

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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People Are What Make Tallahassee Home

I was born and raised in Tallahassee, and I attended school here from diapers through High School.

I was fortunate enough to receive an appointment to West Point, so I ended up leaving Tallahassee for quite a few years.

I was able to travel the world and live in many places, but Tallahassee is the place that I decided to call home for the long-term. Why?

It's the people.

The lifestyle in Tallahassee is so perfect

for couples looking to raise a family.

Now that we are in the heart of the holiday season, Michelle and I are truly blessed to have our family here with us in Tallahassee.

We would like to extend a "season's greetings" to all of our friends in the Tallahassee community, and to all of those friends (like Patrick and Janine) who are far from here but still hold Tallahassee in their hearts during the holidays. Happy holidays and have a prosperous new year!

Joe Manausa



The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year



Would you like some more ideas for holiday desserts? [Check out these tasty treats!](#)



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



Stacie Boone
REALTOR

[See Stacie's Bio](#)

It's the time of year when many people start searching for ideas for holiday party treats, teacher gifts and cookie exchanges. Lucky for you, I found an extremely delicious and easy-to-make recipe for a delightful holiday treat!

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER BALLS

2 cups creamy peanut butter

2 packages (1lb each) chocolate candy coating or semi-sweet chocolate chips

3 $\frac{3}{4}$ cup powdered sugar

$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla extract

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup salted butter

Mix the peanut butter, salted butter and vanilla together in a large bowl.

Add in the powdered sugar a little at a time. You'll know when you've added enough because the mixture will hold

together very well in one giant ball in your mixing bowl.

Cover and let sit in the refrigerator for 15-25 minutes until the mixture firms up.

Shape the dough into 1-inch balls and then cover and refrigerate again for about 15-20 minutes. Skipping this step makes the dough very hard to dip into the chocolate.

Melt the chocolate according to the package directions. Dip the peanut butter balls one at a time into the melted chocolate.

Let the excess chocolate drip off and pool a little when you set it down.

Place the dipped ball onto wax paper and let it harden.

Chill until ready to serve. Enjoy!



Market Days: A Tallahassee Tradition



Get your [tickets for Market Days](#) online before they sell out!



Get live updates on the 50th Anniversary of Market Days by visiting the [Tallahassee Museum's Facebook Page](#) ... and while you're at it, ["Like" JMRE on Facebook.](#)



Andrea Chapman
REALTOR

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Mark your calendar for December 5th and 6th, and plan to go to the 50th annual Market Days at the North Florida Fairgrounds, one of the biggest and best juried arts and crafts shows in the Southeast.

It's the perfect venue for completing your holiday shopping while benefitting a great cause.

This year's show will feature unique, handmade creations from over 300 artists and top-quality craftspeople. The exceptional quality of the arts and crafts is ensured through a jury selection process in which hundreds of applications are submitted by artists and craftspeople from across the United States.

Many different kinds of works are offered, including fine arts, country furniture, photography, metalwork, ceramics, stained glass, woodwork, glasswork, dolls, clocks, calligraphy, home décor, stocking stuffers and much, much more.



Affordable art isn't the only thing that brings over 15,000 enthusiastic people to Market Days year after year. Many

visitors plan to spend their money on the delicious food they enjoyed at the North Florida Fair last month.

Unlike last month's fair, however, this is strictly a daytime event. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm on Saturday, December 5, and 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, December 6.

Tickets for adults are \$6 and children's tickets are \$4 for ages 6-12, FREE for children under 5. Or, take advantage of the "Early Bird" advance entry tickets for \$25.

This event is SO popular, the 1,000 Early Bird tickets available always sell out. The Early Bird Shopping Event is Saturday, December 5, 8:00 am to 10:00 am.

These savvy shoppers beat the crowd and are able to get a two hour head start on the best items as well as a premium parking space.

So how does this event benefit a "Great Cause?"

Market Days is one of Tallahassee Museum's biggest fundraisers and has helped the museum promote conservation of regional history, culture and wildlife for over 50 years.

Visitors really get a feel for "old Florida" by wandering through restored buildings and walking the Wildlife Florida Trail – a suspended bridge above native wildlife that features Florida panthers and endangered red wolves. You can even take a zip-line through the wilderness!

Don't miss this great opportunity to support two fantastic Tallahassee traditions!

Tallahassee's Newest Weightless Experience



Take the family
out to
experience
[Sky Zone](#),
Tallahassee's
trampoline park!



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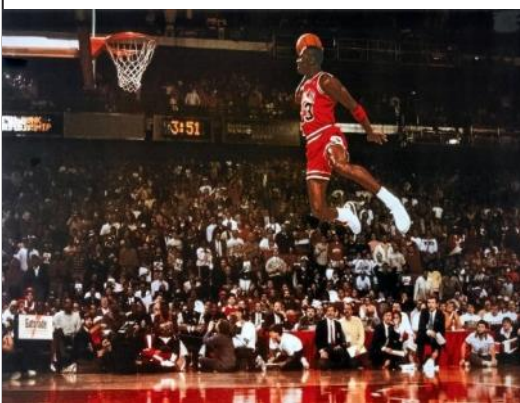


Alex Nunez
REALTOR

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As kids, many of us would dream of flying through the clouds like Superman. We longed for the pure joy and thrill of being weightless and zooming from one place to another over everyone else's heads.

There were also the basketball fans out there, like me, who loved playing the game but just didn't have the genetics to ever dunk a ball. To this day, I can still remember watching Michael Jordan, in complete amazement, fly from the foul line to the rim and throw the basketball down effortlessly and with absolute authority.



And as much as I wished, hoped, and prayed to one day wake up with bungee cords replacing my Achilles tendons, the closest I ever got to dunking a basketball was on my cousin's 5ft, plastic, Fisher Price hoop with a miniature rubber ball no larger than a grapefruit.

AND NOW, thanks to Tallahassee's newest and only trampoline park ... my dreams have become a reality!

Enter: Sky Zone!!! Sky Zone is the world's first indoor trampoline park. They promote "fun fitness" and offer trampolines as far as the eye can see.

As shown on their website, Sky Zone is dedicated to providing their customers with the pure joy that comes with flying. They are thrill seekers and believe that jumping gives you a sense of freedom.

A day bouncing around at Sky Zone will give you a great workout and you'll have a blast in the process. Sky Zone believes fitness can be fun and play can be smart.

So if you are looking for something new and fun to do here in Tallahassee, experience the WOW factor – the weightlessness of bouncing, flipping and landing in a pit filled with 10,000 foam cubes.

Sky Zone is located at 1925 North Monroe, just north of Tharpe Street on the East side of Monroe. The cost to play varies depending on how long you plan to stay or what program you'd like to try.

I recommend giving it a try for 30 minutes to an hour and that will cost you between \$10.00 and \$15.00. There is also a promotion running right now that will save you 10% on a 10 hour pass, and the pass can be used on up to 4 individuals at a time.

Sky Zone offers open jump, a SkySlam court, SkyRobics fitness classes, Ultimate Dodgeball (when available), the Foam Zone, and Toddler Time.

For just about any age, shape or size, Sky Zone is the ultimate 3-D play experience!

So lace up your sneakers, and put on your happy face. It's time to play like a kid again!



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 2016?



Eva Armstrong
REALTOR

[See Eva's Bio](#)

Planning To Plan?

Welcome to the holiday season! We've stuffed ourselves with turkey and dressing, started addressing and mailing Christmas cards, written letters to Santa, and some brave folks have even shopped til they dropped on Black Friday.

Most years, we fly through the days of December at a frantic pace with little thought to what January might bring. We might have a passing thought during the last week of the month as we pack up all the decorations.

2016 ... Should I prepare for it with a New Year's resolution? Did I keep mine last year? Wait, what was last year's resolution?

What if we addressed the beginning of the New Year – 2016 in a slightly different way? A new year certainly lends itself to a time for renewal, a new beginning, a fresh start.

The resolution thing never worked for me, so I thought I would share with you something a very wise, successful and happy family man has encouraged me to do each year: Create a plan.

A plan that not only encompasses your business goals, but those for your family, your health, your spirituality and whatever else is important to you and your quality of life.

This is no easy task. In fact, it requires some strenuous thought. But what better time to thoughtfully review the results you created for your life during 2015.

Did you achieve what you focused on?

Are you where you want to be in your life after the past 12 months of living?

Once you are clear about where you are today, you can lay out your goals for 2016. This is where a [template for creating a plan](#) can be of tremendous help.

So when you sit down to take a breath this holiday season, start jotting down notes about your life goals.

Then create a well thought out plan and see if your activities for 2016 come into clearer focus. You can then check in at the end of the year to see if you've met your goals.



Have fun with this – and as my mentor pointed out to me, don't just let that plan sit on a shelf – pull it out during the year, measure your results and make adjustments as needed. Our life is a journey, so let's see if we can get better at navigating our ships!

Happy New Year!

Christmas Is All Around



Come see the [World's Largest Rocking Horse](#) at this year's Victorian Christmas in Thomasville, GA!



December is the perfect time to drive through [Tallahassee's neighborhoods](#) to check out all of the awesome Christmas decorations!



Kevin Milligan
REALTOR

[See Kevin's Bio](#)

Tallahassee offers so many wonderful events to attend in the winter, from the Jingle Bell Run to the Winter Festival, Cookies and Tea with Santa at Goodwood to the Elf Night at Dorothy B. Oven.

One of the things that draws people in to Tallahassee is that there are so many great cities just a hop, skip and a jump away. In nearby Thomasville, GA they know how to do Christmas up right!

Every year in mid-December when the sun goes down, the streets are lined with trees illuminated by simple white Christmas lights for an event the Georgians call *A Victorian Christmas*.

Visitors are invited to cross the border and take journey into the past as ushers in full costume of turn-of-the-century gowns and garb show patrons the spirit of Christmas from long ago.



Street vendors offer scrumptious seasonal delicacies, letting their dish aromas drift through the air. Enjoy hot cocoa and cookies with the kids, roast chestnuts and marshmallows over an open fire, or visit with Jolly Ole St. Nick himself in a snowy winter wonderland.

Don't miss the ice sculpture artists at work carving beautiful and delicate

creations for all eyes to enjoy.

Horse-drawn carriage rides complete with jingle bells and twinkling lights set the stage for an unforgettable experience. Take in the live street theatre as colorful characters capture your imagination, or listen to the heartwarming music of the Victorian-themed carolers who will invite the community to sing along and help put you in the Christmas mood.



There's not a Scrooge in sight!

This award-winning, and magical, two day experience is taking place in downtown Thomasville on Thursday and Friday, December 10 & 11, 2015 from 6:00p to 9:00p.

Plan for it now so that you don't miss out on all the fun!

Go out and meet the shopkeepers and performers who work so hard every year to offer the communities of Thomasville and Tallahassee a distinguished shopping destination and holiday favorite to enjoy for the whole family.

Don't Be A Cotton-Headed Ninny-Muggins

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Elf Night is one of Tallahassee's many [Festive Happenings](#) during the 2015 holiday season.



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Lindsey Begue
REALTOR

[See Lindsey's Bio](#)

Dorothy B. Oven Park is one of Tallahassee's best kept secrets! The property was donated to the City of Tallahassee in 1985 specifically to be used as a city park.

The home was built in the 1930's and designed by Dr. Alfred Maclay. Passed down from generation to generation, Will Oven, Jr. saw great potential in the home and its beautiful gardens to be enjoyed by all of the residents of this great city.



On any given day, you can enter through the hidden driveway between the Fire Station and Thomasville Road Baptist Church and explore the gardens of this hidden oasis.

Looking for a unique location to host an event? The home is available to rent for parties, receptions, and even weddings!

Of all of the fantastic seasons in Tallahassee that you could visit the lovely park, November and December are when this place truly comes to life! Every year starting in November, you can drive through and see the hardworking grounds keepers rushing tirelessly to get

all of the holiday lights ready for a festivity like no other!

Massive twinkling snowflakes illuminate the sky, as the garden paths are lined with polar bears, sleighs, elves, and Christmas trees. When you think "Christmas Decorations" – this place has got it!

Patrons are greeted with a sign upon entering the property that says "Please, Turn Your Lights Off" as they drive through the winter wonderland in darkness, their path guided by only the light of the décor. After dark drive-thru enjoyment begins on Thanksgiving and stays open through New Year's Day.

Driving through with the windows rolled down, listening to Christmas carols from speakers in the trees and bushes proves to be a fond holiday tradition for many families in the community, but the real excitement begins in mid-December.

On Thursday, December 19, starting at 5:30p, Dorothy B. Oven Park will open its doors and its heart to the community for an event they call "Elf Night."

TPD will be on site to assist with parking as guests are invited to leave their cars (and their worries) at the Thomasville Road Baptist Church so that they may stroll the grounds for a wonderful family experience. Santa will be greeting patrons in the cozy house.

With excited children laughing and playing, couples cuddling to stay warm, plenty of photo ops along the way, and a nip in the air, Elf Night always promises to be a truly magical event every year in Tallahassee!



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](#).

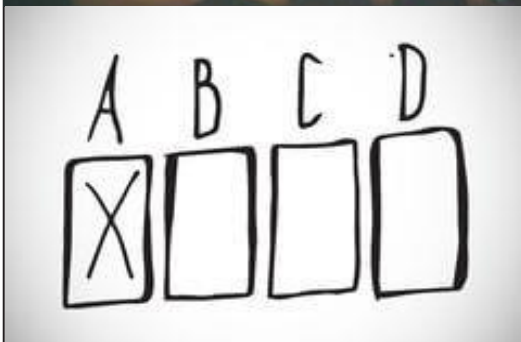


Would your local business like to sponsor next month's prize? [Take our short survey](#) and let us know.



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December Contest



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

Up for Grabs: A FREE carpet cleaning from [Main Cleaning Solutions!](#)

QUESTION: The very first Christmas celebrated inside the continental United States happened in the year 1539 in Tallahassee, FL. There were no Christmas trees or presents from Santa. Instead, it was a religious observance with a Christmas mass. Whereabouts in our fine city did this celebration occur?

- A) San Luis Ridge
- B) Off Appalachee Pkwy near the Capitol
- C) The Indian Mounds near Lake Jackson
- D) 2066 Thomasville Rd



Last Month's Contest



Doug Taylor was the winner of our November contest for being the first to post the correct answer to the [JMRE Facebook Page](#). His prize was a \$40 Donation cup from everyone's favorite pizza joint, [Uncle Maddio's!](#)



Question: Which hole has the PGA rated as the #2 handicap on the Fazio designed [Golden Eagle](#) Golf Course (most players consider it the toughest one to play) ?

Answer: Hole #14

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.

Dec 1 [Flashdance the Musical: Tallahassee Broadway Series](#)

Dec 2 [Sailor Jerry Presents: An Evening With Lucero \(2 sets!\)](#)

Dec 3 [A Tennessee Christmas \(NFCC Artist Series\)](#)

Dec 3-20 [Irving Berlin's "White Christmas"](#)

Dec 4 [Camellia Christmas at Maclay Gardens](#)

Dec 5-6 [50th Annual Market Days](#)

Dec 5 [16th Annual Rock-A Thon Celebration & Arts Showcase](#)

Dec 5 [Winter Festival & Jingle Bell Run](#)

Dec 6 [Backstage At The Ballet](#)

Dec 8 [Tallahassee Winds Concert](#)

Dec 10 [Miracle on 34th Street](#)

Dec 10-11 [Victorian Christmas Festival](#)

Dec 11-12 [Capital City Classic Wrestling Tournament](#)

Dec 11 [Miccosukee Land Co-op 22nd Annual Holiday Art Fair](#)

Dec 11-13 [Killearn UMC's 28th Annual Living Christmas Story](#)

Dec 11-13 [Under One Roof](#)

Dec 11-12 [Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra Presents Holiday Magic](#)

Dec 12 [Insane Inflatable 5K](#)

Dec 12 [The Tallahassee Brew District Holiday Hop and the NYP 5th Annual Santa Shuffle](#)

Dec 12-13 [Winter Solstice Celebration](#)

Dec 15 [Holiday Harmony with The Capital Chordsmen](#)

Dec 18-20 [The Second Mother](#)

Dec 19 [The Nutcracker](#)



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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Starace Accounting

www.AccountingTallahassee.com
(850) 846-6382

Cleaning Services

Chris Hall

(850) 933-8481

Kara Cleaning Services

(850) 405-3839

Main Cleaning Solutions LLC

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(850) 728-4284

Electricians

Troy's Electric, Inc.

(850) 933-8793

CL Williams Contracting

(850) 545-5882

Financial Advisors

Pete Tychsen

www.PreservationFinancialGroup.com
(850) 523-7877

Heating & Air

Riverside Heating & Air

www.tallahasseehvac.org
(850) 633-4896

Mayfield Heating & Air

www.mayfieldhvac.com
(850) 766-2376

Home Inspectors

House Huggers

(850) 508-4123

Pillar To Post

www.pillartopost.com
(850) 562-0578

Southern Home Consultants

www.southernhomeconsultant.com
(850) 668-0917

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www.wagnerinspections.com
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Garnet & Gold Pest Control

[Google Plus Page](#)
(850) 926-1226

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Dowdy Plumbing

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