

TALLAHASSEE LIFE!

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Your Home Team

Do you know somebody looking to sell or buy a home? Please tell them how hard we will work to earn their business.

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Please forward this to everyone who wants to find more enjoyment from their Tallahassee Life!



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Move Over Bourbon Street - Say Hello To Beard Street

If you have never experienced Beard Street on Halloween, perhaps you should stop by this year.

It's the children's version of Bourbon Street during Mardi Gras, as thousands of trick-or-treaters descend upon midtown to load up on the treats being served by homeowners and their guests

along Beard Street.

This year's event falls on a Saturday evening, so I won't be surprised if the number of visitors exceeds 3,000! If you do attend, please make sure you say hello ... I'll be behind the white picket fence on Pine and

Joe Manausa
Beard.



**Tallahassee
DOWNTOWN**



Get outside and enjoy the beautiful weather this Fall at the [Downtown Marketplace](#) in the heart of the city.



The KEY to our business is referrals from past clients, friends, and family members just like you!



Stacie Boone
REALTOR

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You've Got To Love A Tallahassee Fall

I walked out of my door on a sunny Sunday morning following a rainy FSU vs. USF game day and it was glorious! I wanted to run back inside and put on a long sleeve shirt just because I felt a hint of Fall in the air!

I grew up in Atlanta, my husband grew up in Tallahassee and not too long after we were married, he wanted us to move back. This has really been a wonderful place to raise our family!

I do sometimes still miss certain aspects of Atlanta ... like the four true seasons, and being so close to the mountains. Tallahassee, however, is still a wonderful place to be regardless of the season.

You can see all kinds of beautiful colorful trees here in Tallahassee in the Fall. I look outside my window and see a beautiful Bradford Pear.



You can be outside for the next three or four months enjoying our city's parks, lakes, and bike trails. And who does not love a good Friday night Downtown Getdown?!

Walk through the streets of downtown meeting up with friends and family and enjoy the city and campus as it comes to life the next day with tailgating and FSU football!

The Downtown Marketplace continues to run through November every Saturday from 9AM-2PM in the quaint streets right in the heart of downtown Tallahassee. The market features fresh homegrown produce, bread, eggs and other delicious organic items.

Look for fresh cut flowers and native plants, as there are many wonderful local farmers offering their best! Also enjoy local musicians playing music on stage and authors and poets presenting readings of their books.

Regional artists are present showing off wonderful arts and crafts and feel free to bring your children for many hands on activities.

Another event that is back by popular demand is Downtown Yoga! Florida Blue is sponsoring this free outdoor yoga class with instruction by *Hot Yoga Tallahassee*. Come enjoy a beautiful fall evening doing yoga at the Kleman Plaza green space every Thursday at 6pm.

And don't forget how close we are to the coast! Growing up in Atlanta, we would make our annual summer beach trip to Destin in the scorching heat of the summer.

We are so fortunate living in Tallahassee because we can make day trips to beaches like Carrabelle, St. George, Panama City and even Destin and enjoy the perfect temperatures at the most beautiful beaches in the world!

There is so much to enjoy in Tallahassee throughout the year, but especially during the Fall. Go ahead! Stay outside and enjoy it all!

I Ain't Afraid Of No Ghost



Interested in paranormal activity? Then checkout the [Big Bend Ghost Trackers](#).



Is your house haunted? Being forced to ward off ghosts and goblins is no way to live! Instead, why not [buy a new house?](#)



Andrea Chapman
REALTOR

[See Andreas's Bio](#)

Whether or not you believe in ghosts, the Halloween season is the time to “get into the spirit” and discover the paranormal history and folk lore of the Tallahassee area.

Monticello, Florida, a town about 25 miles east of Tallahassee, is said to be the most haunted small town in the southeast. From the earliest days of Monticello, stories have circulated of mysterious lights in the cemetery, doors opening and closing by unseen hands, ghostly faces appearing in long abandoned houses, and the sound of eerie footsteps or strains of music from a long ago party.



Guides from the Big Bend Ghost Trackers estimate that one out of every three homes and businesses in Monticello has been or is currently haunted by spirits like those of abandoned brides and eccentric doctors.

For some of us, it's scary enough just driving at night on the desolate, unlit stretch of Highway 90 between Tallahassee and Monticello. But if you want to soak up local culture, get caught up in Halloween and contribute to the betterment of society, consider taking

the 90-minute night tour.

Tours operate all year long, however, each October the ghost tours are dedicated to the chamber of commerce for community improvement and they receive 50% of all October tour proceeds.

In addition, a 75- minute ghost hunt is also available. Equipped with flashlights, thermometers, cameras, hand-held electronic devices that communicate with spirits and infrared equipment, you'll feel like you're on the set of a Ghost Busters film.

Not to be outdone, Tallahassee also offers a walking tour of ghostly sites, but only in late October. It's a more light-hearted tour, with costumed guides who make the experience “family friendly.”

The 45-minute tours will depart on the half hour between 6:30pm and 9:30pm from Andrew's Capital Grill & Bar, 228 S. Adams Street on Friday, October 23, Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25. The tour concludes at the Old City Cemetery.



It's about time to get into the Halloween spirit, Tallahassee! When there's something strange in the neighborhood, who you gonna call?

Ol' McDonald's Farm ... In Tallahassee?



Not sure where to start? How about right in the heart of midtown Tallahassee at the [Ripe City Urban Farm](#)



Buying or selling a home soon? Check out all homes for sale on [Tallahassee's fastest home search tool](#). Updated 96 times per day.



Alex Nunez
REALTOR

[See Alex's Bio](#)

Looking for something to do with the kids the week before Halloween? Why not take a tour of some of the local, Tallahassee area farms?

This year marks the 8th consecutive year that local Tallahassee area farms open their doors to you and I for a farm fresh experience! Twenty-eight farms are opening their doors and inviting you and the entire family to experience farm life.



Each farm is offering something special. Families can enjoy tours that include barnyard animals, farm-fresh goods and refreshments. You can also attend a workshop on beekeeping, take a hayride, or talk to farmers who are committed to organic production.

Visit working cattle and goat ranches, a dairy or a winery. And of course, purchase amazingly fresh goods directly from the farm. This is a great opportunity for adults and kids to learn about all that goes into producing the food that we eat every day.

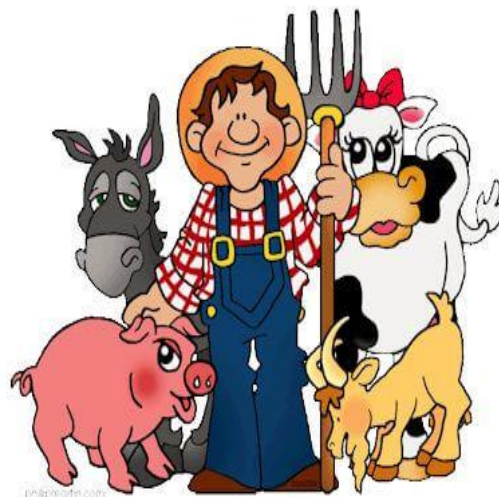
If you're a 1st timer, make sure you bring the following essentials to make the

most of your farm tours: a map or smart phone with GPS navigation, water, sunscreen, a cooler (you will be able to buy produce, eggs, meat and other products at the farms), closed-toe shoes, and cash (not all farms accept credit cards).

And finally, there are some rules that the farmers ask you to follow while on tour: please do not bring pets, do not visit the farms before or after their set hours, do not enter the private homes, but most of all...Have Fun!!!

I would plan your day in advance as you will need to pick out the farms you want to see, find them on a map, and determine your route (as well as how many stops you want to make).

A good tip when narrowing down the list of farms you want to see is to try to keep them within a reasonable distance of each other ... you'll thank yourself at the end of the day!



Who knew there were so many farms to visit in Tallahassee? So, gather up the kiddos and get ready for a fun filled day!



Do you have recommendations for cool places or events to visit in or around Tallahassee? [Drop us a note](#) and we'll write an article on it in next month's edition of Tallahassee Life!

Buying In 2015?



Eva Armstrong
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Tallahassee's Own Butterfly Effect

Ah, the elusive butterfly. One of the best things about Tallahassee in October is the arrival of thousands of Monarch Butterflies as they pass through the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge on their journey to Mexico (yes, that's right – about 2000 miles around the coast of Florida and other gulf coast states to the mountains of Mexico where they spend their winters).

To celebrate the annual migration and the arrival of thousands of the butterflies who stop by for a meal, the SMNWR holds a festival the 4th Saturday every October. They give guided auto tours, invite exhibitors and have Monarch experts on hand to answer questions.

Different from other wildlife migrations where parents lead the way, these guys are guided by an inherited behavior pattern. The Monarchs use cold fronts to facilitate their travel, moving between 10 and 30 MPH, covering about 75 miles a day, and weighing only 1 gram!

Goldenrod and Saltbush, both blooming around the lighthouse, attract them in really large numbers as they stock up on the energy they need for their long trip.

The amazing thing about these butterflies is how they actually complete the migration when the adults only live for 30 days. The life cycle of the butterflies is repeated several times over a summer with the immature butterflies eating and growing until they reach their adult phase when they disperse and reproduce.

Female Monarchs will deposit as many as 400 eggs on the underside of plant

leaves and the eggs will hatch in 1-4 days. That cycle will repeat until the days get shorter and temperatures drop at which point the juveniles' hormones prompt the extension of their lives from 30 days to 6-9 months, triggering the monarchs to migrate instead of reproduce!

There has been great fascination with the Monarch Butterfly migrations for many years. Hoping to follow the monarchs along their journey to Mexico, volunteers have been tagging butterflies that land at St. Marks.



You can join the tagging effort by [calling the SMNWR](#) and volunteering to help on one of the Saturdays leading up to the butterfly festival.

The festival itself is filled with wonderful activities, including a live butterfly tent which gives one the opportunity to hold a Monarch Butterfly in their hands. Other opportunities include making butterfly crafts, learning more about the butterfly from researchers and much much more!

The longer I live in Tallahassee, the more I love this place!

Pumpkins Galore!



Want to join in on the pumpkin patch fun this year?

[Tallahassee Heights](#)

[Faith Presbyterian Church](#)

[Aunt Louise's Farm](#)



Don't forget to check Facebook for the latest [Pumpkin Patch updates](#) and while you're at it, ["Like" JMRE on Facebook.](#)



Nikky Manausa
REALTOR

[See Nikky's Bio](#)

Call me old fashion, just don't call me old, there is no denying that I love traditions. In fact, if we've done it twice, then you can bet your last nickel it is happening again.

Picking the biggest, most perfect pumpkin in all of Tallahassee tops the annual tradition list, and perhaps should be added to yours.

So, just how important is it to get the perfect pumpkin? Take a look at this one that I found two years ago at the Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church Pumpkin Patch.



A picture perfect pumpkin can paint a thousand words ... or maybe only one word, right?! That pumpkin still cracks us up which is why it was so perfect! It will never be forgotten!

What started off as really just wanting that pumpkin picture for the memory books has now turned into an all-out family affair. As soon as October 1st rolls around, we start identifying our next pumpkin patch prospect, and you should too!

With a little bit of planning, you can have a new tradition in the books! Tallahassee and the surrounding area have several family-friendly pumpkin picking options.

Tallahassee Heights United Methodist Church: Not only do they deliver pumpkins by 43,000 pound truckloads, they have lots of adorable props to take your perfect pumpkin photo. On Saturdays during October from 10am to 3pm, they provide local eats, pony rides, and music, all for free!

Faith Presbyterian Church: This was our pumpkin patch for 2014. Not only did we walk away with the town's biggest pumpkin, we also came home with several beautiful decorative gourds.

This year they are offering "Spooky Movies in the Patch." What fun!

Aunt Louise's Farm: Get out your overalls and pull up your boots, because Aunt Louise's Farm is an afternoon pumpkin-picking event full of corn mazes, hayrides, a gigantic corn pit, and farm animals.

She also has a country store offering homemade jams, jellies, breads, and more. We always get several pumpkins at the patch: one to carve, two for the kids to each paint/decorate, and another for my fall front door (another favorite traditional of mine!).

So hopefully I'll see you at one of Tallahassee's pumpkin patches this year. Bring the entire family and a camera so that you can cherish these memories (as I have done) and maybe even start your own tradition!

I Did It All For The Silkies!



Come out and support our combat vets. See the complete schedule on the [Irreverant Warriors Facebook page](#)

Did You KNOW ?

Did you know that [Joe Manausa Real Estate](#) is Veteran Owned and Operated? We support all men and women who have served or are currently serving in our nation's military.



John Bozeman
REALTOR

[See John's Bio](#)

You probably won't understand unless you ask a Marine.

These are our 'silkies' ... part functional but wholly inappropriate fitness wear. More importantly, silkies have become symbolic of the organization which has dubbed itself the [Irreverent Warriors](#).



This combat veteran-centric, non-profit organization was created by Marine Captain Danny Maher (medically retired) with Marine Sergeant Ryan Loya. The group uses humor and camaraderie to help fellow combat veterans deal with the stresses of post-combat lives.

In his words, Capt Maher explains, "We are combat veterans who choose to tell our stories in the same manner that we'd tell them in a living room with our best bros. We choose to express our dark humor and let our terrible jokes fly like eagles, all in an effort to get combat vets to laugh, get together, and stop killing themselves."

The Irreverant Warriors will be bringing this intentional inappropriateness to the streets of Tallahassee on October 3, by sponsoring a 22k hike starting on Walker Street and ending on Gaines Street.

The first event was held in San Diego last July, but has expanded to many other major cities including Houston, Minneapolis, Atlanta, and now Tallahassee.

Civilians and non-combat vets are invited and strongly encouraged to participate, though the focus of the march is the combat veteran. It is a day long hike with multiple stops at various watering holes.

It's going to be one heck-of-a-time for participants and onlookers as scantily clad warriors march through the streets of Tallahassee. It's a sight you are going to have to see to believe.

Come out or go online and get the scuttlebutt on this Marine silkie thing! And if you happen to catch a glimpse of the charade, give the bunch a loud OORAH! as they march on by.





Home values in Tallahassee are on the rise. Are you interested in learning more about your home's value? We offer fast, free [Home Valuations](#).



Would your local business like to sponsor next month's prize? [Take our short survey](#) and let us know.



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October Contest



WHO LIVES HERE?

How to Win: Be the first to post the correct answer to the [Joe Manausa Real Estate Facebook Page](#).

Up for Grabs: Need Some help cleaning up the house? Why not start with carpet? This month's prize is a free carpet cleaning from [Main Cleaning Solutions](#).

QUESTION: 1934 Dellwood Dr. was a foreclosed property that has recently been purchased and renovated. Which Tallahassee business just made it their 2nd home?



Last Month's Contest



Dina Davis was the winner of our September contest for being the first to post the correct answer to the [JMRE Facebook Page](#). Her prize was a \$50 gift



Question: Which Tallahassee High School has played football the longest ... AND ... exactly how many seasons (including this year) have they played?

Answer: Leon High School, 100 seasons

Community Events



Is there a MUST SEE event coming soon that you'd like everyone in Tallahassee to know about? [Take our quick survey](#) and tell us to get the word out. We truly value our customer feedback.



Need a plumber, electrician, or new roof? What about financial advice or accounting services? How about a home warranty?

[Click here](#) to check out our recommended list of vendors in Tallahassee.

- Oct 1-4 [FSU Cross Country Invitational](#)
- Oct 2-3 [Greek Festival](#)
- Oct 2 [King Thomas & George Boggs](#)
- Oct 3 [Autumn Inspired Cards Workshop](#)
- Oct 3 [Mission San Luis Blessing of Animals](#)
- Oct 3 [Carlos Odria](#)
- Oct 4 [Visual Journaling Workshop](#)
- Oct 5 [Critter Buddy- Fantastic Fall Adventure](#)
- Oct 10 [FSU vs. Miami](#)
- Oct 10 [FAMU vs. North Carolina Central University](#)
- Oct 10 [Tallahassee Songwriters Festival](#)
- Oct 11 [The Artist Series of Tallahassee presents the Prima Trio](#)
- Oct 12 [Walk The Moon](#)
- Oct 15 [Masters in the Making: Paul Cezanne, "Pyramid of Skulls"](#)
- Oct 16 [The Inside Joke—Comedy Showcase at J&M](#)
- Oct 16-25 [A Chorus Line](#)
- Oct 17 [FSU vs. University of Louisville](#)
- Oct 17 [FAMU vs. Delaware State University](#)
- Oct 22-24 [Bass Pro Shops Southern Open #3](#)
- Oct 23 [Halloween Howl](#)
- Oct 24-25 [Canopy Roads Classic](#)

Oct 28-30 [ACC Cross Country Championship](#)

Oct 31 [FSU vs. Syracuse University](#)

Oct 31 [FAMU vs. North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University](#)



What did we miss?

We take pride in making sure our customers are informed of all major "happenings" in Tallahassee. If we missed something (or if you want to make sure we don't miss something in our next issue), just [drop Joe a note](#) and let us know.

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Joe's list

Often times, homeowners want to know “who to call,” so consider this a great starting point. These are the service providers with whom we currently work and trust (updated monthly). If you belong on this list ... let us know at info@manausa.com.

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www.AccountingTallahassee.com
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Chris Hall

(850) 933-8481

Kara Cleaning Services

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Main Cleaning Solutions LLC

[Facebook Page](#)
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Troy's Electric, Inc.

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CL Williams Contracting

(850) 545-5882

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Pete Tychsen

www.PreservationFinancialGroup.com
(850) 523-7877

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Riverside Heating & Air

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Mayfield Heating & Air

www.mayfieldhvac.com
(850) 766-2376

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Pillar To Post

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