

## You Better Watch Out...

By Becca McCoy



KRAMPUS VEREIN PINELLAS COUNTY

If you caught sight of a Krampus (or four) around South Pinellas, that most likely was the Krampus Verein Pinellas County.

On Dec. 6, children who left their shoes by the door could find them filled with fruit or candy from the benevolent St. Niklaus. His origin is the historical Bishop Nicholas of Myra, a legendary Third Century protector of the vulnerable, canonized as patron Saint of Children

after his death. For many European youngsters, this inspiration for modern day Santa Claus is the preferred holiday figure to meet and please.

But where there is light, there must also be darkness. And in European lore, there is not one but

four dark counterparts to the jolly gift-giver. It would seem, however, that Knecht Ruprecht, Belsnickel, and Père Fouettard don't have publicists as good as the one managing the reigning cultural sensation: Krampus.

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## VOICES

Remember: "I'm not a critic, I'm a journalist. I'm doing my job holding the government to account."

### Free Bananas

Always, I look forward to reading "Free Bananas." Sam Henderson writes the truth eloquently what many citizens are silently thinking. Thanks for giving him the space to do so.

—Susan Masztak, St. Petersburg

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# No Gulf Drilling

## Op-Ed: Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber to Trump

By Charlie Justice

### Don't Risk Our Environment or Our Economy with Oil Drilling Expansion

The Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber, representing hundreds of businesses in Tampa Bay, is urging President Donald J. Trump and federal leaders to reconsider any efforts to allow oil and gas drilling in the Eastern Gulf of America.

Our local economy relies on clean beaches, a thriving marine environment, and a strong tourism industry. Opening the Eastern Gulf to drilling presents risks that far outweigh any potential benefits.

Just in the last few days, elected leaders throughout Florida including Congress Members Kathy Castor, Gus Bilirakis and Vern Buchannon have publicly stated their concerns with allowing drilling this close to the western Florida coastline.

We at the Chamber are highlighting several key concerns:

**Tourism Industry Dependence:** Tourism is the backbone of the local economy. More than 100,000 families in Pinellas County rely in one way or another on tourism. A single incident could devastate our tourism industry. Our businesses cannot afford that kind of risk, nor can our residents who rely on tourism-driven employment.

We respectfully urge President Trump and his administration to maintain the long-standing protections for the Eastern Gulf that have been defended by our congressional delegation throughout the years. Both Republicans and Democrats have recognized that our future's success is directly tied to the Gulf. Protecting our beaches means protecting our jobs, our communities, and our future. Once harmed, these natural assets cannot easily be restored.

**Environmental Risk:** Offshore drilling introduces the possibility of spills or leaks that can inflict long-term harm on delicate coastal ecosystems, fisheries, and wildlife. The

Gulf Coast knows firsthand the effects of past spills. Locals understand how vulnerable and valuable these resources truly are.

**Real Estate Values:** Tampa Bay depends heavily on not just being on the water, but being on clean water. Studies by the Tampa Bay Estuary Program clearly delineate the value of a healthy estuary as compared to simply being waterfront. Even the perception of environmental threat – can depress coastal property values and deter investment, affecting homeowners and businesses alike.

Earlier this year the Chamber traveled to Washington, D.C. to advocate for the passage of the Florida Coastal Protection Act which would have enshrined longstanding protections into law as opposed to being subject to individual Presidential decision making.

We are asking residents and business owners to come together and express our concerns to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management. There is a public comment period going on right now.

The comment period on the 1st Analysis and Proposal will end on Jan. 23, 2026.

The preferred method is to visit Regulations.gov [Docket ID: BOEM-2025-0483] to submit comments and view other comments. You may



CHARLIE JUSTICE

Charlie Justice is the President and CEO of the Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber. He previously served as a Pinellas County Commissioner, a Florida State Senator and State Representative.


also comment in writing.

Mail your comments in an envelope labeled "Comments for the 11th National OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program."

**Address for comment:**


Ms. Kelly Hammerle  
Bureau of Ocean Energy Management [VAM-LD]  
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## Sustainability at Sea

### Hubbard's Marina Announces Plastic-Free Initiative

By Trei Johnson



HUBBARD'S MARINA

Hubbard's Marina announced a plastic-free initiative across its entire fleet starting in January.

Hubbard's Marina will take a major sustainability leap on Jan. 1, 2026, when it goes plastic-free across its entire fleet.

The shift marks one of the most significant environmental changes in the marina's long history of coastal stewardship.

#### Hubbard's Plastic-Free Initiative

The marina will replace plastic water bottles with reusable aluminum bottles on every vessel. It will also install

filtered water refill stations to support the transition. The popular free beer and wine sunset cruise will switch from plastic cups to eco-friendly paper cups, eliminating all single-use plastics from guest operations.

The change offers a substantial environmental benefit. Hubbard's currently distributes more than 100,000 plastic water bottles each year. Eliminating that waste will reduce plastic pollution and set a new regional sustainability standard.

"Our marine environment is at

the heart of everything we do," said Hubbard's Marina in a press release. "Moving to a fully plastic-free operation reflects our commitment to protecting our waterways and setting an example for responsible tourism."

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# Roadside Restaurant Revelation

## Florida Bucket List: Amrit Palace

By Cathy Salustri

For a few decades now, I've driven past the billboard for Amrit Palace on I-75 in Ocala and wondered, "How good can an Indian restaurant at an Interstate exit actually be?"

Last month, I found myself with some extra time in Ocala, so I decided the time had come to try Amrit Palace. And wow, did the food blow me away.

I should have stopped years ago.



CATHY SALUSTRI

On the inside, Amrit Palace doesn't look like most restaurants you'll find at an Interstate exit.

### Heritage First

Satnam Singh founded Amrit Palace in 1996, and today his words stand on the restaurant's website: "Hospitality is not just what we serve, it's how we make you feel."

Their website also includes Amrit's philosophy on their menu: "heritage first; spice, not just heat; fire and time; and sourced with care."

That should have been my first clue that this wasn't on the same level as the PDQ across the street, or the Red Lobster a few doors down the road.

My next clue was when I walked in, because the first thing that hit me was the tantalizing aroma of

spices. Rule #1 of road trips: Never, ever judge a restaurant by its exterior or location. Inside a blink-and-you'll-miss-it storefront in strip mall on I-Drive I ate the best Ethiopian food of my life; the best barbecue in St. Pete is usually sold in one of the parking lots on 49th Street South

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AMELIE BRAZELTON

Krampus visited Gulfport's Witches Walk back in October.

**Who Is Krampus?**

Krampus is a creature of Bavarian/Alpine folklore who is better known in the United States than in some areas of Germany. He isn't the antithesis of St. Niklaus; he is a teammate, the enforcer, encouraging good behavior by scaring kids straight.

It's like Elf on the Shelf – from your nightmares. Good little children reap rewards on Dec. 6 (Der Nikolaustag), but the bad ones get punished on the night of Dec. 5 (Krampusnacht).

This counterculture icon certainly isn't new, but he has surged in popularity since a 2015 movie bearing his name premiered and exposed more of the masses to the mythol-

ogy. And for folks clinging to Halloween vibes as winter encroaches, Krampusnacht is a dark delight.

"I wouldn't say it's an alternative to Christmas," said Todd Bogner, founder and President of Krampus Verein Pinellas County. "In some ways, it's not unlike Mardi Gras – you have the frivolity before the day you're supposed to be more pious."

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Krampus Verein was formalized as an affiliate with the German American Friendship Society of Pinellas Park only a year ago and has quickly become one of the preeminent Krampus groups in the nation.

**Krampus Verein Pinellas County**

Bogner has been a Society member for several years and is deeply committed to promoting German culture authentically. Building on their other successful events, a Krampusnacht seemed a natural next step – but only if they could do it right.

“I thought to myself, it is going to be big,” Bogner said. “And the costumes are going to be elaborate and they could be expensive... This doesn’t need to be an event; this needs to be a club.”

Bogner thought, “If we do this as a club and we hold this event and other events, then we can generate some kind of income to buy masks, make costumes, so that they’re club owned. People don’t have to lay out large amounts of money for these costumes; we can do it internally, where it’s very approachable but still very authentic.”

The established clubs that Krampus Verein Pinellas County hoped to emulate have taken notice.

Bogner’s group has already been tapped to host the 2027 Krampus



TODD BOGNER

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America Convention. It promises two days of performances, workshops, vendors, and Krampus community connections – and at least one evening’s bar crawl that is sure to be memorable for unsuspecting patrons.

Krampus enthusiasts don’t

need to wait until then to suit up and join the community. Krampus Verein has monthly Krampus Socials, where you can meet fellow fans of the folklore. Every third Friday of the month, the group grabs a German beer, talks about history, culture, costuming, and oppor-

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TODD BOGNER

Krampusnacht 2025 takes place on Dec. 5 in Pinellas Park.

tunities to engage. And there are plenty of opportunities that don't involve masks or fur.

**■ Visits From Krampus**

If you caught sight of a Krampus (or five) at the Gulfport Witches Walk or Halloween on Central and thought, "That's not at all terrifying, more of that, please," you are in luck.

It's the reason for the season: Krampusnacht 2025. On Dec. 5,

festivities will include a main event and a weekend of traditional markets at the group's Pinellas Park home base. From a Feuerzangenbowle demo (that's glühwein on fire) and German beers and food, to fire performances and DJ NightRaven spinning dark tunes, Krampus' big night will be interactive and thrilling. The party is a ticketed event.

On Dec. 20, Bayboro Brewing hosts Rauhächte (German for

"Wild Nights"). This is a mystical time, deeply connected to nature, where the boundaries between the physical and spiritual realms blur. This is a ticketed event with limited capacity.

Krampus is supposed to keep you on your best behavior. But Krampus Verein Pinellas County makes it awfully fun to be on the naughty list.

Visit [germantampabay.com](http://germantampabay.com) to learn more about the group and its special events. ♦

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## Inside Creative Spaces

### Your Guide to the 9th Annual ArtJones Studio Tour

By Becca McCoy

On Dec. 6 and 7, nine art studios and galleries in Gulfport will open their doors in a way that only happens once a year. Some are familiar establishments; others are home studios and spaces normally open by appointment. 2D and 3D art across multiple mediums await the visitors stopping in on the 9th annual ArtJones Studio Tour.

What does ArtJones offer in a town that already hosts twice a month art walks, brick-and-mortar galleries, and large-scale festivals? The answer is access: the glimpse into the process, an invitation into an artist's creative (and sacred) space, and the opportunity to engage in a dialogue with the artist themselves. Art lovers jones for it – which is why ArtJones has been going strong since 2017.

The event is entirely self-guided and self-paced – within the event hours, visitors can stop at any or all of the locations in any order they choose. ArtJones aims to be accessible and unpretentious, includes music and food, and it is free to enjoy.

This year, 23 artists are participating. All will be on hand in person to meet, and some will be offering live art demos. Because ArtJones is an independent artist-run collective, the participants rotate from year to year. Annual visitors will find new work from old favorites while discovering new talent.

On the 2025 tour, there are 10 artists making their ArtJones debut. They are painters Marisa Tiberi, Luisa Costa, Laurie Edwards, Natalie Rafeedie, and Barbara Fallenbaum; mixed-media artists Rebecca Schlabach, Melissa Rogolino, and Marianne Evans; fiber artist Leeann Kroetsch; and illustrator Cindy Rodella Purdy.

Among the returning participating artists are:

**Brenda McMahon (Ceramics) – Stop #1 – Brenda McMahon Gal-**



BRENDA MCMAHON GALLERY

Vessels by ceramicist and gallerist Brenda McMahon are among the art finds on the 9th Annual ArtJones Studio Tour.

**lery (2901 Beach Blvd. S., #104):** McMahon is such a tireless advocate for other artists, one might forget how accomplished an artist she is herself. Her vessels are especially exquisite.

**Daphna Bowman (Vine Art) – Stop #3 – Guest Artist Studio (2701 56th St. S.):** Bowman translated a lifelong fascination with botanicals into a meditative and healing art practice. She was an ArtJones emerging artist and Gulfport Merchant Chamber's scholarship recipient.

**Ray Domingo (Painting) – Stop #4 – The Domingo Studio (2620 Beach Blvd. S.):** The creator of Gulfport's beloved waterfront gecko statue, G. Gordon McFly, is also a master oil painter. Blending realistic marine-scapes with surrealist touches, Domingo's work is always mesmerizing and surprising.

**Deserie Valloreo (Painting) –**

**Stop #7 – DRV Gallery (5401 Gulfport Blvd.):** Like McMahon, Valloreo is a gallerist promoting the work of others while quietly creating her own beautiful work. Her still life and portraiture paintings are colorful and serene.

#### 9th Annual ArtJones Studio Tour

Connecting with an artist elevates the understanding and appreciation for the work, turning an already-giftable object into a treasured possession. And exposure to creativity in practice can be immensely inspiring. If you're jonesing to add an extra human element to your holiday buying, ArtJones is event for you.

*The 9th Annual ArtJones Studio Tour takes place Saturday, Dec. 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 7, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Find the map at [artjonesstudiotour.com](http://artjonesstudiotour.com). ♦*



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## From City Streets to Sustainable Farm

### *A St. Pete Farmer Grows His Own Way*

By Morgan Wujkowski

Most people dream of escaping the city and the cacophony of noise – fewer actually do it. But for one former St. Petersburg local, that dream took root in the green fields of Brooksville. Trading traffic lights for sunrise chores, he's building a life that's as hands-on as it is homegrown. Today, instead of parallel parking and Publix runs, he spends his days coaxing life from the soil and dreaming of a farm that supplies everything he eats. His goal? To create a fully self-sustaining farm, where every fruit, vegetable, and livestock, plays a part in a closed, regenerative system.

#### Meet JJ

Jeff “JJ” Terris once managed a busy bicycle store in St. Pete. He's laid back, down to earth, and a guy who has a profound love for all things food and nature. He has since swapped his bustling urban life for that of a farmer and food entrepreneur at his countryside oasis, Tanglewood Acres, in Brooksville.

Before Tanglewood Acres, he tended his small-scale, urban garden. In 2016, JJ and his partner Tracy made the jump from urban living to 5 acres of undeveloped land with the goal of building a fully sustainable farm.

“It was a journey of wanting to be more connected to the land and more in control of my own food,” JJ said. “And it felt just right.”

#### Tanglewood Acres

Tanglewood Acres is tucked back on a dead-end road, adjacent to the Withalacoochee State Forest. It's prime real estate for growing vegetables, raising crops, and tending to animals. It began as a hobby farm, a place where JJ could experiment with his garden varieties and dive headfirst into what it means to be self-sustainable. It was everything



Jeff “JJ” Terris once managed a bicycle store in St. Pete. Now, he is a farmer and food entrepreneur at his countryside oasis, Tanglewood Acres.

from DIY setups to learning what grows in the soil – the epitome of hands-on learning, fueled by a desire to live more intentionally.

Florida soil can be sandy, stubborn, and suspicious of newcomers. But JJ approached his new land with patience and purpose. His biggest surprise [and at times, challenge] was that “Mother Nature sets the pace. You can't rush a pumpkin or negotiate with the weather. City life is all about schedules, but farm life teaches you to work with the land and Mother Nature's timing,” he said.

#### Day in the Life

A typical day begins in the early hours of the morning when his rooster first crows. The air is filled with fresh pine and whiffs of papaya blossoms, as his chickens, ducks, donkeys, and horses all start to rise. JJ tends to his plants, processes harvests, and plans his next project as he does endless amounts of

maintenance. While the allure of the countryside is enchanting, and the rhythm of rural life is immersed in nature, cultivating self-sufficiency is loads of work.

JJ's long term vision is to create a fully integrated homestead – a food forest, formal garden, small orchard, and aquaponic systems all working together.

“I want everything to feed into everything else: rainwater catching, composting, solar pumping, animals contributing to the ecosystem, and a kitchen that turns harvests into shelves of preserved food,” he said.

#### From Field to Table

As a chef, I was eager to know what JJ grows and what he does with his bounty. Not only does he tend heritage crops like Seminole “hanging” pumpkins and Everglades tomatoes, but he grows ginger, papaya, avocado, cassava, elderberry, olives, and a whole slew of other fruits, vegetables, and herbs. His



JEFF TERRIS

This year's harvest yielded 75 pounds of peaches.

proudest harvest to date? San Marzano tomatoes. JJ purées and cans his tomatoes every year for a whole host of tomato-based products including sauces and soups.

His sweet potato harvest cashed in at 88 pounds from one 6-by-12-foot raised bed.

"They always feel like striking gold," he said.

In addition, JJ had a bumper crop of jalapeños two years in a row. He was able to put his skills to use to make pickled, frozen, candied, diced, and smoked jalapeño. That's enough to last the next year. His chipotle peppers this season were for homemade chipotle in adobo sauce for his pork carnitas. (JJ is also a fantastic, imaginative cook.) And he harvested 75 pounds of fresh, Florida peaches – perfect for his scratch-made chipotle barbecue sauce and Tracy's signature peach cobbler.

While JJ currently does not sell his bounty he says, "I do plan to eventually have a small farm stand – maybe a solar-powered wagon set-up selling jams, eggs, produce and even live plants. Then eventually farmers markets as we grow larger."

For now, his crops are mostly for household use, recipe development, and preservation.

#### Farm Goals

JJ's intention is to create a space that is intimate and meaningful.

"My long-term dream is a place that can feed us year-round, be

a refuge for wildlife, and maybe someday be a learning space for others," he said.

For now, Tanglewood Acres is a place for peace, creativity, and self-reliance. Someday, JJ may offer small tours or workshops where he teaches people about Florida-friendly gardening and food forests, as well as preservation clinics.

Tanglewood Acres has completely changed JJ's relationship with and approach to food.

"When you grow something from seed to plate, you respect food on a different level," he said. "You don't waste it. You preserve it. You enjoy it seasonally. You experiment more. And the flavor difference is unreal – once you taste your own produce, store-bought can't compare."

JJ's farm is about proving that a more grounded, sustainable way of living is still possible, even in modern Florida.

"Small farms like mine are the bridge between old Florida and the future. We're not trying to outproduce industrial agriculture – we're trying to produce smarter," he said. "Local, sustainable, heat-resilient, storm-resilient food systems are the future here. Florida is changing fast, but small farms keep us rooted in what this state is – wild, abundant, and capable of feeding its people if we work with the land instead of against it." ♦



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where it abuts Gulfport.

Once the hostess led me to my table and my eyes adjusted, I realized the restaurant, despite being in view of the interstate, was far more elegant than I'd assumed. A server brought a small glass carafe of water and, on his suggestion, I ordered a glass of Indian red wine, a shiraz. No vineyard on the menu, no label mentioned... but hey, I've never tried Indian wine before, and the server said it was slightly dry, so why not?

I liked it so much I later called them to learn the name: Sula.

### Vegetarian Eats

For my meal, I was torn between several vegetable dishes and the shrimp vindaloo (I'm a sucker for vindaloo since I first heard it mentioned on *Red Dwarf*, but this is no British vindaloo) and finally decided to ask the server. He suggested the navarattan korma, a vegetable dish with cashews and raisins. Not my first choice – I'm not a huge raisin fan – but I ordered it. Why ask if you won't take the suggestion, right?

All the entrees come with two sides; I opted for dal soup and basmati rice. I also ordered some papadom instead of the naan. The rice came with the korma, but the soup came out first, with the papadoms. The dal had a lush creamy texture, with a slight gingery taste, and the light papadom was perfect for scooping it up. And I so appreciated the leisurely pace of the meal; I had time to savor some wine before the soup came, and then had time to finish my soup and take a breath before the korma arrived.

When it did, I didn't regret taking my server's advice. The dish was not overly sweet, and the flavors all came through well. It was, simply stated, one of the finest Indian means I've tasted, and I look forward to going back the next time a road trip takes me past Ocala.

I may even detour through Ocala. After all, I still have to try that shrimp vindaloo.

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## ArtJones, Beach Runs, and Tree Lightings

■ Now Through Dec. 14

**Skyway Marina District Toy Drive** Spread a little holiday cheer this season by donating new, unwrapped toys to the Skyway Marina District Toy Drive. All gifts go to local kids to help make their Christmas morning a little brighter. *Circo, 5035 34th St. S., St. Petersburg or Maximo Marina's waterside entrance, 4801 37th St. S., St. Petersburg. Now through Dec. 14. director@skywaymarina.org.*

■ Thursday, Dec. 4

**Ornament Making at The Dalí** Get crafty at The Dalí with an evening of surreal, holiday-ready ornament making. Led by Joy Garrett-Douglas, the museum's Community Programming and Education Manager, this hands-on workshop lets you design your own ornaments inspired by the

exhibition: Alberto Giacometti & Salvador Dalí. Gallery access isn't included. *The Dalí Museum's Raymond James Community Room, 1 Dalí Blvd., St. Petersburg. 6-7:30 p.m. \$10-15. thedali.org, 727-823-3767.*

**"Anything & Everything Goes" Paint Session** Bring your latest masterpiece-in-progress (or start a new one) at this weekly open studio. Work from a still life set up for the group or dive into your own project while painting and drawing alongside other creatives. Every Thursday until May. *Treasure Island Community Center, 1 Park Place, Treasure Island. 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. \$7-10. mytreasureisland.org, carolleal@aol.com.*

■ Friday, Dec. 5

**Coquina Key Holiday Parade** Coquina Key lights up with its annual neighborhood holiday parade, and the whole island's invited to join in. Neighbors decorate their cars, golf carts, and bikes, and watchers post up in driveways to cheer them on. *Coquina Key Park, 3595 Locust St. SE, St. Petersburg. 6-7:30 p.m. ckna.org. F*

**Meet Joyce Curvin** Step inside the wonderfully weird world of Joyce Curvin at Gulfport's Brenda McMahon Gallery. This month's featured artist is known for her mixed-media sculptures – quirky birds among other fun scenes. Swing by for a 30-minute chat with Joyce about how she got started, what inspires her, and her latest show. *Brenda McMahon Gallery, 2901 Beach Blvd. S., Gulfport. 6-8 p.m. brendamcmahongallery.com, 727-454-0453. F*

**The Many Moods of Christmas Concert** A candlelit concert with all the holiday feels, and all for a good cause. Student musicians from the Pinellas County Center for the Arts team up with the First Presbyterian Chancel Choir for an evening of classic Christmas music that supports the St. Pete Free Clinic. *First Presbyterian Church,*

*701 Beach Dr. NE, St. Petersburg. 7 p.m. fpcstpete.com, 727-893-1074.*

■ Saturday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 7

**ArtJones Open Studio Tour** This year, ArtJones Open Studio Tour throws open the doors to nine studios and galleries, featuring 23 local artists working in everything from clay to silver to paint to... whatever else they've been cooking up in their backyard studios. Stroll, bike, drive, or meander your way through Gulfport. *Check out the map online ahead of time. Gulfport. Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sun., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. artjonesstudiotour.com. F Read more on pg. 10.*

■ Saturday, Dec. 6

**Pass-A-Grille Beach Cleanup** Kick off your Saturday doing something good: a community beach cleanup hosted by The Law Firm of Douglas G. Jackson. Meet at the Pass-A-Grille pavilion, grab a parking pass (first 30 cars score one), and help keep the shoreline looking gorgeous. *Pass-A-Grille Beach Pavilion, 900 Gulf Way, Pass-A-Grille. 8:30-10 a.m. business.stpete.com, 727-821-4069. F*

**Flamingo Float** Bright pink chaos hits John's Pass as hundreds of plastic flamingos "race" for a cause. Adopt a bird for \$5 and cheer it on. All proceeds benefit the Children's Dream Fund and their work granting dreams for local kids facing life-threatening illnesses. Free to watch; parking near the Boardwalk may cost you. *John's Pass Village & Boardwalk, 12800 Village Blvd., Madeira Beach. 10 a.m. flamingofloat.org, 727-546-3561. F*

**Holiday Drum Circle** Kick off the season with a lively holiday drum circle and a cozy reading of *The Giving Tree*. Drums are provided, but you can bring your own. All ages welcome! *Gulfport Public Library, 5501 28th Ave. S., Gulfport. 2:30-3:30 p.m. mygulfport.us, 727-893-1074. F*



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**Sunday, Dec. 7**

**New Horizons Holiday Concert** If your idea of the perfect afternoon involves the saxophone, scoot on over to Catherine Hickman Theater. Gulfport's New Horizons Band is serving a full festive lineup, starting with the New Sax Ensemble bringing the cheerful jingles, followed by the Flute Choir. *Catherine Hickman Theater, 5501 27th Ave. S., Gulfport. 3-5 p.m. mygulfport.us, 727-893-1070.* **F**

**Old Northeast Candlelight Tour of Homes** The Old North East neighborhood's coziest holiday tradition is back. Tour seven beautifully decorated historic homes while enjoying live seasonal music and trolley rides between stops. This year's highlight: the newly restored home Babe Ruth lived in during his final spring training season. Proceeds support the Old Northeast tree canopy and local pet charities Friends of Strays and Pet Pal. *Westminster Palms, 939 Beach Dr. NE, St. Petersburg. 3-8 p.m. \$35. app.glueup.com, candlelight@honna.org.*

**Out of the Closet Night Market** St. Pete's favorite thrift spot is throwing its very first night market! Catch the ribbon-cutting and brand-new Chad Mize mural reveal at St. Pete's Out of the Closet. Plus, a \$2 clothing sale, local vendors, a food truck, live screen printing, and a photo booth. Bonus: the first 200 folks who post a pic with the new mural snag a free Pride tank. *Out of the Closet, 3400 26th Ave. S., St. Petersburg. 6-10 p.m. outofthecloset.org, 727-321-1145.* **F**

**Tuesday, Dec. 9**

**John Mulaney in St. Pete** The king of chaos and punchlines hits St. Pete with his newest stand-up tour, Mister Whatever. Expect big laughs, big crowds, and tickets starting at \$208. *Duke Energy Center for the Arts Mahaffey Theater, 400 1st St. S., St. Petersburg. 7:30 p.m. \$208-400. the-mahaffey.com, 727-300-2000.*

**Wednesday, Dec. 10**

**Beach Night Run Club** Shake off the week and hit the pavement with this weekly run club on St. Pete Beach, meeting at Mastry's Brewing. Grab a

drink after the run with the crew. Happens every Wednesday night. *Mastry's Brewing, 7701 Blind Pass Road, St. Pete Beach. 6:15-8 p.m. mastry-brewingco.com, 727-202-8045.* **F**

**Thursday, Dec. 11**

**Hope for the Paw-lidays Market** Bring your furry sidekick and get festive at Green Bench Brewing. Shop local vendors, snag pro pet photos, enter raffles, and show off your pet's best holiday look, all while raising funds for CASA's kennel renovation. *Green Bench Brewing Co., 1133 Baum Ave. N., St. Petersburg. 6-9 p.m. casa-pinellas.org, 727-800-9836.* **F DF**

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