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Live tunes at Aloma Bowl

The bowling alley gives local musicians a unique venue to play. **SEE PAGE 10.**

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COMMUNITY SIGNS FAREWELL TO CIVIC CENTER

When on Saturday, July 10, at the Maitland Community Center, 2000 W. Maitland Blvd., Maitland, the community will bid farewell to the Maitland Civic Center as part of the city's last public gathering place.

By 2025, the location where the civic center currently stands will be transformed into the city's new state-of-the-art library and events center designed by internationally renowned architect Sir David Chipperfield.

Denning Drive project presses on

The stretch of road from Morse Boulevard to Carlton Avenue will be closed during phase three.

Winter Park adjusts

City Commission members to present proposals for the city's long-term development project.



Former Congressman Ben Ray Lujan (D-N.M.) was joined by his wife, Jennifer, and daughter, Isabella, at a 4th of July event at the Maitland Civic Center.

THEY REMEMBER

On the 10th of July, 1968, the Maitland Civic Center was the site of a significant event. It was the day that the city's first public gathering place was closed for good.

The project that is now under way will be completed in three phases. The first phase will be completed by the end of the year.

The city's long-term development project is a key part of the city's future. It will provide a new home for the city's library and events center.

A project that's reshaping Denning Drive is taking another step forward. Winter Park has a stretch of Denning Drive from Morse Boulevard to Carlton Avenue that is scheduled to be closed for a week.

Rock 'n' bowl



Tim Freed

Weekly live music hosted by Aloma Bowl every Saturday has given local musician Melissa Crispo a platform to promote herself.

The Brooklyn South Bar at Aloma Bowl in Winter Park has become a popular haven for local music.

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Orlando resident Melissa Crispo never dreamed she'd be where she is now. The singer/songwriter recently came home in March after performing on the seven-day Melissa Elheridge Cruise for the second time, slotted in a lineup that included big names like Melissa Elheridge, Sarah McLachlan and Sonia Leigh.

Abroad Royal Caribbean International's Serenade of the Seas, the sailing music festival traveled all the way to San Juan, Puerto Rico and St. John's, Antigua.

It's given artists like Crispo a place to build a following and promote her music. "(Aloma Bowl is) one of the core places that I started playing at many years ago - I still make sure I do a once-a-month there," said Crispo, who plays a mixture of pop rock and blues.

And the cruise called Crispo the very next day asking her to come aboard. "The Orlando artist would later get invited to play the Country Music Cruise in 2017 as well, alongside Kelsea Ballerini, Montgomery Gentry and Diamond Rio.

Aloma Bowl general manager Jennifer Halpern said she admits that a bowling alley isn't the first place that comes to mind when someone thinks of live music, but that hasn't stopped seats from filling up with music lovers who come to watch the free performances on a weekly basis.

try his own creative takes on classic songs in front of an audience. "I think it's important to keep local music alive and to give people an opportunity to see artists perform," said Conner, who plays '50s, '60s and '70s rock and R&B.

"It's hard to build a fanbase when you don't even know where you're going to play or anything. Aloma Bowl does give that to us."
—Melissa Crispo