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July 18-24, 2024



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Discover the Many Skills of Zookeepers and Learn About Animal Care at Zookeeper Day
Saturday, July 20, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Santa Fe College Teaching Zoo
3000 NW 83rd St., Gainesville, FL 32606

Gainesville is home to the only teaching zoo on a college campus accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums in the nation. Go behind the scenes at Zookeeper Day and enjoy training demonstrations, zookeeper talks, live music and more.

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Sweet Stories, Hot Tunes – Enjoy the Opening Weekend of “In the Heights,”
Lin-Manuel Miranda’s Tony-Award Winning, Music-Filled Love Letter to the Community of his Youth
Friday, July 19 – Sunday, August 11 | Gainesville Community Playhouse
4039 NW 16th Blvd, Gainesville, FL 32605

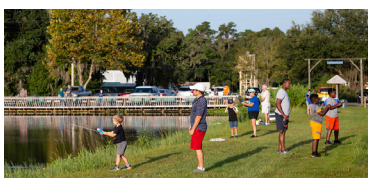
In the Heights, created by Lin-Manuel Miranda, tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York’s Washington Heights neighborhood – a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures. Neighborhood residents must decide which traditions to keep and which to leave behind. Reserve tickets at gcplayhouse.org.

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View 250 Years of History at the Opening Reception of Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit “Voices and Votes: Democracy in America”
Saturday, July 20, 2 p.m. | Matheson History Museum
513 E University Ave., Gainesville, FL 32601

Gainesville and Alachua County was selected to host the Smithsonian Museum on Main Street traveling exhibition. The interactive exhibit explores the American experiment of a government “of, by and for the people” with photographs, objects, film, audio and interactives. The Matheson History Museum is open 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Saturday. At 2 p.m., join the museum for a ribbon cutting, refreshments and tour the exhibition.



Make the Perfect Cast at UF Family Fishing Day
Saturday, July 20, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. | UF/IFAS Fishing Ponds
7922 NW 71st St., Gainesville, FL 32653

Once a month, the UF/IFAS fishing ponds host fun, family fishing days for all ages and abilities to participate. Bring your own equipment or borrow loaner pole and bait. Expect to catch bream (bluegill, red-ear sunfish, warmouth), largemouth bass and channel catfish. Free.



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Dance Into the Weekend with Jazz and Pop Arrangements from Gainesville Big Band at the Free Fridays Concert Series
Friday, July 19, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. | Bo Diddley Plaza
Downtown Gainesville

Gainesville Big Band is an 18-piece big band performing a variety of jazz and pop songs under the direction of Marco Thomas. A summer tradition, the Free Fridays Concert Series is the region's largest and longest-running free outdoor concert series featuring performances on Friday nights in downtown Gainesville. Enjoy food and drinks from nearby cafes and restaurants within walking distance. Admission is free.



Don't Miss Your Chance to View the "Gateway to Himalayan Art" Exhibition
Now through Sunday, July 28 | Harn Museum of Art
3215 Hull Rd., Gainesville, FL 32611

The traveling exhibition from the Rubin Museum of Art, New York Gateway to Himalayan Art closes July 28. A large multimedia map at the start of the exhibition orients viewers to the greater Himalayan region, which encompasses Indian, Nepalese, Bhutanese, and Tibetan cultures as well as interrelated Mongolian and Chinese traditions. Admission is free.

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Image: Life Story of Buddha (detail), Shakyamuni, Tibet; 19th century, Pigments on cloth, Rubin Museum of Art, Gift of Shelley and Donald Rubin, C2006.66.164 (HAR 157)

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