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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.

JUNE CONTEST

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



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Is It Hot In Here Or Is It Just Me?

It's not just the real estate market that is heating up in Tallahassee.

You might have noticed that things are getting a bit warmer around town lately, but history tells us to enjoy what we are feeling now. It won't be this cool again until late September!

Average temperatures are ascending the scale, with daily highs likely to reach into the 90s (and occasionally higher) in June, July and August. The dog days of summer of upon us.

It's Not The Heat ...

Did you know that Tallahassee ranks #2 on the list of Top 101 cities with the highest maximum monthly morning or afternoon humidity (population

50,000+)?

So yes we're hot, but watch out for the humidity.

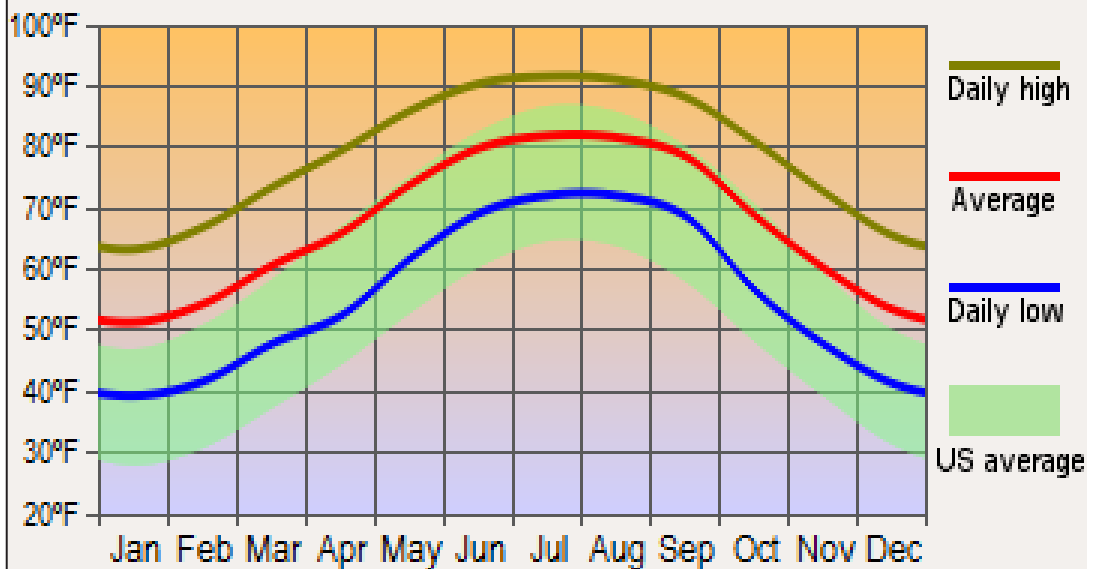
Congratulations Seniors

The heat also brings graduation and the beginning of Summer vacation.

I want to reach out to all new graduates this month with a congratulations on a job well done.

I also want to recognize my daughter "Sami" with a big congratulations for graduating from my Alma Mater (Leon High School) and her acceptance into the University of Florida Honors Program. Michelle and I are very proud of her hard work and achievements.

Average Temperatures



A Little Tallahassee History Lesson



Explore the rich history of Bellevue Plantation at the [Tallahassee Museum](#).



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



Lindsey Begue
REALTOR

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Catherine Willis Grey was born of a privileged and loving family in Virginia. She happened to be the great grandniece of our nation's first president, George Washington.

After the untimely death of her first husband, Catherine met and married Prince Achille Murat, the nephew of Napoleon Bonaparte.

Catherine was often in court in England. She even attended the coronation of William IV of the United Kingdom and was given a seat in Westminster Abby.

In 1847, upon the death of her husband, Prince Murat, she inherited a 2000+ acre Lipona Plantation in Jefferson County. She later purchased Bellevue Plantation in Leon County and made it her home.



During the Civil War she was a member of the *Soldiers Aid Societies* and worked in a sewing circle that met to clothe Southern Troops. Unfortunately, she suffered considerable financial losses from her war efforts during that time.

But in 1866, after hearing of her hardships, her late husband's cousin, Napoleon II invited her to court in France to live the remainder of her days.

Catherine declined the invitation, and instead Napoleon II granted her annuity from the French government so that she could remain at home in Bellevue. Catherine Murat passed away in 1867.



This French princess was a very interesting woman. In fact, during the nation's first successful preservation effort, she was appointed the Vice Regent of Florida for her work involved in preserving George Washington's home in Mount Vernon.

Bellevue has since been relocated and is now a historical exhibit at the Tallahassee Museum. Take a weekend trip to visit the place and discover the rich history of the property for yourself.

Taking it one step further, Achille and Catherine Murat's grave sites can be visited at the St. John's Cemetery in the 400 block of W. Call St, along with a historical marker describing the life and legacy of Prince and Princess Murat.

Tallahassee history is pretty interesting after all. Class is now dismissed!



Interested in learning more about the highest powered magnet lab in the entire world? Visit the [National High Magnetic Field Laboratory website](#).



If you haven't stopped by yet ... Our new website updates every 15 minutes to give you the most accurate information available on [Homes for Sale in Tallahassee](#).



Andrea Chapman
REALTOR

[See Andreas's Bio](#)

Oh, How Attractive!

Florida State University has a reputation for big-time sports and its School of the Arts, but you might not know that The National High Magnetic Field Laboratory (MagLab) at FSU is a world-renown, high-tech science place where Sheldon, Leonard, Raj and Howard from The Big Bang Theory would fit right in.

That's right. Here in Tallahassee we have the largest and highest powered magnet lab in the world!



In 1989 FSU, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and the University of Florida submitted a proposal to the National Science Foundation (NSF) for a new national laboratory supporting interdisciplinary research in high magnetic fields.

The plan proposed a federal-state partnership serving magnet-related research, science and technology education, and partnering industry.

The goal was to maintain the competitive position of the United States in magnet-related research and development. Following a peer-review competition, the NSF approved the FSU-led consortium's proposal over the proposal submitted by MIT to enlarge its existing facilities. Go Noles!

The laboratory's early years were spent establishing infrastructure, building the facility, and recruiting faculty. The Tallahassee complex was dedicated on October 1, 1994, to a large crowd, with keynote speaker Vice President Al Gore.

Today the MagLab continues to attract scientists from all over the world in disciplines that include physics, chemistry, materials science, engineering, biology and geology.

The National MagLab also conducts free public tours of the facility on the third Wednesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. No reservations are required for this standing tour; just show up wearing close-toed shoes and check in at the reception desk.

These tours include a general overview of the Magnet Lab and the research conducted here as well as explanations of the different types of magnets used, including resistive magnets, superconducting magnets, pulsed magnets and our world-record hybrid magnet.

You can also attend the annual Open House, held in February and free to the public. The "Hands On" experiences for all age groups demonstrate how exciting science can be.

You'll see such things as Tesla coils shooting sparks, melting rocks in the geochemistry group, and the measurement of the speed of sound. How cool is that?!

So come on out and enjoy all there is do at the MagLab. Who knows ... you might actually learn something.

Spring House: A Tallahassee Hidden Gem



Would you like to become a *Friend of Spring House*?

Visit the [Spring House website](#) to discover ways you can get involved.



Don't forget to "Like" [Spring House Institute on Facebook](#), and while you're at it ... post the correct answer to this month's contest on the [JMRE Facebook page](#) to win a really cool prize!



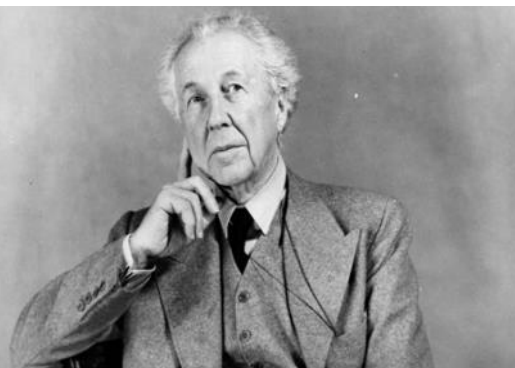
Alex Nunez
REALTOR

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I bet you didn't know that Tallahassee has the only residence in Florida designed by the famous Frank Lloyd Wright, considered by many to be America's greatest architect.

Known today as the Spring House (named for the natural spring that flows from the property), and formerly owned by George Lewis II and his wife Clifton, it's located at 3117 Okeeheepkee Road in the Northwest quadrant of Tallahassee.

Spring House is a two-story home designed in the hemicycle style, which is important among Wright's designs in that it represents the last and chronologically shortest stylistic phase of his career.



Frank Lloyd Wright completed the plans for the home in 1952, and subsequently broke ground in April 1954.

By December 1954, construction was completed and the Lewis Family moved into their new home. They raised their four children in Spring House and received many prominent local, state, national, and international figures over the years.

Spring House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places

February 14, 1979 and George Lewis passed away in April 1996. His wife and others later formed the Spring House Institute, Inc., and charged it with the tasks of preserving the historic property and bringing it into beneficial public and private uses.



The Lewis family moved out of Spring House at the end of 2010 and Clifton passed away in February 2014.

The Mission of Spring House Institute is to acquire, restore and complete the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Spring House; to preserve its original architecture as a single-family dwelling for the benefit of the public as a teaching institute; and to foster the arts, environmental stewardship, social justice, and world peace.

Spring House will be used for a broad spectrum of classes, workshops, seminars, housing for visiting dignitaries, several overnight and weekend rentals, weddings, community meetings, and gatherings of all kinds.

How cool is it that the only house built in Florida by the greatest American architect of all time is located in our awesome little city? I think that's pretty cool myself.



Do you have recommendations for cool places 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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Experience the Tallahassee Museum

Ever heard about the new rage called "Zip-Lining? Curious to try it but don't want to have to travel to a jungle in Borneo or some other far-flung place?

Grab your harness and safety gear because Tallahassee has its own zip-line adventure! Better still, this course runs through the tree tops in a cypress swamp, dangling you over alligators and giving you a unique perspective on the world!

Wonder where it's located? At a marvelous adventure spot known as the Tallahassee Museum!

The zip line has aerial games and a challenging obstacle course so participants know they have had an outstanding experience when they are finished.



Make sure to wear your walking shoes because the museum has a series of nature trails with native wildlife habitats and gardens dispersed throughout.

It also has an extensive collection of historic buildings, including Prince Murat's plantation home (Bellevue Plantation), and the Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church. Both are unique and interesting representations of life in northern Florida.

Should historic buildings not be your

forte, check out the *Introduction to Blacksmithing* or *Night Prowls* where you are guided through the dark to learn about the nocturnal behaviors of native wildlife.



Always seeking to provide their guests with unforgettable experiences, the museum sometimes keeps the zip line open at night ... what a thrill!

Established in 1963, it was originally named the *Tallahassee Junior Museum* to attract the younger crowd. Since that time, the activities have been greatly expanded to provide entertainment to people of all age groups.

It is rumored that it takes 2-3 hours to explore all that the museum has to offer. When you're ready for a break, check out the Trail Break Café for a refreshing drink or grab a bite to eat to replenish your energy.

The most popular event is *Market Days*, one of the largest juried arts and crafts shows in the southeast. This year it is scheduled for December 5-6, just in time for the Christmas holidays and a great place to shop for those who are tough to buy for.

So come on out and have a blast. The zip line is calling your name!

What's All The Fuss About?



Do you have a suggestion for next month's "food" article?

[Drop us a note](#) and let us know.



Can't get enough BBQ? Check out the entire [4 Rivers Smokehouse Menu](#).



Garrett Jacks
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I'm sure you've seen it by now. We've all seen it ... and some of us have been unlucky enough to get trapped in it.

Just what am I talking about, you ask?

The Whole Foods parking lot in Midtown, of course. It's absolute pandemonium and seems to get more and more busy by the day!

But why? Well, there's a new restaurant in town called *4 Rivers Smokehouse*.

If you make the mistake of turning into the parking lot, you'll notice a gargantuan single-file line of hungry patrons standing outside the front door. And the question on everyone's mind is the same: Is it really worth the wait?

Well, if you're a meat-eating carnivorous animal like myself you're going to fall in love with it.



Look at that tender, juicy, delicious rack of ribs. I feel like halting my article right this second so that I can save myself a spot in that line outside.

But for your sake, I'll go ahead and finish (sorry if it sounds a little rushed).

The ribs are only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the amazing variety of

food here. They've got sandwiches, stackers, classic dinner plates, salads (for you healthy folks), and an awesome lineup of desserts to satisfy your sweet tooth.



Yes, that's Reese's Peanut Butter Cups sprinkled on top. Is your mouth watering uncontrollably yet?

Well, that about wraps it up. I told you earlier that I was in a hurry. But don't worry, I'll save you a spot in line right next to me.

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Your Ticket To The Gun Show



Stay in shape this summer! Learn more about your many Tallahassee fitness options.

[Golds Gym](#),
[Orange Theory Fitness](#), [YouFit](#),
[Sweat Therapy](#)



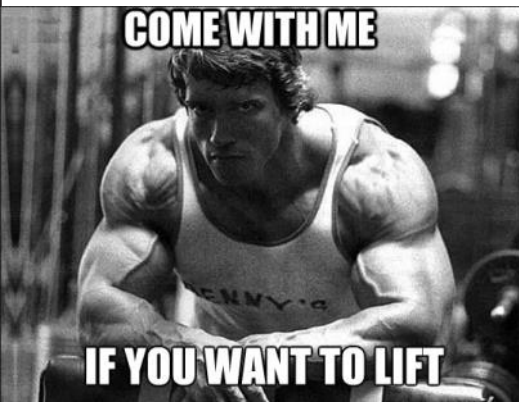
A few Tallahassee neighborhoods offer amenities to help residents stay in shape all year long. Visit the fitness center in [Piney Z](#) or play some tennis in [Southwood](#) or [Golden Eagle](#)!



Kevin Milligan
REALTOR

[See Kevin's Bio](#)

With over 38 gyms and fitness facilities to choose from in town, there is definitely no shortage of choices when it comes to finding a place for folks to shed those winter pounds. Whether you are looking for a traditional gym with free weights and muscle men, a yoga studio, or the latest fitness fad such as CrossFit or Orange Theory, Tallahassee has it all.



Each individual has their own fitness goals, and with all the choices for consumers these days the decision of where to go can be daunting. The goal of this humble correspondence is to provide you with a little insight into selecting the right fitness facility for you.

If you are looking for an affordable choice that meets the needs of a novice to intermediate fitness enthusiast, Gold's Gym and YouFit are excellent options.

Gold's Gym has three local facilities and YouFit has two; all centrally located and affordable.

Memberships to both gyms can be less than \$100 per year and allow unlimited access to free weights, cardiovascular equipment, and some group classes. For most of us, these amenities are

more than enough to get the job done. Both gyms have locker-rooms and show facilities so you can get your workout done on your way to work in the morning. YouFit is even open 24 hours per day Monday thru Friday.

If membership cost isn't a concern for you and you'd like a high intensity, non-traditional work out, Orange Theory Fitness might be ideal for you. Orange Theory offers 60-minute workout sessions split into intervals of cardiovascular and strength training with heart rate monitors to track intensity and maximize metabolic burn.

Workouts are usually done in a group setting to increase energy levels so that you burn more calories. They call it the "Orange Effect".

I call the cost of membership the "Empty Your Pockets Effect." Membership plans vary, but you can expect to spend well in excess of \$100 per month ... Ouch!



If you're looking for exclusive group classes or yoga, check out Sweat Therapy or one of the more than eight yoga studios in town.

If none of the options discussed here meet your needs or budget, then you can always do it the old fashioned way. Believe it or not, running, push-ups, and sit-ups are still free!

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Leave a comment and "Like" us on Facebook!

June 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 carpet cleaning from [Main Cleaning Solutions](#). This will include 5 rooms and a hallway ... A \$99 value!

QUESTION: Placed prominently between the old and new Capitol buildings, the House and Senate Buildings and the Florida Veterans Memorial on Florida's Capitol Hill, these bricks will be viewed by tens of thousands of visitors each year. What very special name has been given to this brick-lined walkway?

Hint: Joe Manausa Real Estate wrote an article just a few days ago covering the topic and how you can personally get involved with the project. Just [check out our blog](#) and see what you find!



Last Month's Contest



Bobby Ryon, John Brancale, Eve Nieto and Jane Whritenour were the winners of our May contest. Their prizes included tasty treats from both the [Foodz Traveler](#), and [Lucy and Leo's Cupcakery](#). Congratulations everyone!

Question: The survey monument marks the exact spot where the Tallahassee Meridian and Baseline intersect. It serves as the initial point for U.S. government surveys in the states of Florida and Alabama as part of the Public Land Survey System. In which Tallahassee city park is the survey marker located?

Answer: Cascades Park



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.

Jun 1-14 [Theatre Tallahassee Presents: Agatha Christie's Murder on the Nile](#)

Jun 5-7 [Comets Jamboree](#)

Jun 5-7 [ASA Black American World's Slow Pitch](#)

Jun 5-7 [ASA- 24h Annual Capital City Invitational National Qualifier](#)

Jun 5-8 [Tallahassee Latin Dance Festival 2015](#)

Jun 7 [Tallahassee Bach Parley Spring Concert & Membership Reception](#)

Jun 11-13 [Florida African Dance Festival](#)

Jun 12-14 [Summer Baseball Tournament/2015 Tournament of Champions](#)

Jun 12-14 [USFA North Florida State Tournament](#)

Jun 13 [Swing into Harmony with the Capital Chordsmen and Tallahassee Swing Band!](#)

Jun 18 [Masters in the Making: John Singer Sargent, "Venetian Canal, Palazzo Corner"](#)

Jun 19-28 [Young Actors Theatre Presents: 42nd Street](#)

Jun 20 [T.O.U.R. Guide: Historic Capitol Museum & St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge](#)

Jun 24-28 [2015 Dizzy Dean State Baseball Tournament](#)

Jun 25-28 [AAU Region 9 Track & Field Tallahassee National Qualifier](#)

Jun 26-28 [2015 ATAC Long Course Invitational Swim Meet](#)

Jun 26-28 [Gold Star Elite Invitational](#)

Jun 27 [ARTOPIA 2015](#)



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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www.AccountingTallahassee.com
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Cleaning Services

Chris Hall

(850) 933-8481

Kara Cleaning Services

(850) 405-3839

Main Cleaning Solutions LLC

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CL Williams Contracting

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Pete Tychsen

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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
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Garnet & Gold Pest Control

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Dowdy Plumbing

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