

# Green Cove Springs

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Our Vision for Tomorrow creates a plan that will define our unique identity, assure quality of life, and make Green Cove Springs a premier 21st century city that reflects our traditional values, natural features, and historic characteristics.

## **CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Our City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located on the first floor of City Hall, 321 Walnut Street.

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# *Welcome to Green Cove Springs*



the Clay County Seat and a charming and quaint community nestled along the picturesque St. Johns River.

As a full-service municipality, we encompass about seven square miles and we serve about 7,000 residents, with a city workforce just under 100.

We operate our own electric, solid waste, water, and wastewater utility systems and provide local law enforcement through our Police Department.

Green Cove Springs is a recreation-rich community that showcases many venues. Our star attraction is Spring Park, between Magnolia Avenue and the St. Johns River, located directly behind our Mediterranean architectural style City Hall.

Spring Park has completed construction to include a Pavilion overlooking the newly renovated, naturally flowing spring-fed swimming pool, a city pier, a gazebo, playground and picnic pavilions.

It is near our historic downtown district that is lined with brick streets featuring galleries, antique shops, eateries, a historic inn and a railroad museum. The area includes several structures that are listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Also significant to our community is the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center, located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard. It is named for renowned sculptor Augusta Fells Savage who was born in Green Cove Springs.

Green Cove Springs is known fondly by residents and visitors alike as the "Saratoga of the South" and proudly displays its motto "Cove Life" – a state of mind where everyday living is enhanced by the river breeze, beautiful parks and swaying old shade trees draped with moss waving in the wind.

Here in Green Cove Springs, we are passionate about our historical and unique city, and we are poised for its future.

For more information about the city and city services, please visit our website [www.greencovesprings.com](http://www.greencovesprings.com).

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**Regardless of your favorite pastime, Green Cove Springs has activities and businesses that are sure to meet your every need and beckon your return!**

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# Cove Life

Welcome to Green Cove Springs, a charming community of 7,000 nestled on the beautiful St. Johns River.

The Clay County Seat, Green Cove Springs is a recreation-rich community, home to our riverfront Spring Park in the center of town with its historic spring-fed swimming pool. Spring Park also boasts a gazebo, playground, fishing and picnicking facilities. The park is the sight of many local festivals and events.

Visitors and residents will also enjoy our historic downtown, with its pedestrian-friendly brick streets, shopping at local antique shops, sipping a hometown coffee,

exploring our local artisans or just running errands while supporting local merchants and restaurants.

Other attractions include the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center, beautiful tree-lined streets with historic Victorian homes. We also offer golf and boating opportunities, as well as our proximity to Jacksonville and St. Augustine.

You'll find lots of information in this publication, along with news on our many festivals and markets, so surely you'll find a new reason to visit or something interesting to do.

*Lynne Vincent and Brandon Bascelli*

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# Green Cove Springs: A slice of small town Florida

Nestled on the bend of the St. Johns River, Green Cove Springs is a gem of Northeast Florida. The city, established in 1874 and serving as the Clay County seat since 1871, keeps its small-town charm with its tree-lined streets fronting locally-owned shops and restaurants. The city is surrounded by the state's natural beauty with public access to the St. Johns River and Governors Creek and Black Creek that feed into the river and two-lane county roads weaving through miles of forest in the north.

Under this small-town charm the city is bustling with events throughout the year, with an event for nearly every season. **Memorial Day River-Fest** has been happening in Spring Park for over 30 years, marking the beginning of summer with a veter-

ans tribute, family-friendly games, and fireworks. In the fall the city celebrates art, music and community with the week-long **CalaVida Arts Festival** and **Soul Food Festival**. And the holidays don't start in Green Cove Springs without **Christmas on Walnut Street**, featuring the city's annual Christmas parade and the first lighting of the Parade of Trees.

However, there's no need to wait on a holiday to enjoy Green Cove Springs. The city is true to its name with its parks, trails and waterways system accessible to the public.

Spring Park, located just behind city hall, is the heart of Green Cove Springs. In the park is one of the state's oldest spring fed public pools, Spring Park Pool. The spring pumps 1,346 gallons per minute, which flows through the pool, down

Spring Run on the south end of the pool and into the St. Johns River. While the spring flows through the pool all year round, it's open to the public from May until the end of September.

Just a few steps from the park is the city pier, which is open to the public to dock for a few hours during the day or overnight for an affordable fee. The pier also provides direct walking access to city hall, historic Walnut Street and several locally owned restaurants and retail shops in downtown Green Cove Springs.

St. Johns River isn't the only water access to Green Cove Springs.

Vera Francis Hall Park, located at the west end of Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, offers a canoe and kayak launch to Governors Creek as well as a fishing pier. Governors Creek Boat Ramp on the north end of Orange Avenue (U.S. Hwy.17) is an access point for larger boats and has a covered picnic area.

Information about all the above and more are within the pages of this directory. Flip through to find out more about what makes Green Cove Springs so unique, and what inspires people to stay, live and thrive here.



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*Offers a selection of Thai, Korean, Vietnamese, Japanese and Chinese cuisine, including sushi, hibachi and take out.*

**2. Farmers in the Deli**

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*Brunch restaurant offering a wide selection of both hot and cold sandwiches and wraps.*

**3. Sunrise to Sunset**

618 N Orange Ave.

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*Diner-style brunch restaurant with a hearty breakfast selection, and serving diner staples like burgers, sandwiches and Salisbury steak for lunch.*

**4. Tee Marie's**

1100 Martin Luther King

904-844-1310

*Restaurant specializing in soul food, with dishes including shrimp and grits, ribs, meatloaf and crab and shrimp trays.*

**5. Sweet Sensations**

25 N Orange Ave.

904-529-8554

*Brunch restaurant serving breakfast and lunch sandwiches, fresh salads and homemade cookies, pies and cakes.*

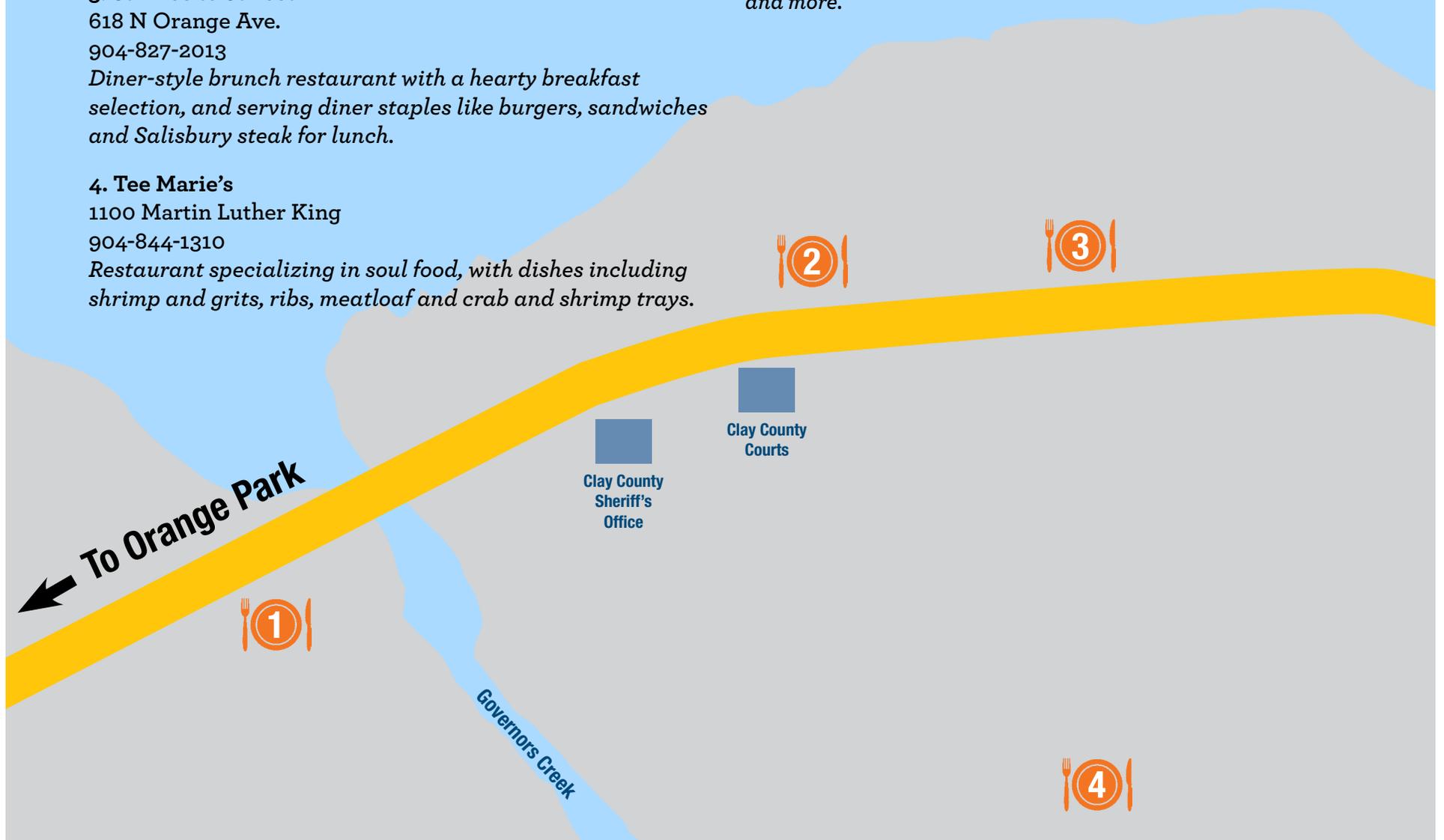
**6. La Casita Mexican Restaurant**

20 N. Orange Ave

904-529-9985

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*A restaurant and Latin store rolled into one, La Casita specializes in Mexican dishes such as fajitas, tacos, burritos, and more.*



**7. Red's Wine Bar**

414 Walnut St.

904-955-0196

*Bar serving a wide selection of wine and beer, with appetizers from Green Cove Springs area restaurants.*

**8. Ronnie's Wings, Oysters and More**

232 Walnut St.

904-284-4728

*Local bar known for its wings and fried oysters. Also offers a selection of draft beer.*

**9. Spring Park Coffee**

328 Ferris St.

904-531-9391

*Green Cove Springs local coffee shop serving coffee roasted and ground in-house, organic teas, smoothies, milkshakes, breakfast sandwiches and homemade pastries and desserts.*

**10. D'Fontana Pizza**

324 Ferris St.

904-529-5515

*D'Fontana has a wide selection of house-made pizza, as well as classic Italian dishes.*

**11. Charlie's Southern Bistro**

206 S. Orange Ave.

904-615-4157

*Serves classic Southern cooking for breakfast and lunch, including dishes such as pork chops, fried chicken, and macaroni and cheese.*

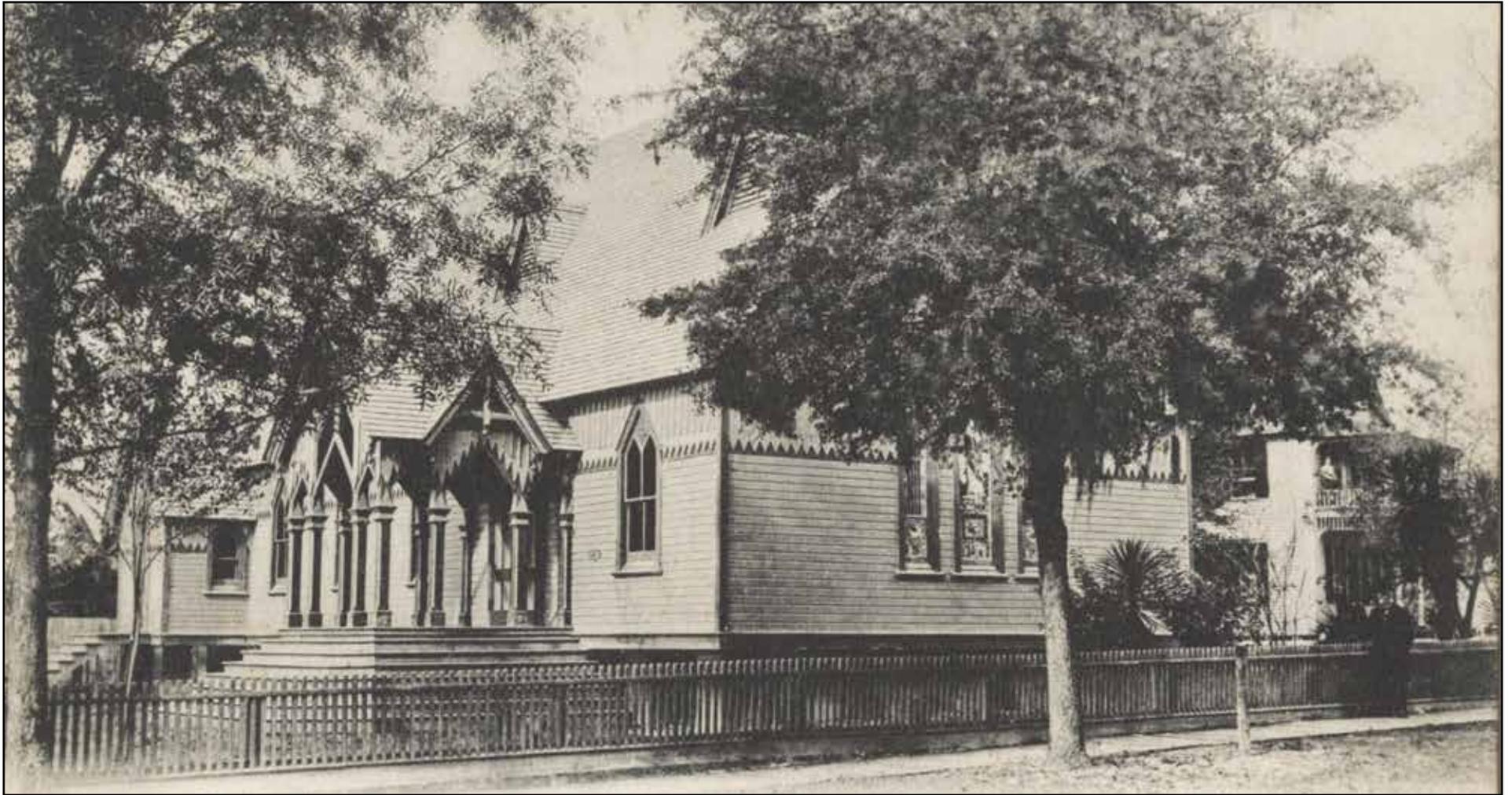
**12. Mush Armenian Kitchen**

1600 Idlewild Ave.

904-651-1155

*Armenian cuisine made fresh daily, with dishes including Gyro sandwiches, falafel and kebabs.*





## A Brief History of First Presbyterian Church, Green Cove Springs

First Presbyterian Church Green Cove Springs was founded in 1884 by a small group of worshippers who met in a cottage they fitted out as a chapel on the lot where the church now stands. The church is on the national register of historic places.

The first stated supply pastor was reverend J. H. Wright who came from Crescent City in 1888. More than 100 members attended the church from November to May, but the numbers dropped to less than 20 during the summer months as northern residents returned to their summer homes.

Architect J. A. Wood from New York was contracted to design the church, manse, and fellowship hall, which were built by the Blain Brothers.

The work was done by “out of work” shipbuilders. The ceiling is shaped, using buttresses, like the hull of a ship and the walls have wainscoting as cruise ships of the day had. The construction was completed in 1898 at a cost of about \$6,000.00. The church was built using a gothic motif for its design, the original hand-hewn pews, carved pulpit, intricate door knobs and hinges and other chancel appointments all remain in the church today. The church has undergone some changes over the years but basically remains intact from the original model. In the fall of 1912 the church was wired for electric lights. In 1924 the streets in green cove springs began to be paved and the

assessment for the church frontage was \$388.20. The beautiful stained glass windows were donated to First Presbyterian by a New York Church

when it closed. Wooden inserts were added to make them fit.

In 1947 restoration work began with members and young navy men



stationed in Green Cove Springs performing the work without cost except for supplies. (The manse had a wraparound porch fitted with wringer washing machines and chairs, so the soldiers could do their laundry and visit with their "girls.") New lights were installed in the sanctuary and the pews, pulpit furniture and wood work were refinished. In 1966 air conditioning was installed in the church. In the mid 1980's the original fellowship hall, which was constructed of quonset huts, was removed and a new multi-purpose building was constructed which is now used for offices, classrooms and fellowship events.

The wooden steeple was removed in 1997 and replaced with a copper spire. The old steeple is now on display outside the bell tower. The bell continues to be rung each Sunday before the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. worship services. The inscription on the old bell reads "Let him that heareth come."



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# Augusta Savage: Renaissance Woman

Renowned sculptor and Green Cove Springs native Augusta Savage will be featured in the Cummer Museum of Art and Gardens in Jacksonville with the exhibit “Augusta Savage: Renaissance Woman.”

The exhibit, open to the public in the museum from October 12, 2018 to April 7, 2019, will display nearly 80 works of art by Savage and the students she taught during her lifetime. These artworks include sculptures, paintings, and material that’s been archived for historical and artistic significance.

The exhibit will not only spotlight what remains of Savage’s work, but also tell her life story and how her work as an artist changed the cultural landscape of the art world. Born and raised in Green Cove Springs, Augusta Savage became a central figure in the Harlem Renaissance. She taught many well-known artists including William Artis, Romare Bearden, Gwendolyn Bennett, Rob-



ert Blackburn, Gwendolyn Knight, Jacob Lawrence, and Norman Lewis. She used her art to elevate black culture and the experience of African Americans, paving the way for the next generation of artists into the art world.

The exhibit is supported by National Endowment for the Arts, the Henry Luce Foundation's American Art Program, and the Sotheby's Prize.

The museum will also hold events about August Savage and her work during the run of the exhibit. Events include a community opening party on Oct. 11 from 6 to 8 p.m. where members of the community - for a \$10 fee - can get a tour of the exhibit a night early and enjoy an evening of live music by Mama Blue, an artist demonstration and light refreshments.

After April 7, 2019, the exhibit will travel to the New York Historical Society, the Palmer Museum of Art at Pennsylvania State University, and Dixon Gallery and Gardens.



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**Green Cove Springs Rotary Club**



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The Green Cove Springs Rotary Club would like to welcome you to our next meeting! We encourage anyone interested in serving our community to join.

Our club meets every Monday at 12:15 p.m. Current Meeting Location is at Clay County Council on Aging Center, Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs.



**BE THE INSPIRATION**

Debbie Goyette  
Club President

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# Smooth Sailing at Holland Marine

Green Cove Springs is known for its' southern lifestyle along the St. Johns River. Sailing enthusiasts abound in the City and at Reynolds Yacht Center at the Clay County Port.

Tom Holland, owner of Holland Marine, has a full-service power and sailing vessel maintenance and storage facility located at Reynolds Yacht Center. He also offers a safe haven for sailboat owners during hurricanes that need their boats "hailed" to protect them from damaging winds.

Tom started his business in 1996 at the Ortega River Boatyard and moved to Green Cove Springs in 2005. The location at Reynolds, on a wide expanse of the river, is perfect for his business. Many sailors love the convenience of storing their yachts over the summer and retrieve them in the winter to head to the warmer waters in the Bahamas. Tom's full-service business has an impeccable reputation with 8 full time employees, all sailors, that live for their work. As Green Cove Springs expands Tom expects the new, higher bridge to bring bigger boats to increase the marine traffic and his business.

— Pam Lewis



# Soul Food Festival Celebrates the Soul of Green Cove Springs Community

Join in Green Cove Springs celebration of the community at its 17th annual Soul Food Festival noon-7 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, at Vera Francis Hall Park.

This year's festival will be full of food truck and other food vendors, health booths, entertainment with bands "Special Formula," The Seven Street Band," and singer Kia Uwanda, Teen Sensation "Royale," Rapheal Jones, a Tribute to the Queen of Soul, "Aretha Franklin," Gospel Hour, Dance Contest "Kiki Do you Love me," Tavares Thorbes aka Jalin Mills, a rising up and coming artist from Atlanta, GA., Keystone Heights Jr., Sr. High Band and so much more!

The festival offered the people in the community an opportunity to showcase their cooking skills, with vying for the sweet potato pie and BBQ ribs ribbons. Now, we give them trophies! We've added horse-shoes, softball tournaments, pony rides, health care vendors and an outdoor market. We've even been blessed to have musical performers such as Tony Grant who is a singer, actor and producer. He starred on Tyler Perry's "Love Thy Neighbor" and recently performed at the Soul Food Festival Fundraiser. Other performers include Hip hop star "Chubb Rock," R&B Artist Glenn Jones, Rap Artists 69 Boyz and 95 South, Gospel Artist Beverly Crawford and many, many more.

The idea of a Soul Food Festival originated years ago by other municipalities around the country. However, the actual The Green Cove Springs Soul Food Festival was founded in June 2002 by a group called "BATCOP" Breaking Away the Cycle of Pain," which included John Sanders, Felecia

Hampshire, Delphine Williams, and a few other concerned community members.

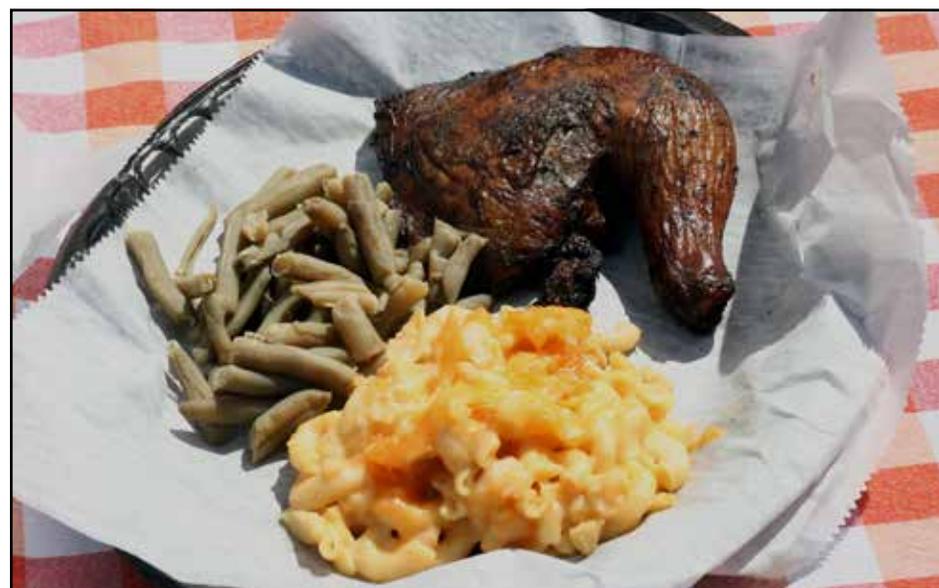
In the festival's first year there were approximately 400-500 people in attendance. Now, a good year of attendance for the festival is around 4000-5000 people. We've come a long way.

We are thankful to all of our sponsors, especially the City of Green Cove Springs for being our co-sponsors, Clay County Tourist Development Council and the Board of County Commissioners, Clay Port, Ace Hardware, Almeta Monroe with State Farm Insurance, Patrick Mency, Mayor Connie Butler and the entire City Council of Green Cove Springs, Spring Park Coffee, Dreamakers Productions LLC, David Bright with Bright Minds Youth, Sweet Sensations, Hott Coffey Entertainment, Tara Coffey – AVON, Mackey's Munchies, City of Green Cove Springs Police Dept., Angela Spears, and the many supporters of the Soul Food Festival Fundraiser.

Soul Food Festival wouldn't be possible with the time and talents of countless volunteers, especially those that have helped organize the festival from the beginning, including: Clarence and Felecia Hampshire and family, John Sanders, David and Tara Coffey, Matthew Tiney, Butler Family, Kevin Spencer Sr., Annie Smith, James and Dora Hampshire and family.

Bring your lawn chairs and tents and make this a day of Family filled, food, folk and fun! For additional information, please contact Felecia Hampshire, 904-622-7903 or Event Coordinator, David "Diddy" Coffee, Entertainment 904-525-6386.

— Felecia Hampshire



# Find your Holiday Spirit at Green Cove Springs Christmas on Walnut Street

Green Cove Springs rings in the holiday season with the 19th annual Christmas on Walnut Street Festival and the 51st annual Christmas Parade.

The festival and parade will be on Saturday, December 1, from 2 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Spring Park. The parade will start at 6 p.m. and lead into the lighting of the Parade

of Trees in the park at 8:30 p.m.

The whole city gets into the holiday spirit as Walnut Street, city hall and Spring Park are decorated with lights, wreaths and a large Christ-

mas tree display in the lobby of city hall. In the afternoon the park is filled with craft and food vendors, and children will get a chance to take a picture with Santa in the pool pavilion. Kids of all ages are invited to “jingle all the way” in the Jingle Bell Fun Run at 5:45 p.m., where they will run or walk a mile with jingle bells attached to their shoes.

The festival also marks the start of the Parade of Trees, where families or organizations donate money to adopt an evergreen tree to decorate with ornaments and lights in Spring Park. The trees are lit every night from December 1 to December 31.

The Christmas on Walnut Street Festival and parade is a community effort. Elks Lodge #1892 organizes Santa’s Workshop and pictures with Santa and the Jingle Bell Fun Run is a joint effort by Green Cove Springs Business League and Florida Striders Track Club.

The Green Cove Springs Business League also organizes the Christmas parade. For the parade’s 51st year, the league is looking forward to holding the first-ever lighted parade in the evening led by two-time Olympic gold medalist and Green Cove Springs native Caeleb Dressel as the grand marshal of the parade. Service clubs, non-profit organizations and businesses from all across Clay County register to be a part of the parade. This year’s parade theme is “Christmas in Paradise,” with prizes given to the float that best illustrates the theme and more.

Join in the city’s holiday season tradition and celebrate Christmas along the banks of the St. Johns River in Green Cove Springs.

— Tiffanie Reynolds



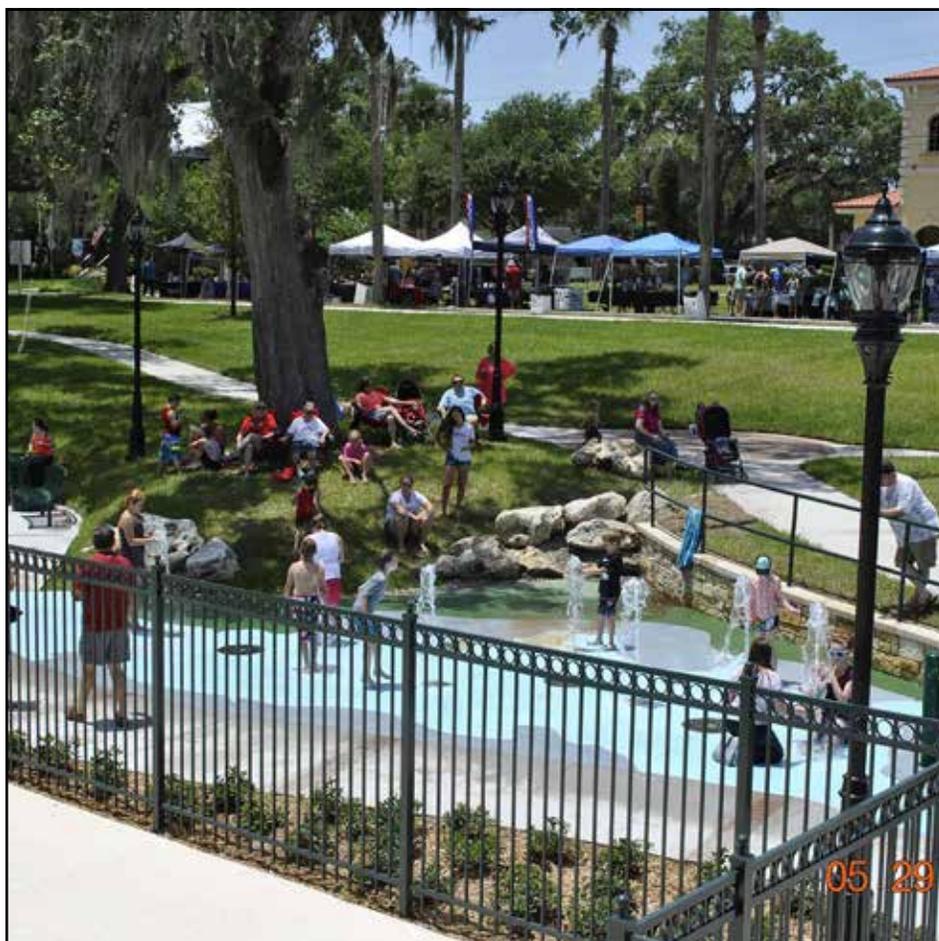


# Memorial Day Riverfest

Memorial Day is one of the most celebrated days in the City of Green Cove Springs. We honor our fallen with a festival to remind our community that we are proud of our military heritage and those that have given their lives in service to our great nation. We proudly fly the American Flag, salute our veterans and give homage to our Fallen heroes. Our Flag and Memorial Day

go hand and hand. Flags are presented to veterans that attend our annual celebration and help honor those that died in service to our County. We go to great lengths to remind our citizens of the importance of the brave men and women that fought for our freedoms. We must never forget they gave all.

— Pam Lewis



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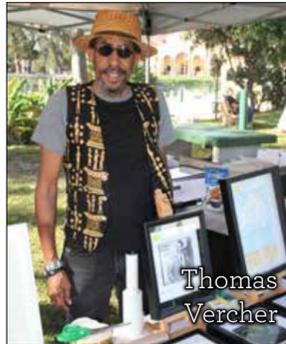
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And now, in 2018, we will celebrate our 5th year in a tribute to Lynyrd Skynyrd, a group that got its start right here in Clay County. As Skynyrd finishes up their final tour, the performers at CalaVida 2018 will perform Skynyrd songs in their particular style. The festival will end with fireworks over the river!

The goals of CalaVida are to supply the community with opportunities to experience a variety of visual, performance and written arts. We celebrate that creative spirit by bringing in artists not only from our local community, but outside the community as well so that our residents have an opportunity to experience a vast array of talents. In keeping with that goal, this year's performers will include Blues, Jazz, Spanish, Country, Barbershop and Southern Rock.

This year, once again, we have a variety of events beginning on October 8 and continuing through Saturday, October 13. On Thursday evening, a concert version of *Esther, the Young Queen*, a musical composed by Donna Lewis Jones, will be premiered with recent performance graduate Abigail Stansberry in the lead role. Other evening performances for CalaVida will include a Pottery and Sculpting exhibition,

a piano concert by Kevin Sharpe, professor at University of Florida and The Jacksonville Harmony Chorus, award winning Sweet Adeline (barbershop) singers. CalaVida.com has a complete schedule of events.

As music is being played in the park, Authors and Artists have their books and artwork on display. Last year there were 20 local authors discussing and signing their books. Artists included oils, pastels, pencil, pottery and glass to mention only a few. For a complete list of authors and artists check out the website.

In 2019, the plan is to begin a CalaVida Concert Series. Visit [CalaVida.com](http://CalaVida.com) in the Spring to stay up to date on the 2019 CalaVida Events as they're added along with additional concerts throughout the year.

If you would like to be a sponsor, entertainer, vendor or volunteer, please email: [CalaVidaFestival@gmail.com](mailto:CalaVidaFestival@gmail.com)

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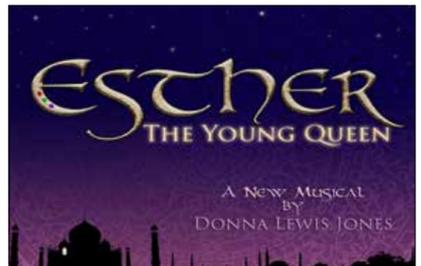
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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2018 SPRING PARK

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12:30 AM		12:30 AM	JUNCO ROYALS
1:45 PM		1:45 PM	BLACK CAT BONES
3:00 PM		3:00 PM	MAMA BLUE
4:15 PM		4:15 PM	PIERRE & CO.
5:30 PM		5:30 PM	SEAN CHAMBERS BAND
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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# Explore Wild Florida in Green Cove Springs!

Along with a variety of parks, boat ramps and canoe and kayak launches, Green Cove Springs also offers walking and biking trails that connect to surrounding conservation areas.

The city's trail and sidewalk system includes over 10 miles of paved and unpaved trails to accom-

modate hikers, bicyclists, equestrians and paddlers.

These trails are part of a master plan to create an interconnected trail system throughout Green Cove Springs to surrounding county trails and parks.

When complete the trail and sidewalk system will connect the

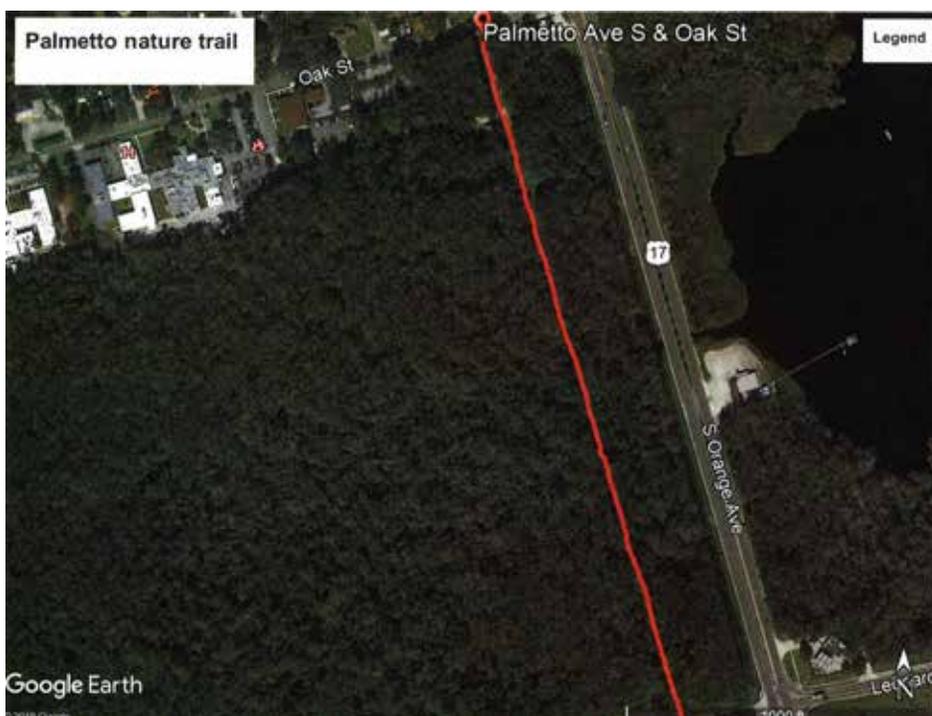
Black Creek Trail on US 17 to the SR 16 Trail and the Clay County's Gateway Loop Corridor Trail, which is a Florida Department of Environmental Protection Opportunity Trail. The system will link Green Cove Springs nature Preserve, Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center, Vera Francis Hall Park, Spring Park and St. Johns River Water Management District conservation land.

**Oakridge Nature Trail:** Opened in Spring 2017, Oakridge Trail spans off South Oakridge Avenue between Green Cove Avenue and Gustafson Farm Road. It's a half-mile long crushed concrete path with self-guided fitness stations along the trail and two walking bridges spanning over

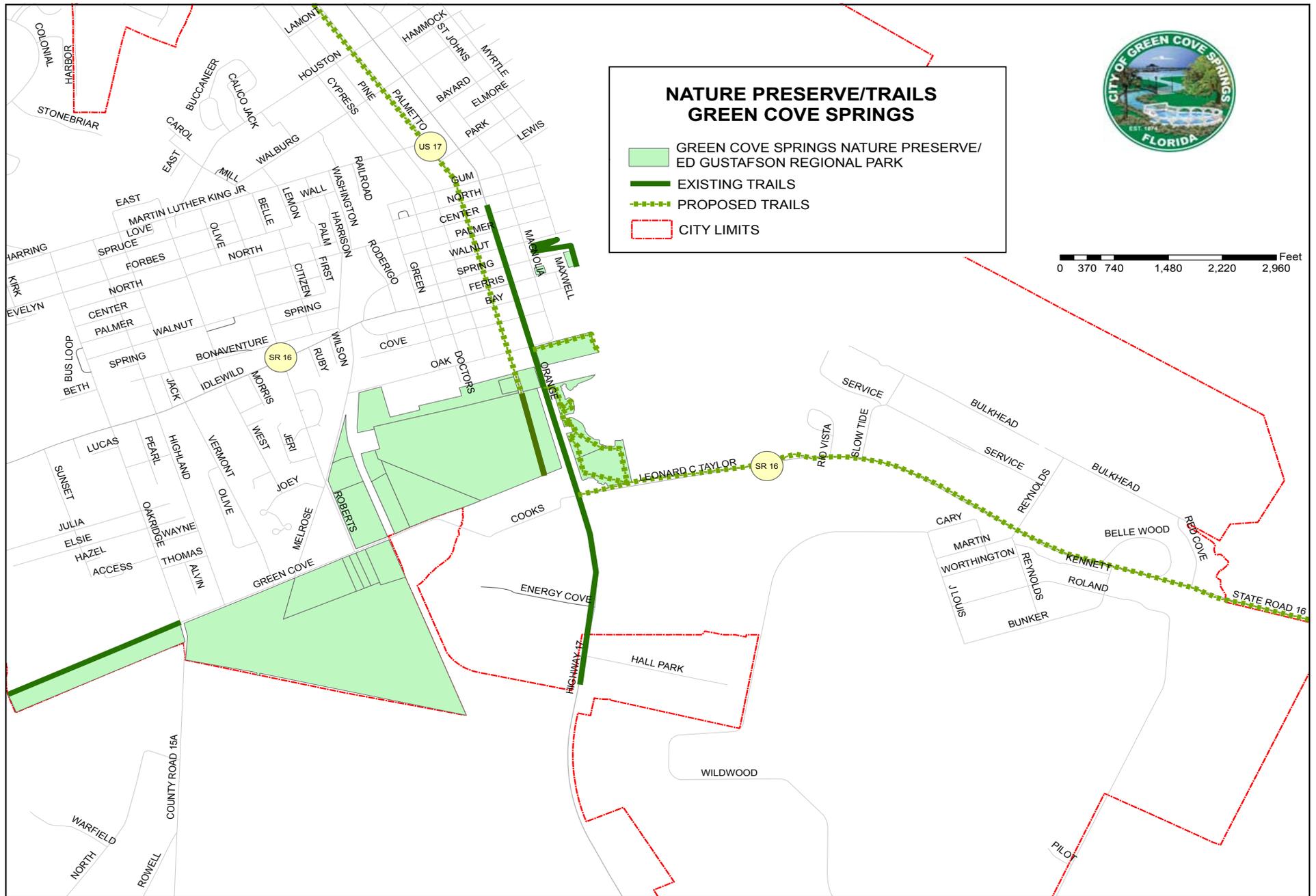
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**Riverwalk Nature Trail:** This concrete sidewalk runs from Green Cove Springs City Pier south along the St. Johns River to Bay Street.

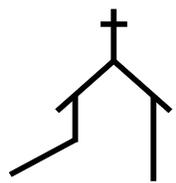
**Palmetto:** This crushed asphalt trail starts at the intersection of Palmetto Avenue S and Oak Street and runs parallel to S Orange Avenue to Cooks Lane. This trail is open to walking and biking.



# Map of Green Cove Springs Nature Trails



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## City Pier

Located at the end of Walnut Street in Spring Park, the City Pier is Green Cove Springs' entrance on the water. The pier is open to the public to dock boats for a small daily fee of between \$5 and \$10 and a reasonable overnight fee of \$20 for water and electricity to boats. From the pier you can walk into Spring Park and to the shops and local restaurants of downtown Green Cove Springs.

## Spring Park & Pool

Located just behind city hall in the heart of the city, Spring Park offers a full playground, paved trails, covered picnic pavilions, a grand gazebo, and a full view of the St. Johns River. The picnic pavilions and gazebo can be reserved for a fee or you can take your chances and find an open available picnic area free of charge. Call City Hall at 297-7500 to make a reservation.

Upgrades to Spring Park are also in the works thanks to a \$400,000 matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund that the city received in Summer 2018. Upgrades through the grant include the renovation of a picnic pavilion, improvements to playground equipment, boardwalk and shuffleboard court renovations, a new canoe/kayak launch, and a handicap accessi-

ble playground.

Spring Park pool is one of the oldest spring-fed public pools in Florida. Water from the spring flows directly into the pool before flowing out into the spring run connected to the pool and into the St. Johns River. The pool is recently renovated with a large covered pavilion and splash pad area. Pool is open for the public to use from May to the end of September.

## Vera Francis Hall Park

Vera Francis Hall Park is located on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center. At the back of the park there is an amphitheater for entertainment and a canoe or kayak launch on Governors Creek that connects into the St. Johns River a few miles away.

It's also received some upgrades from grants in 2018, such as new benches, playground equipment, renovations to its basketball court and baseball field and new fishing dock.



## Augusta Savage Friendship Park

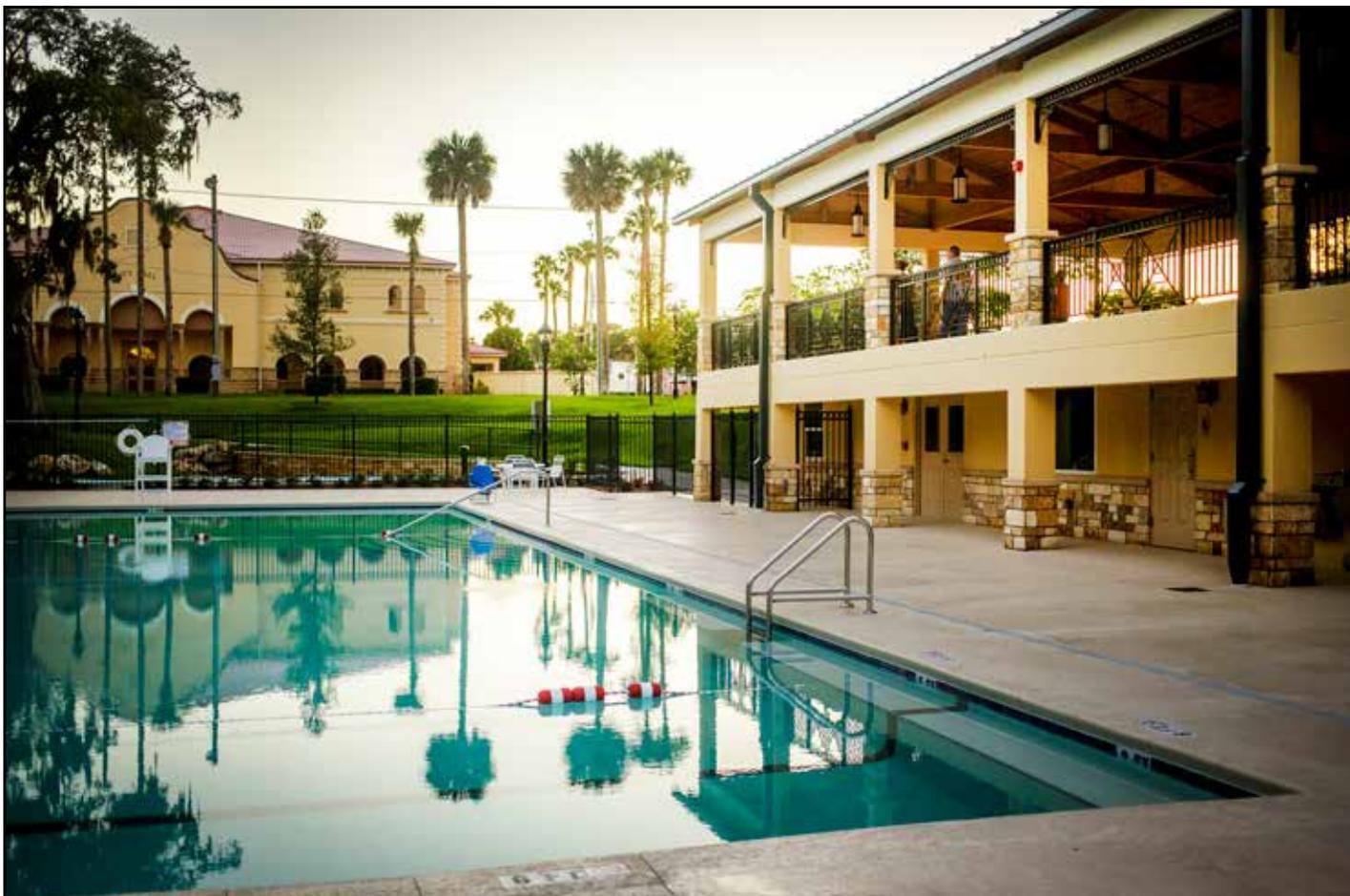
Augusta Savage Friendship Park is located at the corner of Walburg Street and Pine Avenue. The park has a playground designed for younger children and families.

## Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center

The center, built as Dunbar High School in 1942, is located on a five-acre parcel of land near the center of Green Cove Springs, along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Augusta Savage donated the property for the first and only black high school in Green Cove Springs.

In 2018 the center received a new playset, a new set of soccer goals and field, a bike trail, an exercise trail and renovation to the existing baseball field.

Visit [asaccgcs.org](http://asaccgcs.org) for more information.



## Thomas Hogans Memorial Gym

Located at 415 Lemon Street, the gym is part of the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center. It's open to the public Thursday through Tuesday, including Saturday and Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

## Magnolia Park

Located at 3617 Harbor Road, across from the entrance to Magnolia Point, this small park includes a paved sidewalk path that circles around the lake and picnic areas dotted along the path.

back riding, bank fishing, boating access, canoeing and wildlife viewing. Primitive camping is available. For more information, call the District's Bureau of Land Management at (386) 329-4404. [www.floridas-water.com/recreationguide/bayard/](http://www.floridas-water.com/recreationguide/bayard/)



## Shands Pier Boat Ramp

Shands Boat Ramp is located just north of the Shands Bridge, off State Road 16 at Old Shands Bridge Boat Launch Road. The water at the boat ramp is very shallow and only the smallest of boats can use the boat ramp without encountering problems.



## Clay County Fairgrounds

Throughout the year, a multitude of events are held on the, including a variety of horse shows and events, 4-H activities, auctions, Scottish-Highland games and a haunted house.

The Early Florida Village Exhibit opened in 1991. Antique cars displayed throughout the village will please the auto enthusiast.

For more information, call (904) 269-6378 or visit <http://clay-countyfair.org>.



## Bayard Conservation Area

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## Knights Boat Ramp

This County-owned facility is located north of the City along U.S. 17 at Black Creek. For additional information, contact Clay County at 904-284-6378.



## Governor's Creek Boat Ramp

This County-owned facility is located just outside the City's northern boundary along US 17 at Governor's Creek. It features a large covered picnic area, fishing pier and a two-lane public boat launching facility. Call 904-284-6378.

## Carl Pugh Park

This County-owned facility is leased to the Green Cove Springs Baseball/Softball Association (GCSBSA). It is located at 317 S. West St. (behind the Clay County

Health Department). For additional information, contact Clay County at 284-6378.



## Camp Chownwaw Park

A 150-acre site that Clay County purchased in 2006 from the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council. The Girl Scouts operated the camp for more than 70 years before deciding to relocate. The parcel, which has 100 acres of wetlands and 50 acres of uplands, is located at the mouth of Black Creek. The trail systems through the uplands and the wetlands offer scenic tracts for the hiking enthusiast. Camping facilities include treehouse cabins.



# Letter from the Chief

The Green Cove Springs Police Department proudly serves the residents and visitors of the County Seat of Clay County. The GCSPD's motto of "Protect with Courage and Serve with Respect" represents who we are as a department. The dedicated men and women of this Police Department are an integral part of this community, and the community is an integral part of the Police Department. We count on each other to keep this community safe and to work on quality of life issues so that its residents love living here, businesses thrive, and visitors enjoy their stay.

Our commitment begins with keeping our community safe from criminal activity. We have a proactive approach to deterring crime and actively strive to be a positive influence in the community.

We are constantly trying to enhance the way we communicate with our community and welcome any feedback you have. We currently utilize several social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram,

Twitter and Tumblr) as well as our webpage (gcspd.com) to push information and keep our community informed of upcoming events. So please like and follow our pages to stay involved with all the events which occur within our community.

The GCSPD hosts several events for our community every year, including our annual Trunk or Treat Event, Readers are Leaders Literacy Program, Midnight Basketball Program, Easter Egg Hunt, Bike Rodeo and many more. Please come out and join us for the fun filled events.

It is my honor to serve as your Chief of Police and to represent all the men and women who work very hard to make the Green Cove Springs Police Department the premier full service law enforcement organization in northeast Florida. We deeply appreciate the support of our community and stand ready to answer any call for service in keeping our community safe.

— Derek S. Asdot, Chief of Police



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- Georgia Border: 1 Hour 15 Minutes
- Ponte Vedra Beach: 30 Minutes
- Daytona Beach: 1 Hour
- I-95: 15 Minutes
- Orange Park: 20 Minutes

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## Green Cove Springs, FLORIDA

# History of Green Cove Springs

Green Cove Springs is located along the west bank of the St. Johns River. It serves as the County Seat of Government for Clay County, Florida.

The city's name originates from the three physical characteristics. "Green" refers to the perennially green vegetation characterized by its treescape and foliage. "Cove" refers to a bend in the St. Johns River creating a safe area for mooring of boats during inclement weather.

"Springs" refers to the natural spring originating from the Floridan Aquifer, with an estimated flow rate of approximately 2,200 gallons per minute.

The spring water, which is a constant 78 degrees, flows into the west side of the municipal swimming pool and then flows out the east side, forming a spring run that eventually empties into the St. Johns River.

The first inhabitants of this region some 5,000 years ago were attracted to the area because of the warm mineral spring. The spring (also referred to as "The Boil") was a source of sustenance and curative qualities for a vari-



ety of sicknesses. The medicinal qualities of the spring and its location along the St. Johns River served as major contributors to the community's development as a prominent attraction and destination for tourists during the 19th Century.

The first development of the area to become Green Cove Springs was by George I. F. Clarke in 1816 from land he received from a Spanish Land Grant. Mr. Clark used the land for construc-

tion and operation of a lumber or sawmill for harvesting of Live Oak trees.

In 1854, "White Sulfur Springs" was the name of the first development attempted by David Palmer and Sarah Ferris. In 1866, it was renamed Green Cove Springs when the post office was established. On November 2, 1874, the Town of Green Cove Springs officially incorporated.

During the late 1880s, the town experienced great prosperity as evidenced by the large number and quality of hotels constructed. The medicinal qualities of the spring and the area's climate made Green Cove Springs a popular vacation destination during the winter. The city was recognized as "The Saratoga of the South", "The Parlor City" and "Watering Hole for the Rich". Tourists and visitors journeyed along the St. Johns River by riverboats.

Green Cove Springs had the first trolley system in the state. The prominence of the community as a winter style resort changed when Henry Flagler constructed his rail-

road allowing northern visitors to vacation in destinations further south in more tropical areas like Palm Beach and Miami. The onset of the new railroad system also led to the decline of riverboat use for transporting tourists to the hotels, ending the community's prominence as a destination for northern visitors during the winter season.

The area was also the home of Gustafson's Farm, owned and operated by Frank and Agnes Gustafson. Their family dairy operation began in 1908, and it earned the couple recognition as "Mama and Papa Gus". They started delivery of milk products to the local hotels supplied from one cow named Buttercup. The dairy operations moved to a 10,000-acre location just south of the city and continued to grow. The dairy closed in 2013.

In 1883, the Ladies Village Improvement Association of Green Cove Springs incorporated to promote beautification efforts within the city, and it later evolved into becoming the first Federated Women's Club of Florida. The Village Improvement Association (VIA) still exists and operates from the building dedicated in 1915. The building housed the city's first public library.

In the 1930s, the town began a slow recovery following the Great Depression, receiving funding from the Works Progress Administration (WPA) for construction of a new high school, the recreational building adjacent to the spring /swimming pool area and other community improvement projects.

Green Cove Springs experienced further recovery in the mid to late 1930s from the federal government's decision to com-



mence construction of two military installations in the area. One was Benjamin Lee Field in Green Cove Springs, and the other was Camp Blanding, a National Guard Training facility approximately about 20 miles west of the city on State Road 16.

Benjamin Lee Field was a Naval Air Training Field designed to train pilots for landing operations on aircraft carriers during WWII. The facility was later renamed Naval Air Station Green Cove Springs and later re-designated as a Naval Auxiliary Station associated with the Naval Air Station Jacksonville complex. During this period, the government expanded the complex with construction of 13 concrete piers serving as the berthing place for over 600 ships placed in reserve status and referred to as the world's largest "Mothball Fleet".

The community's vibrancy was sustained through 1960, when the federal government de-

commissioned NAAS Green Cove Springs. The City purchased this facility from the federal government during the early 1960s in the hope of developing the property into a center for industrial development. The city later sold the property to the Reynolds Corporation for development of an industrial park.

In 1982, the city increased in area through annexations of the Reynolds Industrial Park. In 1985, the city annexed approximately 950 acres known as the Magnolia Point Golf and Country Club. There have been other annexations resulting in the increase of the City's land area to approximately 7.2 square miles.

In late 1989, a Cultural Resource Survey of Green Cove Springs was conducted. The survey found 198 structures of historical significance. They include the former historic Clay County Courthouse, the County Jail, the

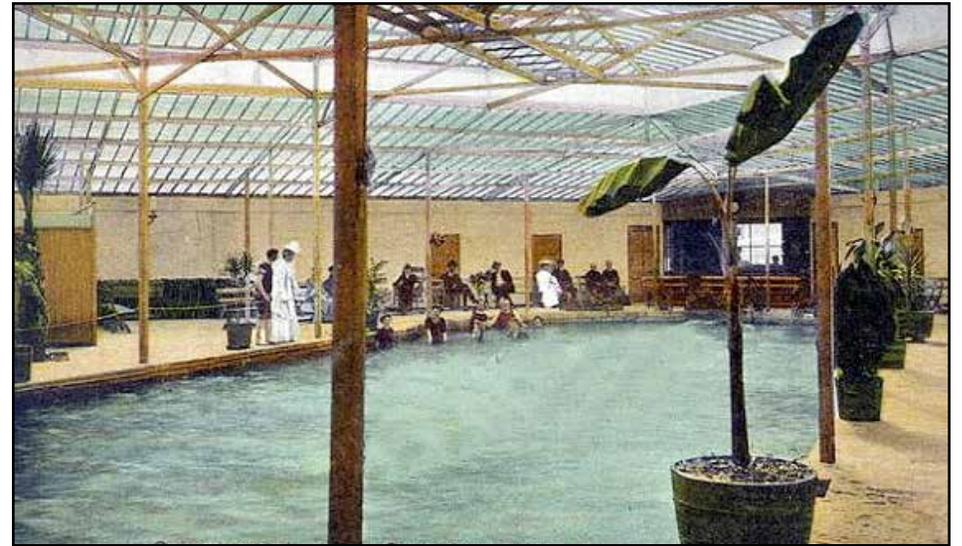
Spring Park complex, St. Mary's Episcopal Church and the Village Improvement Association.

The Historical Triangle is home for the former courthouse, the former jail and, the Clay County Historical Society's History and Railroad Museums. The River Park Inn Bed and Breakfast is the last remaining connection to the many grand hotels of the city's past era

as a popular tourist destination.

In 2004, the city relocated its operations from 229 Walnut Street, the former City Hall, adjacent to the municipal swimming pool and moved into a new two-story stucco structure situated on the site of the former Clarendon and Qui-si-Sana hotels.

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## Clay County Libraries Respond to Community's Growing Needs and Interests

As Clay County grows, so do the needs and interests of the county's residents. Clay County Libraries are the staple of your familiar community library services like making books available, children's reading programs, book clubs, reference and research materials, DVD rentals and more.

"We noticed that people needed greater access to these valuable services," said Gavin Rollins, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners. "That drove me and my fellow commissioners to support extending the libraries' hours of operation earlier this year."

**Each of the library branches are open the following hours:**  
**Mon – Thurs – 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**  
**Fri – Sat – 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday – closed**

The libraries are embracing technology tools that make it easier for residents to enjoy a good read. Ebooks have been available to library patrons for many years, but the addition of Tumble books has added to the library's support to the Clay County Public School District and family reading time at home. Tumble Books add animation,

sound, music and narration to existing books resulting in an electronic picture book which can be read independently or read to you.

The libraries also supply residents with relevant programming like computer classes focusing on basic computer usage, social media and using a mobile smart phone, teen interests, concerts and more.

The Middleburg and Orange Park locations recently began offering use of a 3D printer. The 3D printer can create a physical object based on a design supplied as a digital file. All print requests

are serviced on a first come, first served basis. If there is high demand, the library will schedule only one print per week per patron.

Local artist Anthony Rooney painted the mural depicting a view of Spring Park and the St. Johns River from the vantage point of the springhead. The Friends of the Green Cove Springs Library funded the 30'x 6' mural, which represents Phase 1 of a long-term plan to renovate the Children's and Young Adult areas of this Branch.

A dedicated group of library staff members are committed to planning

a calendar of events that are cultural, educational and relevant to life in today's world while continuing to serve all generations. Whether it's children's story time, life skills for teens, computer classes, cultural topics or a concert, there is a program available to enhance your library experience.

Partnering with community organizations is important to the library system and your experience within the building. Clay County Libraries works with area Garden Clubs on special projects. The Green Cove Springs Garden Club continues to work closely with the Library on beautification projects around the library grounds. Programs for the community are also being offered for teens learning to cook, children building Lego creations or adults learning new computer skills.

To learn more about library activities and events, consider following the Clay County Public Library on Facebook at @ClayCityLibrary.

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# Elks (BPOE 1892)

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks (BPOE) will soon be celebrating their 150th anniversary. During periods of challenge, war, and upheaval, the Elks have always met the needs of the community. The Elks created a field hospital for the victims of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fire, as well as field hospitals for the American Forces

in WWI.

The Green Cove Springs Elks Lodge continues this strong tradition of benevolence and protection today with ongoing service and contribution to veterans, special needs children, and a drug awareness campaign. They, along with other local lodges, support the Lassen Veterans Nursing Home in St. Augustine.



Members of the lodge hold monthly bingo sessions at Lassen, and also bring veterans to the lodge for an afternoon of fishing and lunch. Members of the lodge support the Florida Elks Children's Therapy Services, partner with the local elementary school and library, provide a scholarship for local high school students, organize Santa's Workshop for Christmas on Walnut Street, and participate in various other charitable and community activities.

Members of the Green Cove

Springs Elks Lodge, which is located at 702 South Orange Avenue, enjoy a beautiful riverfront location with a screened porch, a great menu nightly, and wonderful camaraderie. The public is invited every Tuesday night for charity bingo. If you would like to stop by and learn more about the benefits of becoming a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, the lodge is open every Saturday morning serving breakfast to current and prospective members.



# Fraternal Order of Eagles

The F.O.E. traces its history back to 1898 when six theatre owners gathered in a Seattle shipyard to discuss a musician's strike. After a lengthy discussion they decided to "bury the hatchet" and form "The Order of Good Things." As time passed and membership increased, the Bald Eagle was chosen as the official emblem and the name was changed to "The Fraternal Order of Eagles."

Nationally, more than \$10 million a year is donated to local communities, fund-raisers, charities and more. As part of its philosophy, the F.O.E. gives

back 100 percent of monies raised in the form of grants. Fund-raisers are conducted for eight major charities, including the DD Dunlap Kidney Fund, Max Baer Heart Fund, Robert Hansen Diabetes Fund, Art Ehrmann Cancer Fund, Lew Reed Spinal Cord Injury Fund, Jimmy Durante Children's Fund, M. Floyd Alzheimer's Fund, Parkinson's Fund, Memorial Foundation and the Golden Eagle Fund. The FOE also pledged \$25 million for the creation of a Diabetes Research Center on the University of Iowa's medical campus and in 2014 the facili-

ty opened its doors.

Historically, the FOE claims credit for establishing the Mother's Day holiday in the United States as well as the impetus for Social Security, distributed Ten Commandments monoliths across the United States, and helped end age based job discrimination with their "Jobs After 40" program.

The clubs are known as "aeries." The Green Cove Springs Aerie is known as the little Aerie with "the Big Heart." Membership is just a little over a hundred members. This year we celebrated our 12th year of being an Aerie here and we have raised over \$133,391.00 for charity and still increasing our to-

tals. In addition to national charities, many local charities are also supported including Charles E Bennett Elementary, Friends of the Library, Green Cove Food Pantry, Green Cove Springs Athletic Association, and Governors Creek Nursing Home to name a few.

The Eagles' Aerie is located at 424 Walnut Street in Green Cove Springs. We welcome visitors that might want to see what we are all about. We also invite anyone to participate in any of our activities; we play Meat Bingo, dice games, pool and bowling. Plus we have started having karaoke every Saturday. Give our organization a try; we know you will like it! Our motto is "People helping People."

# VFW: Veterans helping Veterans

Across America, the initials VFW are a familiar sight and symbolize a commitment to the nation both at home and abroad.

In 1899 veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension for them, and they were left to care for themselves.

In their misery, some of these veterans came together and formed organizations that would eventually band together and become known as the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. After chapters were formed in Ohio, Colorado and Pennsylvania, the movement quickly gained momentum. Today, membership stands at nearly 1.7 million members of the VFW and its Auxiliary.

The members were instrumental in establishing the Veterans Administration, developing the national cemetery system, fighting for compensation for Vietnam vets exposed to Agent Orange and for veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome. In 2008, they won a long-fought victory with the passing of a GI Bill for the 21st Century, giving expanded educational benefits to America's active duty service members, and members of the guard and reserves

fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. They were the driving force behind the Veterans Access and Accountability Act of 2014, and continually fight for improved VA medical services for women veterans.

In 2005 the VFW became the first veterans' organization to contribute to building the new Disabled Veterans for Life Memorial, which opened in November 2010. And in 2015, the VFW became the first supporter of the National Desert Storm War Memorial which is planned for construction at our nation's capital.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW) is a nonprofit veterans service organization comprised of eligible veterans and military service members from the active, guard and reserve forces.

The mission of the VFW is to foster camaraderie among United States veterans of overseas conflicts, to serve our veterans, the military and our communities and to advocate on behalf of all veterans.

The VFW has many programs and services that work to support veterans, service members and their families locally, as well as communities worldwide.

Flag Retirement Ceremonies are popular local events. About 1400 flags are retired each year at Post 1988. This is a respectful ceremony to appropriately dispose of tattered or faded American

flags. An old, weathered, faded, ripped or torn flag should always be retired and replaced with a new flag. But a retired flag deserves to be treated with the respect and destroyed in a dignified way for it still represents our great nation and our citizens.

The Green Cove Springs Post 1988 will dispose of the United States of America Flag with dignity, with the proper procedures designated by the United States Government. So please give your old American Flag to Post 1988 for appropriate disposal.

Post 1988 supports the high school athletic department, scouts and ROTC programs. The post also participates in the VFW national scholarship essay pro-

gram that awards \$10,000.00 annually.

The members also support the Ft. McCoy Veterans Village near Salt Springs for ambulatory veterans and Paws for Patriots to provide service animals to veterans.

At Green Cove Springs Post 1988 it is all about "Veterans helping Veterans". The Green Cove Springs VFW welcomes anyone who has served on foreign soil to join them at 421 Orange Avenue.

Contact the post at 904 284-0775 for further information.



## Rotary Club of Green Cove Springs

Rotary's name came from the group's early practice of rotating meetings among the offices of each member. Established by Paul Harris in Chicago in 1905 as a service organization and forum where people from diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas and form friendships, it has become an international organization throughout Asia, Eu-

rope, Africa, and the Americas.

One of the greatest achievements has been the Rotary's worldwide campaign against polio that began in 1979. Additionally, the Rotary sponsors thousands of projects throughout the world that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local

economies.

Annual Club fundraisers include a 65-mile bike ride, a golf tournament and serving as host of the Clay High School Invitational Wrestling Tournament. Other local outreach includes the Quarterly First Responder award, given to a local police or fireman and the Virgil Fox Memorial Scholarships to seniors at Clay High.

Local partners include Charles E. Bennett Elementary School, Augus-

ta Savage Arts and Community Center, Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, Friends of the Green Cove Springs Library, Challenge Enterprises, Clay County Council on Aging, Salvation Army, Way Clinic and the YMCA.

The Rotary Club meets at Magnolia Golf and Country Club. The Club is meeting temporarily at the Council on Aging every Monday, while renovations are being made at the Country Club.



# Military Museum of Northeast Florida

The mission of the Military Museum of North Florida, located in Green Cove Springs, Florida, is the preservation and respectful presentation of the rich military history of our citizen servicemen and women in order to honor their sacrifices to maintain our freedom.

Educational aspects of The Military Museum of North Florida

While the mission of the Military Museum of North Florida is to honor those whom have served their country

in the Armed Forces, one of the goals of the museum is to ensure that our youth understand the dedication and sacrifices that those veterans demonstrated and endured.

A significant number of military oriented events have shaped the foundation and direction of this country, from the American Revolution to the Civil War, the Spanish American War, World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam and our current actions in Iraq and Afghanistan. All of these actions

have caused significant changes in the direction of the American political and social scene. The museum is prepared to coordinate with the Clay County School System to provide student visits oriented toward the era that their history classes are studying. We are prepared to provide guided, narrative tours emphasizing the period that the class is studying.

The museum is also developing a "Living History" library videotaping a "Living History" library videotaping veterans who have served their country

giving their views of the war in which they were involved. These first-hand recollections, particularly of World War II, Korea and now Vietnam are fast becoming unavailable. All these interviews will be available to serious students.

For more information here is our contact data: Phone: 904-410-0781 (between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.) E-mail: [militarymuseumNF@aol.com](mailto:militarymuseumNF@aol.com), website is: [www.militarymuseumof-northflorida.com](http://www.militarymuseumof-northflorida.com)

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**Christmas Parade**  
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**Green Cove Springs  
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for more details.

**How to get involved:**

- To enter a float, decorated vehicle, or marching unit, goto the above email address and apply
- Volunteers are needed. Ages 15+ can help. Needs are helping check floats in, watching intersections along the parade

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Email questions to [Admin@GCSBL.com](mailto:Admin@GCSBL.com)

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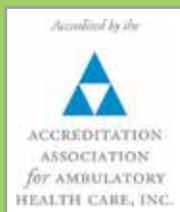
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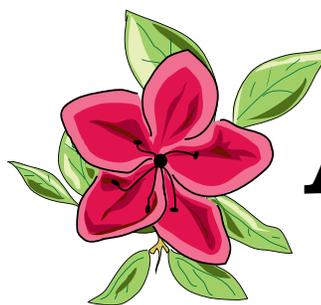


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