

# 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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### Selfie!

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



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## Tallahassee Cares

One of the first things we hear from clients who have relocated to Tallahassee from larger metropolitan areas is just how friendly and caring the people here are to strangers. Whether it is a simple smile, a “hello”, or a wave, people here are less likely to avert eye contact and more likely to engage.

February offers many chances to combine our concern for each other with our need to socialize and blow off some steam.

This month’s edition of Tallahassee Life! Includes information on three big-time fun events to raise money and

awareness for several charities.

Whether you choose to attend this year’s [Oxygen Ball](#) sponsored by the American Lung Association, the [Little Black Dress](#) cocktail party sponsored by the Ronald McDonald House, or the daytime smoking-hot [Chili Cook-Off](#) at the Elk’s Lodge, you can have a good time while helping these fine charitable organizations help others.

As for me, I’ll be rooting for Michelle in the Oxygen Ball as she shows off her famous dance moves last seen on Club MTV in the 1980s!



# The House That Love Built



Get your [tickets to the Little Black Dress Cocktail Party](#) benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Tallahassee!



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



Stacie Boone  
REALTOR

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The Ronald McDonald House of Tallahassee is a home away from home for the families of pediatric patients being treated at area hospitals and medical facilities. It's main purpose is to help families rest and focus on getting their children well.

Families coming to the Ronald McDonald House have a comfortable place to rest and meals provided while their little ones are in nearby hospitals getting medical treatment.

It allows families the opportunity to stay close by and not have to worry about the costs involved in paying for extended stay hotels.

This year the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Tallahassee is sponsoring a very special event on February 5, 2016. You won't want to miss the *Little Black*

*Dress* cocktail party and runway show that will be held at the Carriage House at Goodwood from 6:30PM-9:30PM.

This event is a fundraiser to benefit families who need to use the Ronald McDonald house while in Tallahassee receiving medical care for their children.

*Little Black Dress* is an inaugural event that will feature a fast paced, New York style runway fashion show featuring the latest spring fashions by Dillards department store worn by local models.

The evening will include signature appetizers, desserts and cocktails showcased by local Tallahassee chefs and restaurants.

If you would like to purchase tickets to this event, please feel free to call me at (850) 556-8704!



## Dancing With The Stars In Tallahassee!



Help me win the coveted Mirror Ball Trophy and cast your vote [HERE](#) for the Tallahassee Dancing With The Stars Champion! And thanks in advance for your support of the [American Lung Association](#).



Follow the [American Lung Association on Facebook](#) ... and while you're at it, "Like" JMRE on [Facebook](#).



Michelle Manusa  
REALTOR

[See Michelle's Bio](#)

Music! Dancing! Celebrities! Right here in our capital city! It may seem like all we have in Tallahassee is football, but we have dancers ready to strut their stuff!

You can enjoy a night out on the town at Tallahassee's own Dancing with the Stars Competition known as the [Oxygen Ball](#). In its 8<sup>th</sup> year, this special event is hosted by the American Lung Association and is scheduled for Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at the elegant [DoubleTree Hotel](#) in downtown Tallahassee.

The event will feature a reception style layout with heavy hors d'oeuvres, open bar, auction and entertainment! It's a fun filled evening to celebrate and support the American Lung Association.

Local celebrities are paired with [Fred Astaire Dance Studio](#) professional dancers to compete for the title of "Tallahassee Dancing with the Stars Champion." I'm delighted to announce that I will perform this year as a Celebrity Dancer!

As a participant, my role is to help spread the [mission](#) and raise funds. All donations stay in the Big Bend and will support advocacy efforts for clean air, tobacco cessation programs, and education and life management programs for children with asthma. It will also help fund research to promote lung health and prevent lung disease.

Did you know that Lung Cancer is the leading killer of both men and women in the US? 35 million Americans are now living with chronic lung disease. Asthma

is the number 1 reason why children are hospitalized and miss school in Florida.

COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) is the third leading cause of death in the United States.

Are you surprised by these statistics? I was too.

The American Lung Association has been the leading advocate for lung health for more than 110 years. Their mission is to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease.



How can you help?

Please consider a sponsorship opportunity (multiple levels available) which includes tickets to the event. Individual tickets can also be purchased separately by visiting [Tallahassee Oxygen Ball](#).

And if you are unable to attend, you can still support the American Lung Association by casting your vote for me.

[Vote for Michelle](#)

Thank you in advance for your contribution and wish me luck!! I want to win the title of "Tallahassee Dancing with the Stars Champion"!



See the entire [Opening Nights schedule](#) to include the packed-house February events!



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



Lindsey Begue  
REALTOR

[See Lindsey's Bio](#)

## Opening Nights Is Finally Here!

Every February since 1999, Tallahassee nights have come to life with an event called “7 Days of Opening Nights.”

This 7-day event has brought big names to our relatively small community, including musicians Art Garfunkle, Johnny Lang, Willie Nelson, actress Joan Rivers, and authors Stephen King, and Danny Glover, just to name a few.



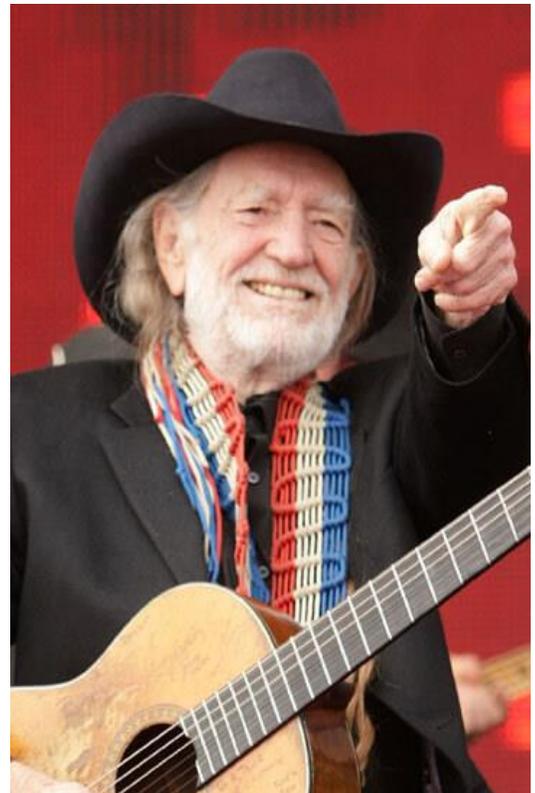
Over the last few years this week-long event has morphed into something much more spectacular expanding to several months and adopting the new name, “Opening Nights.” Though, the entertainment is spread out from October to April, the event planners are continuing to embrace history by presenting a two-week festival of art in the month of February.

This year's lineup includes several performances by Broadway's “Next HIT” and “Legally Blonde” Musicals, southern rock group Southern Soul Assembly, the classical stylings of 2CELLOS, and highly anticipated (already sold-out) performances by Patti LaBelle and Tony Bennett.

All of the events take place in and around the FSU area. Arts education is the core mission of the Opening Nights curators.

The goal is to provide meaningful artistic and professional experiences to students on and off of Florida State University's campus, and Opening Nights provides master classes, lectures, and question and answer sessions for students by visiting artists and performers.

These educational opportunities are free to students and provide invaluable, face-to-face experiences.



So [get your tickets](#) while you still can! If you've never been to one of these events, you are sure to really enjoy yourself.

# Joe Manausa Real Estate Is Now Hiring



If you've got what it takes to succeed in a highly competitive, team based sales environment, call 850-888-0888 and ask to speak with Kevin or Garrett.

**WE'RE HIRING!**

If you know friends or family members who you think would love to work with us, please share this with them. We truly appreciate you helping us get the word out!

Joe Manausa Real Estate is looking to hire talented, enthusiastic, competitive, team-oriented, driven salespeople who have a proven track record of success in past endeavors.

Experience in a competitive sales environment is not a must, but is preferred. No previous real estate experience is required, although a license will need to be obtained prior to commencement of work.

Must display the ability to communicate clearly and effectively via email, phone, and in-person. Must be upbeat, positive and enjoy working alongside others who share a common goal.

Job duties include but are not limited to:

- A) Speaking with customers via both phone, and email
- B) Meeting with customers, both at the

office and in the field

- C) Utilizing various computer software systems to complete daily tasks
- D) Providing 5-star customer service at all times

This is a salaried position. Starting compensation packages will range from \$30,000 to \$50,000 per year commensurate to experience. Health benefits and profit sharing bonuses are also included.

Are you the person we're looking for? If not, do you know someone hungry for a challenge who might fit the description? Please pass this information on to them.

We want you to join [our team!](#) If you've got a "can-do" attitude and are willing to put in the work necessary for success, then [contact us immediately](#) to set up an interview.



## Discover Lafayette Heritage Trail Park



[Click here](#) for a map of Lafayette Heritage Trail Park and explore the wonderful beauty of nature right here in Tallahassee!



Would you like to live right next to this wonderful park? Then you might want to consider [buying a home in Piney Z Plantation!](#)



Alex Nunez  
REALTOR

[See Alex's Bio](#)

One of the reasons why I love Tallahassee so much is the abundance of great parks.

If you enjoy the outdoors, then don't miss my *Exploration Series*, which will feature a different Tallahassee park each month this year. This month I'm highlighting one of Tallahassee's hidden eastside parks, the Lafayette Heritage Trail Park.

Lafayette Heritage Trail Park, along with adjacent Tom Brown Park, is bounded on the north by the Lake Lafayette system, stretching from Weems Road to Chaires Cross Road. Originally this system was a wet prairie, filling during heavy rains then draining through sinkholes into the Floridian Aquifer.

Over millennia, when the lakes drained, Native Americans hunted and gathered flint for tools and weapons on the lake bottom. In historic times farmers grazed cattle and planted crops in the fertile lake soil.

Two dams constructed around 1950 divided the lake into three sections: Upper Lafayette, Piney Z, and Lower Lafayette. Upper Lafayette continues to be a wet prairie, Piney Z Lake is a 200 acre open water lake, and Lower Lafayette resembles a cypress-covered Louisiana bayou.

The park offers visitors a place to fish, exercise, bike, run, walk or just sit and reflect. There are many scenic views and opportunities to view the wildlife.

The park entrance is found at the east end of Heritage Park Blvd., in the Piney Z

Plantation subdivision. There you will find a small parking lot with 3 picnic shelters, a trailhead and bike wash, a small playground, and restroom.

Drinking water is provided at the trailhead and at the playground. This hidden gem provides fun for the entire family.

The largest parcel, formerly part of the Piney Z Plantation, was acquired from Grace Dansby in December 1995. A second parcel was purchased from Byron Block in June of 1996 for a total of 795.14 acres!



Funding for the acquisition of this Park was provided by the City of Tallahassee and the Florida Communities Trust using Florida Forever Funds. The total cost of acquisition was \$3,562,566.90.

Piney Z Lake is cooperatively managed by the City of Tallahassee and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Additionally, if you are interested in finding and exploring the park trails, you can [download an app](#) that allows you to search for a trails, scan QR codes on trails to find your location, and browse amenity lists.



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

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## Living In A Birders Paradise

If you're a "birder", then you probably already know some of what I'm sharing in this article. But if not, then you're missing a great opportunity to appreciate wildlife at its best in our area.

For those unfamiliar with the term "birder", it applies to a large group of slightly crazy people who love to spend hours upon hours with a pair of binoculars trooping through the brush, sitting on their back porch or taking walks through our many state parks and wildlife areas in pursuit of lovely flying things.



Many birders take their bird watching so seriously that they keep a "life list" of the species they see and will travel to distant places to see birds they don't have on their life list yet.

Tallahassee is fortunate in several ways for those who seek to view birds or wildlife, as well as finding opportunities to volunteer on a variety of local wildlife projects.

Our climate, location along the gulf coast and varied wildlife habits are

inviting to a variety of birds that fly through this area in the winter. Probably the most notable is the Whooping Crane.

The tallest of all the birds in North America it is named for the sound it makes, and it is on the Endangered Species List. A team of people have actually created a project that uses an ultralight flown from the northern US down to St. Marks Wildlife Refuge each Winter, and guides them back in the spring.

It has been amazingly successful and you can read more about them in this [article in the Tallahassee Democrat](#).

An amazing resource for all things bird is our local chapter of the Audubon Society. The [Appalachee Audubon Society](#) brings in speakers during the winter months and their meetings are open to the public.

They also publish a newsletter that lists current events, articles on various issues, and ways people can volunteer. This month's issue has several in-depth [articles on the Whoopers](#), well worth a read if you are interested in these fabulous birds.

And perhaps the best way to support AAS and the local efforts to improve wildlife habitats, protect birds and animals, and enjoy some quality time outdoors is to become a member.

AAS provides many great benefits, including guided tours of places like Tall Timbers Research Station, the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, and other great habitat areas in the Greater Tallahassee.



For entry and sponsorship information for this year's Chili Cook Off please visit the [Tallahassee Elks](#) online.



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](#)

## February Is Chili In Tallahassee!

Tallahassee Elks Lodge #937 is hosting their annual Chili Cook Off on February 27, 2016 from 10am to 2pm.

This annual event helps to raise funds for local charities. This year a portion of the proceeds will benefit the [Joanna Francis "Living Well" Foundation](#).

"Living Well" is a compounding relief fund which provides social assistance primarily for metastatic breast cancer patients who have school to college aged children.

The Living Well was created to help others face each day with courage. There are so many ways in which to experience the journey of cancer recognizing it as a tarnished blessing. It is important to grow emotionally, mentally and spiritually.

The foundation will provide a continuing reservoir of replenishment for patients, families and others who are encountering a similar path so that we are all "living well."

Contestants who enter the cook off can win a cash prize by entering the Overall Award category. The chili must be cooked on site and within a 3 hour time window.

A second category, called the People's Choice, is for an award only and can be cooked at home in any amount of time

It's only \$5 per taste, so please invite your family and friends to come out and vote for your Chili.

Music and entertainment will be provided throughout the entirety of the event.



# February Contest



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.



Leave a comment and ["Like" us on Facebook!](#)



**Up for Grabs:** A FREE mini photo session with [Georgianna Hatch Photography](#) at Dorothy B. Oven Park. What a great way to spend some time outdoors with the family and also make some memories to hang on your wall!

**QUESTION:** In honor of this month's prize, we've decided to test YOUR photography skills. Take a picture of yourself in front of a Joe Manausa Real Estate "For Sale" sign and post it to the [JMRE Facebook Page](#). We'll select our winner from all "selfies" posted prior to February 1st. READY, SET, GO!



## Last Month's Contest



Doug Taylor was the winner of our January contest for being the first to post the correct answer to the [JMRE Facebook Page](#). His prize was an entire day of FREE FUN for the entire family at [Giggles Indoor Play Center](#). Congratulations again, Doug!

**Question:** There's an age-old question we were all asked at some point in our young lives. "What do you want to be when you grow up?" According to a recent national survey, what are the most highly sought after professions for both boys and girls (in that order) between the ages of 1 and 10 in 2015?

- A) Astronaut, Nurse
- B) Firefighter, Teacher
- C) Don't Know, Don't Know
- D) Professional Athlete, Doctor

**Answer:**

- D) Professional Athlete, Doctor

## 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.

Feb 2-3 [Opening Nights Presents Broadway's Next HIT Musical](#)

Feb 4 [Food Truck Thursday Featuring David and the Phoenix](#)

Feb 4 [Opening Nights Presents Kathleen Madigan](#)

Feb 5 [Opening Nights Presents Southern Soul Assembly](#)

Feb 6 [BREAK-A-LEG 5K](#)

Feb 6 [Brantley Gilbert](#)

Feb 7 [2016 Tallahassee Marathon](#)

Feb 7 [Urban Gorilla XVII](#)

Feb 7 [PRISM](#)

Feb 8 [Critter Buddy- We Love Winter](#)

Feb 9 [Yanni](#)

Feb 9 [Opening Nights Presents Billy Childs](#)

Feb 10 [Opening Nights Presents The Midtown Men](#)

Feb 11-14 [2016 Florida State Matchup Golf Tournament](#)

Feb 11 [Food Truck Thursday Featuring Southern Public House](#)

Feb 12 [Silver Anniversary Gala- Leon County Library](#)

Feb 12-28 [Legally Blonde the Musical](#)

Feb 13 [SCaturday at the Challenger Learning Center- Astronaut Training](#)

Feb 13 [Love Is ... A Valentine's benefit concert by the Capital Chordsmen](#)

Feb 14 [Opening Nights Presents Ana Gasteyer](#)

Feb 19 [Grassland String Band](#)

Feb 20 [Night Prowl](#)

Feb 25 [Oxygen Ball](#)

Feb 27 [Tallahassee Elks Annual Chili Cook off](#)

## 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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**Tallahassee Zing - Hidden Agenda Or Just Ignorance?**

Friday, January 22nd, 2016 at 8:00pm by Joe Manausa

If you have something to say ... step up and say it. But say it and own it. The Tallahassee Democrat's daily Zing! attracts anonymous comments, which by definition is not a "zing."

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**Piney Z Real Estate Report January 2016**

Thursday, January 21st, 2016 8:00pm by Joe Manausa

Piney Z is a 15ish year old Tallahassee neighborhood that has much to offer buyers who favor an active lifestyle. Walking trails, lakes, Tom Brown Park and Lincoln High School are

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**Hey Homebuyer, Are You Really In A Bidding War?**

Monday, January 25th, 2016 8:00pm by Joe Manausa

Hey Homebuyer, Are You Really In A Bidding War? I ask you this, because if you plan on buying a home in Tallahassee within the next few months, you are likely to be told that you

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