

## TALLAHASSEE, Florida –

On Wednesday, July 4, 2018, the City of Tallahassee will proudly present Celebrate America, the city's annual Independence Day celebration. This year's entertainment will feature some of Tallahassee's most popular bands to include **the Michael Miller Band and the Billy Rigsby Band**. Main Stage activities will kick off around 5:30 pm. The Showmobile Stage will delight one and all with a variety of song and dance acts by local youth, to include Grace Elsen, Trousdell Dance Company, the Chinese Association of Tallahassee and the Lost Sheep.

The Naturalization Ceremony will take place on the Main Stage at 6:30 pm. A truly patriotic and moving event, the Naturalization Ceremony will make you proud to be an American! Mr. Jonathan LaBarre will perform God Bless America following the ceremony.

Tallahassee Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs Department will host a children's activity area, featuring inflatables, supervised arts and crafts, water slides and games galore! Be sure to bring the sunscreen, bug spray, bathing suits, towels and a change of clothes for the kids!

There will be food vendors aplenty offering a wide variety of tasty treats – from bbq and funnel cakes to snow cones and seafood- there'll be something to satisfy even the most finicky appetite.

And, at the end of your fun-filled day, you won't want to miss a minute of the spectacular fireworks display brought to you by the City of Tallahassee Your Own Utilities! Mr. Jonathan LaBarre will perform the National Anthem right before the fireworks light up the nighttime sky! And, Tallahassee's own Ashley Pyrotechnics will provide this year's magnificent fireworks show.

There is limited public parking inside Tom Brown Park. The Tallahassee Police Department will close all vehicular access to Tom Brown Park, except for the StarMetro shuttles and emergency vehicles, at 8:30 pm or earlier according to parking availability. Early arrival is recommended.

StarMetro will, once again, offer FREE shuttle service leaving the Koger Center at approximately 5:30 pm for Tom Brown Park. The shuttles will run about every 15 minutes. The last bus will leave the Koger Center at approximately 8:30 pm. Shuttles will resume at approximately 10:00 pm. The Koger 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. NOTE: StarMetro will ONLY pick up and drop off passengers at the Koger Center and at Tom Brown Park. No exceptions.

Please plan to join us with friends and family as Celebrate America celebrates its 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary!!

For further information, please contact Jan Bubsey, Celebrate America Executive Director at (850) 891-3860 or (850) 294-6198 [jan.bubsey@talgov.com](mailto:jan.bubsey@talgov.com). Website: talgov.com or Tallahassee Parks, Recreation & Neighborhood Affairs – (850) 891-3866.

**NOTE: THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED INSIDE THE STARMETRO BUSES AND AT TOM BROWN PARK ON JULY 4:**

- ★ **NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS (TO INCLUDE SPARKLERS!)**
- ★ **NO PERSONAL ALCOHOL (A PUBLIC BEER GARDEN WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THOSE 21 YEARS AND OLDER AND WITH A VALID ID.**
- ★ **NO ANIMALS, EXCEPT FOR CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMALS**
- ★ **NO PERSONAL TENTS IN SPECTATOR SEATING AREAS**

**The Tom Brown Dog Park will be closed starting at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, July 3 and all day July 4 and will reopen at 6:00 am on Thursday, July 5.**

# Schedule of Events

## Main Stage

**5:15 pm**

Welcoming Ceremony

**5:45 pm**

Vann Patacxil

**6:30 pm**

Naturalization Ceremony

God Bless America, performed by Mr. Jonathan LaBarre

**7:10 pm**

The Billy Rigsby Band

**8:30 pm**

The Michael Miller Band

**9:45 pm**

National Anthem, performed by Jonathan LaBarre

*Fireworks immediately following National Anthem*

**10:00 pm (approximately)**

StarMetro shuttle services resumes to and from Tom Brown Park

## Showmobile

**3:15 pm**

Grace Elsen

**3:35 pm**

Trousdell Dance Teams

**3:45 pm**

Trousdell Ballerinas

**4:00 pm**

India Association (Shrini Kishore & Shalini)

**4:40 pm**

Tallahassee Community College Dance Company

**5:00 pm**

Arnis de Mano

**5:20 pm**

Chinese Association of Tallahassee (Quibo Zhang & Chinese Fan Dancers)

**5:45 pm**

Mau Oli Oli Dances & Troupe Arabesque

**6:15 pm**

Lost Sheep

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# Off-Stage Activities

## Starting at 5:00 pm

★ Food Vendors

★ Arts/Crafts

★ Exhibitors

★ Tallahassee Parks & Recreation Department Kid's Area

Supervised games, arts & crafts, inflatables, water slides - Remember to bring sunscreen, bug spray, bathing suits, towels and a change of clothes for the kids for after the water slide!

★ Kiwanis Miller Lite Beer Garden

★ StarMetro FREE shuttle buses will depart the Koger Center located on Capital Circle SE (just south of Old St. Augustine Road) for Tom Brown Park. Buses will run approximately every 15 minutes. The last shuttle to Tom Brown Park will leave the Koger Center at 8:30 pm.

Return shuttle service from the Tom Brown Park back to the Koger Center will resume at approximately 10:00 pm (or, immediately following the fireworks). The final bus will leave Tom Brown Park at approximately 11:00 pm.

### Handicap Parking

Individuals requiring handicap parking must enter Tom Brown from Easterwood Drive at the Capital Circle/National Guard Armory entrance and must have a valid Handicap Parking Permit hanging from the rearview mirror. Signs will be prominently displayed and law enforcement officials will be directing traffic.

Requests should be made by calling (850) 891-3866, 72 hours prior to the event if a person with a disability requires an accommodation to participate or if a special arrangement is needed.

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# VENDORS

## Food

VENDOR	MENU
Big Island Bowls	(Hawaiian/Polynesian cuisine & beverages: Juices, milk drinks, Poke bowls
Caribbean Crossroads	Caribbean-style cuisine
Dank Cakes	Funnel cakes; fried Oreos, ice cream, vegan hot dogs
El Criollo Grill	Puerto Rican cuisine
Fryson's Kitchen	Chicken strips, hot wings, fried chicken, mullet, tilapia, burgers, hot dogs, sausage dogs, pulled pork
Hot Diggity Dog	Corn dogs
Irie Ice	Italian Ice
Kona Ice	Shaved ice
Mardi Gras Sno Balls	Snow balls, cotton candy, coffee
Oh' Lemonade	Roasted corn, corn-in-cup, hot dogs
Pop's Kountry Kitchen	Fried crabs, fried shrimp, wings, fried ribs, mullet talipa, catfish
Roadhouse Bar-B-Que	Ribs, chicken, pulled pork, turkey legs, smoked sausage, baked beans, mac'n'cheese, potato salad, desserts
Southern Concessions	Funnel cakes, corn dogs, chicken strips & chips, fish/shrimp & fries, sausage, Philly cheese, wraps, burgers, onion blossoms, fried chicken, fried gator, turkey legs
Sunny Paradise	Fried shrimp, fried fish, chicken tenders, Chicago-style beef sausage, corn dogs, pineapple smoothies
Taco Tally	Tacos, nachos, quesadillas, gorditas, churros, horchata, chroimex (fries)
Tally Mac Shack	Specialty mac 'n cheese dishes

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## Arts/Crafts/Exhibitors

VENDOR	DESCRIPTION
Cydnee Brown	Campaign for County Judge
Joe West	Campaign for Mayor
Leon County Supervisor of Elections	Voter information
Leaf Fitter North of Tallahassee	Promotional items
Ms. Betty's Cakes	Home-made cake & pie slices
Ms. Gee's Face Painting	Full face painting, half face painting, airbrush tattoos, stencil youth tattoos
Oneblood	Blood mobile

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# Entertainers

## Van Patacxil.....



Vann was born in Manila, Philippines and grew up in Tallahassee Florida, where he went to Lincoln High School and eventually to Florida State University School of Music. With humble beginnings as classical pianist, his style is made up of his experience from playing piano bars to playing keyboards for a touring rock band and tickling the keys with a country band. Playing local, National, and international venues Vann's been entertaining passionately as a musician as well as a magician for over 20 years and currently resides in Tallahassee.

## The Michael Miller Band

I was born in Paducah, Kentucky and went to school in Knoxville, Tennessee so country music has been a passion of mine for a long time. "The Michael Miller Band" was formed from of group of Christian friends from my home church in Tallahassee, Florida where I attended graduate school. Since its inception, MMB has been performing live shows and country music festivals across the southeast. Some of those performances include; The Suwannee River Jam, CMA Music Fest, Georgia State Fair, Bainbridge River Town Days, South Shore Music Festival, and Country in the Pines. The band's first EP in 2014 was recorded with Jason Wyatt Productions in Nashville, TN. We love to share the "MMB Sound" with country music fans and provide high quality musicianship; while all along setting a positive example in our personal lives and artistry. The journey continues; please join us on our path.

## Mr. Jonathan LaBarre

*(performing God Bless America at the Naturalization Ceremony & the National Anthem before fireworks)*

### *Meet Jonathan.....*

Jonathan LaBarre is an 11-year resident of Tallahassee, having moved here to work at the DoubleTree Hotel. He received his B.A. in Music Vocal Performance from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. His performance career has spanned over 20 years and has consisted of Liturgical soloist work, Opera productions, Musical Productions and Art song recitals. Jonathan currently provides his vocal support at Naturalization Ceremonies at the Federal Courthouse here in Tallahassee and is the Baritone Section Leader, Cantor and frequent soloist at St Peter's Anglican Cathedral. He is the proud father of three teenagers and husband to his wife of 20 years.