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JULY CONTEST

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Celebrate July By Remembering A Veteran

Are you looking for a special way to celebrate Independence Day this year?

I always have fond memories of past July 4th celebrations as I used to enjoy the fireworks, but as I've grown older I realize the sacrifices that have been made to keep our great Country intact.

I am choosing to remember a special Veteran this year with the purchase of a brick on the Florida Veterans Walk of Honor.

Have you heard about the Florida Veterans Walk of Honor?

The Veterans Walk of Honor is a permanent tribute to the men and women who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States, and it is located right here in Tallahassee!

The Walk of Honor provides an opportunity for family members and friends to thank a Veteran in their life with a long-lasting dedication to the Veteran's service.

The heart of the Veterans Walk of Honor will consist of engraved bricks which are being offered to veterans, families and friends of veterans. The proceeds from the sale of the engraved bricks will go to the Florida Veterans Foundation, the Direct Support organization to the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs to help further the Foundation's mission to Serve, Support and Advocate for our Florida Veterans.

These lasting tributes are not limited to service in any specific war or campaign and can encompass any service period, and can be for non-Florida veterans too. Placed prominently between the old and new Capitol buildings, the House and Senate Buildings and the Florida Veterans Memorial on Florida's Capitol Hill, they will be viewed by tens of thousands of visitors each year. What a great way to do more than just say "thank you for your service" for the veteran in your life.

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Florida Veterans Walk of Honor

Order An Honor Brick Today!

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Learn more about [Maclay Gardens](#), [Blueberry Springs](#) and [Wakulla Springs State Park](#), and then head on out!



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Stacie Boone
REALTOR

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The kids are out of school, you have to work and don't have the time or the big dollars it takes to go out of town for a summer vacation, so what do you do?

Take a *staycation* Tallahassee style!

There are some really great opportunities right around our beautiful city of Tallahassee that you can take advantage of to have a really awesome summer!

Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park is a 40 minute drive from Tallahassee. Enjoy swimming in the cool water of the springs while you picnic at the spring side beach.

You can also take advantage of the guided riverboat tours and nature trails. The Wakulla Springs lodge is open year round and has its own full service dining room for larger gatherings.



I grew up in Wisconsin where a normal summer involved picking fresh fruit like strawberries in the local fields.

I have very fond memories of eating as I picked and my grandmother telling me to keep some of the fruit in the baskets. With full baskets we would go home and make strawberry everything!

Blueberry Springs in Wacissa, Florida is a short 20 mile drive from Tallahassee, and it really reminds me of my childhood.

You can show up with your bags and pick as many blueberries as you like. I have enjoyed taking my kids and their friends to let them experience summer as I remember it.

Blueberry Springs is open all summer, so bring your bathing suit and enjoy a nice day at the spring after you finish your harvest.



Last but not least, Alfred B. Maclay State Park is right here in Tallahassee. This park is located just north of the I-10 interchange off of Thomasville Road.

There are many activities to enjoy at Maclay Gardens. Lake Hall, situated within the gardens provides opportunities for swimming, fishing, canoeing and kayaking.

There are picnic pavilions and grills lakeside that provide the perfect place to enjoy the day. There are also two short walking trails along the lake and some longer trails for those who enjoy hiking and biking.

So get out and have fun in Tallahassee this summer!



[Watch this short video](#) to get a feel for the sport. This season's schedule can be found on the [Tallahassee RollerGirls website](#).



Check out all the roller derby action on the [Tallahassee RollerGirls Facebook page](#) ... And while you're at it, ["Like" JMRE on Facebook!](#)



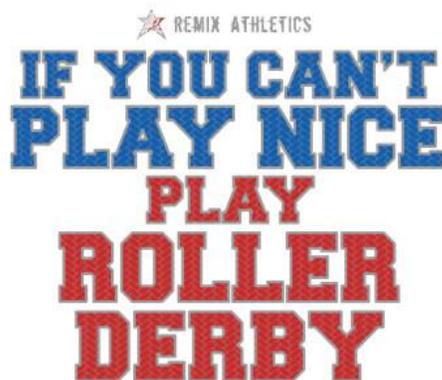
Andrea Chapman
REALTOR

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Are You A Fan of Capital Punishment?

Tallahassee is known for its stately trees, political maneuvering, and educational institutions. You might be surprised to find out that there is a growing fan base for the Tallahassee RollerGirls, a group of women ages 18 to 50 dedicated to the rough-and-tumble contact sport of Roller Derby.

There are two home games this summer, July 18 and August 8, so consider spending a Saturday jammin' with "Capital Punishment."



For those new to the sport, the modern version involves two teams of five members roller skating in the same direction around a flat track. Game play consists of a series of short matchups called "jams" in which both teams designate a scoring player - the "jammer"- who scores points by lapping members of the opposing team.

The four "blockers" attempt to hinder the opposing jammer while assisting their own jammer ... in effect, playing both offense and defense simultaneously.

Legal blocks follow certain rules. Contact by hands, elbows, head and feet are

prohibited, as is contact above the shoulders or below mid-thigh. Furthermore, contact may not be from the rear, only from a player's front or sides.

Professional Roller Derby in the past focused on theatrical elements and pre-determined wins, much like professional wrestling. Today this international sport is dominated by all-female amateur teams, with some support for inclusion in the summer Olympics.

The Tallahassee RollerGirls field two teams, the All-Star team "Capital Punishment" and the feeder team "Jailbreak Betties." These athletes are not paid for their time and commitment involved, but participate for the love of the sport.

Colorful, intimidating nicknames remain an important part of the Roller Derby tradition. In Tallahassee you'll find Team Captain Erin "Breakabitch" Foley, former Team President Amy "Professor McGonnakill" Fox, and Team Coach Annelise "Vaginamite" Mennicke.

Yes, these are some tough gals.

On July 17, there will be a home game against the Dub City Derby Girls from West Palm Beach and August 18 the team plays the Pensacola Roller Gurlz.

Home games are held at the FAMU Hansel E. Tookes Recreation Center located at 2101 Wahnish Way.

If you'd like some awesome summer fun, come on down and check out these extremely tough gals.

Celebrate America Tallahassee!



Questions about the Celebrate America event? Check out the [event website](#).



To get yourself in the patriotic mood, take a look at these videos from last year's event on the [Celebrate America Facebook Page](#).



Alex Nunez
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Summer's favorite holiday is right around the corner. On Saturday July 4th, the City of Tallahassee will present Celebrate America, the annual Independence Day celebration at Tom Brown Park.

There will be food, games, entertainment, and of course FIREWORKS!!!

There is also a special designated children's activity area with inflatables, supervised arts and crafts, water slides, and games galore! Entertainment will kick off at 5:00 p.m. with music by "Jacobs Ladder," the "Flip Flop Boys," and "ACME Rhythm and Blues" on the main stage.

Parking will be limited at Tom Brown Park; however, shuttle services will be provided by Star Metro throughout the evening, both to and from the Kroger Center (shuttles will run approximately every 15 minutes).

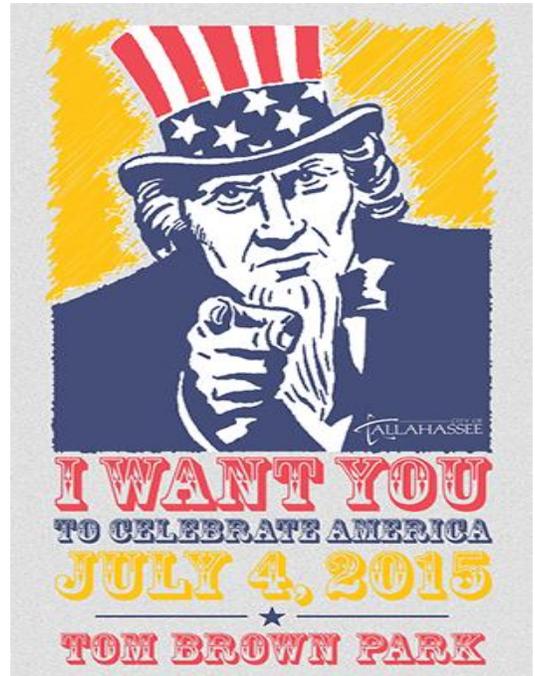
The Kroger Center is located on Capital Circle S.E. just south of Old St. Augustine Rd. The shuttles will load on the side of the Hartman Building facing Capital Circle.

StarMetro will not permit any coolers larger than 12-quarts to be carried on the buses. The fireworks will start at approximately 9:40 p.m. that evening.

Whether it's your first time attending this fantastic annual event, or if you're a seasoned vet, these festivities surely will not disappoint.

Bring the entire family, and if you're like me, maybe a bottle of sunscreen or two

for a fun filled day celebrating our country's independence!



Several Homeowners' Associations offer residents 4th of July festivities, and some even put on their own firework displays.

[Golden Eagle Plantation](#), [Summerbrooke](#), [Killlearn Lakes](#), and [Killlearn Estates](#) have all been active in 4th of July celebrations in the past. These are ticketed or monitored events for the neighborhood residents only, so Contact your HOA to see if they are planning an event this year.

As you can see, when it comes to celebrating our great nation in Tallahassee, the options are plentiful. The only other piece of advice I've got for you is to wear sunscreen (which I already mentioned ... but in case you forgot, [here's a song](#) to drive it home).

See you out there!



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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Explore Wild Tallahassee

Summers are all about relaxing, having fun and getting out in the sun. One of the many great things about living in Tallahassee is the multitude of choices for enjoying summer right here.

One of my favorite things to do during the summer is explore our wild and scenic rivers. Spring fed with miles of undeveloped shorelines, you can jump in the water and canoe or kayak for hours, hearing only the birds, frogs and an occasional plane overhead.

Wacissa Springs is my favorite, and the spring head is only 25 minutes out Apalachee Parkway from Capital Circle. There is a canoe and kayak rental located at the spring head and the vendor will arrange to meet you at the pullout.



You can choose to stop at the Goose Pond Recreational Area at Mile 10, or continue on to Nutall Rise at the end of the 15 mile journey.

There are a couple of public landings along the way that provide a nice break from the river ride, although it doesn't take nearly as long to traverse as you might think. Designated as one of Florida's Wild and Scenic Rivers, the Wacissa River is truly a magnificent

experience and easy to access and travel.

Once you are on the river you will be amazed at how a wilderness experience like this can be so close to civilization. Check out the [Trailahassee website](#) for more information about this river and other trails around Tallahassee.



But a summer vacation isn't complete without some unique activities

Have you ever been "tubing"?

The Itchetucknee Springs State Park provides that unique river experience through the use of inner tubes for a relaxing float. Long before it was a state park, tubing was a popular way to enjoy this river and continues to attract young and old during the hot summer months.

At six miles in length, it's perfect for tubing, snorkeling, canoeing or kayaking.

The Itchetucknee River is a two hour drive east of Tallahassee and the number of floaters per day is limited to protect the shallow waters, so be sure to arrive early. The tubes can be rented from private vendors at the entrance to the park.

So have fun this summer and by all means get wet!

Brought To You By Thomas Jefferson



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

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

HOME OF THE FREE BECAUSE OF THE BRAVE

Need some ideas for your 4th of July picnic? Give [these recipes](#) a try and let us know how they turn out!



Garrett Jacks
REALTOR

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I can see it now. Burgers and hotdogs lining the grill, Slip-n-Side for the kids in full-swing, lounging in a Coleman lawn chair with a frosty beverage in-tote (and a whole lot more on ice).

It's Independence Day in Tallahassee, folks ... And we're having an extremely patriotic, one-of-a-kind All-American picnic to celebrate.

What's on the menu, you ask?

Well, let's see here. It's got to be delicious and nutritious, but more importantly it has to scream AMERICA!



Jim Gaffigan (one of my favorite American comedians) has a skit where he talks about [holiday traditions](#). "I normally don't have a burger, a brat and a steak, but it is 4th of July ... It's what the Founding Fathers would want!"

Can I get an Amen?

So yes, there will be lots and lots of Grade A beef to sink your teeth into at the Jacks residence. But don't fret if you're not as carnivorous as I am.

My wife makes the absolute best (and I'm earning serious brownie points here) broccoli salad you've ever tasted. If you can't make it to our house for the

holiday, you've got to [try this recipe](#).

And to top it all off, we're gonna make a dessert that's even more American than Apple Pie. Did you know that you can actually design your own American Flag using skewers and some colorful fruit?



So grab your appetite and your party hat because it's time to throw a Tallahassee style shindig in your own backyard to honor your country. And while you're at it, light off some fireworks too ... It's what the Founding Fathers would want!

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Tallahassee: An All-American City



Learn more about [Cascades Park](#), [Distinguished Young Gentlemen](#) and the [Neighborhood REACH program](#) here in Tallahassee.



The heat is absolutely brutal this summer. Cool yourself off and [buy a house with a pool!](#)



Kevin Milligan
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In case you haven't seen the local TV news or picked up an issue of the Democrat lately, Tallahassee was just awarded the prestigious All-America City (AAC) Award for 2015 by the National Civic League.

The AAC Award is intended to "highlight communities that have found creative solutions to address long-standing municipal issues."

So how did Tallahassee become one of ten cities in the U.S this year to be an award winner?

First, a group of diverse community leaders (a collaboration of nonprofits, local government, chamber of commerce, libraries, schools, community organizations, and neighborhood associations) gathered to discuss the successes of the past five years.



Tallahassee's team chose three outstanding projects that displayed civic engagement, collaboration, inclusiveness, innovation and impact which helped improve the lives of young people. These three projects were Cascades Park, Distinguished Young

Gentlemen, and Neighborhood Reach.

Cascades Park is a 24-acre, state of the art storm water management facility that is disguised as a world-class park in the heart of downtown Tallahassee.

Distinguished Young Gentlemen is a Tallahassee-based, non-profit organization fully committed to addressing the multi-dimensional challenges that affect young African-American males today.

Neighborhood REACH is a collaborative, holistic initiative that brings together a variety of community services focused on improving the quality of life within Tallahassee's traditionally low-income and older neighborhoods.

Next, a written application was submitted with our community's story and the details of the three projects chosen.

Finalists were then invited to Denver from June 11th-14th to present their accomplishments in front of a jury of civic experts. The contingent from Tallahassee came out as a big winner!

Many All-American City award winners claim that the benefits of winning are increased economic opportunities as well as peer learning and networking. All-America City finalists and winners receive national attention, a boost for recruitment of industry, jobs and investments.

The All-America City status will help Tallahassee attract new businesses. This means more jobs and a stronger overall tax base.

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July Contest



How to Win: Be the first to leave the comment "I am the winner!" at the very bottom of the most recent housing report blog post for the correct neighborhood on manausa.com. [Visit our blog here!](#)

Up for Grabs: A FREE auto detail from Super Suds (\$99 Value!), courtesy of Chad Gardner from [Mckee Insurance Agency](#).

QUESTION: These 3 very obscure street names all lie in one of Tallahassee's neighborhoods:

1. Cahir Dr.
2. Malin Dr.
3. Ree Dr.

Hint: It's one of the neighborhoods [found here in this list!](#)



Last Month's Contest



Joanna Hunt was the winner of our June contest for being the first to post the correct answer to the [JMRE Facebook page](#). Her awesome prize was a FREE carpet cleaning from Jay Main of [Main Cleaning Solutions](#) ... 5 bedrooms and a hallway (\$99 value). Way to go Joanna! Congratulations !



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?

Answer: Florida Veterans Walk of Honor

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.

July 4 [Celebrate America at Tom Brown Park](#)

July 8-12 [Storm Showcase](#)

July 10-11 [6th Annual Ernie Sims Track Invitational](#)

July 10-12 [Comets Rising Stars](#)

July 10-12 [Hippocrate: Diary of a French Doctor](#)

July 11 [Swamp Stomp](#)

July 16 [Master in the Making: Leonardo da Vinci, "Mona Lisa"](#)

July 16 [Trivia Night at the Museum](#)

July 18 [T.O.U.R Guide: Downtown Marketplace & Gulf Specimen Marine Lab](#)

July 18 [Night Prowl](#)

July 18 [The Desert Fox](#)

July 24-26 [13th Annual Crenshaw Sport Bowling Classic](#)

July 24-26 [Comets Big Bend Showdown](#)

July 24-26 [Dior and I](#)

July 25 [Victory is My Destiny](#)

July 29-Aug 2 [ASA 16 U 'A' Southern Nationals](#)

July 31 [Deli Man](#)

July 31-Aug 2 [Area I-IV Florida Association Swimming Championships](#)

Aug 7-9 [BSC Southern Championships Super NIT](#)

Aug 9 [The Guns of August](#)

Aug 14-16 [Comets Tournament of Champions](#)

Aug 15 [T.O.U.R. Guide: Mission San Luis](#)

Aug 15-16 [Tallahassee Last Blast Before Class Level 6](#)



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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