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Historic Gainesville

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Dial your cell phone for a free* insightful, self-paced tour of the Historic Gainesville area. You control what you hear, when and what order. Enjoy fascinating details and recollections of the homes and buildings in the area. The tour includes the Thomas Center, Northeast Historic District, Matheson Museum and House, Bed & Breakfast Inns, and Southeast Historic District.

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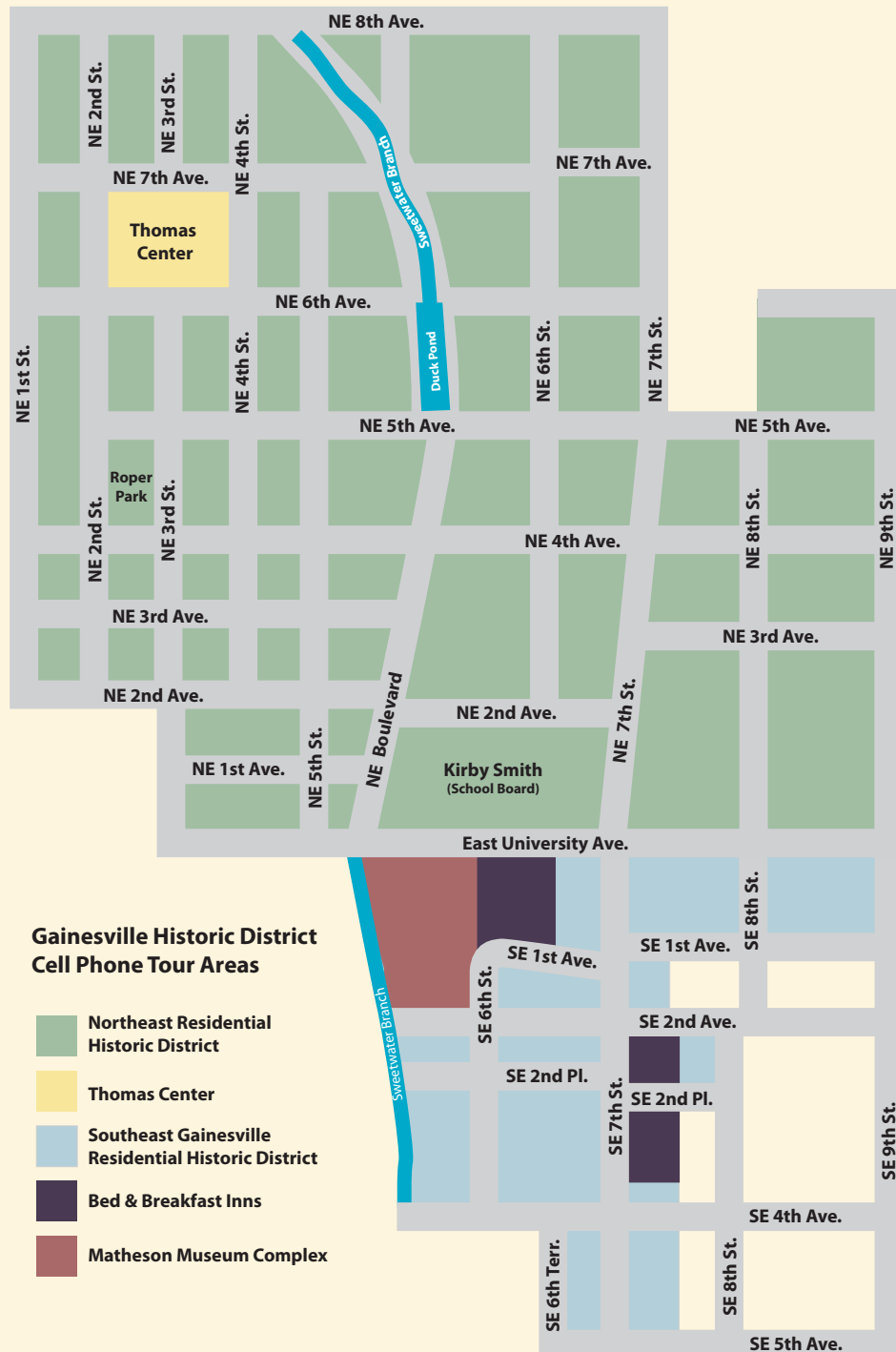
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Historic Thomas Center for the Arts

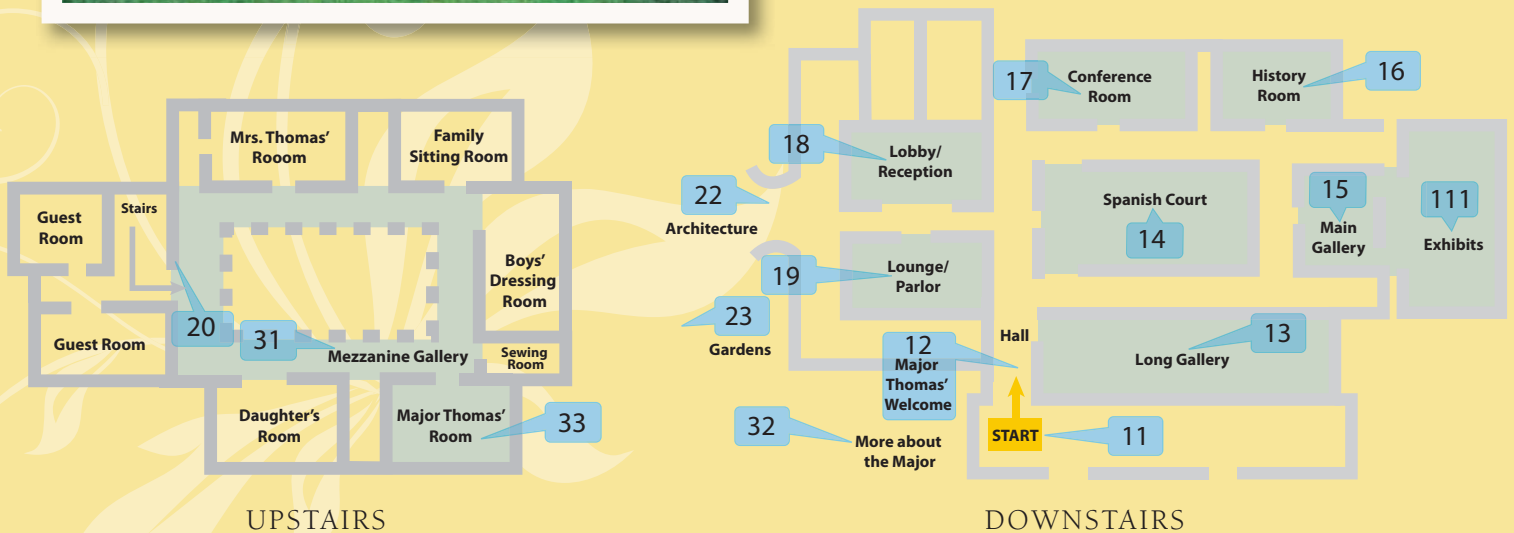


In the mid-1900s the Thomas Center was the social gathering place for residents. It is now the City of Gainesville's Cultural Center and city offices. The Thomas Center's history and evolution is an interesting story. The estate



previously called "Sunkist Villa" was completed in 1910. Major William Reuben Thomas, his wife Kathryn and their five children made it their home. In 1928 the property was expanded to become a resort hotel. The building remained important until its closing in 1968. It then became the campus of Santa Fe Community College. In 1974 the property was purchased by the City of Gainesville and the buildings were restored.

Follow this guide through the building to hear the interesting history of the property and the Thomas Family. To begin your tour, please call **352.327.9002, press 11#.**



Northeast District

Approved in 1980, the Northeast Historic District is recognized by the US Department of the Interior as making an important contribution to American Cultural Heritage. The first historic district in North Central Florida, it includes 290 historic buildings within a 63 block area which reflect architectural styles typical in Florida from the 1880s to the late 1930s. Learn about the interesting history of the buildings in this district.

To begin your tour of the Northeast Historic District, please call **352.327.9002, 152#.**



Murphree House



Bodiford House

