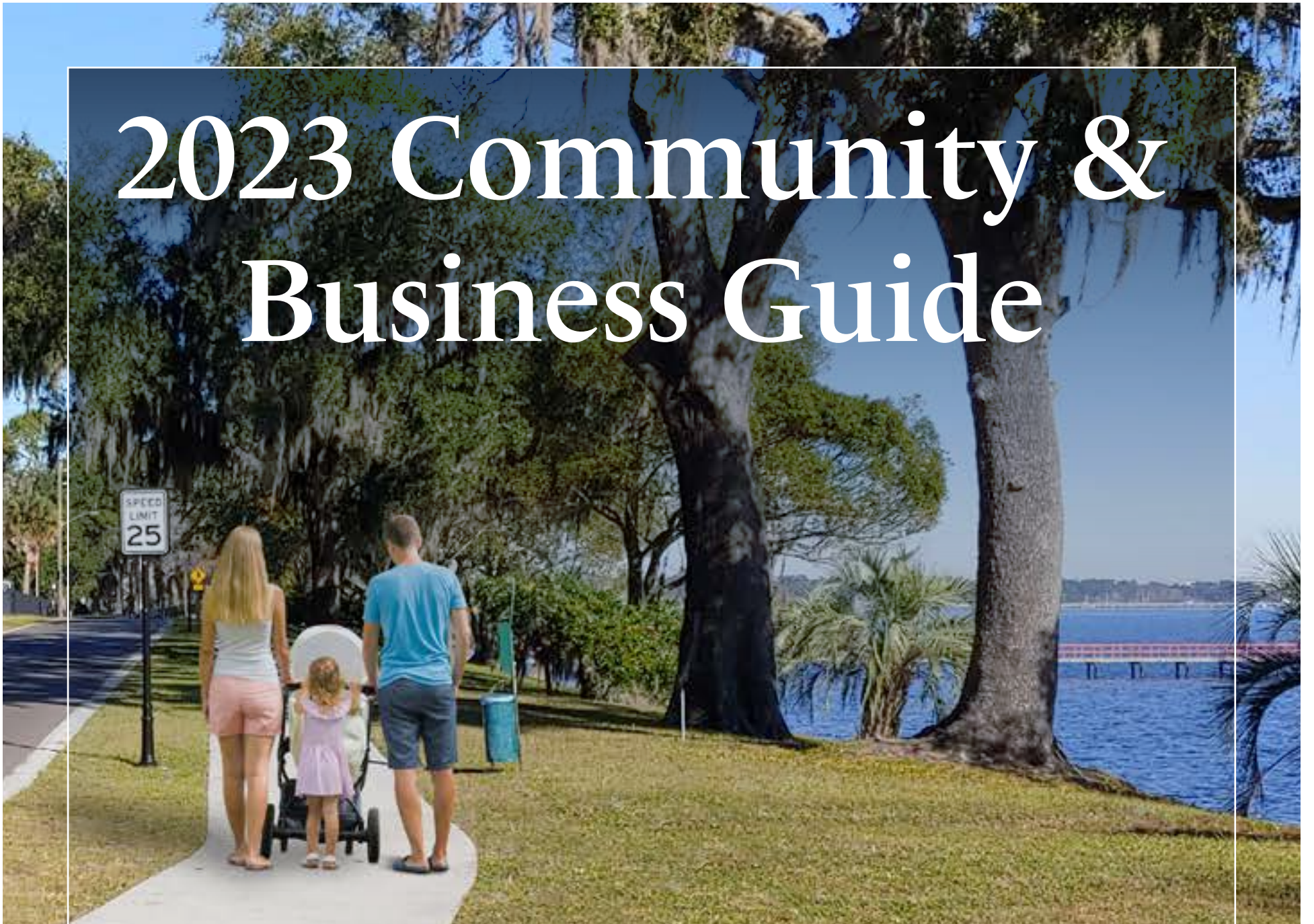


# 2023 Community & Business Guide



● Welcome to a Town that's closer to what matters.

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## **Town Council**

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Alan Watt, Vice-Mayor

John Hauber, Councilmember

Susana Thompson, Councilmember

Doug Benefield, Councilmember

## **Town Council Meetings**

The Town Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 PM in the Town Hall

Council Chambers, 2042 Park Avenue

## **Town Administration**

Sarah Campbell, Town Manager

Courtney Russo, Town Clerk

Sam Garrison, Town Attorney

## **Department Heads**

John Contestabile, Fire Chief

Gary Goble, Police Chief

Kyle Croce, Public Works Director

John Villanueva, Finance Director

Stephen Smith, Economic & Community  
Development Director

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# Welcome To A Town that's Closer To What Matters

It's when you look up that you truly know you're home. The oak canopy reaches high, nestling this small town just beside the big city. It gives you shade, serenity and security in a world that often struggles to. Snow globes are made of scenes like this - a microcosm of the best a community can be. You and your family are at the center of it. Closer to nature. Closer to history. Closer to opportunity. Closer to friends, family and faith.

*Closer... to what matters.*

The live oaks have towered over us for centuries, rooted in a tradition of welcoming. A Spanish colony evolved to Laurel Grove, then to our founding in 1877. America's largest sign, "ORANGE PARK," beckoned steamboats of winter tourists to our shores. They found something different. Comfort, beauty and an ease of living. Orange trees, once a driver of our economy, were symbols of hospitality. So, too, were pecans. The Clarkes shipped them nationwide, a simple exchange to keep friends and family closer.

*Closer... to what matters.*

As Jacksonville grew, this Town attracted more residents than visitors, though they still come. Here, at the pinnacle of Clay County, neighborhoods, places of worship and businesses were born - and a tradition of outstanding police and fire protection. Unchanged was the priority placed on natural beauty and recreation. River Road gives

everyone their place on the water. Our birds sing music from the trees. The St. Johns and Doctor's Lake. Clarke House Park. Town Hall Park. TC Miller. The Veterans' Memorial. These are the places that keep us closer to nature, closer to one another and closer to something bigger.

*Closer... to what matters.*

Our peaceful setting is also abuzz with activity. Isn't that what community is all about? Our events and festivals are a signature - the Farmers' Market, Fall Festival, Longest Table. Day to day, we come together at genuinely local establishments, each with its own character. Morning coffee at Urban Bean or Grumpy's, a tasty meal at OP Fish House. A local brew at Cultured Collective. And don't forget a chocolate covered cone at the DQ. Special occasions at Club Continental, Winterbourne and Azaleana Manor, each with the river in view. This is a Town that keeps life's lighter moments in balance, keeping us closer to enjoyment.

*Closer... to what matters.*

This is a place for the ambitious, too. Our elementary schools and middle school prepare students to achieve their aspirations. Our active trading area is fertile ground for entrepreneurs and professionals, alike. US-17 and Kingsley pulse with energy, making us the commercial center of Clay County. For those looking to climb the ladder, thriving Jacksonville provides limitless career

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*Closer... to what matters.*

That this peaceful enclave has been preserved within a high growth region is remarkable. We won't grow out of control because, at 5.3 square miles, we can't. We'll only grow better, buoyed by the power of friends, family, faith and our natural assets. There's a comfortable connection here, 150 years in the making. Real and unpretentious. We cling to it like the Spanish moss on our majestic oaks. Won't you join us? Look up and you'll see it, look around and you'll feel it. You're in the Town of Orange Park.

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# Town Streets

Allen Ln  
 Allen Mac Ct  
 Anna Av  
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 Ash St  
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 Azalea Ln  
 Bay Cir  
 Bellair Blvd  
 Berrier St  
 Betty Ct  
 Birdwood Dr  
 Black Gum Ct  
 Blake Av  
 Bobolink Ln  
 Bristol Pl  
 Campbell Av  
 Candy Ln  
 Canopy Ct  
 Carnes St  
 Carrington Ct  
 Cedar Key Ct  
 Chablis Ct  
 Chateau Pl  
 Chelsea Pl  
 Chickadee Ln  
 Claire Ln  
 Clinton Dr  
 Clover Av  
 Corduroy Ct  
 Crepe Myrtle Ct  
 Crosby Ln  
 DeBarry Av  
 (1809 - 1922)  
 Doctors Lake Dr  
 (2015 - 2271)  
 Dog Fennel Ct  
 Dogwood Ln  
 Dolphin Ct  
 Dolphin St  
 Egremont Dr  
 Elbow Rd  
 Eldridge Av  
 (319,323,335,350,  
 450, 3815, 3823,  
 4032 4120, 4132,  
 4133, 4137,4180)  
 Eldridge Lp  
 Elk Ct  
 Elm St  
 Fatio Ln  
 Filmore Ln  
 Floyd Cir  
 Freckles Ct

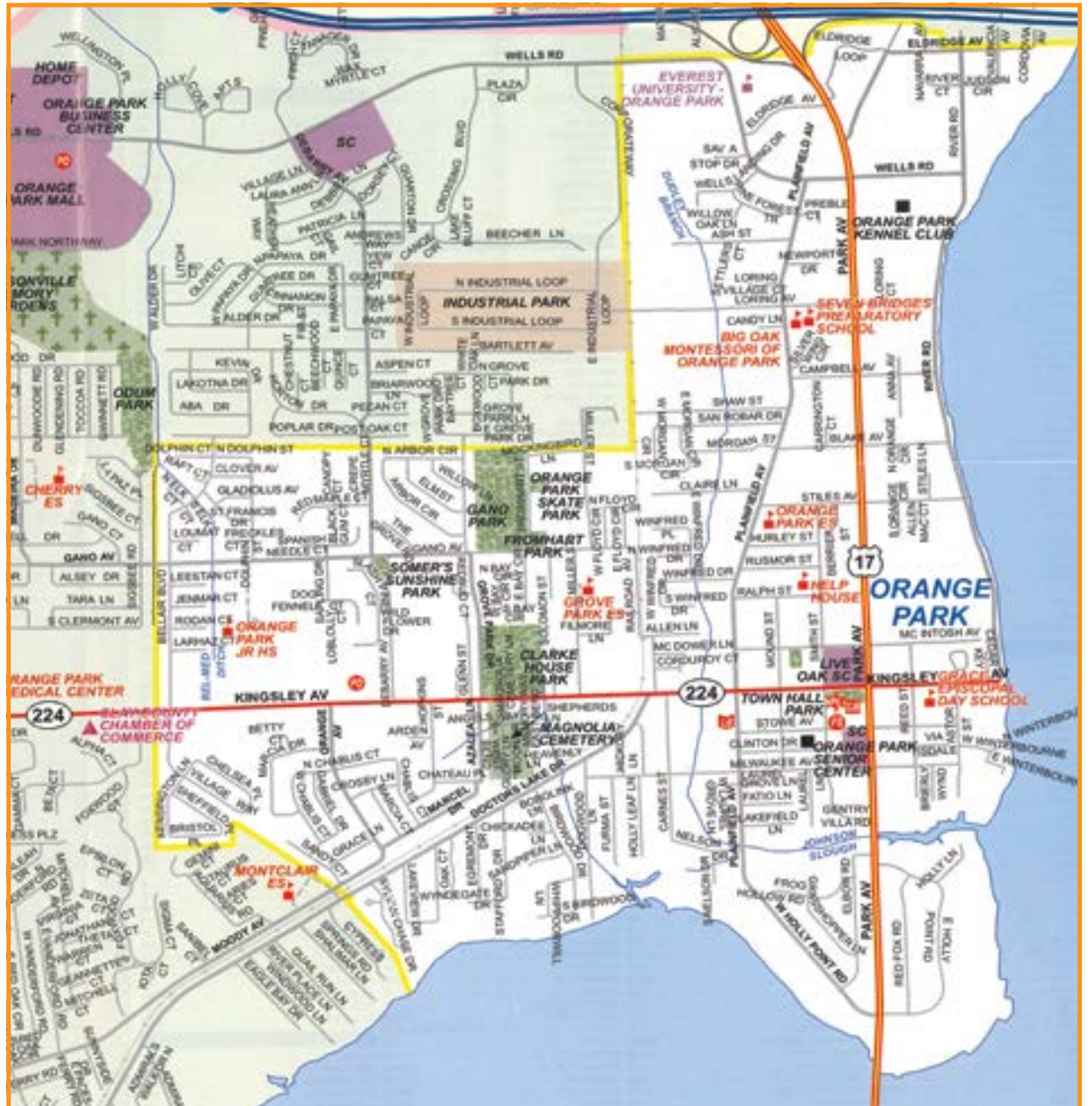
Frog Hollow Rd  
 Fromhart St  
 (1006-1085)  
 Furma St  
 Gabriel Dr  
 Gano Av  
 (915 -1564)  
 Gladiolus Av  
 Glenn St  
 Grace Ln  
 Grasshopper Ln  
 Grove Park Dr  
 (1167-1940)  
 The Grove Rd  
 Hickory Ln  
 Holly Ln  
 Holly Leaf Ln  
 Holly Point Rd  
 Hopkins St  
 Hurley St  
 Jenmar Ct  
 Judson Cir  
 Kensington Ln  
 Kingsley Av  
 (12 - 1605)  
 Lakefield Ln  
 Lakeview Dr  
 Larhaz Ct  
 Laurel Ln  
 Laurel Grove Ln  
 Leestan Ct  
 Loblolly Ct  
 Loring Av  
 Loring Ct  
 Loring Village Ct  
 Loumat Ct  
 Marcel Dr  
 Marcia Ct  
 Marcia Dr  
 McDower Ln  
 McIntosh Av  
 Miller St  
 Milwaukee Av  
 Moody Av  
 (2349 - 2379)  
 Morgan Cir  
 Morgan St  
 Mound St  
 Navarra Av (8610)  
 Nelson Dr  
 Newport Dr  
 Oak Ct  
 Old Orange Park Rd  
 Orange Av  
 Orange Cir

Park Av - US Hwy 17  
 (100 - 2301)  
 Pine Forest Tr  
 Plainfield Av  
 Preble Ct  
 Raft Ct  
 Railroad Av  
 Ralph St  
 Red Bud Ct  
 Red Fox Rd  
 Red Maple Ct  
 Reed St  
 River Ct

River Rd  
 (47 - 1520)  
 Rodan Ct  
 Rusmor St  
 San Robar Dr  
 Sandpiper Ln  
 Sandy Ct  
 Sapling Dr  
 Settlers Ct  
 Shaw St  
 Sheffield Pl  
 Silver Wing Cir  
 Slash Pine Ct

Smith St  
 Solomon St  
 Spanish Needle Ct  
 St. Francis Dr  
 Stafford Dr  
 Stiles Av  
 Stiles Ln  
 Stowe Av  
 Sylvan Chase Dr  
 Upchucks Ln  
 Via Tisdelle  
 Village Way  
 Wells Landing Dr

Wells Rd  
 (111 - 805)  
 Whippoorwill Ln  
 Wild Flower Dr  
 Willow Ln  
 Willow Oak Ln  
 Winfred Dr  
 Winfred Pl  
 Winterbourne Dr  
 Winterbourne St  
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Clay County  
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# Town of Orange Park Business Listings

## Automotive Services

Auto Shipping Corp	630 Kingsley Ave # 1901	347-524-9645	Cargo Shipping
BP	201 Park Ave	904-375-9950	Gas Station
Charles & George's Car Wash	1405 Park Ave	904-264-8164	Car Wash
Clean & Shine Mobile Detail	206-A Park Ave	904-209-8693	Auto Detailing
Duckie's Car Wash	1004 Park Ave	904-233-8208	Car Wash
Enterprise Rent-A-Car	1249 Park Ave	904-269-8111	Car Rental
Famous Quick Lube	1005 Park Ave	904-465-0043	Garage & Vehicle Repair
Jiffy Lube #2771	1548 Park Ave	904-278-8544	Garage & Vehicle Repair
Mavis Discount	706 Park Ave	904-693-5188	Tire Service
Pro Tire Service	1109 Park Ave	904-644-7094	Tire Service
RaceTrac #196	947 Park Ave	904-541-1779	Gas Station
Safelite Autoglass	1415 Kingsley Ave	904-773-4868	Autoglass
Smooth Ride Solutions LLC	630 Kingsley Ave # 1901	912-308-6840	Transportation
Speedway #6514	1346 Park Ave	904-278-8843	Gas Station
Wawa #5328	300 Park Ave	610-358-8029	Gas Station

## Beauty & Wellness Services

89 Nails Salon	664 Kingsley Ave, Ste 105	904-375-8681	Nail Salon
Amy Massage Spa	1600 Park Ave, Ste 1	904-770-6320	Day Spa
Atomic Beauty And Barber	2108 Park Ave, #102	904-418-4516	Salon
Bloom	664 Kingsley Ave, Ste 101	904-762-3837	Salon
Diamond Tip Tattoo	1177 Park Ave, Ste 13	904-602-5888	Tattoo Studio
Expressions Salon	1912 Debarry Ave	904-269-0404	Salon
Hair By Lee & Friends	328 Milwaukee Ave	904-264-2244	Salon
Images Salon Boutique	1827 Smith St	904-813-8432	Beauty Salon
Modern Barber Shop	465 Kingsley Ave	904-269-2420	Barber Shop
Nail Avenue	1498 Park Ave	904-602-5718	Nail Salon
Natural Healing Day Spa	2012 Smith St	904-413-8075	Day Spa
Naturale Salon	1205 Kingsley Ave	904-264-7163	Salon
Silk-C Day Spa	1125-B Kingsley Ave	904-990-4840	Day Spa
Skin Deep Studio & Day Spa	457 Kingsley Ave	904-278-3384	Day Spa
The Hair Saloon	2022 Carnes St, Ste 2	904-626-9899	Salon
This & That Hair Creations	634 Kingsley Ave	904-215-6991	Salon
Under Your Skin Tattoos Inc.	449 Kingsley Ave	308-940-3221	Tattoo Studio
Vivi's Hair Salon	1279 Kingsley Ave	904-207-2111	Beauty Salon

## Education & Childcare Services

Bright Start School & Daycare	217 Wells Rd	904-269-1970	Childcare
Engaging Young Minds Academy Inc	2170 Park Ave	904-523-2674	Childcare
Florida Bartending School	1524 Smith St.	904-317-2827	Bartending school
Florida Real Estate Institute	590 Wells Rd Ste 1	904-269-2555	Training
Haile Academy Of Higher Learning	1624 Smith Street	904-505-0484	School
Individualized Education	402 Loring Ave	904-269-7377	School
Island View Child Care Center	900 Park Ave	904-264-1118	Childcare
Orange Park School of Music	441 Stowe Ave Suite B	904-541-0855	Music Lessons
Surelysafes	1647 Sheffield Pl	904-545-1627	Security Training
Sylvan Learning Center	1414 Kingsley Ave, Ste 4	904-757-2220	Tutoring
The Children's Corner	1720 Smith Street	904-278-8651	Childcare

## Banks & Financial Services

Bodine Perry	100 Old Orange Park Rd	904-269-7077	Bookkeeping
Coastal Financial Strategies	165 Wells Rd, Ste 204	904-621-0445	Financial Services
Edward Jones & Co., LP	165 Wells Rd, Suite 301	904-213-8619	Financial Services
Elevated CPA	1409 Kingsley Ave Ste 4C	904-769-7879	Accounting
ESP Financial	1246 Park Ave	904-606-2116	Financial Services
Essential Bookkeeping Solutions	1929 Park Ave	904-284-2188	Bookkeeping
Fairway Independent Mortgage Corp.	462 Kingsley Ave, Ste 102	904-509-8762	Loan Companies
Financial Accommodation Services	1543 Kingsley Ave, Bldg 11	904-269-0137	Financial Services
First Command Financial Services	590 Wells Rd, Ste 2	904-269-8772	Financial Services
First Look Home Loans	673 Kingsley Ave.	904-863-3977	Mortgage Broker

Florida Wealth Planning Group	1555 Kingsley Ave, Ste 304	904-215-0030	Financial Services
Greg Homesley, CPA, PC	590 Wells Rd, Ste 4	904-213-7743	Accounting
H & R Block Advisors	550 Wells Rd, Ste 13	904-269-1233	Tax Services
KSB Accounting, Inc.	165 Wells Rd, Ste 105	904-264-9008	Accounting
Lending Bear	1345 Park Ave	904-264-2300	Loan Companies
Leslie Welsch, CPA, Inc.	165 Wells Rd, Ste 101	904-264-5011	Accounting
Lipham & Hagler PA	1409 Kingsley Ave Ste 4C	904-264-8804	Accounting
Magers & Associates	165 Wells Rd, Ste 405	904-773-0180	Financial Services
Mariner Finance	550 Wells Rd, Ste 9	904-215-1285	Loan Companies
Orange Park Bookkeeping	1120 Park Ave	904-269-3776	Bookkeeping
PCP Financial Services	1560 Kingsley Ave, Ste 1 & 3	904-282-6331	Financial Services
SouthState Bank	1440 Kingsley Ave	904-541-3900	Bank / Credit Union
The Tax Genius	1125 Kingsley Ave Ste A	407-967-1443	Tax Services
Vicki Middlekauff, CMA, PA	1555 Kingsley Ave, Ste 305	904-644-7775	Financial Services
Wealth Enhancement Group	165 Wells Rd #407	793-417-1414	Financial Planning
Williams & Williams, CPA	165 Wells Rd, Ste 201	904-278-5566	Accounting

## Insurance Services

A Newton & Young Insurance LLC	1544 Kingsley Ave	904-264-0707	Insurance Agent
Brightway Insurance of Orange Park	1008 Park Ave	904-830-0101	Insurance Agent
Rushing Insurance	2254 Park Ave	904-278-4288	Insurance Agent
Clay County Farm Bureau	1850 Park Ave, #1	904-278-2945	Insurance Agent
Insurance Solutions Of America	1680 Smith St, #4	904-375-0726	Insurance Agent
Primerica	2105 Park Ave, Ste 14A	904-586-3652	Insurance Agent
State Farm Insurance	1169 Kingsley Ave	904-278-2677	Insurance Agent
Vann Insurance	859 Park Ave, Ste 100	904-215-3365	Insurance Agent

## Pet Services

Kingsley Animal Hospital	1070 Kingsley Ave	904-264-2419	Veterinarian
Primevet Inc.	920 Kingsley Ave	904-269-0500	Veterinarian
Puppy Love Grooming LLC	2131 Park Ave	904-213-7988	Grooming

## Professional Services

904 Nurtition	1177 Park Ave #14	904-554-2816	Sales Training
American Recovery Systems	2022 Carnes St, Ste 7B	904-731-8775	Business Services
ARC Group Inc	1409 Kingsley Ave. Ste #2	407-592-4564	Franchise Management
Area Communications Co	1532 Kingsley Ave, Ste 110	904-269-9424	Communications
Best Express Logistics	1120 Park Ave	407-412-1034	Business Svc - Admin Asst
Codes-ABC, Inc.	165 Wells Rd Ste 408	904-579-3432	Permit- Consulting
Frazier Janitorial Services	888 Filmore Ln	904-516-7003	Cleaning Service
Famous Mary Alterations	630-1 Kingsley Ave.	678-938-0910	Alterations
F & W Forestry Service, Inc.	1950 Miller St. Ste 5	352-377-2924	Forestry Services
Grant Development & Management	2347 Oak Ct	904-264-5121	Grant Writing
Impressions by KP LLC	742 Winfred Dr	904-626-9774	Graphic Designer
Jacksonville Daily Record	630 Kingsley Ave	904-356-2466	Reporter
Keepin' It Simple	141 Old Orange Park Rd #282	904-9931860	Cleaning Service
Larabie LLC	1724 Village Way Unit C	904-737-5554	Software Development
LDI Reproprinting Of Orange	550 Wells Rd, Ste 8	904-579-4027	Construction Printing Service
Michael Knapp Leather	2143 Carnes St	727-255-4858	Leather Service
Molly Maid of Orange Park	108 Kingsley Ave, Ste 1	904-644-8350	Cleaning Service
My Maids	2032 Carnes St	904-264-6666	Cleaning Service
Research Design Team South LLC	1329 Kingsley Ave, Ste A	904-264-3282	Business Consulting
River City Maids	2417 Elbow Rd	904-563-1468	Cleaning Service
Senate Forwarding	1822 Debarry Ave	904-278-0708	Forwarding Service
Seven Hills Security	1279 Kingsley Ave, Ste 106	904-215-3144	Security Services
Tech Ambience	2301 Park Ave, Ste 402	650-678-8307	Software Development
The Nest Co-Working	630 Kingsley Ave	904-385-0093	Office Rental

## Hotels & Travel Services

1840 Mounnd St	1840 Mound St.	612-229-4189	Short Term Vacation Rental
Arboles Apartmetns	220 Stowe Ave	904-592-7728	Short-Term Rental
Azaleana Manor	12 Kingsley Ave	904-930-7514	Bed & Breakfast
BC2021	2245 Kensington Ln	904-887-1600	Short Term Vacation Rental
Clark Vacation Rentals	2257 Dogwood Ln.	904-710-2360	Short Term Vacation Rental
Courtyard By Marriott	610 Wells Rd	904-854-1500	Hotel / Motel
Days Inn Orange Park	4280 Eldridge Loop	904-269-8887	Hotel / Motel
Edward Checo	1417 Sapling Dr.	347-369-1656	Short Term Vacation Rental
Fairfield Inn Orange Park	450 Eldridge Ave	904-278-7442	Hotel / Motel
Florida's First Coast Vacations LLC	115 W 2nd St.	904-900-0066	Short Term Vacation Rental
Hampton Inn & Suites	141 Park Ave	904-278-6140	Hotel / Motel
Holiday Inn & Suites	620 Wells Rd	904-562-7400	Hotel / Motel
Johns Thomas	660 Plainfield Ave.	904-755-6506	Short Term Vacation Rental
Plantation House	1724 Plainfield Ave	904-477-6571	Vacation Rental
River Suites Club Continental	2139 Astor St	904-264-6070	Hotel / Motel
Zen Living Suites	335 Eldridge Ave	904-458-4299	Hotel / Motel

## Real Estate & Housing Services

Admiral Apartments	1217 Park Ave	904-592-7725	Apartments
Arboles Apartmetns	220 Stowe Ave	904-592-7725	Apartments
Caroll King Appraisal, Inc	1680 Smith St, Ste 5	904-215-9989	Real Estate Appraiser
COBRE Professional Property Mngt.	673-B Kingsley Ave	786-556-1984	Property Management
Coldwell Banker Vanguard	550 Wells Rd Ste 2	904-269-7117	Real Estate / Realtor
Douglas Brown & Associates	1848 Park Ave	904-269-3310	Real Estate Appraiser
5 Elements DSR	1555 Kingsley Av Ste 201	904-327-1572	Property Management
Gator Referrals	550 Wells Rd Ste 2	904-269-7117	Real Estate / Realtor
Herron Real Estate LLC	1925 Park Ave	904-729-4313	Real Estate / Realtor
Island Realty	667 Kingsley Ave	904-215-2910	Real Estate / Realtor
Kingwood Apartments	1357 Kingsley Ave	904-505-8597	Apartments
Logos Realty & Investment Corp	1233 Dolphin St	855-946-6467	Real Estate / Realtor
NF Association Of Realtors	550 Wells Rd, Ste 12	904-541-0104	Real Estate / Realtor
Park Place Apartments	401 Loring Ave	904-264-0091	Apartments
Park Village Apartments	741 Park Ave	904-747-6350	Apartments
Realty Inc. Complete Home	534-1 Park Ave	904-306-0240	Real Estate / Realtor
Sunset Capital Commercial LLC	534-1 Park Ave	904-759-4873	Real Estate / Realtor
The Cam Team	1008 Park Ave, Ste 120	904-278-2338	Real Estate / Realtor
Urway Realty	1834-1 Park Ave	904-602-6776	Real Estate / Realtor

## Contractors, Building & Home Services

Adams Interior Contractors	2018 Smith St	904-269-1919	General Contractor
Arensdorf Construction	1244 Park Ave	904-404-6215	General Contractor
Artistic Concrete	1103 Park Ave	904-375-8584	Concrete Contractor
Atlantic Coast Appliance	1846 Park Ave.	904-249-4426	Appliance Repair
Backyard Creations	811 Park Ave	904-278-5010	Construction
Better Home Improvement	538 Park Ave	904-278-0810	General Contractor
Bill Henry Electric	1125 Arbor Circle	904-614-3765	Electrical Contactor
C & H Marine Construction	417 Stowe Ave	904-264-7500	Marine Construction
Dale's Plumbing Co	688-C Kingsley Ave	904-269-5430	Plumbing Contractor
Desbuild Incorporated	538 Park Ave Ste 2	904-420-6284	Contractor
DMD Restoration	2095 Carnes St.	904-866-9114	Contractor - Handyman
Dolphin Backflow	673 Kingsley Ave	904-269-5489	Specialty Plumbing Contractor
Dubo Roofing Co	830 Kingsley Ave	904-396-1889	Roofing Contractor
Fantastic Floors	1632 Park Ave, Suite 100	904-298-1593	Flooring Contractor
Gordon's Glass & Mirror Inc	1035 Park Ave	904-269-1941	Glass & Mirrors
Herman Dixon & Sons	1304 Miller St.	313-433-0334	Landscaping
Howard Construction	580 Wells Rd, Ste 3	904-541-1112	General Contractor
Integrated Accessibility	664 Morgan Circle S	904-639-6323	Contractor
Jeffrey E. Schaefer	1414 Plainfield Ave	904-264-3106	General Contractor
Kentronix	350 Eldridge Ave, Ste 1	904-777-5400	Home Security Systems
Metro Structural Service	1617 Smith St.	904-468-0454	Contractor
Mike's Flooring	747 Park Ave, Unit 1	904-509-2487	Flooring Contractor
Mr Handyman	1107 Park Ave, Ste 3	904-579-2205	Handyman
Mr. Rays Stucco	1339 Spanish Needle Ct	904-349-6761	Stucco & Stone Repair
Perfect Pool Solutions	512 Clinton Dr	904-729-0088	Pool Contractor
Place Plan LLC	2232 Holly Leaf Ln	904-278-0688	Interior Design
Reliable Maintenance Service	1723 Smith St	904-264-7086	General Contractor
Roof-It-Right	344 Milwaukee Ave	904-541-1191	Roofing Contractor
Rivers & Rivers	1882 Bellair Blvd	904-264-0123	General Contractor

SkyMac Design, Inc.	1724 Village Way, Ste A	904-710-8082	Design Addition & Renovation
Stanley Pools Inc	8647 Old Orange Park Rd	904-269-7277	Pool Contractor
Sunbeam AC	1355 Spanish Needle Ct.	904-209-4741	Contractor
Sunshine Pools	318 Milwaukee Av	904-479-9555	Pool Contractor
Tree Life 1 LLC	1236 Orange Circle N	904-451-2446	Landscaping
Trutech Air Conditioning & Heating Svcs	1508 Slash Pine Ct	904-334-2710	HVAC Contractor
Wilson Electric	1246 Kingsley Ave	904-541-1880	Electrical Contactor
Wittco Custom Builders	2037 Mound St	904-269-7001	General Contractor

## Engineering & Architectural Services

Allyn C Tidball PE	2276 Laurel Grove Ln	904-264-3760	Engineer
Alternate Street Design PA	1516 Plainfield Ave,	904-269-1851	Engineer
Bhide & Hall Architects PA	1329-C Kingsley Ave	904-264-1919	Architect
Brian Boatright Architect Inc	914 Plainfield Ave	904-413-8028	Architect
Consor Engineers, LLC	1210 Kingsley Ave	904-541-4836	Engineer
Welch Means PE	1414 Kingsley Ave, Ste 3B	904-264-9902	Engineer
Mittauer & Associates	580-1 Wells Rd	904-278-0030	Engineer
Powell & Hinkle Engineering PA	1409 Kingsley Ave, Bldg 12	904-264-5570	Engineer
T2 Utility Engineers	4275 Eldridge Loop	904-602-8537	Engineer
Thor Heinrichs	1414 Kingsley Ave, Ste 3B	904-264-9500	Architect

## Legal Services

Accident Lawyers PA	1063 Park Ave	904-278-5800	Law Firm
Grady Williams Jr., LLM	1543 Kingsley Ave, Bldg 5	904-264-8800	Attorney
Atwater & Washington PA	1279 Kingsley Ave, Ste 102	904-269-1000	Law Firm
Burney Bivens PA	1543 Kingsley Ave, Ste 18B	904-264-3412	Attorney
Choisser Immigration Law PLLC	1409 Kingsley Ave, Ste 14-B	904-264-2299	Attorney
Clay County Clerk Of Court	1478 Park Ave	904-278-4769	Clerk of Courts
Clay County Tax Collector	1518 Park Ave	904-269-2060	Tax Collector
David A. King, Attorney At Law	1416 Kingsley Ave	904-269-6699	Attorney
David A. McCrainie, PA	165 Well Rd. Suite 302	904-228-6450	Attorney
Farah & Farah	1534 Kingsley Ave	904-396-5555	Law Firm
Glenn Taylor, PA	462 Kingsley Ave, Ste 103	904-215-7953	Attorney
Jocelin & Judith Immigration Services	2150 Park Av	904-586-4563	Legal Services
Michael F. Killea, Attorney-At-Law	165 Wells Rd, Ste 104	917-969-8456	Attorney
Owenby Law PA	2105 Park Ave, Ste 2	904-269-4634	Law Firm
Roger W. Cruce PA	1409 Kingsley Ave. Ste 1-B	904-375-9522	Attorney
The Cobb Law Firm, PA	431 Stowe Ave	904-269-5800	Law Firm
The Soud Law Firm	575 Wells Rd	904-353-9000	Law Firm
Tolson & Associates PA	462 Kingsley Ave, Ste 101	904-269-0050	Law Firm

## Clinics & Medical Services

AMD Primary Care	1202 Kingsley Ave	877-228-1221	Primary Care
Arthur Schueler Jr., DO	1908 Debarry Ave	904-269-0470	Family Medicine
Ascension St Vincent's Cardiology	2300 Park Ave, Ste 101B	904-264-0088	Cardiology
Ascension St. Vincent's Rheumatology	2233 Park Ave, Ste 403	904-215-2510	Rheumatology
Ascension St. Vincent's Ambulatory Care, Inc.	2300 Park Ave, Ste 200	304-269-2900	Physician Group
Ascension St. Vincent's Comp Care Clinic	2300 Park Ave, Ste 205	904-272-0384	Comprehensive Care
Ascension St. Vincent's Primary Care	2300 Park Ave, #205	904-272-0384	Primary Care
Borland Groover Clinic	1465 Kingsley Ave, Ste 1101	904-264-9797	Gastroenterology
Clay Surgery Center LLP	1564 Kingsley Ave	904-276-0400	Surgery
Coastal Family Medicine	421 Kingsley Ave, Ste 300	904-622-0643	Family Medicine
Coastal Kidney Clinic	421 Kingsley Ave, Ste 401	904-296-0670	Nephrology
Coastal Podiatry & Wound Care	421 Kingsley Ave, Ste 401	904-265-0470	Podiatry
Coastal Specialists	1560 Kingsley Ave, Ste 2	904-282-6331	Clinic
Coastal Spine & Pain Center	1564 Kingsley Ave, Ste 300	904-264-8801	Clinic
Dr. Hylar OB/GYN And Associates	1560 Kingsley Ave, 4	904-264-1628	OB/GYN
First Coast Psychiatric Services	1543 Kingsley Ave, Ste 14	904-375-9679	Psychiatry
Florida Eye Specialist	1560 Kingsley Ave	904-564-2020	Eye Care
Florida Pain Physicans	859 Park Ave Sute 102	904-449-7246	Pain Management
Injury Care Centers	1008 Park Ave, Ste 140	904-783-0008	Urgent Care
Island Doctors	1542 Kingsley Ave, Ste 146	904-269-2990	Family Medicine
Levenson Eye Associates	905 Park Ave, Ste 104	904-366-3781	Optometry
Meridian Integrative Wellness	1532 Kingsley Ave, Ste 102	904-379-9412	Chiropractor
Millennium Physician Group LLC	1329 Kingsley Ave, Ste D	904-215-0700	Physician Group
Nephrology Associates of NE FL	1563 Kingsley Ave, Ste 106	904-389-5333	Nephrology
North Florida Medical Center	1218 Park Ave	904-269-2437	Clinic
North Florida Surgeons	1555 Kingsley Ave, Ste 503	904-278-5088	Surgery
Northeast Florida Plastic Surgery Center	421 Kingsley Ave, Ste 200	904-215-5800	Plastic Surgery



Oral Facial Surgery of Orange Park	2301 Park Ave, Ste 101	904-269-5195	Surgery
Orange Park Eye Center	905 Park Ave, Ste 100	904-264-1206	Optometry
Orange Park Pediatrics	2140 Smith St	904-269-2140	Pediatrics
Park Avenue Dermatology	906 Park Ave	904-541-0315	Dermatology
Physicians Group Services, PA	421 Kingsley Ave, Ste 400-402	904-621-0643	Clinic
Precision Dermatology & Skin Surgery	1209 Park Ave	904-923-6647	Dermatology
Premier Spine & Pain Center	1543 Kingsley Ave, Bldg 4	904-264-0770	Clinic
Retina Associates PA	1563 Kingsley Ave, #101	904-388-8446	Optometry
R K Vishen MD PA	165 Wells Rd Ste 404	904-264-3111	Family Medicine
Scheiner Medical Center	339 Mcintosh Ave	904-213-8277	Clinic
Urology Associates Of NE FL	1715 Village Way	904-264-8418	Urology
Watkins Allergy Clinic	1555 Kingsley Ave. Ste 401	904-298-1800	Allergy Clinic
William Choisser MD	1409 Kingsley Ave, Ste 14A	904-264-2297	Family Medicine
Women's Care Florida	1605 Kingsley Ave	904-269-5600	OB/GYN

## Dental Services

Gregory Archambault DMD	1414 Kingsley Ave, Ste 2	904-269-3842	Dentist
Haeussner Family Dentistry	1409 Kingsley Ave, Bldg 11	904-264-2483	Dentist
Imray & Gesek DMD PA	1409 Kingsley Ave, Ste 5	904-388-7665	Dental Surgery
Jeffrey Prieto DDS	1950 Miller St, Ste 3	904-269-3488	Dentist
Kirk Young DDS	1850 Bellair Blvd	904-269-6011	Dentist
McAlpin Dental Group	1563 Kingsley Ave, Ste 107	904-269-1048	Dentist
Modern Periodontics	1409 Kingsley Ave, Ste 9A	904-278-1175	Periodontist
North Florida Dentistry	1584-A Kingsley Ave	904-269-1303	Dentist
Orange Blossom Dental	1725 Village Way	904-264-6500	Dentist
Orange Park Dental Professionals	1409 Kingsley Ave, Ste 7A	904-269-1419	Dentist
Orange Park Endodontics	1414 Kingsley Ave, Ste 1	904-269-4201	Endodontist
Orange Park Smiles	1406 Kingsley Ave, Ste C	904-264-9911	Dentist
Park Avenue Dental	2233 Park Ave, Ste 401	904-269-5520	Dentist
Weaver & Stratton Pediatric Dentistry	1584-1 Kingsley Ave	904-264-5437	Dentist

## Mental Health Services

Better Beginnings, LLC	1543 Kingsley Ave	352-462-9484	Mental Health Provider
Bright Behaviors, Inc.	1701 Smith Street, Unit 101	904-305-2069	Behavioral Therapy
Community Behavioral Services	1543 Kingsley Ave, Ste 18A	904-269-3324	Mental Health Provider
ES Counseling	406 McIntosh Ave	904-375-1243	Mental Health Provider
First Coast Mental Health	1543 Kingsley Ave, Bldg 6	904-269-7200	Mental Health Provider
First Coast Psychiatric Services	1543 Kingsley Ave, Ste 14	904-375-9679	Mental Health Provider
Florida Autism Center	1563 Kingsley Ave, Ste 103	866-610-0580	Behavioral Therapy
Florida Counseling & Evaluation Services	1540 Kingsley Ave	904-239-3677	Mental Health Provider
J-Nissi's Therapy & Counseling	1536 Kingsley Av, Ste 120	904-304-3800	Mental Health Provider
North Florida Family Psychiatry	1409 Kingsley Ave Ste 5	904-215-4151	Mental Health Provider
OP Medical Center Behavioral Health	1530 Kingsley Ave	904-639-8654	Mental Health Provider
Psychological Services Of Jacksonville	358 Stiles Ave, Ste B	904-264-8311	Mental Health Provider
Toby Holley LMHC	1608 Smith St	904-278-8722	Mental Health Provider

## Physical Therapy & Rehabilitation Services

Brooks Rehabilitation	500 Park Ave	904-278-7890	Physical Therapy
Brooks Rehabilitation Palagio Branch	1525 Kingsley Ave Ste 248	904-345-7891	Physical Therapy
Coastal Physical Therapy	1564 Kingsley Ave, Suite 200	904-379-5800	Physical Therapy
H2 Health	554 Kingsley Ave	904-264-0792	Physical Therapy
Neurotech	930 Kingsley Ave	904-269-0500	Physical Therapy
Raydiant Health Care Of Orange Park	1215 Kingsley Ave	904-269-8977	Physical Therapy
Rebound Rehabilitation	904 Park Ave, Ste 2	904-420-3915	Physical Therapy
Select Physical Therapy	2106 Park Ave	904-264-0921	Physical Therapy

## Assisted Living & Home Health Care Services

Ardnas Health Care Services	2105 Park Ave, Ste 25	904-278-5462	Home Health Care
Brookdale Orange Park	1248 Kingsley Ave	904-264-0207	Assisted Living Facility
Brooks Rehabilitation Home Health	1409 Kingsley Ave. Ste 1A	904-269-4445	Home Health/ Physical Therapy
Doctors Choice Home Health	1542 Kingsley Ave, Ste 131&132	904-269-6868	Home Health Care
Family Life Care	555 Wells Rd	904-579-1581	Home Health Care
Interim HHA of St. Augustine, Inc.	2233 Park Ave, Suite 304	904-527-2030	Home Health Care
Orange Park Nursing LLC	833 Kingsley Ave	904-269-2610	Assisted Living Facility
Palagio Senior Living	1525 Kingsley Ave	904-254-6402	Assisted Living Facility
Premier Assisted Living	319 Eldridge Ave	904-541-4605	Assisted Living Facility
Senior Helpers Sheree Ellingson	165 Wells Rd, Ste 303	904-779-5515	Home Health Care
Vivo Healthcare Orange Park	570 Wells Rd	904-264-3912	Assisted Living Facility

## Other Medical Services

A1 Imaging Of Orange Park	1566 Kingsley Ave	904-278-2128	Medical Imaging
Align Chiropractic	1555 Kingsley Ave Ste 406	904-425-8070	Chiropractor
Boetheia Infusion & Healthcare, LLC	673-D Kingsley Ave.	904-579-4372	Infusion Services
Bracken Family Chiropractic	461 Kingsley Ave	904-213-9805	Chiropractor
Connect Hearing	664 Kingsley Ave, Ste 102	904-375-1360	Hearing Care
First Coast Medical Center	1536 Kingsley Ave, Ste 129	904-278-7246	Chiropractor
Florida O & P Services	1555 Kingsley Ave, Ste 505	904-278-7025	Medical Supplies
Hearing Aids Today LLC	1406 Park Ave Ste A-1	904-637-5550	Hearing Care
Kingsley Chiropractic Clinic	1413 Kingsley Ave	904-264-3966	Chiropractor
LabCorp	1563 Kingsley Ave, Ste 102	904-269-4192	Laboratory
LabCorp	2300 Park Ave	336-436-4000	Laboratory
Liberatejax LLC	664 Kingsley Ave, Ste 104	904-999-4673	Medical Marijuana
Medco, Inc	653 Kingsley Ave	904-264-8154	Medical Supplies
Meridian Integrative Wellness	1532 Kingsley Ave, Ste 102	904-379-9412	Chiropractor
Multi-Medical Specialties	1532 Kingsley Ave, Ste 103	904-387-4778	Medical Billing
New Way Hearing Aids	1494 Park Ave.	904-644-8779	Hearing Care
Next Gen Hearing Centers Corp	2108 Park Ave Ste 103	904-478-5962	Hearing Care
Orange Park Audiology	1542 Kingsley Ave, Ste 141	904-278-9828	Audiology
Orange Park Acute Trauma LLC	2001 Kingsley Ave	214-542-3368	Medical Billing
Radiology Associates Orange Park	2128 Park Ave	904-614-6055	Medical Imaging
Physicians Group	1600 Park Ave, Ste 7	904-264-6733	Chiropractor
Quest Diagnostics	1465 Kingsley Ave, Ste 1401	904-215-5317	Laboratory
TCM Acupuncture	1555 Kingsley Ave, Ste 201	904-215-7929	Acupuncture
Thomas W. Baird DC PA	1820 Park Ave	904-264-2988	Chiropractor
US Hearing Aid Centers	859 Park Ave	904-401-1867	Hearing Care

## Retail

Atomic Records and Skate	449-D Kingsley Ave	904-418-4516	Records and Skateboards
AT&T Store	1963 Park Ave, Ste 200	904-530-4631	Cellular
BASCA Bargain Boutique	364 Stowe Ave	904-541-1742	Thrift Store
Basketique	727 Kingsley Ave	904-264-8844	Gift Shop
CVS Pharmacy	1952 Park Ave	904-264-0202	Pharmacy
Dazzle 4 Divas	1233 Kingsley Ave	904-516-7474	Boutique
Dollar General #712	900 Kingsley Ave	904-602-6170	Convenience Store
Dollar Tree #5697	1520 Park Ave	904-215-4008	Convenience Store
Eury's Market LLC	1177 Park Ave, Ste 7	904-226-7032	Grocery
Fisherman's Dock	730 Park Ave	904-641-7778	Grocery
Gone Broke Gaming	686 Kingsley Ave	904-541-4174	Video Game Store
Hagan Ace Hardware	1480 Park Ave	904-639-5769	Hardware Store
Ice Ball Liquors	724 Kingsley Ave	904-375-2195	Liquor Store
Island Kitchen & Bath Designs Inc.	1632 Park Ave, Ste 103	904-387-0099	Home Improvements
Island Spa	1600 Park Ave, Ste 4	904-880-7727	Hot Tub Retailer
Kingsley Jewelry	668 Kingsley Ave	904-278-2480	Jewelry
La Sabrosa Products LLC	1939 Mound St	904-269-2777	Grocery
Linen And Rust	2174 Park Ave	904-488-4554	Furniture & Décor
Orange Park Convenience Store	310 Milwaukee Ave	904-245-8444	Convenience Store
Orange Park Florist & Gifts	1940 Park Ave	904-264-5120	Florist
Orange Park Foot Solutions	2176 Park Ave, Ste 101	904-269-1100	Shoes
Orange Park Furniture	1329 Park Ave	904-264-5464	Furniture
Oriental Food Mart & Gifts	1205 Kingsley Ave	904-994-9496	Grocery
Park Avenue Marine	8604 Old Orange Park Rd	904-724-1400	Marine Store
Pinch-A-Penny	1237 Park Ave	904-269-4401	Pool Supplies
Redbox Automated Retail	1900 Park Ave	630-756-8647	Video Rental
Redbox Automated Retail	609 Kingsley Ave	630-756-8647	Video Rental
Resellers Reef	1632 Park Ave. Ste. 102B	904-343-2162	Fishing Supply
Spiritual Uplifts	2186 Park Ave, Ste 102	904-292-4555	Spiritual Retail
Vortex Cards & Games	1932 Park Ave	904-955-4895	Gaming Store
Walgreens #06928	609 Kingsley Ave	904-213-8083	Pharmacy
Wilford Propane Gas Co	706 Kingsley Ave	904-264-2311	Propane Products
Winn-Dixie Stores #40	1900-1 Park Ave	904-278-2691	Grocery
Winn-Dixie Liquor Store #43	1900-1 Park Ave	904-269-0822	Liquor Store

### Other Services

Aaron And Burney Bivens Funeral Home	529 Kingsley Ave	904-264-1233	Funeral Services
All American Vending	731 Winfred Place	904-215-9953	Vending Service
Anthony's Catering	670 Kingsley Ave	904-264-1338	Catering
Best Bet	455 Park Ave	904-646-0001	Poker Room
Desert Rose Navigator LLC	1177 Park Ave. Ste 5-101	757-328-9737	Advisory Services
Evidence Storage Concepts, LLC	4265 Eldridge Loop	904-563-6369	Evidence Storage
Frazier Janitorial Services	888 Filmore Ln	904-516-7003	Cleaning Service
Frequencies Of Sound & Light	508 Milwaukee Ave	904-327-2279	Sound Equipment
Jack Ward Fire Consultant	4265 Eldridge Loop	866-559-3473	Loss Management
Jims Shop	2512 Plainfield Ave	904-860-8267	Gun Smith
JGR Services	455 Park Ave	904-646-0001	Vending Service
Larabie LLC	1724 Village Way, Unit C	904-737-5554	Services
Lani Art Photography	1607 Bay Circle E	904-414-0470	Photography
Mail Services	1177 Park Ave, Ste 5	904-278-2780	Mail Services
McKenney's LLC	1452 Plainfield Ave	904-264-5751	Gun Smith
Medic Inc	455 Park Ave	904-271-2075	Vending Service
My Cozy Quilt LLC	1233 Dolphin St	904-264-9243	Services
Park Avenue Billiards	714 Park Ave	904-215-1557	Billiards
Park Avenue Tailor	1177 Park Ave, Ste 2	904-278-5017	Alterations
Public Storage	210 Park Ave	904-264-3882	Storage
River City Maids LLC	2417 Elbow Rd	904-563-1468	Cleaning Service
Scruggs Bail Bonds	2233 Park Ave. Ste 302	904-236-3996	Bail Bondsmen
Shotz Machine Quilting	746 Winfred Place	904-278-6953	Services
Suds Above Laundry	2140 Park Ave	904-375-3457	Laudromat
The Party Place	2156-1 Park Ave	904-707-7315	Venue & Event Space



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# Residential Tree Removal Guide

## Do You Need A Permit?

**1** If the tree is historic & located more than 8' from an existing or proposed dwelling or accessory structure.

**3** If removing more than 3 non-exempt or protected trees & must be approved by EQB.

**2** If the tree is historic & located on a vacant residential lot.

**4** Permits are not required when a temporary suspension is in place, during a hurricane or natural disaster

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# It Starts in Parks



Clarke House



Clarke House Playground



Kingsley East



Skate Park



**Clarke House Park:** Clarke House Park is home to the Clarke House, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The house was originally built in 1912 by William Clarke, and serves as a meeting place for the Orange Park Historical Society. The park spans 15 acres and facilities include the playground, sand volleyball court, nature trails, gardens, lake, three pavilions, grills, restrooms, and numerous beautiful oak trees. The park is a popular spot for birthday parties and family events. The pavilions are available to rent. Located at 1039 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL.

**Kingsley East River Overlook:** Kingsley East River Overlook is a pocket park in the public right-of-way at the east end of Kingsley Avenue overlooking the St. John’s River. Enjoy the panoramic river views, read about torpedo use during the Civil War or walk down River Road. Parking is available along Kingsley Avenue.

**Orange Park Skateboard Park:** The Orange Park Skateboard Park is the only skateboard facility in all of Clay County. It is owned by the Town of Orange Park and operated by the OP Skate Park, Inc., a not-for-profit entity. Skateboards and in-line skates are permitted at the park. Skaters under 16 must wear an approved helmet. Other facilities at the skate park include a playground, a nature trail, and a pavilion. Please call the Skate Park for additional questions and to confirm hours: (904) 278-3043. Located at 1006 Fromhart St, Orange Park, FL.

**Orange Park Sports and Recreational Park:** This 20-acre park boasts two tennis courts complete with pickleball striping, basketball court, playground area, pavilion, and restrooms. The park has also been home to the Orange Park Athletic Association since 1966! There are seven fields for baseball and softball and two football fields. Cheerleading is also offered. Located at 1101 Gano Ave, Orange Park, FL.

**Somer’s Sunshine Park:** Spurred by the tragic story of Somer Thompson, the Town Council dedicated a one-acre parcel of land as a park that would bear Somer’s name, and provide a peaceful place to spend time with family and friends. Business owners and residents rallied together and donated approximately \$25,000 in labor and materials. Community members and local organizations gathered in March 2012 to put the finishing touches on the park, which includes a walking trail, butterfly garden, shade trees, picnic areas and benches. Somer’s Sunshine Park is a shining testimony to the spirit, unity and dedication of the Orange Park community. Located at the intersection of Gano Ave and DeBarry Ave, Orange Park, FL.

**T.C. Miller Community Center & Recreational Park:** The T.C. Miller Center is the site of a historic elementary school and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. This original structure was built in 1938 by the Clay County School Board as an African-American school. Theresa Miller was the school’s first teacher and administrator. Miller was born and raised in the Hibernia area and gave 40 years to the field of education. The community center is also available for rent for special occasions. Public facilities include a pavilion, also available for rent, full size basketball court, newly installed playground, and restrooms. Located at 440 McIntosh Ave, Orange Park, FL.

**Town Hall Park:** Town Hall Park facilities include an inclusive playground, picnic tables, band stage and restrooms. The playground features a rubberized surface, wheelchair swing, and the areas first expression swing! Many community events are held in the park each year, including the popular Fall Festival and Farmer’s & Arts Market! The park is available for rent for non-profit organization events. Located at 2042 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL.

**Azalea Lane Pocket Park:** Azalea Lane Park is a neighborhood pocket park at the intersection of Azalea Lane and Chateau Place. The park has a small playground. No parking is available. Located at the intersection of



**OPAA**



**TC Miller**



**Azalea Lane**



**Gano Park**

## Park Rental Information

Looking for the perfect spot to host a birthday party, baby shower, or family reunion? The Town has several picnic pavilions available to rent as well as an indoor community center.

Clarke House Park on Kingsley has three pavilions available each with six large picnic tables and a barbecue grill. Reservations can be made by visiting [TownOfOrangePark.com](http://TownOfOrangePark.com) and clicking on the pavilion rental button in the center of the page. The three pavilions are:

- Pecan Gove (P1) which is closest to the playground
- Beach Bay (P2) which is next to the volleyball court
- Bamboo Lake (P3) which is behind the Clarke House. This pavilion offers the most privacy.

Each pavilion can be rented in 3-hour time blocks year-round from 9:30am – 12:30pm or 1:00pm – 4:00pm. Between April and September, rentals can also be made from 4:30pm – sunset. Each 3-hour block is \$75 + tax and a \$100 refundable deposit. Residents of the Town receive a rental discount.

The TC Miller Park also has a rentable pavilion as well as a community center. The pavilion can be rented through the Town's website and the time blocks and rates are the same as at Clarke House Park. The center and pavilion are rented separately.

The Community Center is rented by the day and can be rented any day of the week. The center has a capacity of 40 persons and includes a full kitchen, ten tables and 40 chairs. The daily rate is \$200 for non-residents and \$75 for Town residents. These rates do not include tax or the refundable \$100 deposit. The Community Center is available from mid-August to mid-May.



**TC Miller Pavilion**

## Historic Clarke House Park remains the historic, futuristic hub of Orange Park

*Article and Photos By Don Coble*

ORANGE PARK – The sounds of children swinging, climbing on Jungle Gyms and laughing is the perfect buffer against the noise of busy Kingsley Avenue traffic.

On a routine day, especially on weekends, the Clarke House Park is filled with residents who enjoy the 20,015-square-foot playground and Clarke House, which is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The house was built in 1912 by William Clarke, and it continues to be the focal point of the Town.

In addition to the newly-reconstructed playground, the park also has a sand volleyball court, nature trails, gardens, a lake, pavilions, grills and restrooms. Most of the park is shrouded by the shade provided by oak trees that are older than the historic house.

The original wooden playground was demolished for safety reasons in early 2021. The Town Council voted to rebuild it to allow for a capacity of 450 children from 2 to 12 years old.

The rebuild finished in September 2021, and it included the addition of playground equipment designed for children with physical challenges. Other changes include a toddler play zone and the addition of a sandbox. The playground cost \$682,735.

The Town celebrates Carrie Clarke Day every March to honor the influential resident who lived there more than 110 years ago.

“The event is done to honor Carrie Clarke. She is a kind and generous woman who, along with her husband, served the community in many ways, offering her home for gatherings that helped launch many groups in Town. The community has always been very supportive of this event,” said Historical Society of Orange Park President Cynthia Cheatwood.

Carrie Clarke bought the land across Kingsley Avenue and sold it for \$1 to allow for the construction of the First Baptist Church of Orange Park. She also was known for feeding the hungry, and she opened her doors for weddings to brides who couldn’t afford lavish receptions.

The original property was 30 acres and it included a pecan tree farm. In 1991, the Town bought the remaining 15 acres. The pecan trees are gone and with so many visitors, attempts to plant new saplings haven’t been fruitful.

The three pavilions are available for rent in three-hour increments.

The park is open from 8am to sunset daily.





# Town of Orange Park STRATEGIC PLAN | VISION 2040

## YOUR VISION | YOUR PLAN | YOUR FUTURE

Vision 2040 was the Town Council's approach to refresh the strategic plan. The strategic plan sets the course for the Town of Orange Park to achieve a specific set of priorities, objectives and goals over the next 20 years. The Haskell group spent many months in late 2019 and early 2020 researching Town ordinances, policies, meeting minutes and budgets and

held numerous community workshops to develop the Reimagine plan. Now that we know

who we want to be as a community and where we want to go, we must decide how to get

there. The Council assigned a list of tasks related to implementing the strategic plan to its various committees. We encourage residents and business owners to actively participate in the plan by attending council and committee meetings. More information on meeting dates can be found on our

website [www.TownofOrangePark.com](http://www.TownofOrangePark.com). Read all the Vision 2040 materials on the dedicated visioning website [TOPVisioning2040.TownofOrangePark.com](http://TOPVisioning2040.TownofOrangePark.com)

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Special Events  
Murals & Public Art  
Alcohol Consumption on TOP Property  
Dog Park & Pocket Parks  
Public Water Access  
Greenways & Trails  
Attract Families  
Age-in-Place Services

**Environmental Quality Board**  
Create Environmental Spine of Ecological Connectivity & Resiliency  
Neighborhood Linkages  
Attract Families

**Economic & Community Development**  
Municipal Partner Task force  
Mixed-Use Development & Redevelopment  
Age-in-Place Services  
Restaurant Attraction  
T Development at Kingsley & Park AVE  
Attract Families

**Public Safety Public Works**  
Holly Point West Zone Light  
Elongated Turn Lane - Moosehaven  
Mobility Master Plan for Transit, Micromobility, Access & Delivery  
Age-in-Place Services  
Attract Families  
Embrace SIS for US17  
Flyover for Kingsley AVE



Moosehaven is a retirement community located on the banks of the St Johns River, in the heart of Orange Park, Florida. With a full range of programs and services, Moosehaven provides seniors 65 and older a comfortable and secure retirement option. Residents enjoy the benefits of social interaction and support services within a residential community that has served members of the Loyal Order of Moose since 1922.



Moosehaven proudly serves our community hosting annual events through our "Heart of the Community" Program. This program offers safe, affordable and family-friendly events for all ages. During these events, we open our doors and our hearts to people of the community to see and enjoy our beautiful campus. They interact with our residents and find out about Moosehaven and the Mission of Moose!



\* 904-278-1200 \* 1701 Park Avenue \* Orange Park \* FL \* 32073 \* [www.moosehaven.org](http://www.moosehaven.org)



## After turning 100, Moosehaven's future includes enhanced amenities

Article and Photos By Lee Wardlaw

ORANGE PARK – When residents cruise by Moosehaven, most simply see a retirement community. But those who haven't visited would learn much more if they go inside the gates of the large, 72-acre property. They would discover much more within the community than a traditional retirement home.

"A lot of retirement locations don't really have a true campus. There's nothing really wrong with that but that's not us. We have a campus and it's absolutely gorgeous," said Marina Matthews, Director of Communications and Events at Moosehaven.

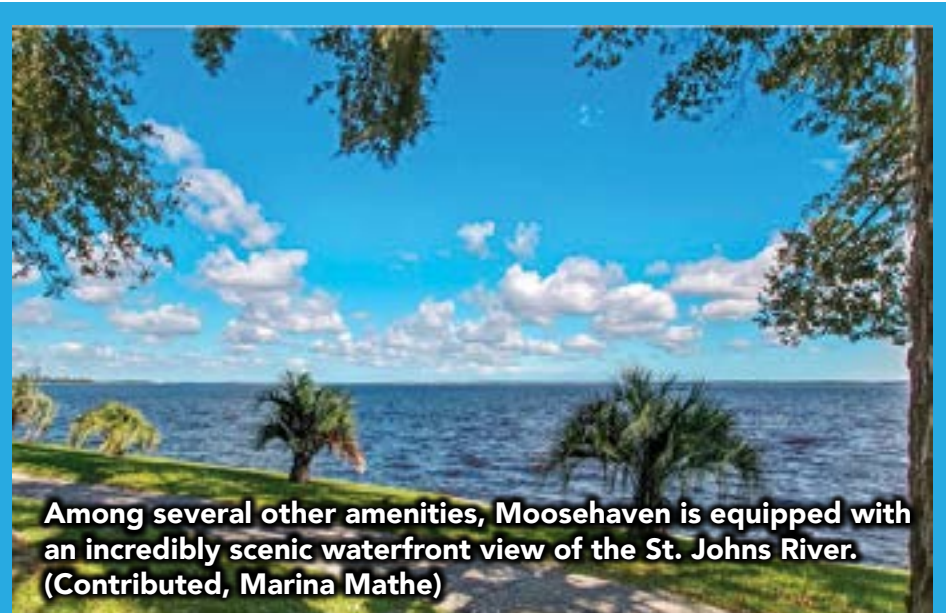
That's why the organization is completing a big project that will add several amenities to the site in a two-phase project. The plan includes the addition of restrooms and the renovation of several other areas, including the pool, the bowling alley and a third new building which will offer amenities like shuffleboard, electronic darts, a golf simulator and card rooms.

"It's super exciting. It will offer a little bit of everything," Matthews said.

The updates for the retirement home that offers full-scale nursing and dementia care will cost \$10 million.

"Our mission has always been to keep our seniors active and engaged so that they can live out their retirement years in peace and contentment," said Moosehaven's Executive Director, Helen Taylor.

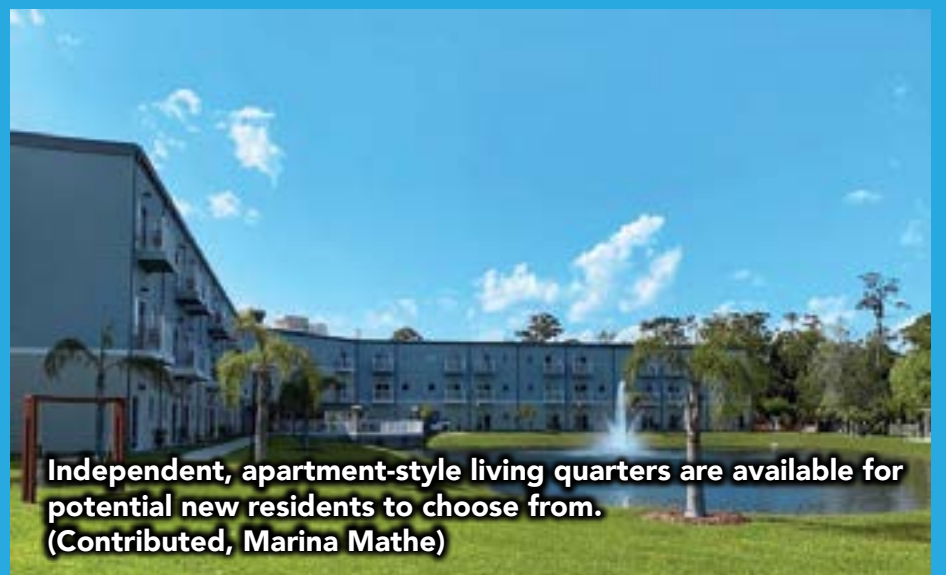
That's why residents have the resources to keep their hands busy with former hobbies and careers. A woodshop and ceramics room are conveniently located on campus, along with several other options.



**Among several other amenities, Moosehaven is equipped with an incredibly scenic waterfront view of the St. Johns River. (Contributed, Marina Mathe)**



**Moosehaven fully supports U.S. veterans, a scene that is on full display inside the Moose's large, first-class courtyard. You can see it for yourself if you schedule a tour of the property and visit the back end of the property. (Lee Wardlaw)**



**Independent, apartment-style living quarters are available for potential new residents to choose from. (Contributed, Marina Mathe)**



# Special Events



**Farmers' and Art's Market:** "Voted Best Farmers' Market in Clay County!" We offer a wide variety of quality handmade and homegrown items. You will find nearly anything your heart desires from locally grown produce, local honey, cupcakes, pies, salsa, plants, produce, eggs, hand crafted jewelry, bird houses, pottery, soaps, and many more handcrafted items! Join us on the first & third Sunday of each month from September – June (check for holiday variations). Located at Town Hall Park 2042 Park Ave, Orange Park, FL. Parking is available in the Smith St. at Clinton lot and in the parking lot in front of Town Hall off of US 17. Visit [www.OrangeParkMarket.com](http://www.OrangeParkMarket.com) for more information, vendor lists and more. Be sure to like us on Facebook, too!

**Arbor Day:** Trees are an important part of our community. Join the Town Council, Mayor and other officials as we celebrate Arbor Day in the Town of Orange Park each year. The Town has been given Tree City U.S.A. recognition for the last 42 years! This event is held on Florida's Arbor Day which is the 3rd Friday in January.



**Carrie Clarke Day:** In partnership with the Historical Society of Orange Park, Carrie Clarke Day celebrates the history of the prominent Clarke family, their home and the Town as a whole. We guarantee you will have a day full of good ole' fashioned fun, music, and exhibits as well as tours of the historic Clarke House for all those that attend. Carrie Clarke Day will be held on

March 4, 2023 at Clarke House Park, 1039 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL. Visit [www.ophistory.org](http://www.ophistory.org) for details.

**Memorial Day:** The Town remembers in an annual Memorial Day service that is held at the Magnolia Cemetery on Kingsley Avenue. Join us for a flag ceremony and words from our special speakers. Magnolia Cemetery, 1040 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL.

**Kids Fest:** Mark your calendar for April 22 & 23, 2023 and join us at Town Hall Park from 10am-4pm for Kids Fest, "The Funnest Event in Town!" Kids Fest has been named one of Southeast Tourism Society's Top 20 Events three times and also a three-time winner of Best Kids Entertainment in the Bold City Best Awards! Now in its ninth year, this event will be packed with exciting games and activities, fascinating displays, interactive shows, live music, great food and shopping! This event is designed with children 12 and younger in mind. Expect more free and low-cost activities than ever before! Admission and parking are free! Visit [www.OPKidsFest.com](http://www.OPKidsFest.com) for more information.

**4th of July Celebration:** Join the Town of Orange Park and Moosehaven on the 4th as we celebrate America's birthday with the American Pride Fourth of July event. The event includes vendors, crafts, food and a spectacular fireworks display over the St. Johns River.

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Fall Festival:** The Orange Park Fall Festival is our most popular event of the year and draws 40,000+ people from all over Florida and Georgia! The Fall Festival was started with only 12 vendors and a few guitar players. Forty-one years later, our festival has over 200 vendors and two stages packed with entertainment. Attendees will enjoy a wide variety of food from barbeque and local seafood to fresh baked goods and locally harvested honey. Kids can bounce on inflatables and get their faces painted. And, of course, the shopping is second to none with unique gifts, handmade quilts, pottery and even treats for your furry friends. Admission and parking are free! This year's Festival will be held on October 21st and 22nd at Town Hall Park. Visit [www.OPFallFestival.com](http://www.OPFallFestival.com) for more information and don't forget to like us on Facebook.

**Light the Park:** Join Town Council and Staff as we light the town for the holidays. This event occurs on the first Tuesday of December at 5pm. Attendees will enjoy live and interactive music, cookies and hot chocolate, and a reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas." Afterwards, helps us flip the switch and turn on all the lights. (Santa does not attend this event.)



Fall Festival

**Hometown Holiday in the Park:** The Town of Orange Park and The Historical Society of Orange Park team up to bring you an old fashioned holiday celebration! This event features a shopping village, hay rides through our decorated trail of lights, live entertainment, Clarke House tours, photos with Santa and more! It may even snow! Admission and many activities are free! This event will be held on December 8th and 9th from 5-9p.m. at Clarke House Park, 1039 Kingsley Avenue. Visit [www.TownOfOrangePark.com](http://www.TownOfOrangePark.com) for details.

**Santa's Firetruck Parade:** A Town tradition and resident favorite every year, the OP Fire Department brings Santa Claus all throughout neighborhoods within the Town to ring in the Holiday Season and brighten everyone's spirits. The Fire Department will provide more information and a route as the date approaches.



Santa's Firetruck Parade



Orange Park Fall Festival



Kids Fest



Hometown Holiday



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# DINING GUIDE

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[4rsmokehouse.com](http://4rsmokehouse.com)



## Aron's Pizza

Beginning with fresh ingredients and ending with satisfied smiles, a trip to Aron's Pizza proves to be one always worth making.

650 Park Ave · (904) 269-1007

[AronsPizza.com](http://AronsPizza.com)



## BestBet Dining

Fine dining specialties, traditional favorites and incredible hand-rolled sushi.

455 Park Ave · (904) 646-0001

[Bestbetjax.com/dining](http://Bestbetjax.com/dining)

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[ClubContinental.com](http://ClubContinental.com)



## Cracker Barrel Old Country Store

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[CrackerBarrel.com](http://CrackerBarrel.com)

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Orange Park's Neighborhood Craft Brewery

835 Park Ave · (904) 375-9123

[Facebook.com/CulturedCollectiveFL](http://Facebook.com/CulturedCollectiveFL)



## Dreamette + Java

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## Great American Grill at Hilton Garden Inn

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[Facebook.com/DailyDonutsOP](http://Facebook.com/DailyDonutsOP)



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Serving quality diner dishes for breakfast, lunch and brunch daily.

834 Kingsley Ave · (904) 215-1956

[GrumpysRestaurantCo.com](http://GrumpysRestaurantCo.com)



## Irie Diner

Authentic Caribbean food that will transport you to the Islands.

117 Park Ave Suite 9 · (904) 375-9467

[IrieDiner.com](http://IrieDiner.com)



## La Sabrosa Grocery & Restaurant

Authentic Mexican and Central American Food.

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Fine middle eastern cuisine, warm atmosphere and friendly professional service.  
562 Kingsley Ave · (904) 375-9681  
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### Kings Tacos

Food Truck cooking up tacos, burritos, quesadillas, and other Latin cuisine.  
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620 Wells Road · (904) 562-7400  
HolidayInn.com

### OP Fish House & Oyster Bar

Serving local seafood in a family friendly casual dining atmosphere.  
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OPFishHouse.com



### Palermo Puerto Rican Kitchen

Small family owned restaurant serving the best authentic Puerto Rican cuisine.  
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PalermoPuertoRicanKitchen.com



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Courtyard.Marriott.com

### Thai Café

Traditional Thai cuisine - a true delight to the senses.  
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ThaiCafeOrangePark.com



### The Urban Bean Coffeehouse Café

Family-owned specialty coffeehouse proudly serving coffee, tea and specialty beverages and delicious bakery and cafe favorites.  
2023 Park Ave · (904) 541-4938  
TheUrbanBeanCoffeehouse.com



### Tom & Betty's Restaurant

Celebrating 50 years in business! The place for great food, beverages, and sounds!  
2134 Park Ave · (904) 375-1965  
TomAndBetty.net



# Fast Food

### Dairy Queen

610 Kingsley Ave · (904) 264-3207  
DairyQueen.com

### Dunkin' Donuts

1408 Park Ave · (904) 559-1932  
DunkinDonuts.com

### Foo Wong Garden

1206 Park Avenue · (904) 278-8006

### Krystal

337 Park Ave · (904) 278-8778  
Krystal.com

### McDonald's

428 Park Ave · (904) 264-1920  
McDonalds.com

### Scooters

151 Park Ave · (904) 375-9968  
scooterscoffee.com

### Starbucks Coffee

1963 Park Ave Suite 100 · (904) 466-4200  
Starbucks.com

### Subway

756 Park Ave · (904) 278-0846  
Subway.com

### Waffle House

165 Park Ave · (904) 269-3612  
WaffleHouse.com

### Wawa

300 Park Ave · (904) 773-4884  
wawa.com

### Wendy's

753 Park Ave · (904) 541-6459  
Wendys.com



Closer To What Matters



# The History of Orange Park, Florida

## Harriet Beecher Stowe's Visit to Laurel Grove Plantation

By Van Hogan, Historical Society of Orange Park

In the immediate aftermath of the Civil War, the economies of the former Confederate States were in ruins. As people turned away from the business of war to the business of living, they had to find new ways of generating income. The economy of the old South was based on agriculture. With the end of slavery, plantation owners, anxious to see their properties productive again, had to find new ways to make their land profitable. Their options were typically to hire workers or lease the land to others, often for a share of the profits from the operations.

Laurel Grove Plantation was no exception. The once thriving plantation and the site of the future Town of Orange Park, was in ruins after being abandoned during the war. After the war, two young Union Army veterans named Kinney and Chamberlin, decided they could make their fortunes growing cotton. They noted that land was cheap and there were many freedmen, knowledgeable in cotton farming, looking for work. To that end, they leased Laurel Grove Plantation, hired a work force and raised cotton. As first-time farmers, they gravely miscalculated their costs and soon realized they were underfunded. After a year, they sought additional partners in their native Connecticut. Fred Stowe, son of the world-famous author of Uncle Tom's Cabin, Harriett Beecher Stowe and her husband, Calvin, heard their story and was interested. His mother was also interested. Fred, recently discharged from the Army, was a troubled young man. He had a history of alcohol abuse and had also been seriously injured at Gettysburg. He was trying to rebuild his life after the war. His mother thought that good, outdoor work in relatively remote north Florida would be a great opportunity for

Fred to get his life in order. She also liked the idea of providing jobs to freedmen as she knew they would need employment opportunities in the new, post-war economy. Mrs. Stowe decided to invest \$10,000 in the venture. Fred and his cousin, Christopher Foote, joined Kinney and Chamberlin and the four of them traveled to Laurel Grove in the fall of 1866.

Laurel Grove Plantation was still functional but in disarray. The house, out-buildings and workers' quarters were still intact but suffering from disuse and disrepair. Mrs. Stowe visited the plantation for the first time in March 1867. She was curious about Florida, probably due to descriptions of the area by her half-brother, James Beecher, who was stationed in Jacksonville during the Civil War. She also wanted to see for herself how her son was doing and what could be done to help the former slaves. She was accompanied by her brother, Charles Beecher.

Mrs. Stowe's party arrived at Laurel Grove by boat late one afternoon. They walked about a half-mile inland to the house through the deep, soft sand and cotton fields. The main residence was a 1-1/2-story house with a 12' wide veranda in front surrounded by a picket fence under a cluster of oaks.

Mrs. Stowe noted the broken windows and general disrepair of the house. The plantation had sat abandoned for three years during the war and the house was used by various wanderers or stragglers that decided to stay for a time. Most of the windows were broken and a door hinge was also broken. No one had made any effort at repair.

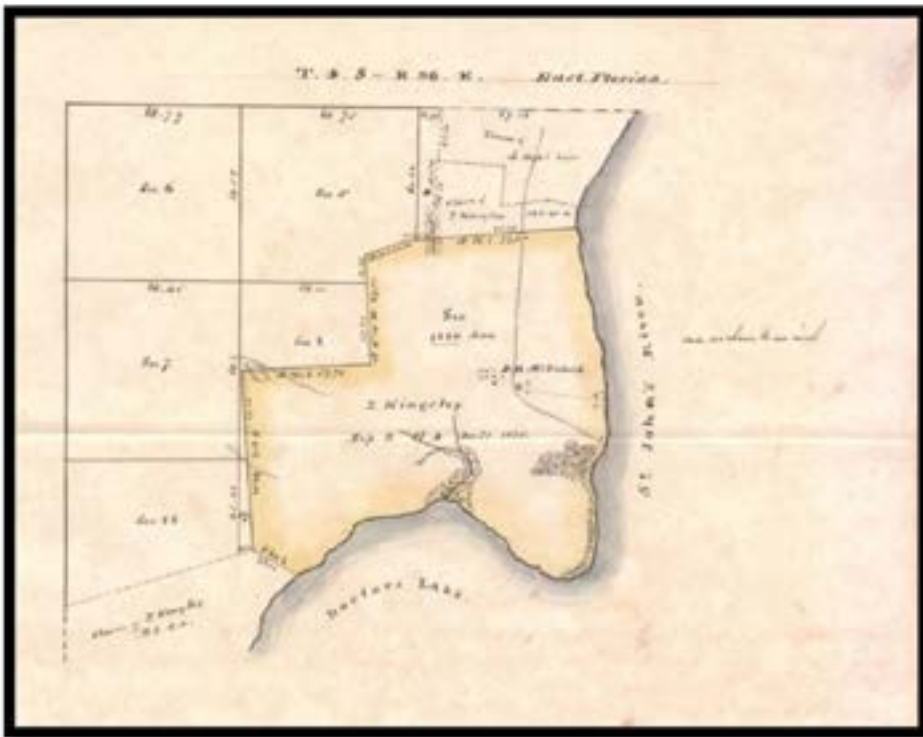
A wide hallway ran straight through the house, from front to back, with rooms on either side. At one end of the veranda, connected by a short, covered walkway, was an octagonal building, with a large window in each side, which was used as a music room. Nearby was another building with four rooms that was used as a school for the planter's children. It also included living quarters for the teachers.

Possible photograph of the Laurel Grove Plantation schoolhouse (circa 1901). The Rev. T.S. Perry of the Congregational Church of Orange Park offered this description of the schoolhouse in 1896: "Only the schoolhouse now remains perhaps a survival of the fittest. It is still in tolerable repair, and though the roof is thickly covered in mosses and parasitic plants, it is fairly tight."

Mrs. Stowe also noted the coarse construction of the house. There were few finishing touches, and the carpentry work was not done by a craftsman. She surmised the work had been done by self-taught slaves and noted that a plantation was its own domain. Its needs were provided for by its workers who were primarily unskilled and left to their own devices.

In addition to these buildings, Mrs. Stowe noted a "village of well-built and comfortable little houses" for the workers, which were former slave quarters. She also noted an overseer's house, a large barn and a gin-house for the cotton. Other structures included a large, roofed brick oven, a double-walled (insulated) milk-room on posts and a smoke house. There was also a kitchen separate from the house.

The tenant farmers were working 200 acres for their cotton project. They hired approximately 100 freedmen and freedwomen to provide labor and the knowledge needed to grow cotton. Taking advantage of their newfound free-



Laurel Grove Plantation



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dom, these workers had traveled from across the south looking for good employment opportunities. The workers lived on the property and had written contracts for the work with pay ranging from \$8 - \$12 per month. When it came to farming, the workers were basically doing the same work they had always done so they tended to stay in the same routines as before. The Head Man, Mose, came out at dawn and blew a shell to gather the workers. Mose divided the workers into gangs, assigned them a task then sent them to work in the fields. They worked about 3 hours then came back in for breakfast, went back out until they stopped for dinner then worked until night.

For relaxation, the workers would gather for prayer meeting in the evening where they would sing hymns and listen to sermons. These gatherings would often continue until around 11 PM.

Stowe's party brought books with them, which they distributed to the workers in an effort to teach them to read. They found that the children picked up reading quickly but the adults had a very difficult time.

The farmers were optimistic about their cotton crop. They hoped to earn \$20,000, which meant a \$10,000 profit. The harvest was looking good but, in the end, the entire crop was eaten by Army Worms in a matter of days. In addition to the worms, other contributing factors doomed the enterprise. The four tenant farmers did not know their crop and were ill-suited to the work. Fred, struggling with his dependencies, was often late for work or absent. He was not an effective manager. The hired workers, without effective leadership, were not as productive as they could have been. Costs were also up since plantations were no longer self-sustaining. Food and supplies had to be bought and shipped in at a high cost. Mrs. Stowe lost her \$10,000 investment. The final harvest was only two bales of cotton however, despite their loss, their workers were paid.

Fortunately, the significant losses at Laurel Grove did not end Mrs. Stowe's

investment in the area. While picking up her mail across the river in the village of Mandarin, Mrs. Stowe found a piece of property she liked and purchased it. She and her husband, Calvin, ended up wintering there for the next 17 years (1868 - 1884).

While living in Mandarin, she continued to write. She wrote a series of articles about Florida and local travel for periodicals which ended up becoming the book, *Palmetto Leaves*. She also continued to write other articles promoting the virtues of life in Florida and encouraging northerners to either visit as tourists or move here permanently to grow crops. People came in droves. Her popularity was such that her Mandarin home became a tourist attraction.

Mrs. Stowe also continued her work to educate the children of former slaves. With help from the Freedman's Bureau, a school was built near her home that was also used as a church. Both black and white children attended. The building burned down in 1872 but was replaced by another structure that still stands today as the Mandarin Community Center. Stowe was also instrumental in encouraging the Episcopal Church to build churches in Florida.

Fred, unfortunately, did not fare as well. His problems with alcohol abuse continued. He decided to become a sailor and go to sea to avoid the continuing spotlight on him and his family. He travelled to San Francisco where he simply disappeared in 1871. His mother never gave up hope that she might one day hear from him.

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**Palmetto Leaves**, Harriett Beecher Stowe

# Orange Park Names- Food for Thought

By Cynthia Cheatwood, Historical Society of Orange Park

Some of the frequently asked questions received by the Historical Society concern the meaning behind the names used around town. It is true there are many stories behind those names. To explore some of those, consider the following information.

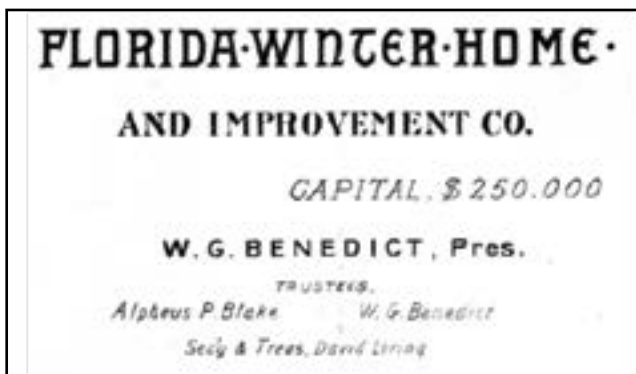


The Town of Orange Park is so called because of the enterprising efforts of the town's founder, Washington Gano Benedict. When his Florida Winter Home and Improvement Company in 1877, he planted orange trees on every home lot to encourage northern transplants. Before Benedict, the town had been a plantation under several owners, starting as the Crisp Grant in 1765, then becoming Laurel Grove

Plantation in the 1770s when William and Rebecca Pengree tamed the land and established the first homestead here. After the Pengrees, Zephaniah Kingsley developed the property even further before losing it in the Patriot's Rebellion of 1813.

We in the Society are also often asked about the origin of the name "Doctor's Lake" (called Lake Levett after Francis Levett land grant, during the British period). There is no good explanation that historians agree upon. Dr. John Bartram wrote about it on February 6, 1766, and so some think it is named for him. However, in his journal he writes that he is going there to stay with a man who had lived there a long time. So, if he referred to visiting "Doctors Lake", even though it is really an inlet, not a lake, he certainly is not the source of the name.

By the time Benedict's company purchased the property, it was in bad shape. He masterfully marketed the land. A map of 1884 lays out the original 55 streets in the town limits. Of those names, 26 are no longer in use, roughly 46% having been renamed. Some of those gone represent important names in the town's story, such as Copeland, May, Holt and Hookey as well as names of men on the board of directors for the Florida Winter Home and Improvement Company. Copeland references a Union general, Joseph Tarr Co-



peland who came here and became a judge. May was an early settler who had been a judge in Milwaukee, WI. Though his name left the map, Milwaukee Avenue still honors him. E. N. Holt owned the first store and post office in Orange Park along with Edward Sabin. Catherine Hookey owned Laurel Grove during the Civil War. Hookey Street's name got changed somehow to Hooker Street and people objected. It is now Miller Street, named for Teressa Miller, first principal of Grove Park Elementary.

Some of the names associated with the FWHI Company remain. Blake Avenue is named for Alpheus Perley Blake, a Massachusetts land developer, second in command for the Company. He also developed some other places in Florida including the town of Blake, Florida, named for him until 1930, when the name changed to South Daytona. Loring Avenue is named for David Loring, the Company's Secretary and Treasurer (Loring's ancestor signed the Mayflower Compact of 1620). Eldridge Avenue is named for John F. Eldridge, an early investor in the company and early resident. He served as mayor and town clerk of Orange Park. Mr. Eldridge had a sugar refinery business in Orange Park, which a 1900 newspaper reported as having 100 acres of sugar cane planted. Eldridge also worked with the Hotel Marion (formerly Parkview Hotel).



Several streets are named for early residents. Campbell Avenue is named for O. E. Campbell, was first President of OP Town Council. There are also Shaw Street (named for W.A./ E.K. Shaw), and Carnes Street named for J. Vincent Carnes who ran a fishing business, first off River Road and then on Doctors Lake where Rob Bradley Conservation Park is now. Morgan Circle (and Street) are named for Stanley and Nellie Morgan, early residents who owned a store in the first half of the 1900s. Plainfield Avenue is named to recognize the Ball family's hometown, early residents of the town. McDower Avenue (turpentine industry), Fillmore Lane (tavern/restaurant on Kingsley), and Solomon Street are named for early African American families in the town.

Stiles Avenue (and Lane) recognizes the family of Benjamin Franklin Stiles who came to Florida for health and pleasure in 1868, and returned every winter thereafter until 1872, when he arrived very ill, with pneumonia. From 119 pounds his weight has increased to 180 pounds. He stayed here year-round after that; bought 60 acres of riverfront in Orange Park, with a grove of 30 acres containing 2,300 trees, said to be the largest in Clay County. Stiles was a grandson of the sixth Yale College president, Rev. Ezra Stiles, a personal friend of Benjamin Franklin.

Some other early historically recognized names include Mound Street, which did have two documented Timucua mounds as well as Fatio Lane, named the Spanish wife of George Fleming (Hibernia Plantation, Fleming Island). Egremont Drive remembers the Earl of Egremont, Secretary of State for the Southern Department during the British occupation of FL. Laurel Grove Lane recalls the



plantation history of the town, as does Kingsley Avenue (owner of Laurel Grove, 1803-1814), Anna Avenue (Kingsley's wife), and McIntosh Lane. John Houston McIntosh was the owner of Laurel Grove Plantation from 1814-1836.

The only street that relates to the town's founder is Gano Ave, named after Washington Gano Benedict's grandmother's maiden name. Stowe Avenue and Beecher Lane are reminders that Harriett Beecher Stowe was here for a couple of years after the Civil War, before relocating to Mandarin. Reed Street is named for Arthur M. Reed, a Jacksonville neighbor, the owner of Mulberry Grove Plantation, 1861-1899; NAS Jax is built there now.

DeBarry Avenue was the misspelled name of Count Fredrik deBary, a wealthy wine importer, businessman and steamboat line owner. Count deBary cornered the market for Mums champagne, generating a fortune that helped him build a prosperous steamship line.

The area we know as Club Continental has significant history. Winterbourne Drive (and Street) takes the name of the earliest local residence of the B.J. Johnson family. Johnson Slough is also named for this founder of the B.J. Johnson Soap Company, later to become Palmolive. Other names related to the family include Via Tisdale (Col. Achilles Tisdale married Margaret Masse, granddaughter of BJ Johnson) and a family friend is recalled with Astor Street. William Astor was 3rd Viscount Astor, a yachting friend of Caleb Masee, BJ's son-in-law. Caleb built a large estate next to the family's Winterbourne house that had been added onto many times over the years. The new mansion was named Mira Rio, recalling days of travel in Europe. During World War Two, Mira Rio was called Azaleana Manor, serving as housing for pilots in training. After the war, that name was returned until being resurrected for newly renovated rental units on the property. When Mira Rio was converted into a member's club, the name Club Continental was added.

Some names reflect residents who came later. For example, Dudley Branch, a spur off Johnson Slough, is most likely named for the only Dudley in Orange Park's story, Peter Dudley, African-American farmer who lived near the railroad depot. Annie Keyes, a local educator and civil rights worker, has an honorary street named for her. Once called Railroad Avenue, it now sports a brown historical street sign in recognition of her contribution to the community. There are also Floyd, Ralph, Wells and Smith families who established when the town was a few decades old.

Still more recent names include Fromhart Street, named for Richard Fromhart, who was a driving force in the creation of Orange Park Athletic Association. Nelson Drive is named after John Nelson, a World War Two veteran who came to Orange Park and established a large homestead on Doctors Lake. Mr. Nelson had the road named after himself, something that does not happen very often. His land is now the site of Rob Bradley Conservation Park, named in honor of Robert Bradley, Jr. who faithfully served Orange Park in the Florida Senate for eight years.

When the 1884 map was drawn up there were two Smith Streets. One, that was Jno. Smith Street is gone, but the other continues. Perhaps he was a family

member though the two streets were distant from each other on that early map.

Preble Court is named for a resident who ran greyhounds at the dog track, according to Arthur Hall, a founder of the Society who worked for Mr. Preble as a boy in the 1930s. Walking the greyhounds to cool them down after they raced. Another Plainfield connector, Silver Wing Circle, has its name explained by the same founder. There was a tavern nestled back in the woods that had that name. Arthur Hall and other boys of the town gathered bottles from all around the town and were paid a penny each as these were washed and reused by the tavern keeper.

In Orange Park today there are over 40 streets with names that reflect nature. These include animals, trees, flowers, and at least one weed (dog fennel). There are also some quirky names like Candy Lane, Chablis Court, Freckles Court, and Upchucks Lane. There are at least six streets with the first name of ladies.

We have names for parks in the town as well. Clarke Park is named for William and Carrie Clarke, a local family who ran a prosperous pecan grove and helped their community at every opportunity. Somer Sunshine Park was named to remember a local girl slain on her way home from school.

So, for a small town, there is a lot of history to be learned in asking why names were chosen. If you know the story behind any names not listed here, please share the story with us at [info@ophistory.org](mailto:info@ophistory.org). Also, if you have your own interpretation of Doctor's Lake, we'd like to hear that too.



**Magnolia Cemetery:** The deed to Magnolia Cemetery was given to the Town of Orange Park in 1886 by Washington Benedict and A.P. Blake of Boston, Massachusetts. Many former Town mayors and other prominent citizens, including veterans, are buried in Magnolia's 14 acres of shady lawns. The oldest grave markers date back to 1845. Magnolia Cemetery is the traditional site of the annual Memorial Day observation ceremony. There are currently no cemetery plots available for purchase. Located at 1040 Kingsley Ave, Orange Park, FL.


# TOWN OF ORANGE PARK HISTORIC DRIVING TOUR

The Town of Orange Park was founded in 1877 by the Florida Winter Home and Improvement Company. The property was subdivided into building lots and small farm tracts, and the present street system was laid out which included Kingsley Avenue, River Road and Plainfield Avenue. Enjoy a glimpse of the past on this historic driving tour. Please remember most locations are private residences and should be viewed from the street. To learn more about this history of the Town, visit [ophistory.org](http://ophistory.org).

<p><b>1</b></p>  <p>Clarke House - 1039 Kingsley Ave. Built 1912 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>8</b></p>  <p>Byers-Westcott House - 443 Stiles Ave. Built 1895 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>  <p>Winterbourne Inn - 2143 Astor St. Est. 1870 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>  <p>Sellers House - 142 Stiles Ave. Built 1945 - Frame Vernacular</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>  <p>Quigley-Abrisch House - 634 Kingsley Ave. Built 1898 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>9</b></p>  <p>TC Miller Community Center - 440 McIntosh Ave. Est. 1928 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>  <p>Boatwright House - 2206 Reed St. Built 1880 - Gothic Revival</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>  <p>Miller-Halligan House - 154 Stiles Ave. Built 1895 - Colonial Revival</p>
<p><b>3</b></p>  <p>Parmenter-Heinrich House - 1724 Plainfield Ave. Built 1900 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>  <p>St. James AME Church - 504 McIntosh Ave. Est. 1879 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>  <p>Carnes-Wilke House - 1506 River Rd. Built 1912 - Colonial Revival</p>	<p><b>23</b></p>  <p>Tea House - 167 Stiles Ave. Built 1925 - Colonial Revival</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>  <p>Kent House - 1534 Plainfield Ave. Circa 1910 - Neo-Classical Revival</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>  <p>Grace Episcopal Chapel - 200 Kingsley Ave. Est. 1880 - Gothic Revival</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>  <p>Hellmuth House - 1454 River Rd. Built 1910 - Frame Vernacular</p>	
<p><b>5</b></p>  <p>Zwirner-Martvniak House - 1400 Plainfield Ave. Built 1985 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>  <p>Eulendorf-Lynch House - 211 Kingsley Ave Built 1895 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>  <p>Roush House - 1434 River Rd. Built 1910 - Frame Vernacular</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>  <p>Orange Park Elementary - 1401 Plainfield Ave. Est. 1928 - Masonry Vernacular</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>  <p>Orange Park Woman's Club - 130 Kingsley Ave. Est. 1929 - Tudor Revival</p>		
<p><b>7</b></p>  <p>Morgan-Sigman House - 1200 Plainfield Ave. Built 1878 - Frame Vernacular</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>  <p>Club Continental a.k.a Miro Rio - 2143 Astor St. Built 1922 - Mediterranean Revival</p>	<p><b>20</b></p>  <p>Allen House - 1410 River Rd. Built 1921 - Bungalow</p>	



## *Message from the Police Chief*



Welcome to the Town of Orange Park. Whether you are a lifetime resident, a first-time visitor, or a person simply traveling through our town, the Orange Park Police Department's number one goal is your safety and security. We pride ourselves on being a department that goes the extra mile to provide the service you expect from a premier law enforcement agency.


As a police organization, we are grateful for the connection that we have with our community. Our effectiveness is increased with community involvement, and it is my commitment to be responsive to the needs of those we serve. Our department works continually to build a strong trust with the public, and we accomplish that mission through personal accountability and the highest measure of training with our professional officers and staff. We genuinely care about you, and we strive to show that care with every interaction.



Part of our process is ensuring your safety is to regularly evaluate and enhance our community interaction programs. This year, we are excited to announce the launch of our body worn camera program, the first in Clay County. We were able to secure these cameras with the American Rescue Plan Funds (ARPA) to create another level of transparency for our department. These will also improve officer safety, increase evidence quality, and reduce agency liability.

We are proud to serve and protect you, and we always appreciate your feedback. If you ever have any concerns, comments or suggestions that may assist us in enhancing the quality of our service, please do not hesitate to contact me at (904) 264-5555.

Thank you,

Chief Gary Goble



## Message from the Fire Chief



**Chief John Contestabile**

The mission of the Orange Park Fire Department is to provide the highest level of public safety services for our community. We protect the lives and property of the Town residents, surrounding communities and visitors through fire suppression, emergency medical services, disaster management, fire prevention, and public education. We provide these services willingly and with a dedicated staff of professional men and women who are some of the best Firefighters, Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics you will ever meet.

We strive to give you the best possible outcome during what can be one of your worst days. We do this with our dedicated staff of 20 professionals, and through the Automatic Aid and Mutual Aid agreements we have with Clay County, City of Jacksonville and Naval Air Station Jacksonville.

Your department has been ready to serve you since the 1930s, and we continue this service today operating with three full time shifts, twenty-four hours a day. We responded to nearly 4,000 calls for service during 2022. We are committed to be there when you need us no matter the time.

In addition to emergency calls for service, the department is committed to reducing the potential for life loss from fire and other disasters. We provide these duties through the enforcement of the Florida Fire Prevention Code and public education programs. We provide these programs throughout the year at schools, civic associations and Town events.

We feel that our department is part of a large family within the community. We love to do our part during Town events and the Fire Truck Parade where Santa is escorted throughout the Town in December.

You, our family, are always welcome to come by and tour the station. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call at (904) 264-3411.

Thank you for allowing us to serve you.

Take Care and Be Safe!

John Contestabile, Fire Chief



# Message from the Public Works Director



**Kyle Croce**  
Public Works Director

Our 32 person staff is proud and honored to serve the Town of Orange Park, residents, visitors, and entire community. We are a diverse department made of six operating divisions working in close coordination to provide the highest level of services to our neighborhoods. Our primary responsibilities include:

- Right-of-Way, Roadway, Parking, and Side walk Maintenance and Development
- Stormwater Maintenance and Development
- Potable Water, and Wastewater Treatment and Services
- Facilities & Parks Services
- Disaster Preparedness and Storm Cleanup

The goal of our employees is to hold true to the Town of Orange Park Mission Statement, Vision, and Core Values. Our team is built on integrity, accountability, transparency, ethics and economic stewardship, and we will continue to strive to be the best possible version of dedicated men and women committed to this service.

The Public Works team is working to create our public service environment to be known as a model of excellence and strive to support and maintain our small-town community in which residents can live, work, and raise a family. Through effective and responsive leadership, we deliver environmentally safe services, varied sources of recreation, a well-balanced economic atmosphere, and efficient public facilities. Our team will continue to provide services to preserve and improve our town's heritage for present and future generations.

We appreciate your participation, opinions, and feedback and welcome new ideas and ways to overcome challenges. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, or if you would like to participate and volunteer your time and efforts, please contact us at (904) 264-7411.

Sincerely,

Kyle Croce, Public Works Director



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# Church Communities of Orange Park

If you are looking for a church to attend, The Town of Orange Park has an array of them to offer. Whether you are looking for something small and quaint or large and inviting, there is something for everyone.

## **Calvary Missionary Baptist Church**

504 McIntosh Avenue  
Sunday School: 9:45 am  
Sunday Service: 10:45 am  
Bible Study Wednesday: 7:00 pm  
Rev. Eddie B. Henley, Sr. Pastor

## **Celebration Church**

512 Kingsley Avenue  
(904) 737-1121  
[www.celebration.org](http://www.celebration.org)  
Robert & Carmen Bass, Campus Pastors  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am, 11:15 am  
Our vision, mission and strategy are based on truths found in the word of God for His Church. These three work together, like a three-fold cord, in propelling us forward. We believe God's vision, mission and strategy for His church also mirrors His vision, mission and strategy for our personal lives as well. Therefore, everything we do is with the intent of leading people to experience a God-First Life.

## **Faith Community Church of God**

1276 Gano Avenue  
(904) 264-7540  
[www.faithccop.org](http://www.faithccop.org)  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am  
Our church is a warm and loving church, and we want you to feel comfortable and at liberty to call on us for anything you need. When you visit our church, you will find: a caring congregation that will gladly welcome you, preaching/teaching that is centered on the Word of God, ministries to meet the spiritual needs of every age, and a corporate outlet for truth-filled and moving praise and worship.

## **First Baptist Church of Orange Park**

1140 Kingsley Avenue  
(904) 264-2351  
[www.firstfam.org](http://www.firstfam.org)

David Tarkington, Lead Pastor  
Sunday Services: 8:00 am, 10:30 am  
First Baptist Church exists to glorify God by surrendering fully to his lordship and joining in his work, while living as authentic, joyful believers.

## **Grace Episcopal Church**

245 Kingsley Avenue  
(904) 264-9981  
[www.graceop.net](http://www.graceop.net)  
The Rev. Canon Aaron W. Smith  
Sunday Worship: 8:00 am, 10:00 am  
Grace provides a meaningful place to worship, connect, and grow in our Christian faith together as a church family. We want you to know God's love and purpose through prayer, song, laughter, and learning.

## **Kingsley Avenue Church of Christ**

1365 Kingsley Avenue  
(904) 588-4742  
[www.kingsleyavecofc.net](http://www.kingsleyavecofc.net)  
Denny Freeman, Evangelist  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
We are a church that belongs to God. Each of us recognized the sins in our life and has come to God for salvation as the Bible instructs. We have no denominational affiliation. We are simply Christians following the teachings of Jesus, His apostles and prophets found in the New Testament. It is our commitment to live by these teachings to the best of our ability.

## **Miller Street Church of Christ**

1211 Miller Street  
(904) 278-9511  
A small community with a huge heart... open to new ministries from motivated Christians.

## **New Hope Pentecostal Church**

920 Gano Avenue  
(904) 520-1027  
[www.facebook.com/NewhopeNewpossibilities](http://www.facebook.com/NewhopeNewpossibilities)  
Kenyon W. Thompson, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 11:30 am  
New Hope's vision is to encourage a spiritual-based faith that isn't compromised, to create unity between the church and the community and to transcend into the realm of physical thinking, so that we can enter, develop, and understand our eternal purpose which is to do the work that was intended, the reunification of people back to Christ.

## **Orange Park Presbyterian Church**

1905 Park Avenue  
(904) 264-0536  
[www.orangeparkpres.org](http://www.orangeparkpres.org)  
Rev. John Diller, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am  
Are you looking for an authentic faith community, spirit-filled worship, relevant sermons, meaningful relationships, transforming small groups, or quality children's and youth programs? If so, people like you have discovered these blessings at Orange Park Presbyterian Church. Come discover what God has waiting for you.

## **Orange Park United Methodist Church**

2051 Park Avenue  
(904) 264-2241  
[www.orangeparkumc.org](http://www.orangeparkumc.org)  
Dr. Charles Lever, Senior Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 9:00 am and 11:00 am  
We are a faith community that is diverse in every way. We have a place for every individual who is seeking to grow in his or her relationship with God. Together we learn and grow through prayer, worship, service, scripture and stewardship.

## **St. James AME Church**

535 McIntosh Avenue  
(904) 287-7037  
[www.stjameop.com](http://www.stjameop.com)  
Rev. Dr. Alesia Ford-Burse  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am  
A Church that loves People and Loves God. A Church where the word of God is taught with power and conviction. A Place Where We Exalt Jesus, and Empower the People. This is a Family and kid friendly Church.

## **St. Simons Baptist Church**

1331 Miller Street  
(904) 215-3300  
[www.stsimonbc.com](http://www.stsimonbc.com)  
Elder Moyenda Ambakisye, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 11:00 am

## **The Springs Church - 17 Campus**

900 Park Avenue  
(904) 379-6208  
[www.tscjax.com](http://www.tscjax.com)  
Eoin O'Sullivan, Senior Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 9:30am, 11am  
Authentic People, Trusting Christ. Formerly known as the Island View Baptist Church, we have merged with The Springs Church and are excited about connecting with you!

## **West Park Worship Center**

1279 Kingsley Avenue Ste. 110-111  
(904) 294-3960  
[www.westparkworshipcenter.com](http://www.westparkworshipcenter.com)  
Karl Hidalgo, Pastor  
Sunday Worship: 10:00 am



# Civic Groups, Clubs and Non-Profits

Our friendly neighborhoods and growing businesses get most of the attention in Orange Park, but our community would not be the same without the efforts of the following organizations. They are the groups that provide the Town with art, charity, and heart and soul. We are proud of each them and encourage you to get involved in a group that makes a difference in your town.



**Art Guild of Orange Park**  
info@artguildoforangepark.org  
www.artguildoforangepark.org  
The Art Guild of Orange Park meets every first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Orange Park Lion's Club from September to May. Since 1973 the AGOP has encouraged the advancement and interest of visual arts. We provide opportunities for development and enrichment of our members through educational programs and workshops. Art Guild exhibits allow members to show and sell their works in many local venues. Through outreach efforts, art-focused activities and related interests, group collaborations, events, exhibitions, fund-raising campaigns, programs, volunteer work, and workshops, etc. we are able to enhance public awareness and appreciation for the importance of the Arts. We cultivate and promote a variety of skills and talents as well as to display the original works of our members.



**BASCA, Inc.**  
**Building Abilities of Special Children & Adults**  
352 Stowe Ave.  
(904) 541-1742  
www.bascainc.org  
The mission of BASCA, Inc (Building Abilities of Special Children and

Adults) is to improve the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Northeast Florida. BASCA provides 24/7 quality services and programs to individuals with special needs at various locations in Clay County. Sites include four homes and our Arts and Enrichment Center in the Town of Orange Park. Services include residential group homes, day programs, support services, transportation, and community inclusion programs. BASCA is also home to the BASCA Bargain Boutique. This one-of-a-kind thrift store sells gently used merchandise. For information on donating to the boutique, getting involved with BASCA, special events, and setting up a tour of our facilities, please get in touch with Robin Snyder at 904-541-1742 ext. 107.



**Challenge Enterprises**  
550 Kingsley Avenue  
904-284-9859  
www.challengeenterprises.org  
Challenge Enterprises of North Florida, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that provides adult day training, residential services, and employment opportunities for adults with different abilities.

Our support programs are available to individuals with intellectual, physical, and developmental disabilities, while staff assists families in navigating Florida's eligibility for services. We are committed to providing great leadership, advocacy, and security to help our participants achieve their best quality of life.



**Clay Action Coalition, Inc.**  
1279 Kingsley Avenue, Suite 116  
(904) 272-6413  
clayactioncoalition.org  
Clay Action Coalition, Inc. (CAC) was created in 2004 as a community response of a "call to action" after data revealed a rapidly increasing number of Clay County youth engaging in underage drinking and an increase in alcohol and other drug related school suspensions and juvenile crimes. CAC is an alliance of local groups and stakeholders who share a desire to create positive change in our community. From its inception, the coalition's mission has been "to prevent and reduce substance use among Clay County youth, and eventually adults, through increased education and collaboration," and its vision simple: "to strengthen the community's resolve to eliminate substance use."



**Clay County Chamber of Commerce**  
2042 Park Avenue, Suite 111  
(904) 264-2651  
Claychamber.com  
The Clay County Chamber of Commerce is a member-focused organization that supports and advocates for local businesses. The

Chamber is a non-profit organization run by and for our members, many of whom are small business owners in Clay County, Florida. From educational programs for business owners to networking luncheons, the Clay Chamber is specifically designed to help local businesses prosper and thrive. [Learn more](#) about the Chamber and how we work for you.



**The Clothes Closet & Food Pantry of Orange Park**  
1010 Fromhart Street  
(904) 264-5239  
www.ccfpop.org  
clothesclosetop@att.net  
The Clothes Closet and Food Pantry has served people in need in Clay County since 1952. We provide food, clothing, household items, furniture, toiletries, school supplies, and more to people in emergency situations, as well as ongoing need. We also provide limited financial assistance with overdue rent, utilities, temporary housing, and special needs through several local churches. We have always been an all-volunteer organization and take donations of any items listed above during our open hours: Monday - Friday and the first three Saturdays of each month from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.





**Friends of the Orange Park Library**

2054 Plainfield Avenue  
(904) 278-4750  
[www.facebook.com/  
FriendsOfTheOrangeParkLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfTheOrangeParkLibrary)  
oplibraryfriends@gmail.com  
The Friends of the Orange Park Library is a non-sectarian, non-profit organization created to promote improvement of the facilities and services of the Orange Park Public Library. To support the activities sponsored by the Friends, book sales are held several times a year and we stock and maintain the Nick Nichols Corner Book Store inside the library. The Friends would like to invite you all to become active volunteers at the library. The library can always use a person to help out, so come on in and spend your spare time at your hometown library. We would love to have you.



**Historical Society of Orange Park**

1039 Kingsley Avenue  
[www.ophistory.org](http://www.ophistory.org)  
[info@ophistory.org](mailto:info@ophistory.org)  
The Historical Society of Orange Park was organized to educate the community about the rich and dynamic history of Orange Park, which was founded in 1877. The society collects, preserves and displays printed materials of historical value and facilitates educational and historical events. The Historical Society of Orange Park meets at 10:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of each month at the historic Clarke House. Each meeting features a guest speaker who will discuss a significant aspect of our local history followed by refreshments and conversation. Come join us to learn about the history of our town and its surrounding areas.



**Lions Club**

423 McIntosh Avenue  
(904) 264-5866  
[www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/  
orangeparkfl](http://www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/orangeparkfl)  
Lions help others and take on roles as organizers, advocates, fund-raisers and hands-on volunteers. Lions worldwide strive to make a difference in their local communities. From every part of the world, small towns to big cities, we are united in helping others and serving more effectively as a group than alone. Meetings are on the second and fourth Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

sharing, cooperative purchasing, research and development, partnerships for grant funding, leadership opportunities, and additional services through relationships with other organizations.



**Northeast Florida Community Action Agency**

1543 Kingsley Ave., Suite 10  
(904) 592-4838 x. 201  
[www.nfcaa.net](http://www.nfcaa.net)  
Collaborating with community partners to stabilize vulnerable households and empower families in Northeast Florida to achieve self-sufficiency through education, employment, and advocacy.



**Garden Club of Orange Park**

1820 Smith Street  
(904) 654-2016  
[www.facebook.com/  
Orangeparkgardenclub](http://www.facebook.com/Orangeparkgardenclub)  
[orangeparkgc@gmail.com](mailto:orangeparkgc@gmail.com)  
We are a group of individuals who share a love of gardening and have a desire to share our knowledge with others. If you are interested in improving your gardening skills and are looking for an opportunity to meet people of like mind, then we invite you to attend one of our Circle meetings. Hope to see you soon!



**Kreative Kids and Beyond, Inc.**

(904) 635-4126  
[lwarren@kkabdance.org](mailto:lwarren@kkabdance.org)  
[www.kkabdance.org](http://www.kkabdance.org)  
Kreative Kids and Beyond, Inc. is a non-profit 501(c)3 tax exempt organization that provides cultural arts enrichment to the underserved communities and at risk youth.



**Morocco Shriners**

560 Wells Road  
(904) 909-2681  
[moroccoshrine.org](http://moroccoshrine.org)  
Morocco Shrine is considered the mother Shrine Center of the Southeast being chartered June 25, 1888. We are located in Orange Park, Florida with jurisdiction in 16 North Florida Counties stretching from the Atlantic Ocean to the Gulf of Mexico.



**Orange Park Masonic Lodge**

511 Kingsley Avenue  
(904) 264-2783  
[Info@orangeparkmasons.org](mailto:Info@orangeparkmasons.org)  
Freemasonry is the world's oldest and largest fraternity. It is comprised of adult men of good character from every country, religion, race, age, income, education, and opinion, who believe in a Supreme Being. Its body of knowledge and system of ethics is based on the belief that each man has a responsibility to improve himself while being devoted to his family, faith, country, and fraternity. Freemasonry (often simplified to "Masonry") enhances and strengthens the character of the individual man by providing opportunities for fellowship, charity, education, and leadership based on



**Northeast Florida Library Information Network**

2233 Park Avenue, Suite 402  
(904) 278-5620  
[neflin.org](http://neflin.org)  
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the three ancient Masonic tenets: Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. Meetings are on the first and third Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m.



### Orange Park Woman's Club

130 Kingsley Avenue  
(904) 264-8269  
[opwomensclub@yahoo.com](mailto:opwomensclub@yahoo.com)  
[www.orangeparkwomensclub.com](http://www.orangeparkwomensclub.com)  
Proudly serving the community for more than 100 years! As a non-profit organization, members of the Orange Park Woman's Club serve the Orange Park, Florida community through volunteerism and fundraising drives. Funds raised are distributed to various local charities and organizations, including the Clothes Closet, Community Theatre, and others.



### Rotary Club of Orange Park

620 Wells Road  
(904) 322-0058  
[www.orangeparkrotary.com](http://www.orangeparkrotary.com)  
[www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofOrangePark](http://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubofOrangePark)  
Rotary is a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at 12:15 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites.



### Rotary Club Sunrise

2143 Astor Street  
[www.oprotarysunrise.com](http://www.oprotarysunrise.com)  
[www.facebook.com/RCOPSunrise](http://www.facebook.com/RCOPSunrise)  
[oprotarysunrise@gmail.com](mailto:oprotarysunrise@gmail.com)  
Meeting Time: Friday at 7:15 a.m. at Club Continental



### Rotary Club of Orange Park Sunset

620 Wells Road  
(904) 910-2349  
[www.rcopsunset.com](http://www.rcopsunset.com)  
[www.facebook.com/rotarycluborangeparksunset](http://www.facebook.com/rotarycluborangeparksunset)  
[info@rcopsunset.com](mailto:info@rcopsunset.com)



### Shaykwan & Kenyatta Open Arms, Inc. (SKOA, Inc.)

1809 Mound St.  
(904) 514-5766  
[skoainc@gmail.com](mailto:skoainc@gmail.com)  
[www.facebook.com/skoainc](http://www.facebook.com/skoainc)  
Kenyatta Hogan, a local high school student, to help people in need of food and other essentials. SKOA, Inc. organizes food drives, Thanksgiving basket drives, school supply drives, and much more. SKOA Inc. accepts donations from anyone willing to help. If you're interested in donating a basket or supplies to create one, you can reach the nonprofit at [skoainc@gmail.com](mailto:skoainc@gmail.com) or 904-514-5766.



### The Shepherd's Center of Orange Park

2105 Park Avenue, Suite 30  
(904) 269-5315  
[www.tscoop.org](http://www.tscoop.org)  
[www.facebook.com/shepcenter](http://www.facebook.com/shepcenter)  
[info@tscoop.org](mailto:info@tscoop.org)  
55 or older? Make it the best time of your life! The mission of the Shepherd's Center of Orange Park is to assist seniors by improving their quality of life through educational programming, intellectually, physically, socially and spiritually. We provide services to improve the quality of life of senior adults through award-winning educational programming and events. We are Living Life and Loving It! SCOOP fulfills its mission by offering Adventures in Learning and the Golden Years Gala.



### Waste Not, Want Not

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Orange Park, FL 32067  
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[www.wastenotflorida.com](http://www.wastenotflorida.com)  
Waste Not Want Not, a volunteer-based group, exists to prevent the discarding of items that can be used to fight hunger and poverty in our community. We do this by rescuing food daily from numerous sources for distribution to local charitable organizations, and through other cost-effective, volunteer-driven initiatives.

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# Schools

The Town of Orange Park is home to three of Clay County's Public Schools. They all provide quality education from some of the best teachers and administrators the County has to offer. The Town's schools offer learning in a safe and fun atmosphere.

**Orange Park Elementary** is situated in the heart of the Town of Orange Park and is the oldest school in Clay County, built in 1927. The school was added to the National Register of Historic Places on July 15, 1998.



Orange Park Elementary is considered a "concept" school for kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and uses a lottery system for registration. The school holds high standards of academic excellence and behavior. Orange Park Elementary is located at 1401 Plainfield Avenue. For more information on "The Little School with a Big Heart" please visit [www.oneclay.net/ope](http://www.oneclay.net/ope) or call (904) 336-2275.

**Grove Park Elementary**, which opened in 1972, is the primary elementary school serving the Town of Orange Park. Grove Park Elementary has a diverse student body and its faculty



is a mixture of new and experienced teachers. They offer kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and are located at 1643 Miller Street. For more information please visit [www.oneclay.net/gpe](http://www.oneclay.net/gpe) or call (904) 336-1275.

**Orange Park Junior High School (OPJH)**, the only junior high located in the Town of Orange Park, is the hidden gem of public schools here in Clay County. OPJH boasts low student to teacher ratios, top-notch educators, and a full service Gifted Education program and Accelerated Academy for high performing students. They offer grades 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> and are located at 1500 Cano Avenue. For more information, like them on Facebook, visit their website [www.oneclay.net/opj](http://www.oneclay.net/opj) or call (904) 336-5975.



*The Town also includes several private schools.*

**Grace Episcopal Day School** provides a program of academic excellence while preparing children to live responsible lives in the community grounded in the Christian Faith. Serving Pre-K3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, Grace Episcopal provides a comprehensive curriculum built around a challenging academic program, which equips children with the necessary skills to adapt to an ever-changing world and inspire them to become lifelong learners. Grace Episcopal Day School is accredited by the Florida Kindergarten Council and the Florida Council of Inde-



pendent Schools and is also a member of the National Association of Episcopal Schools. The school is located at 156 Kingsley Avenue. For more information please visit [www.geds.net](http://www.geds.net) or call (904) 269-3718.



**Seven Bridges School** is a private school which serves up to 50 students. The school is designed for students recognized as having average to above average intelligence, yet not realizing that potential due to a difference in learning style. The school is located at 402 Loring Avenue and is accredited by the Florida Council of Independent Schools. For more information please visit [www.sevenbridgeschool.org](http://www.sevenbridgeschool.org) or call (904) 269-7377.

**The Broach School** is a non-profit, private McKay school for children with special needs. The school is unique because students are taught individually in small groups to ensure every student can proceed at his or her own pace. The school is accredited by AdvancED, which is designed to help educational institutions increase their performance efforts for the benefit of their students. Tuition and scholarships are available through Florida's McKay Scholarship Program for Students with Disabilities, Step Up for Students and The Broach School In-House Scholarships for families demonstrating economic need. The school is located at 1909 DeBarry Avenue. For more information please visit [www.broachschool.com](http://www.broachschool.com) or call (904) 298-3500.



*The following schools are not within the Town limits, but do service many children who live in the Town of Orange Park.*

**Montclair Elementary**, 2398 Moody Ave., (904) 336-1975

**W.E. Cherry Elementary**, 420 Edson Drive, (904) 336-3975

**Lakeside Junior High**, 2750 Moody Ave., (904) 336-5575

**Orange Park High School**, 2300 Kingsley Ave., (904) 336-8675

**St. Johns Country Day School**, 3100 Doctors Lake Drive, (904) 264-9572

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# Do I Need A Permit?

In the Town of Orange Park, you must get a permit for the following projects:

- Fences
- Window Replacement
- Footprint Changes
- Plumbing & Electrical Work
- Structural Changes
- Water Heaters
- Storage Pods
- Driveway Work in the Right-of-Way

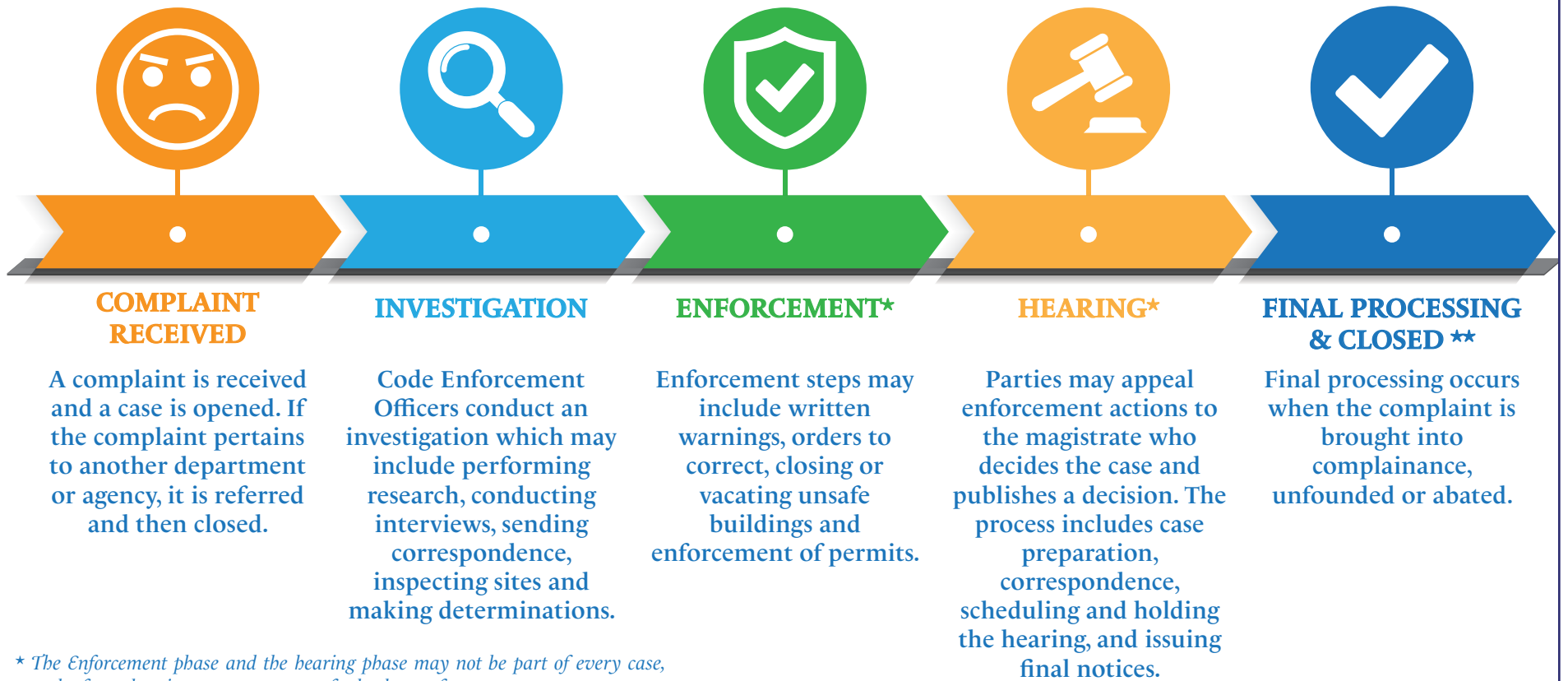
You do not need a permit for these projects:

- Installing Flooring
- Installing Countertops & Cabinets
- Decks below 10" high
- Retiling a Shower
- Siding Repairs
- Installing Gutters

Questions?

Call (904) 264-2635 or email [ecd@townop.com](mailto:ecd@townop.com)

# What happens when I submit a concern to Town of Orange Park Code Compliance?



\* The Enforcement phase and the hearing phase may not be part of every case, and, after a hearing, a case can transfer back to enforcement.  
 \*\* A case can be closed at any point in the process.

## Animal Control

For issues with live animals within the Town limits, contact the Orange Park Police Department at (904) 264-5555.

Do not attempt to trap or contact animal which appear diseased!



*Be Responsible  
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## Meet your Code Compliance Officer: Ed (Kaz) Kaczkowski



Kaz became an officer with the Orange Park Police Department in May 1988 and retired in May 2015 as a Patrol Sergeant. He rejoined the department as a Code Enforcement and Animal Control Officer in January 2017.





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*Our experienced, caring and professional staff are uniquely qualified to serve*

**Aaron Bivens, Managing Funeral Director** Aaron is a product of Clay County. After graduating from St. Johns Country Day School in Orange Park, he received his bachelor's degree in business administration. He says that serving his community as a licensed funeral director has been a lifelong dream. He is truly committed to serving families during their most difficult times.

**Burney Bivens, Licensed Funeral Director in Charge** Burney served 20 years in the USMC and the Navy. He has a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's degree in business management. As an attorney for 36+ years, Burney has represented several local funeral homes and their clients in all matters related to the funeral industry. He brings passion, commitment and dedicated service.

**Athiel "Josh" Jones, Funeral Services Associate** Josh served 25 years in the Navy. He served as a flight crew member flying reconnaissance missions in Vietnam. Josh has a bachelor's degree and a law degree. He has been an attorney for 37 years. Prior to moving to the First Coast,

Josh worked as a contract negotiator and for the New York State Unemployment Insurance Appeals Board.

**Randy Frasier, Licensed Funeral Director** Randy is a lifelong resident of Jacksonville. Having worked in customer service at various financial institutions and now having completed his course of study, he is fully licensed as a funeral director. He will continue his passionate service to Bivens Funeral Home and to this community.

**Kathryn Sterling (Katie), Licensed Funeral Director** Katie has funeral directing experience in Ohio and Pennsylvania. She relocated to Florida and joined our firm as a result of her U.S. Navy husband's service in Jacksonville. Her professionalism and customer service experience together with her attention to detail are a great asset to Aaron and Burney Bivens and to the community.

**Eddie Childs, Funeral Services Associate** This Navy veteran has lived and worked in the North Florida area for more than 20 years in various customer

service positions. He and his wife are very active in their church and the community. Eddie is very passionate about the funeral services industry and has proven his support and passion for this establishment and our clients.

**Adria Bivens, Communications Director** Adria is a Clay County native having graduated from St. Johns County Day School in Orange Park and has both a bachelor's and a master's degree in communications. She is an asset, assisting our staff and families with all communications, obituary notices and outreach programs.

**Clarence Bryant, IT Director** With the advancement of computerized systems, information technology maintenance and administration has become a necessity. Clarence has many years of IT experience in the banking industry and brings that training and experience to Aaron and Burney Bivens. He has already proven to be a great asset to the smooth operation of our business.

Our administrative staff is led by **Barbara Bivens**, a retired teacher and 30-year Clay County resident, and includes: **Linda Smith**, retired medical office manager; **Mary Reese**, healthcare services; and **Tanica Jamerson**, social administration.



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 MAY 21st  
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SEPT. 3rd  
 SEPT. 17th  
 OCT. 1st\*  
 NOV. 5th  
 NOV. 19th  
 DEC. 3rd

DEC. 17th  
 JAN. 7th  
 JAN. 21st  
 FEB. 4th  
 FEB. 18th

\*No third Sunday due to other Town events or holidays

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