

# **Hemming Park Announces Events and Programming for May 2018**

*Kick off the beginning of summer with Friends of Hemming Park*

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., May 1, 2018 – Friends of Hemming Park is proud to host the following programs and events in Hemming Park located at [135 W. Monroe Street](http://135 W. Monroe Street) in the heart of Downtown Jacksonville. All activities listed below are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

## **WEEKLY PROGRAMMING**

Monday, Wednesday and Friday: Live Music, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wednesday Live Music sponsored by [Jax Vision Care](#)

Monday - Friday: Food Trucks at Charlie's Café, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday - Sunday: Hemming Park Kids Zone, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Art Walk**

#### **Wednesday, May 2nd, 5 pm to 9 pm**

Visit Hemming Park and come enjoy live, acoustic performances by Velour on the Café Stage throughout the night. There will also be live performances by the Jacksonville Symphony throughout the evening at three exclusive locations. For more information visit [jacksonvilleartwalk.com](http://jacksonvilleartwalk.com).

### **The Great Fire of 1901**

#### **Thursday, May 3rd, 11 am to 2 pm**

Hemming Park is Jacksonville's most historic public space, and played an important role both during and in the aftermath of the Great Fire of 1901. Join us in the Park on the 117th anniversary of the fire! When we partner with the Jacksonville Public Library to share information about that legendary event.

### **An Evening in Hemming Park**

#### **Thursday, May 3rd, 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm**

We are thrilled to host a social for the Jacksonville Rotary Club. You do not have to be a Rotary member to attend; register through the link to enjoy great company, delicious Monroe's barbecue, live music and adult beverages in beautiful Hemming Park. Looks like we're going to have perfect weather for a night out downtown! To register visit this link [facebook.com/events/432666623814071/](http://facebook.com/events/432666623814071/)

### **Jazz Month Kick Off**

#### **Friday, May 4th, 11:30 am to 2 pm**

Warm up for the Jacksonville Jazz Festival with Hemming Park's Friday Jazz Concert Series! Join us for lunch in the park and live jazz every Friday in May, from 11:30 am until 2 pm. First up is the Gary Starling Trio on May 4th, followed by Tropic Of Cancer

on May 11th and Swing Bone on May 18th. For more information, email [events@hemmingpark.org](mailto:events@hemmingpark.org). See you in the park!

### **MOCA Family Day**

#### **Saturday, May 12th, 11 am to 5 pm**

As the school year winds down, we invite you to celebrate with a free day of art-making, interactive fun and other surprises! MOCA Family Day is a free event designed around making creative space for the entire family. Join us and our partners for a wonderful fun-filled Saturday of art and community! With Mother's Day around the corner, it is the perfect way to spend family time together. For more information and to RSVP visit [eventbrite.com/e/moca-family-day-tickets-42331632051?aff=es2](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/moca-family-day-tickets-42331632051?aff=es2)

### **Jacksonville Jazz Festival**

#### **Thursday, May 24th through Sunday, May 27th**

Experience all Downtown Jacksonville has to offer as it comes alive with the sounds of jazz greats and modern favorites at the 2018 Jacksonville Jazz Festival on Memorial Day weekend. Join the City of Jacksonville May 24 - 27 and experience three stages of live jazz, local food, drinks, shopping and entertainment. Since first taking place in 1981, the Jazz Fest has become one of the largest jazz festivals in the country, offering a fun and vibrant street festival atmosphere, and in 2018 you can experience it on an even larger scale! Enhance your festival experience with VIP packages for 2018 that put you up close and personal with today's top performers. Enjoy exclusive access to stage-front seating, dedicated bar service, reserved parking, complimentary food and beverages and more! There's so much to experience at the Jacksonville Jazz Festival but you won't want to miss a single beat. Start making your arrangements today!

Festival Dates:

MAY 24-27, 2018

Learn more: [jacksonvillejazzfest.com](http://jacksonvillejazzfest.com)

### **FRIDAYS IN MAY**

TGIF Music Jazz Series, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Hemming Park is a great place to enjoy lunch throughout the work week, with food trucks and music every day. On Fridays we feature performances by some of Jacksonville's favorite local bands. Bring a bag lunch, grab a bite from one of our food trucks or your favorite downtown restaurant and enjoy a free concert to get your weekend started. Here's the full lineup for May:

May 4th: Gary Starling Trio

May 11th: Tropic of Cancer

May 18th: Swing Bone

**About Friends of Hemming Park (FOHP)**

Friends of Hemming Park is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to transforming Jacksonville's oldest public park into a modern, urban space that engages diverse communities and brings vitality to our city's public square. To learn more about the park and upcoming events, visit [hemmingpark.org](http://hemmingpark.org).

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**Friends of Hemming Park Presents Bluegrass, Beer & Barbecue Festival**  
*Celebrate the best of summer in the heart of the City!*

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** - July 19, 2018 - Friends of Hemming Park is proud to host events in Hemming Park located at <135 W. Monroe Street> in the heart of Downtown Jacksonville. All activities listed below are free and open to the public.

**Bluegrass Beer & Barbecue Festival**  
**Saturday, July 21, 2018 from 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.**

Friends of Hemming Park presents its inaugural Bluegrass, Beer & Barbecue festival on Saturday July 21, 2018. The event will be held from 5:00 p.m. to 10 p.m., rain or shine, and is pet and family friendly.

Performers include <The Wetland Stringband>, <Rusty Shine>, <The Firewater Tent Revival> and <Cain't Never Could>.

Don't forget to grab delicious food from vendors <Twisted Okie>, <Monroe's Smokehouse Bar-B-Q & Catering>, <The Butt Hutt Smokehouse> and <TREEMENDOUS BBQ>. Other dining options include sweet treats from <Flour and Fig Bakehouse>, <Piña Colada Y Algo Mas>, <Guanabana> and <First Coast Snowie Ice>.

<My Gym> will provide children's activities in our Kids Zone from 5 p.m to 8:30 pm.

Save time to shop our marketplace and enjoy ice cold craft beer from local breweries including <Veterans United> and <Intuition Aleworks>.

The event is free, family-friendly and open to the public. On-street parking is free after 6pm in Downtown Jacksonville, or you can use the public lot on Duval St. between Laura & Ashley.

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## **Hemming Park Announces Events and Programming for September 2018**

*Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month with Friends of Hemming Park*

**JACKSONVILLE, Fla.** - August 31, 2018 – Friends of Hemming Park is proud to host events in Hemming Park, located at [135 W. Monroe Street](http://135 W. Monroe Street) in the heart of Downtown Jacksonville. All activities listed below are free and open to the public.

### **WEEKLY PROGRAMMING**

Every Wednesday: Live Music sponsored by Jax Vision Care, 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday – Friday: Food Trucks at Charlie’s Café, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Monday – Sunday: Hemming Park Kids Zone, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### **NEW! FRIENDS OF HEMMING PARK AND JACKSONVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY COLLABORATE TO EXPAND WEDNESDAY MUSIC PROGRAMMING**

Hemming Park’s popular Wednesday music programming, sponsored by Jax Vision Care, is now supported by Jacksonville Public Library’s “Lunch in the Lounge.”

On the second Wednesday of each month, JPL will host a performer inside its main branch on Laura Street with music streamed into the park. Food trucks will serve in the park as always, but guests will have the option of enjoying lunch in the park or inside the library. In the event of inclement weather, the library lounge will open for lunch performances on any other Wednesday. Our musicians perform from 11:30 to 2:00.

Here is the full lineup for September:

September 5: Hallie Davis

September 12: “Lunch in the Lounge” with Al Monte

September 19: Goliath Flores

September 26: Ace Winn

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**

#### **Dog Days of Summer (Pet Walk) Presented by Downtown Vision**

**Wednesday, September 5 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Celebrate your favorite animal friends in Hemming Park! Enter the Best Dressed Pet Competition, sponsored by Bark Downtown. Prizes will be awarded and the winner announced at 7:30 p.m. Don’t miss the Kids Zone near the Main Stage, with activities provided by My Gym and a performance by magician Robert Sanderson. Stop by Hemming Park’s tent for a cold drink, with specials available for all humans accompanied by a pet. For more information visit:<http://jacksonvilleartwalk.com/>

#### **Hispanic Heritage Celebration**

**Saturday, September 15 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.**

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage in Hemming Park with an evening of music, dance, food and fun for the entire family presented by [VyStar Credit Union!](#) [LPT, Kim Reteguiz and the Black Cat Bones](#) and Goliath Flores will help us throw the best party of the summer. Dance performances by [Peruanos En Jacksonville](#) and food trucks including [Latin Soul Grille Food Truck](#), [Manny's Cuban Food Truck](#), [Chubby Burrito](#), [First Coast Snowie Ice](#) and [Delish Kebabs Catering and Food Truck](#). Vendors, kids activities and more!

Please email [events@hemmingpark.org](mailto:events@hemmingpark.org) for information about sponsorship and vending opportunities.

This event is FREE but VIP tickets, which include reserved covered seating and two complimentary beverages, are available for just \$20 through <https://904tix.com/events/hispanic-heritage-celebration>. Friends of Hemming Park receive a discount on VIP tickets! If you are not yet a member, learn more about the benefits and join here: <http://hemmingpark.org/become-a-member/>

**Starry Nights in the Park (with Hispanic Culture Film Festival)**

**Saturday, September 22nd from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

**Saturday, September 29th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.**

Friends of Hemming Park is the official entertainment partner of Jacksonville's inaugural Hispanic Culture Film Festival! Join us in the park before or after the Saturday night film screenings for music, dance and traditional food and drink. For more information about the Hispanic Culture Film Festival, click here: <https://www.facebook.com/Hispanic-Culture-Film-Festival-of-JAX-210095303089483/>

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