

# TALLAHASSEE LIFE!

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## Welcome Back To Tallahassee Life!

You asked for it, Joe Manausa Real Estate delivers.

We have received numerous requests over the past year to re-continue the Tallahassee Life! Newsletter, featuring articles, stories, and reviews of people, places and businesses that you'll find when living in Tallahassee.

That's right, this is not a real estate newsletter, it's a reference guide to living in Tallahassee.

Our goal is to help expose all of the great reasons for living here, and to provide a regular reference guide to our customers, friends and families.

Each edition will have a contest, so make sure you jump to it right away. The first correct answer will win a prize, and this month's stumper can be found on [page 7](#).

We will also maintain a calendar of the coming month which will include events and occasions that many of our readers will find interesting.

On that note, if you are holding a special event, a charity fund raising drive, celebrating a special anniversary, or anything you'd like to "shout out" to our readers, simply reply to the email that brings you the newsletter and tell us you have something for the next edition.

As a reference guide, each edition will contain a list of vendors with whom we

currently use for issues around the house.

As you know, JMRE sells houses, and in order to get these houses to closing, repairs, modifications, and improvements are often required.

This means we must maintain a current list of reliable and reasonable contractors and workers to help get these homes ready to close.

If you have heard of "Angie's List," think of this as a hyper-local "[Joe's List](#)," designed to provide the people we care about with a list of specialists with whom we entrust the reputation of our company.

These vendors are excellent at what they do, and they have to continue to impress our current customers in order to remain on our list of approved vendors.

Please take the time to enjoy life in Tallahassee. Most of us have chosen to live here specifically for the quality of life for ourselves and our families. We hope this and future editions of Tallahassee Life! will help expose to you more of what Tallahassee has to offer.

And take the time to interact. Send us recommendations, suggestions, questions ... anything you believe will contribute to the strengthening of this as the top reference for people living the Tallahassee Life.



## Learn to speak like a Tallahasseean

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Andrea Chapman  
REALTOR

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**D**o you want to speak like a Tallahassee native? Here are some commonly heard names of places that have unique pronunciations in our area. Learn to say them as the natives do, and you will avoid some smirking and eye-rolling.

**Mahan Drive** Don't listen to your GPS! The locals pronounce it MAY-han (that's like hand without the "d." Mahan Drive is also known as Highway 90 on the east side of town, where it runs from the center of town to the northeast. On the west side it turns into Tennessee Street, an east-west road that runs along the north side of FSU.

**Bronough Street** There are several government offices on this downtown north-west street, so you might need to know where it is and how to say it. The locals say BRU- NO, as in Bruno Mars, or Bruno Sanmartino if you're over 55.

**Monticello** Even though it is the county seat of nearby Jefferson County and named after the famous estate of Thomas Jefferson, the locals pronounce it: Mon-ti-SEL-low. Please stifle any urge to correct us.

**Cairo, Georgia** You'll probably pass through this town when you drive to Atlanta. But it's not pronounced like the city in Egypt. It's pronounced KAY-row, like the gooey stuff you pour on pancakes. In fact, the high school team is called the Syrup Makers, just to make sure you know that we know what we're talking about.

**Wakulla** You'll want to visit Wakulla Springs, and take visiting friends and

relatives there. But don't make a fool of your self thinking there's a long "U" sound in the word. It's wa-CULL-uh, as in culling the cream of the crop from the herd.

**Miccosukee Road** One of those streets that radiates out from central Tallahassee to the far north east, like Mahan Drive and Centerville Road. I don't know what the true Native Americans said, but in Tallahassee we say Mick-uh-SOOK-ee.

**Micanopy** Chief Macanopy led the Seminole Tribe during the Second Seminole War in the early 1800's.

There's a town in Alachua County named after him. In Tallahassee we have a street in Killearn Lakes named after him and pronounce it Mih-ca-NO-pee.

**Killearn** There are several neighborhoods with the name "Killearn" in them, and we pronounce it kill-ARN.

**Lake Iamonia** This lake, so far north it's almost in Georgia, is known by locals as Lake uh-MON-ee-uh. You get there from Bannerman Road, then go north on Bull Headley Road. Which leads us to:

**Bull Headley** Pronounced HEED-lee. Julien C. (Bull) Headley owned a lot of land in the area.

But the most important word you'll need to learn in Tallahassee is **MANAUSA**, as in Joe Manausa Real Estate. It's pronounced muh-nah-suh, as in "What an Awesome Real Estate Company!"

Have you encountered other words that are unique to Tallahassee? Let us know!

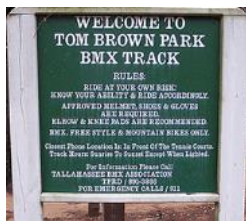
# Spending A Day At Tom Brown Park

## Park Reviews



You can read reviews of Tom Brown Park or leave one of your own by visiting [Tom Brown Park on Google Plus](#)

## Park Wiki



Want to know more about Tom Brown Park? Or Do you want to add information so others can learn, [check out the Wiki here](#)



Tom Hutchinson Realtor, Long-time Tallahassee resident, father, and coach [See Tom's Bio](#)

Living in Tallahassee has a lot of benefits and one of these is the use of Tom Brown Park.

Dedicated to the city in 1977, the land was donated by Thomas Irvin Brown, Jr., a man who deeply loved Tallahassee.



He was an active member of the community, a Leon High School coach, and even a multi-term Leon County Commissioner.

Tom Brown's generosity and vision paved the way for the creation of one of the preeminent parks in the country.

Located in the eastern part of Tallahassee, just east of Capital Circle SE between Mahan Drive and Apalachee Parkway, Tom Brown Park is 255 acres of land that is beautifully maintained by the City of Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Department.

It has numerous amenities that any



members of the community may use free of charge.

From sports fields and courts, to biking, hiking and walking trails, to state of the art playgrounds, a 24-hole disc golf course, as well as a large dog park for our four-legged friends.

Tom Brown Park has a BMX course, a mountain biking skills course, and believe it or not, a radio controlled car course.

Tom Brown Park is a great place to spend the day, an hour, or a whole weekend. You can even watch the annual Independence Day Fireworks from the park each year.



It's a perfect way to exercise, enjoy nature and spend time with family and friends all at the same time.

Tom Brown Park is truly a Tallahassee treasure.

Next time you want to enjoy a few hours of your day "Tallahassee style," consider giving Tom Brown Park a visit.

Don't be afraid to say "Hi" if you run into me one Saturday.

I will either be blowing my whistle on the soccer field, supervising my kids on the playgrounds, or digging around in the bushes looking for my golf disc.



Why not visit the [Gulf Winds Track Club's website](#) and view their race calendar for a complete listing of 5k races throughout 2015

### Buying In 2015?



Alex Nunez  
REALTOR  
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## A Fun Way to a Healthier You in 2015

Every new year, we all make resolutions. Most of us are trying to shed the unwanted pounds caused by shoving endless amounts of food down our throats between the end of November and beginning of January.

And for those of us with kids and a really bad sweet tooth, that probably extends back to October 31st as we so honorably helped prevent our children from “poisonous” candy and unwanted cavities. ;-)

### The Quick Fix Solution

Many will run to Premier or another local fitness center and spend a couple of weeks religiously on the elliptical right before or after work, confident that this year will be different and eager to shop for new skinny jeans, or for us guys, have our wives go on Amazon Prime and pick out some new belts two sizes smaller for us.

Other more adventurous individuals may sign up for a month long boot-camp fitness regimen, and after 2 weeks, become tired of being yelled at by rock-solid drill sergeants beating their bodies into submission.

If you have ever fit into one of the previous categories in prior years, then maybe it's time to try something new?

Something that maybe involves more community support than individualized routines...why not try a 5k?

Tallahassee has a very welcoming community of runners (and walkers) that meet almost every Saturday morning for a 3.1 mile race at various locations

throughout town. Furthermore, most, if not all of the races raise money to benefit a worthwhile cause. The majority of people who participate are simply looking to stay healthy around a good community of people and maybe improve on their personal results from the week before.



### What If I Can't Run 3 Miles?

Then start with a goal of completing 1 mile. Many of the races offer a 1 mile fun run before the 5k race.

Also, the Gulf Winds Track Club offers opportunities to meet with other runners during the week to build up your endurance for the upcoming races.

If you prefer to start building your endurance on your own, there are training programs online that take you from your couch to completing a 5k race in a matter of weeks.

So if you are looking for a new way to get healthy this year and enjoy community involvement while benefiting a good cause, why not visit the Gulf Winds Track Club's website and view their [race calendar](#) for a complete listing of 5k races throughout 2015.

I hope to see you there!

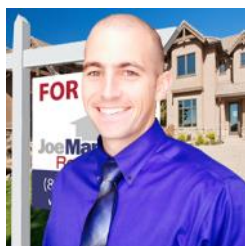
## Food for Thought



### Cinco de Mayo



### Peppers



Garrett Jacks,  
REALTOR

[See Garrett's Bio](#)

Let's keep it simple. What does EVERYBODY love to do?

That's right, EAT! When my wife and I first came to this magnificent city, our first question was "Where can we find some good food around here?" And the answer was always the same.

"Well, it depends. What kind of food do you like?"

Over the next few editions of Tallahassee Life!, I'm going to provide a taste of some of the best food in town. Hopefully, after reading my reviews, you'll go out and try some of these delicious delicatessens for yourself.

Both my wife and I were born and raised in South Texas, a literal stone-throw away from the birth place of the Chimichanga, Tamale, Chalupa, Enchilada, and last but not least—the Margarita! M-E-X-I-C-O.

And you better believe that we've dined in some of the finest family-owned Mexican restaurants that Texas has to offer. We absolutely love our Mexican food, and our first order of business was to seek out the best Mexican restaurants in Tallahassee.

Luckily, we've found some good ones. Grab your Sombreros, and let's get started!

**Cinco de Mayo** Located in NE Tallahassee, just a few miles off Capital Circle at 3510 Mahan Dr—this place is sure to hit the spot! Google reviews it 4.5/5 stars, which I believe to be fairly accurate.

The food is outstanding, and your choices are seemingly endless. Check out the [Cinco de Mayo Menu here](#).

**Peppers Mexican Grill and Cantina** You'll find this tasty establishment just south of Conner Blvd at 1140 Capital Circle SE. 2 for 1 Margaritas... Need I say more?

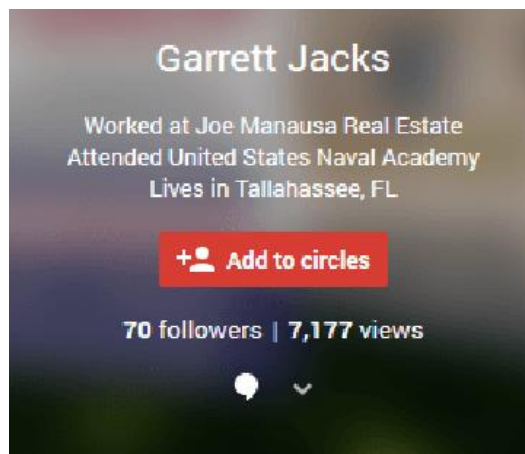
Urban Spoon reviews it 4/5 stars. View the [Peppers Mexican Grill menu here](#).

**El Jalisco** There are multiple locations to choose from (Monroe, Capital Circle NE, and Southwood), and yes— they also offer 2 for 1 margaritas! Google reviews it 3.5/5 stars.

The food is authentic and plentiful, and the service is great. Find the [El Jalisco nearest to you here](#).

Hopefully you find the food at these restaurants just as satisfying as I do, but if not—there's always an abundance of tequila behind the bar to wash away your sorrows.

## Add me on Google+



## Walk the dog at Lafayette Heritage Trail Park



Enjoy hiking, biking or kayaking? Check out all there is to do at [Lafayette Heritage Park](#)



Thinking about buying a home this year? Have you seen our new property search tool? It updates 96 times per day, so you'll never waste time looking at homes that are no longer available. Check out the [homes for sale in Piney Z](#)



Kevin Milligan,  
REALTOR

[See Kevin's Bio](#)

This past week was unusually cold for January here in Tallahassee, even for my native Chicagoan blood. As I stepped onto my front patio Sunday morning to grab the newspaper, I was surprised to feel the warm sun hitting my face.

"It feels like Florida again!" I thought to myself, and immediately sought to convince my wife that today was the day to test the BBQ smoker I received as a birthday gift from my mother. Success!

As I stood at the kitchen counter massaging olive oil, herbs, and spices into the nooks and crannies of the meat, my two-year old dog "Coach" attentively sat at my feet eagerly peering up at me.

I have no doubt that his sense of smell was on overdrive as he patiently waited for something tasty to mistakenly slip from my fingers. Unfortunately for Coach, 'twas not meant to be.



I have to admit, I felt a bit of guilt for his plight, "Okay bud, would you like to go out and get a little exercise?" Although I was not offering him a tasty treat, he seemed mildly excited to get out of the

house and get some fresh air.

So, I threw the leash on him and out the door we went – destination: Lafayette Heritage Trail Park.

Lafayette Heritage Trail Park (and Piney-Z Lake) is part of the old Piney-Z plantation, some of which has been developed into single family homes and townhomes. The park is nestled at the end of Heritage Park Boulevard, just off Conner Boulevard on the Northeast side of Tallahassee.

The park offers a small playground, three picnic shelters, parking, restrooms, drinking fountains, various trails, universally accessible fishing pier, floating docks, hand-launch-only boat ramp, wildlife viewing, and outdoor shower. On this particular day, Coach and I set out to walk the perimeter of Piney-Z Lake.

As we set off on the "shared use trail" around the lake, we noticed people of all ages enjoying the park amenities. Mountain bikers, runners, dog-walkers, and fisherman were plentiful. They all seemed to like the idea of getting outside to enjoy the sunshine after the chilly week.

The walk around the lake is beautiful, most of which is covered by the canopy of Spanish moss and large Cypress trees. Dense vegetation in some sections gives a feeling of being in the wilderness; but well placed trail markers will keep any traveler on course.

Coach's nose was on high alert as he sniffed the fresh air and indulged in the

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## Lafayette Park cont.

scent of other passing pooches. Mountain bikers zoomed by us, jutting off onto the Cadillac Mountain Bike Trail which connects to the foot path. The trail is broken into two parts: the West Cadillac trail (1.35 mi) and the East Cadillac trail (2.44 mi).

Coach and I have observed all sorts of wildlife on our multiple hikes around Piney-Z Lake over the last year: hawks, ospreys, herons, the occasional Bald Eagle, and reptilian life just to name a few. On this particular day, the ducks and herons were out in full force.

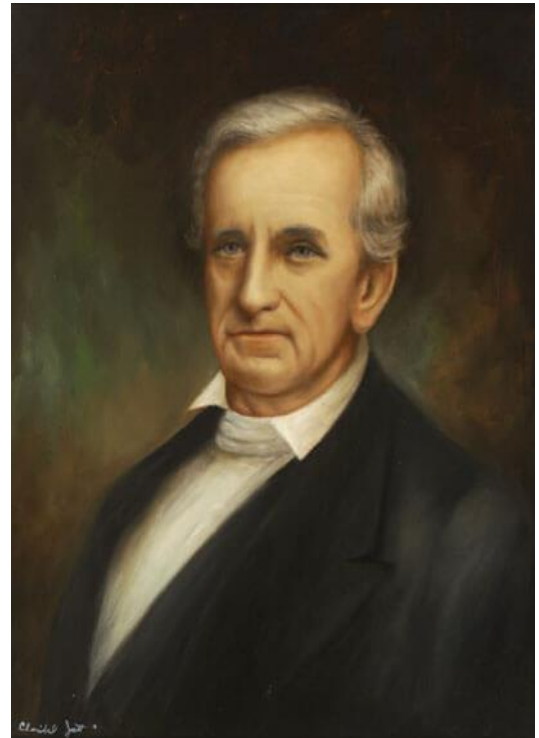


Our hike takes us to the far side of the trail where we come across an 80ft trellis-style footbridge that soars into the treetops for a truly spectacular view of the park and lake.

By the time we made it back to the house, both of us were tuckered out but eager to check the status of our smoking pork.

I put a little on a plate for my patient pooch, which he very much enjoyed.

## Monthly Contest



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

**Up for grabs:** A FREE 1-hour massage at [Advanced Alternatives Massage Therapy](#)

**Question:** Who is the man pictured above?

**Hint:** He was born in Virginia in 1785, but moved to Florida in 1828. He served in the War of 1812 and was an active Mason for more than 60 years.

## 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? Would you like help filing your 2014 tax returns? How about a home warranty?

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

Mar 3 [Pink Floyd Experience](#)

Mar 3 [Blue Man Group](#)

Mar 5 FAMU [Men's](#) and [Women's](#) basketball vs. Savannah State

Mar 6-7 [FHSAA Regional Wrestling Tournament](#)

Mar 6-8 [Red Hills International Horse Trials](#)

Mar 7 [FSU Men's Basketball vs. Pittsburgh](#)

Mar 7-8 [Battle of Natural Bridge Reenactment, 150th Anniversary](#)

Mar 7 [Tallahassee Symphony Orchestra: Orient Express](#)

Mar 8 [Jewish Food Festival](#)

Mar 12-15 [Seminole Intercollegiate Golf Tournament](#)

Mar 13-29 [Theatre Tallahassee Presents: Vanya and Sonia and Masha and Spike](#)

Mar 14 [Misson San Luis 17th Century Military Muster](#)

Mar 14-15 [Tally Classic X](#)

Mar 15 [Jazz on Gaines Street](#)

Mar 18 [Zach Bartholomew Trio Live at ALOFT](#)

Mar 19 [An evening with Dr. Agwunobi: Leadership through preparation, preparedness and response](#)

Mar 20-21 [Monticello Bike Fest](#)

Mar 21 [Comets Round Robin](#)

Mar 26 [Donald L. Tucker Civic Center Presents: Eric Church](#)

Mar 27-28 [FSU Relays](#)

Mar 28 [Springtime Tallahassee Festival](#)

## What did we miss?

We do our best to keep our customers informed of ways to enhance their Tallahassee Life! 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 - Some Local Businesses That We Recommend

The following list is an incomplete list of businesses with which we regularly utilize. It will be growing and changing each month. Often times, homeowners want to know "who to call," so consider this list as a great starting point. Business Owners: If you would like to be included in this list, just [drop us a note](#) and we will be in touch to validate you for the list.

### Accountants

#### Starace Accounting

[www.AccountingTallahassee.com](http://www.AccountingTallahassee.com)  
(850) 846-6382

### Cleaning Services

#### Chris Hall

(850) 933-8481

#### Kara Cleaning Services

(850) 405-3839

### Electricians

#### Troy's Electric, Inc.

(850) 933-8793

#### CL Williams Contracting

(850) 545-5882

### Heating & Air

#### Riverside Heating & Air

[www.tallahasseehvac.org](http://www.tallahasseehvac.org)  
(850) 545-3749  
(850) 633-4896

#### Mayfield Heating & Air

[www.mayfieldhvac.com](http://www.mayfieldhvac.com)

### Home Inspectors

#### House Huggers

(850) 508-4123

#### Pillar To Post

[www.pillartopost.com](http://www.pillartopost.com)  
(850) 562-0578

#### Southern Home Consultants

[www.southernhomeconsultant.com](http://www.southernhomeconsultant.com)  
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#### Wagner Home Inspections

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[www.dowdyplumbing.com](http://www.dowdyplumbing.com)  
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(850) 545-5882

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#### Manausa Law Firm

[www.manausalaw.com](http://www.manausalaw.com)  
(850) 597-7616

#### Hayward Title

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### Repairs

#### ANDCAT, Inc.

(850) 980-6999

#### Andy Bailey's Property Maintenance

(850) 545-5631

### Roofing

#### Square Cut Construction & Remodeling

(850) 567-0341

#### Lloyd Roofing

[www.lloydroofingandconstruction.com](http://www.lloydroofingandconstruction.com)  
(850) 251-3511

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[www.fainbuilders.com](http://www.fainbuilders.com)  
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#### Barkley Engineers

[www.barkleyengineering.com](http://www.barkleyengineering.com)  
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#### Blackhawk Engineering

[www.blackhawkengineers.com](http://www.blackhawkengineers.com)  
(850) 224-4295

### Surveyors

#### Meridian Surveying and Mapping

[www.msmincorp.com](http://www.msmincorp.com)  
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#### B&D Land Surveying

[www.banddlandingsurveying.com](http://www.banddlandingsurveying.com)  
(850) 421-1435