

# *Green Cove Springs*

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## Mission Statement:

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.

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# Welcome to Green Cove Springs

We're a thriving city located along the banks of the St. Johns River, where old Florida charm meets modern living.

Much of the City's downtown core is part of the National Register of Historic Places. Walk beside the original brick-paved street along Walnut Street where shops of all kinds reside in the same buildings that have made up the main shopping area in Green Cove Springs for over a hundred years.

Follow Walnut Street to the St. Johns River and walk through Spring Park, the City's crown jewel and main gathering space for events throughout the year. One of the main features of the park is the spring-fed pool that has been used as a private and public pool since the late 1800s. It underwent a complete renovation in 2016, converting the original location of City Hall to a two-story pool pavilion and office, rebuilding the pool structure, and adding a splash pad beside the spring. The pool is open to the public from May to October, while the splash pad is open year-round.

Spring Park is also home for several events throughout the year, including Memorial Day RiverFest, Christmas on Walnut Street (held the first Saturday in December),

and monthly events Food Truck Friday (second Friday evening from March to November) and Third Saturday Market in the Park (third Saturday morning from September to June).

We're also proud to be the birthplace of renowned sculptor Augusta Savage. The City has honored her legacy through the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center, which includes an indoor gymnasium and outdoor fields, and most recently with the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building, which offers a public art museum space that features the work of Augusta Savage and other artists. Programs offered at the Augusta Savage Art and Community Center and Museum and Mentoring Center throughout the year are open to the public.

As a full-service municipality serving about 9,786 residents and a city workforce of just under 100 staff members, Green Cove Springs offers something for residents and visitors alike. You can find more details about our parks, events, and businesses throughout this directory as well as on our website [greencovesprings.com](http://greencovesprings.com).



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Joan was a star softball player in high school.

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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. 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.

The men and women of the Green Cove Springs Police Department work very hard to make this 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.

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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.

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# City to offer youth soccer, flag football and more in 2022 through i9 Sports



City of Green Cove Springs is once again working with i9 Sports to provide youth sports programs for children ages 3 -12 at Vera Francis Hall Park.

The City has signed a four-season programming contract with i9 Sports through 2022. The company is already gearing up for soccer and flag football programs in January through February. Both programs will be held on Saturdays, and each session will be divided between instruction and scrimmages to help children learn and practice the sport. Other sports programs with the City include t-ball and basketball later in 2022.

"We're excited to have i9 Sports back in Green Cove to offer these opportunities to our kids," said Assistant City Manager Mike Null.

The City first worked with i9 Sports to offer a youth soccer program at Vera Francis Hall Park in Fall 2019. The program served 60 children ages 3 -13, and received a lot of positive feedback from parents.

i9 Sports organizes seven-week youth sport programs in flag football, basketball, soccer, t-ball, cheer, and lacrosse in West Jacksonville and Clay County.

Being able to partner with a local company like i9 Sports gives the City access to staff and equipment to be able to offer a wide variety of youth sports programs within Green Cove Springs city limits.

For more details on individual programs and registration go to [i9sports.com](http://i9sports.com).

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# Green Cove Springs Events



## CALAVIDA MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

October 11 – 16, 2021

For locations of events throughout the week, go to [calavida.com](http://calavida.com). Calavida Music and Arts Festival celebrates arts of all disciplines, including writing, acting, music, visual art and more. Monday, October 11, to Friday, October 15, offers a performance at a different venue in Green Cove Springs every night, including a live recording of the podcast “Just the Zoo of Us” at Spring Park and “Art with Kyle Willis” at Red’s Wine Bar. The festival ends Saturday, October 16, with a day-long festival of the arts at Spring Park in Green Cove Springs. Festivities throughout the day include an antiques stroll, meeting local artists and authors, and performances by bands including Mama Blue, The Chris Thomas Band, and Kim Reteguiz & The Black Cat Bones. More information about the week-long festival can be found at [calavida.com](http://calavida.com).

## FOOD TRUCK FRIDAY

Every second Friday of the month from March to November  
5-9:30 p.m. / Spring Park, Green Cove Springs

Food Truck Friday gathers local bands and up to 16 local food trucks to Spring Park once a month from Spring to Fall for an evening of fellowship and fun along the St. Johns River. Each month features different local food trucks and band, with a sectioned-off “cooler zone” for adults ages 21 and up to bring their favorite beer or wine to enjoy during Food Truck Friday. Follow its Facebook Page “Green Cove Springs, Food Truck Friday” to get the latest information of each monthly event.

<https://www.facebook.com/greencovespringsfoodtruckfriday/>

## THIRD SATURDAY MARKET IN THE PARK

Every third Saturday of the month from September to June  
10 a.m. – 2 p.m. / Spring Park

Third Saturday Market in the Park, organized by the Green Cove Springs Business League, lines the streets surrounding City Hall and Spring Park with booths of local artisans selling fresh produce, baked goods, honey, handmade soaps, original artwork, and more. Go to [gcsbl.com](http://gcsbl.com) for more information and to sign up as a vendor.

<https://gcsbusinessleague.com/3rd-saturday-in-the-park/>

## PARADE OF TREES

December 1 – 31 / 6 p.m. – 10 p.m. / Spring Park

Every December Spring Park transforms into a Christmas wonderland with 30-plus decorated Christmas trees lining either side of the park’s sidewalks. Each tree is strung with lights and the entire park is lit up every night until New Year’s Day. Christmas trees are open to the public to reserve to decorate for an affordable fee. For more information, go to “Special Events” at [greencovesprings.com](http://greencovesprings.com).

<https://www.greencovesprings.com/ParadeofTrees>

## CHRISTMAS ON WALNUT STREET

December 4, 2021 / 2 p.m. – 9 p.m.  
Downtown Green Cove Springs

Green Cove Springs celebrates the holiday season with Christmas on Walnut Street. The afternoon is filled with local food and craft vendors, live music, and activities like pictures with Santa and the Jingle Bell Fun Run. The event ends with the Green Cove Springs lighted Christmas Parade and the first lighting of the Parade of Trees in Spring Park and the Christmas Tree inside the lobby of City Hall. For more information, go to [greencovesprings.com](http://greencovesprings.com).  
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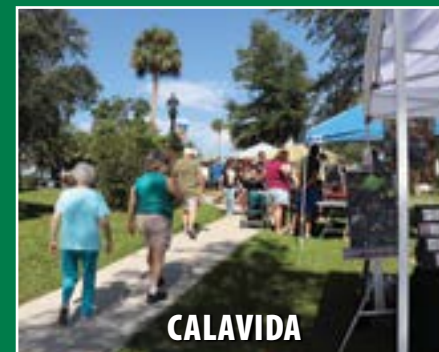
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CHRISTMAS ON WALNUT STREET



# Green Cove Springs Events



**CHRISTMAS PARADE**



**AUGUSTA SAVAGE**



**MEMORIAL DAY RIVERFEST**



**SOUL FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL**



## **GREEN COVE SPRINGS CHRISTMAS PARADE**

December 4, 2021 / 6 p.m.  
Downtown Green Cove Springs

Green Cove Springs Business League presents the annual Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade. The streets of downtown Green Cove Springs come alive with lighted Christmas floats as the parade travels down U.S. 17 from the Clay County Courthouse to Walnut Street. For more information and to volunteer follow "Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade" on Facebook. Any questions can be emailed to [GCSBusinessLeague@gmail.com](mailto:GCSBusinessLeague@gmail.com). <https://gcsbusinessleague.com/christmas-parade/>

## **AUGUSTA SAVAGE AND BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATIONS**

Hosted by Friends of Augusta Savage, Inc.  
February 2022

Friends of Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center, Inc. will host events across the city throughout February in celebration of Black History Month, with a focus on renowned sculptor and Green Cove Springs native Augusta Savage. Details of specific events will be posted on the City's website [www.greencovesprings.com](http://www.greencovesprings.com), Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and Nextdoor closer to February.

## **MEMORIAL DAY RIVERFEST**

Memorial Day / 10 a.m. – 9 p.m. / Spring Park

City of Green Cove Springs honors Memorial Day with a day-long event that includes a military memorial service and veterans recognition ceremony. Morning memorial services lead into afternoon festivities such as watermelon eating contest, rubber duck races, live music, kids' zone, and craft and food vendors. The day's festivities end with a fireworks show over the St. Johns River at night. For more information, go to [greencovesprings.com](http://greencovesprings.com) <https://www.greencovesprings.com/departments/SpecialEvents/memorial-day-river-fest>

## **SOUL FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL**

October 2022 / Noon to 7 p.m.  
Vera Francis Hall Park, 1503 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.,  
Green Cove Springs, FL

Soul Food and Music Festival celebrates the community of Green Cove Springs. It starts with the Parade of Pride at noon, which ends at Vera Francis Hall Park to kick off the festival. The afternoon will be filled with local food, entertainment, and food and dance contests. Past years' performers include local gospel groups and regional R&B artists. More information about Soul Food and Music Festival can be found in "Special Events" at [greencovesprings.com](http://greencovesprings.com). <https://www.greencovesprings.com/soul-food-festival>

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## **\$700,000 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT jumpstarts park, sidewalk, and stormwater improvements into 2022**

The City of Green Cove Springs recently received a \$700,000 grant through the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

The \$700,000 grant award is split between three projects in the neighborhood revitalization grant category. These projects include Vera Francis Hall Park improvements of adding picnic tables, benches, and a sunshade over the playground, adding 7,700 linear feet of sidewalk along Highland Avenue between Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and Idlewild Ave. and along Center Street between Oakridge Ave. and Vermont St., and replacing a half-mile of 50-year-old corrugated metal stormwater pipes, roadway, curb and gutter, and sidewalk on West Street from Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. to Bonaventure Ave.

Both Vera Francis Hall Park Improvements and Highland Avenue sidewalk project are fully funded by CDBG funding with a grant award of \$72,000 for park improvements and \$295,000 for new sidewalk. West Street stormwater replacement was awarded \$333,000, which partially funds the project's total cost of \$1,133,000. The remaining \$800,000 will be funded by the City's stormwater utility user fee.

"Highland Avenue sidewalk project and Vera Francis Hall Park improvements were identified as a need in community meetings," Planning and Zoning Director Michael Daniels said. "With the help of CDBG funding the City will be able to address those needs."

Development Services Department, led by Planning and Zoning Director Michael Daniels, applied for the grant program in November 2020 after a two-month process of public hearings and community hearings to determine where the possible grant funding can be applied in the Green Cove Springs community. The City is eligible to apply for up to \$700,000 in the neighborhood revitalization, commercial revitalization, and housing rehabilitation grant categories.

All three projects are slated to begin in October 2021. Vera Francis Hall Park improvements and Highland Avenue sidewalk project are estimated to take three months to complete. West Street stormwater replacement is estimated to take between six to eight months to complete.



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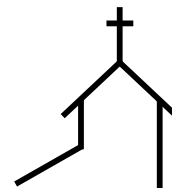
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Salads, sandwiches, steak, cod, salmon, great selection of plated meals for lunch and dinner.

## 2. Pan Asian Cuisine Sushi Bar and Grill/China Wok

1305 N Orange Ave., Ste 127 • 904-529-5153

<http://www.panasiancuisinegcs.com>

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## 3. Sunrise to Sunset

618 N Orange Ave. • 904-827-2013

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. Good Time Charlie's Food Cove

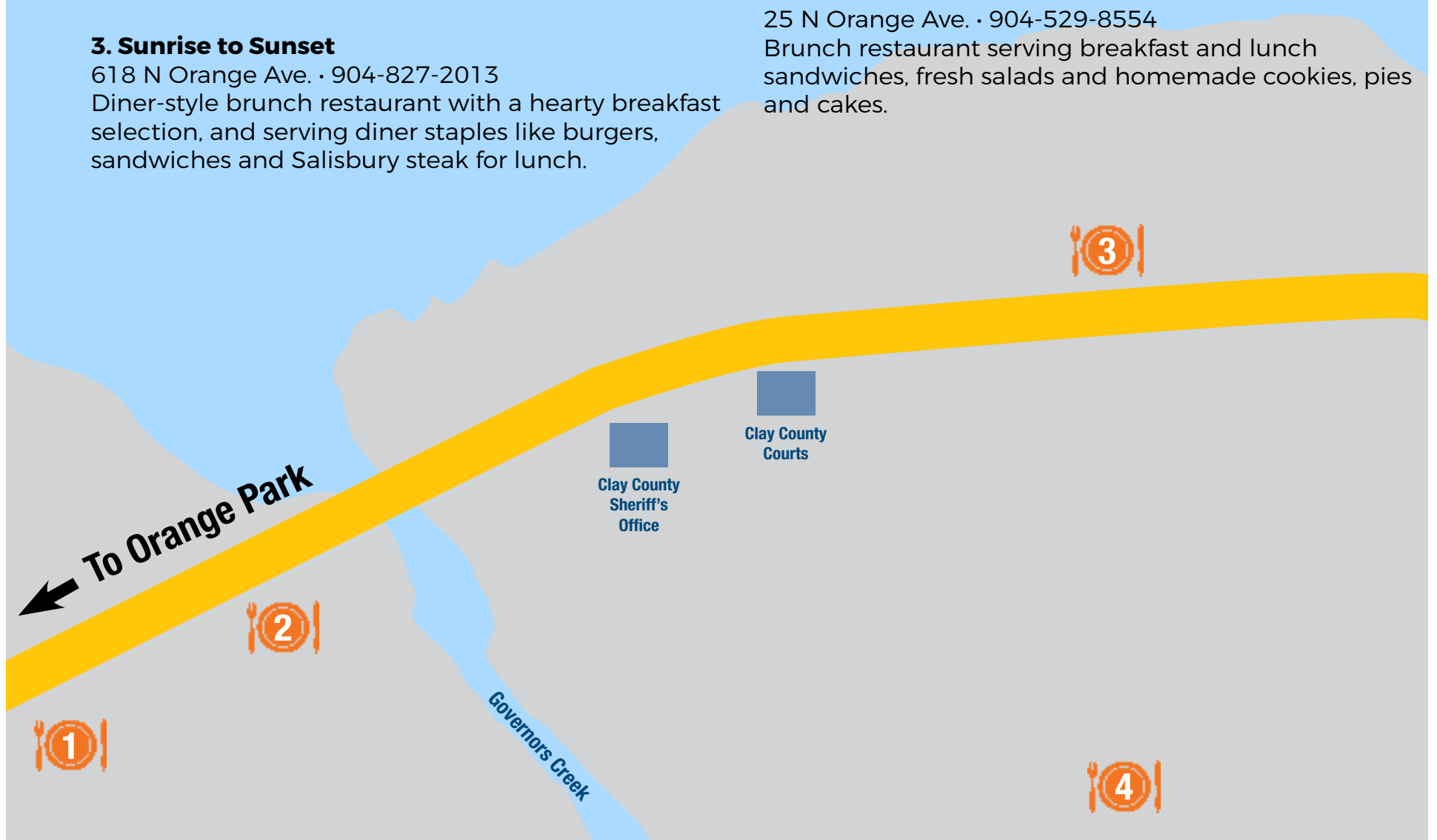
305 N Palmetto Ave.

A food truck food court and event space. New food trucks are parked in the Food Cove every weekend.

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20 N. Orange Ave. • 904-529-9985

<http://mexicanrestaurantgreencove.com>

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

**8. 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.

**9. The Corner Pocket**

14 N Magnolia Ave. • 904-284-1992

<https://thecornerpocketgcs.com>

Pool Hall and restaurant serving burgers and southern style food.

**10. 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.

**11. Spring Park Coffee**

328 Ferris St. • 904-531-9391

<http://www.springparkcoffee.com>

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

**12. D'Fontana Pizza**

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## Nonprofits and anticipated Museum and Mentoring Building transforms Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center to Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex



City of Green Cove Springs, along with Clay County, Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, and additional community partners, celebrated the newly renamed Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex on Monday, May 3, 2021.

Work to the complex includes new parking lot and paving on the west side of the complex and circular driveway and portico at the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry entrance. The two biggest changes to the complex are the newly constructed Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building and a complete interior renovation of the Green Cove Springs Food Pantry—which includes new A/C and heating, electric, ceiling, walls to create dedicated waiting room, office space and bathroom, and lockable storage areas. The Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building, built on the foundation of the former Dunbar High School library building, holds classroom space for a computer lab and individual and group tutoring, a dance studio, a music studio, and a permanent art museum space dedicated to the work of Augusta Savage and other artists.

Total cost of construction and renovation work is \$952,926.00, which includes \$250,000 of CARES Act funding for work on the GCS Food Pantry and \$300,000 from Clay County for construction of the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Building.

“The City is proud to make these additions to the complex that not only support the community and the nonprofit organizations that serve them, but also foster community partnerships to guide our youth to opportunities for a better future,” said City of Green Cove Springs City Manager Steve Kennedy. “Augusta Savage has been an inspiration to generations of artists, and we want to honor her legacy by making this museum and mentoring building a place where children and teens find their passion for the arts.”

Clay County Chairman of the Board Mike Cella said, “County Commissioners wanted to contribute to this local community enhancement project and have long supported the efforts of the City of Green Cove Springs to provide this resource for its residents. The county committed \$300,000 in funding for this Capital Improvement Project designed to

improve the existing facility and provide a cultural arts center that will be valued and enjoyed by the community for many generations.”

Kennedy said that the City has already received a few works of art and memorabilia of Augusta Savage to add to the museum area of the building, and continues to ask the community to donate pieces to add to the museum. The City is also looking for anyone with experience in archiving art to curate the museum space on a volunteer basis.

The City is currently working with community partners to implement programming at the museum and mentoring building through a working group which includes Chair of the City Planning & Zoning Board and member of the City Citizens Advisory Committee Henrietta Frances, Green Cove Junior High Principal Jen Halter, Charles E Bennett Elementary Assistant Principal Marcia Mainer, former City of Green Cove Springs mayor and council member Felecia Hampshire, and himself. This group is crucial in creating sustainable programs in the arts and education and selecting individuals who can offer their skills on a volunteer basis as teachers or mentors. The group is open to others who can contribute to implementing programs or working as a volunteer.

The City is continuing to work on furnishing the museum and mentoring building with remaining budgeted funds for the building. It anticipates announcing programming by the end of the year.

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# SPRING PARK POOL & SPLASH PARK



Green Cove Springs is home to one of the oldest spring-fed public pools in Florida. Water bubbles up from the spring at a constant 1,346 gallons per minute into the pool, then flows through the pool to the Spring run and into the St. Johns River.

Public pool access dates to as early as 1870, when Joseph W. Applegate and Jonathon S. Harris opened the Clarendon Hotel and built two pools for hotel guests that the spring ran into before flowing out and into the St. Johns River. The pool brought tourists from across the U.S. to Green Cove Springs for its advertised health benefits and as a cure for several diseases between 1870 and 1916, including President Arthur, President Cleveland and Thomas Edison.

Even as tourism and hotels in the area declined, the pool remained open for public use. Today, it's owned and maintained by the City of Green Cove Springs. The pool, located in Spring Park, has recently become an even popular spot since the City underwent a complete rebuild of the pool and spring, including building a

splash pad by the spring and a new pool pavilion.

While the spring feeds into the pool all year round, the pool itself is open to the public from May to the end of October. During these summer months the pool is open Tuesday through Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Anyone can access the pool for a nominal daily fee that's set every summer, or purchase a pool pass for unlimited access to the pool throughout the summer. For information on daily rates and other details go to [www.greencovesprings.com/maps/location/CityPool](http://www.greencovesprings.com/maps/location/CityPool) or call the pool office at 904-297-7070.

The splash pad by the spring is open 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. all year round and is free to the public.

You can enjoy the pool during the summer and splash pad all year round. These are just a few of the many amenities available in Spring Park, located in the heart of Green Cove Springs.


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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 over-night 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.

The City completed the improvements and additions to the pier in fall 2020, funded through a \$600,000 appropriation from the state legislature. This project rebuilt existing City Pier structures as well as built new additions to the pier, including rehabilitating and rebuilding portions of the existing pier structure and floating docks (including gazebo on the pier, lighting on the pier and electric), building docking facilities for large vessels, and building a wave attenuating system to protect the floating docks from damage by river waves.

## 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.

City completed upgrades to Spring Park In Spring 2021 through a \$400,000 matching grant from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Major upgrades through this grant Include the City's first ADA accessible playground on Spring Street, across from the main playground, and the South Dock Kayak Launch located at the end of Ferris Street, which gives visitors to the park an addition spot to fish as well as launch kayaks and canoes on the St. Johns River. Other grant Improvements Include upgrading existing playground equipment, renovating the pedestrian bridge over Spring Run, and making Improvements to sidewalks and boardwalks as well as adding overlook swings.

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 October.

## Vera Francis Hall Park

Vera Francis Hall Park is located on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near the Augusta Savage Social Services Center. At the back of the park there is an amphitheater for entertainment, a fishing pier, and a canoe or kayak launch on Governors Creek that connects into the St. Johns River a few miles away. Vera Francis Hall Park also offers picnic pavilions and tables, a playground, basketball court, and a baseball/softball field.

Through a Florida Department of Economic Opportunity's Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) the City will add new benches, picnic tables, and a playground shade canopy to the park In Fall 2021.



City Pier



Spring Park



City Pool



Splash Pad



VHF Park



**AG Friendship Park**



### 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, with playground equipment that accessible for younger children. park also offers a basketball court for older children and adults. Through CARES Act funding, the City also added a bathroom to the park In Spring 2021.

### Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex

The complex, 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.

The space now Includes the Thomas Hogans Memorial Gym, Jump Start VPK, Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, AMIkids, an outdoor playground, baseball field, soccer field, bike trail, and exercise trial In May 2021 the City unveiled the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center, a new multipurpose building at the location of the former Augusta Savage Library that Includes a dance studio, multipurpose classrooms, a computer room, and a publicly accessible museum space which holds the work of Augusta Savage and additional artists. Programming for this newest addition to the Augusta Savage Social Services and Cultural Complex will be announced soon. Visit [greencovesprings.com](http://greencovesprings.com) for more Information.

### Thomas Hogans Memorial Gym

Located at 415 Lemon Street, the gym is part of the Augusta Savage Social Services Center. It's open to the public Monday through Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Current programs include basketball and pickleball.

### 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.

### 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.

### Bayard Conservation Area

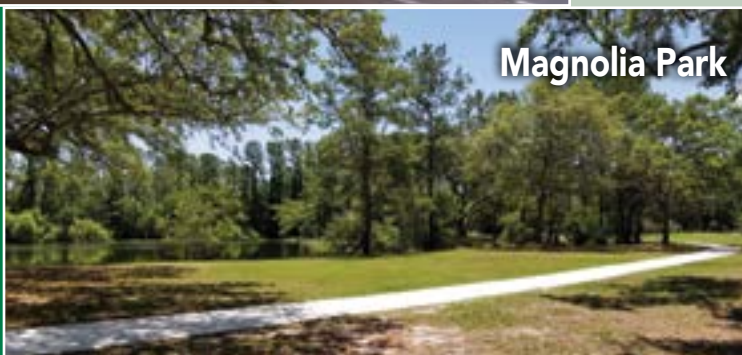
The Bayard Conservation Area is operated by the St. Johns River Water Management District. With just over 10,000 acres, Bayard offers cycling, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, bank fishing, boating access, canoeing and wildlife viewing. Primitive camping is available. For more information, call the District's Bureau of Land Management at (386) 329-4404. [www.floridaswater.com/recreationguide/bayard/](http://www.floridaswater.com/recreationguide/bayard/)



**AG Community Center**



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**Magnolia Park**



**Bayard - photo courtesy of St. Johns Water Management District**



**Clay County Fairgrounds**

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**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.

**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.

**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 Chowenwaw 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.



**Governor's Creek Boat Ramp**



**Knights Marina - Green Cove Springs FL**  
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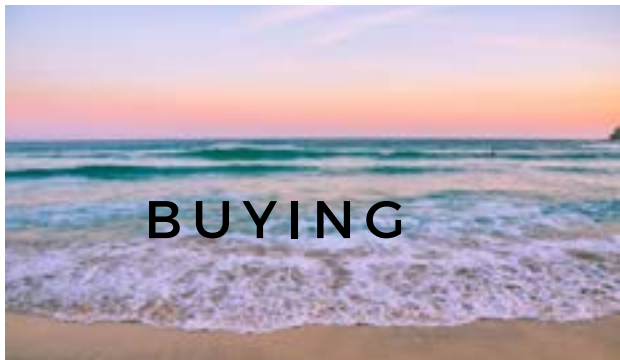




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In 1899 veterans of the Spanish-American War (1898) and the Philippine Insurrection (1899-1902) founded local organizations to secure rights and benefits for their service. Many arrived home wounded or sick. There was no medical care or veterans' pension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

Besides helping fund the creation of the Vietnam, Korean War, World War II and Women in Military Service memorials, 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 program 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.

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Nationally, more than \$10 million a year is donated to local communities, fundraisers, charities and more. As part of its philosophy, the F.O.E. gives back 100 percent of monies raised in the form of grants. Fundraisers are conducted for eight major charities, Diabetes Research Center, Kidney Fund, Heart Fund, Diabetes Fund, Cancer Fund, Spinal Cord Injury Fund, Children's Fund, Alzheimer's & Neurological Fund, Parkinson's Fund, Muscular Dystrophy 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 facility 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 \$160,000.00 for charity and still increasing our totals. 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"

## 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, Europe/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, Augusta 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.





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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.



# The Village Improvement Association Federated Woman's Club of Green Cove Springs

By Clara Freeman, Historian and Conservation Chair

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GFWC Florida Headquarters is in Lakeland, FL. It is comprised of 193 Clubs and has over 8,400 members, and has 14 Districts. Our District is No. 4 and has 14 Clubs. In 2019 club members across the state volunteered 1,200,000 hours, donated over \$3.8 million in grants, scholarships, cash, and in-kind donations.

The Ladies Village Improvement Association Green Cove Springs, FL, was organized February 1883. In February 1895 the Ladies invited clubs in the state to Green Cove Springs with the thought of organizing the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. It was ratified on February 21, 1895.

Today the Village Improvement Association Federated Woman's Club of Green Cove Springs, FL, Inc. is the oldest Woman's Club in the state and the twelfth oldest in the world. We were admitted to the General Federation of Women's Clubs on January 25, 1908.

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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.

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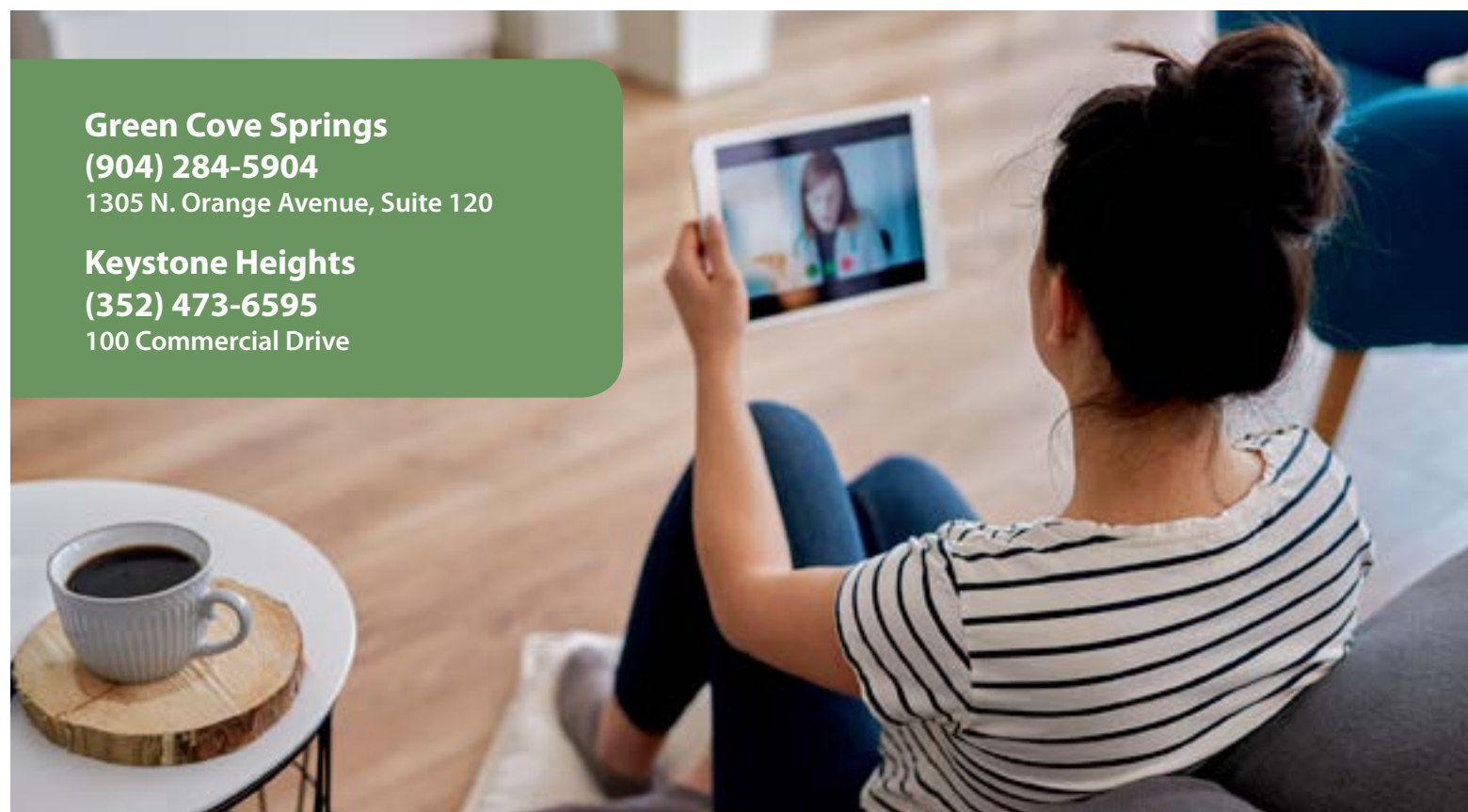
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