends of the Library warehouse opens its doors with over 500,000 items for sale including books, records, movies, comics and more. Most prices range from \$0.25 to \$4.00. Visit the Collector's Corner for first editions, vintage magazines, unique DVD box sets, maps, music and posters. Plan your visit and learn more about sale procedures online.



Savor the First Swallowtail Farm Dining Experience of the Season with Chef Clay Conley of Buccan

Saturday, October 21, 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. | Swallowtail Farm
7301 SE 92nd Terr., Gainesville, FL 32641

The 2023-2024 Season of Swallowtail Farm Dining Experiences kicks off with 4-time James Beard semifinalist for Best Chef: South, Chef Clay Conley. Since its inception in 2009, the farm has collaborated with brilliant local chefs, fellow producers, musicians, brewers, non-profits and artists to bring authentic elevated dining experiences to the community. Tickets include a farm tour, open bar, live music and a one-of-a-kind multi-course dinner featuring locally-sourced ingredients.



Pedal Scenic Group Rides of 100 Miles (or less!) at the Gainesville Cycling Festival

Saturday, October 21 - Sunday, October 22 | Variety of Cycling Routes

The 42nd Annual Gainesville Cycling Festival features 100-mile tours on back-to-back days with a selection of shorter segments. Saturday includes the Santa Fe Century and Gravel Challenge, Sunday features the Horse Farm Hundred. The festival offers a unique experience of starting a ride with a large group, rest stops and ride support services along the route.

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