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**2024 Board Members:**

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- Charliy Steel** – Vice President
- Becky Barnes** – Secretary
- Nina Tyndall** – Member Chairperson
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*From the President...*

Salutations!

2023 was a business-as-usual kinda year with hopefully a little more kindness. Middleburg Civic Association is in full swing and hope the community is too! We continue to find new ways to help our members, community, and business and we would love your feedback.

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to our community, my family has personally made Middleburg home for over thirty-four years and I have been the President of our association since 2019. Middleburg is unique because it offers the convenience of a small-town atmosphere while still also maintaining the feel of the country. You will find that even though we are beginning to grow in leaps and bounds, you will still be met with that friendly and small-town welcome. We had to say goodbye to some local businesses, but are welcoming the new business pouring into our community. We also celebrate the addition to our parks and recreation and a shooting range.

Middleburg is great for individuals and/or families because it offers a variety of things to do close to home. There are parks, rivers, museums, and a beautiful forest for the outdoor enthusiast. For the more adventurous, just an hour away are beaches, theme parks, and many other fun family activities. (Difficult to picture driving through all the road construction these days now currently possessing CR 218 and Interstate 23/ Blanding Blvd, but I promise you the beauty is there!) **But to accommodate growth we must expand and improve.**

For those of you considering or embarking on a new business venture in Middleburg, you will find it a great place to do business.

The Middleburg Civic Association has been the heart of community and business networking for over 83 years and has been voted Best of Clay numerous times. This year we are focused on providing our local business a great opportunity for networking along with community outreach!

The Middleburg Civic Association offers a year-round calendar of events for the community and great marketing opportunities for businesses through sponsorship and volunteering.

Our monthly meeting is held on the last Wednesday of every month @ 12:30 p.m. and will be moving around each month, so make sure you follow us on Facebook to keep track of us. You can follow us on Facebook and Instagram to see our events. It is open to businesses, members, and the general public. Your membership and support of the MCA help continue the traditions we hold so dearly in Middleburg. So, either as a community member or a business member take a moment and sign up!

On behalf of the 2024 MCA Board, and all members,

Thank you for your support and do not forget to shop local.

*Paula M. Cloud*

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Adult College Graduates.....17.9%  
% Home Ownership .....78%  
Number of Homes & Apartments .....21,624  
Zip Code .....32068

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Omega Community Park  
Hunter-Douglas Park  
Foxmeadow Recreational Park

**Public Boat Ramps**

Middleburg Main Street Boat Ramp  
(3788 Main Street)  
Jennings State Forest Boat Ramp  
(1337 Longhorn Road)

**Middleburg** is an unincorporated area and census-designated place (CDP) in Clay County. It began in the 1820s first as Clark's Ferry, named for the man who ran the local ferry. From 1833 to 1850, the area was known as Gary's Ferry. Then in 1853, it officially became Middleburg. When Clay County was created in 1858, Middleburg became the county seat until 1874.

One of the largest areas of Clay County, Middleburg includes both rural and small town areas and is fast growing as a center

of commerce and recreation. With access to Black Creek and Doctors Lake, the area boasts great fishing, boating and water sports activities. The beautiful Jennings State Forest offers plenty of outdoor activities including hiking, horseback riding, and canoeing.

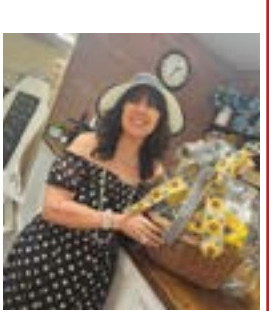
Middleburg also is home to St. Vincent's Medical Center Clay County, a full-service hospital that recently added maternity and women's services, more ER rooms and 30 additional inpatient beds.

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# Middleburg Civic Association



## Starting in 1937

On April 19, 1937 Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Budington deeded a parcel of land 150 feet by 200 feet on Palmetto Avenue to the Clay County Commissioners to be used as the ground upon which a Canning Center and Recreation Hall was to be erected for the citizens of Middleburg and for no other purpose. The property, as stipulated in the deed, was not to be used for any school purposes what-so-ever.

The building and original furniture was built by WPA workers and on Nov. 15, 1938, a committee held its first meeting to make rules and regulations for a "Community Home." Those attending this meeting were: Mr. and Mrs. A.W. Budd, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Masters, Mrs. Alice Masters, Mrs. Gussie Stewart, Mrs. Pearl Lee, Mrs. F.W. Budington, Mr. Joe Huntley and Mr. L.E. Ganann. Mr. Budd was selected Chairman and it was voted that anyone using the building would pay 50 cents, with an additional 25 cents as a guarantee that the building would be left clean and in good condition, this amount to be refunded when said conditions are complied with and accepted by the committee in charge. There was an additional charge of 50 cents if lights were used.

It was not until July 1941 that a temporary Executive Committee met for the purpose of forming a corporation and drawing up by-laws. The name was changed from The Community Home to The Middleburg Civic Association. The original sign, made by James McDonald, still hangs over the steps. The proposed Charter was approved, as presented, by Hon. A.D. McNeil, Circuit Judge of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Florida on July 14, 1941 in Jacksonville. On July 15, 1941 said charter was

filed with Mr. L.T. Ivey, Clerk Circuit Court, Clay County. There were eight specific objects and purposes for which the corporation was organized. They were:

1. To promote the literary, scientific, social and philosophical improvement, advancement and benefit of its members.
2. To render aid to all worthy civic objects and purposes
3. To promote the general development of the Community of Middleburg, Clay County, Florida.
4. To cultivate public sentiment for the promotion of civic improvement and beautification of the community.
5. To develop the mutual welfare and benefit of its members.
6. To cooperate with and to assist in coordinating efforts of all similar organizations and individuals for the promotion of the civic benefit of the Community of Middleburg,
7. To own, maintain and operate a Community House in Middleburg with the full power to leave the building or equipment, to purchase equipment, furniture, fixtures and supplies and to promote meetings, dances, entertainments and other civil meetings and to charge admission.
8. To cooperate in all aspects with the Clay County Chamber of Commerce and the Board of Clay County Commissioners.

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# Calendar of Events

## JULY 2024

- Christmas in July for **“Operation Santa Cause”** for Florida National Guard **GOLD STAR** kids. Contact: Kathleen Weise at 904.413.1150 to arrange for collection box or email: [OperationSantaCause@gmail.com](mailto:OperationSantaCause@gmail.com)
- Compliment your Mirror Day
- Independence Day**
- National Chocolate Day
- Tell the Truth Day
- National Cookie Day
- Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- National Mac & Cheese Day
- National Hot Dog Day
- “Kindergarten Prep Class”** at 2PM- **Middleburg Martial Arts- 2361 Blanding Blvd-Middleburg**
- “Kindergarten Prep Class”** at **Ripple Effects Martial Arts-1851 Golden Eagle Way # 44-Fleming Island**
- PARENT’S DAY
- National Cheese Day
- MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)

## AUGUST 2024

- Sisters Day
- National Watermelon Day
- “ANNUAL” SCHOOL SUPPLIES GIVE-A-WAY EVENT! Presented by the MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION & OUR COMMUNITY.** **Back pack & Supplies – First come, first serve until they run out. Lineup is at 8:00AM. Doors open 9:00AM-12:30 or until we run out. Located at Middleburg Civic Association at 2102 Palmetto St in downtown Middleburg. Parent must**

- accompany the child. Visit our **Facebook page for info on how to donate or volunteer**
- Coast Guard Birthday
- National Purple Heart Day
- Clay County 1<sup>st</sup> Day of school for Students
- National S’mores Day
- Play in the Sand Day
- Senior Citizens’ Day
- National Second Hand Clothes Day
- MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)
- National Bow Tie Day

## SEPTEMBER 2024

- Labor Day
- “Student Focus Seminar” Organizer-**@ 1:30 at **Middleburg Martial Arts** 2361 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg
- “Student Focus Seminar” Organizer-**@ 2:30 at **Ripple Effect Martial Arts-1851 Golden Eagle Way #44 in Fleming Island**
- Grandparents’ Day
- Patriots Day - Remember**
- Hug Your Hound Day
- GRAND RE-OPENING & ANNIVERSARY PARTY** Event 12:00PM at Middleburg Martial Arts – 2361 Blanding Blvd. Open to the Public Free admission. Food, Vendors, & Fun
- National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Constitution Day
- Citizenship Day
- Air Force Day
- September Equinox- First Day of Fall

## 25 MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION

- Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)
- Operation Santa Cause “RIDE WITH Santa”** at American Legion #250, 2380 Black Creek Dr., Middleburg of CR 218 East. For info or to sponsor, contact: Jeanne Scholl at 904-945-4142
  - GOLD STAR** Mother’s Day
  - National Coffee Day

## OCTOBER 2024

- Breast Awareness Month  
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
- National Homemade Cookie Day
  - Name Your Car Day
  - Taco Day
  - “BULLY PREVENTION SEMINAR”** at 1:30 PM-**Middleburg Martial Arts-2361 Blanding Blvd-Middleburg**
  - “BULLY PREVENTION SEMINAR”** at 2:00 PM at **Ripple Effects Martial Arts- 1851 Golden Eagle Way # 44-FI**
  - Take Your Teddy Bear to Work Day
  - Navy Birthday
  - Columbus Day
  - National Dessert Day
  - National White Cane Safety Day
  - MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT** Through Dec 7
  - Boss’s Day
  - Wear Something Gaudy Day
  - Middleburg Martial Arts ANNUAL TRUNK OR TRICK EVENT 5PM** located at 2361 Blanding Blvd., Middleburg. Open to the Public. Jump House, Food Trucks, Vendors, Games, Costumes, and Prizes.

## 26 Ripple Effect Martial Arts ANNUAL TRUNK OR TRICK

- EVENT 5PM** located at 1851 Golden Eagle Way #44 in Fleming Island . Open to the Public. Jump House, Food Trucks, Vendors, Games, Costumes, and Prizes
- Make a Difference Day
  - Tell a Story Day
  - National Chocolate Day
  - MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)
  - Halloween

## NOVEMBER 2024

- National Calzone Day
- MARKET PLACE OPENS** through 1/5/2025
- Daylight Savings Time ends
- ELECTION DAY –General Election – DON’T FORGET YO VOTE!**
- Men Make Dinner Day
- Marine Corps Day
- Veterans Day
- Pajama Day
- National Fast Food Day
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- 25-29 School Thanksgiving Holidays
- Thanksgiving Day
- Black Day
- SHOP SMALL DAY EVENT – look for the logo to SHOP LOCAL!** Support your local businesses. They help keep our community going.

## DECEMBER 2024

- Cyber Monday
- Giving Tuesday
- Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- MEDICARE ENROLLMENT ENDS
- National Poinsettia Day
- National Guard Day
- Bill of Rights Day
- National Cupcake Day
- National Twins Day
- MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)
- 21-1/4School Christmas Holidays 12/21-1/4
- Winter Solstice (Shortest day of the year!) December Solstice
- Christmas Eve
- CHRISTMAS DAY**
- Call a Friend Day
- New Year’s Eve – BE SAFE!

## JANUARY 2025

- NEW YEAR’S DAY –Happy New Year!** Time to renew your **Middleburg Civic Association Membership.** Don’t forget you get a \$10 discount if you renew before January 31<sup>st</sup>. **Not a member? Join now!** Contact us at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) or Email [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)
- Clay County Students return to school
- National Spaghetti Day
- Stephen Foster Memorial Day
- Soup Swap Day
- National Popcorn Day
- Martin Luther King Day
- National Pie Day
- Belly Laugh Day
- Lunar New Year
- MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each**

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## FEBRUARY 2025

- Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- Ground Hound Day
- National Wear RED Day
- SUPER BOWL DAY!
- National Pizza Day
- Lincoln’s Birthday
- Valentine’s Day
- President’s Day
- Inauguration Day
- Highlander Games at the Clay County Fair Grounds
- MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)

## MARCH 2025

- National Women’s History Month
- Red Cross America Day
  - Ash Wednesday
  - National Pancake Day
  - Employee Appreciation Day
  - Daylight Saving Time Starts
  - 11-15 Spring Break Clay County
  - St. Patrick’s Day
  - Let’s Laugh Day
  - Spring Begins-Spring Equinox
  - ANNUAL SPRING FESTIVAL 11AM-3PM MIDDLEBURG CIVIC CENTER** Located at 2102 Palmetto Street in downtown Middleburg. Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)
  - MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM.**

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## APRIL 2025

- April Fool’s Day
- Find a Rainbow Day
- 4-14 Clay County Fair
- Grilled Cheese Day
- Palm Sunday
- TAX DAY-** Get it postmarked before Midnight!
- Good Friday
- Arbor Day
- EASTER DAY**
- Space Exploration Day
- Earth Day
- Take your Daughter and/or Son to Work Day
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## MAY 2025

- American Heritage Month  
Military Appreciation Month
- National Day of Prayer
  - Kentucky Derby Day
  - Star Wars Day
  - Cinco de Mayo Day
  - National Nurses Day
  - National Teacher’s Day
  - MOTHER’S DAY**
  - Armed Forces Day
  - Memorial Day
  - National Hamburger Day
  - MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)

## 30 Clay County Graduation Day

## JUNE 2025

- Say Something Nice Day
- National Doughnut Day
- Drive-In Movie Day
- Best Friends Day
- Red Nose Day
- Flag Day
- FATHER’S DAY**
- Take Your Dog to Work Day (the longest day of the year)
- American Eagle Day
- National Flip Flop Day
- MIDDLEBURG CIVIC ASSOCIATION** Meets **Last Wednesday of each Month, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM. Come and NETWORK with us.** Check our website, “LIKE US” on Facebook [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) Email: [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)

## JULY 2025

- Compliment your Mirror Day
- Independence Day**
- National Chocolate Day
- Tell the Truth Day
- National Cookie Day
- Teddy Bear Picnic Day
- National Mac & Cheese Day
- National Hot Dog Day
- National Ice Cream Day
- PARENT’S DAY
- National Cheese Day
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- National Cheesecake Day



## Middleburg “2024 Business of the Year”



Each year, the Middleburg Civic Association selects one of our businesses as our “Business of the Year”. This one stands out with its continuous dedication to the Middleburg area community. With all of the great businesses in Middleburg joining in to support our amazing community, there were so many to choose from.

This business has gone above and beyond to contribute time, money, and resources to events happening in the Middleburg area. Never hesitating, they have rallied around the fine folks of Middleburg to support and help our community move forward, grow and prosper.

We would like to honor **Exit Inspired Real Estate**, our “2024 Business of the Year”. Congratulations, from all of us at the Middleburg Civic Association and the Middleburg Networking Group! Your dedication to the community is greatly appreciated.

**Exit Inspired Real Estate** serves the community in so many different capacities. **Exit Inspired Real Estate** is very much hands on when it come to our community. They are always there to give a helping hand and have been a huge supporter of our community from supporting our Annual Festivals or Back to School Events that are free to the public. Thanks again to your whole crew!

Come out and join us at our Middleburg Networking group. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month. Bring your business cards and fliers to distribute to other members as we network with each other to improve our businesses and community. Check out our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) or Email us at [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com) for more information.

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## Middleburg “2024 Member of the Year”



With all of the great support this year, it was very hard to choose only one member in our business community to be our “Member of the Year”. With the great folks of Middleburg joining in to support our community, there were so many to choose from. It was a tuff decision, but in the end there can be only one.

This member has gone above and beyond to contribute their time and resources to events happening in Middleburg. Never hesitating or complaining about things, they have rallied around the fine folks of Middleburg to support and help our community move forward, grow, and prosper.

This year’s winner is **Russell’s Feed and Farm Supply!** Congratulations!

**Russell’s Feed and Farm Supply** has been a dedicated part of the community for many years helping to guide and serve our residents both young and old. **Russell’s Feed and Farm Supply** has also volunteered their time and talents with the Middleburg Civic Association on many events to give a special experience to children and adults from all walks of life. Thanks **Russell’s Feed and Farm Supply**, for all you do!

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## Middleburg “2024 Volunteer of the Year”



**Christi Helms**

Each year, the Middleburg Civic Association selects one person from the Greater Middleburg community to be recognized as “**Volunteer of the Year**”. This year our winner is none other than the **Christi Helms**. Congratulations go to **Christi Helms!**

**Christi Helms** volunteers as community a member for the Middleburg Civic Association where she has been working very hard by volunteering many hours every year. She gives her

time to help make our community a great place to live, play, and work. For several years, **Christi Helms** has been giving selflessly and enlisting the help of many others to join along the way. **Christi Helms** proudly volunteers her time and talents with the Middleburg Civic Association as outstanding community member.

**Christi Helms**, thanks for all that you do! We could not do it without you and your **BIG HEART!** The Middleburg Civic Association is blessed to have you.

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The First Coast Highlanders is an all volunteer highland bagpipe band based in Clay County, Florida. The band, formed in May, 2009 and formerly known as the Clay County Sheriff's Office Pipes and Drums is Clay County's premiere pipe and drum band.

We are a performance and entertainment band, a teaching organization, and a cultural group. We are community based and promote Celtic culture through music. The band is the host band for the Northeast Florida Scottish Games and Festival and the St Augustine Celtic Festival. We participate in many community events in Clay, St. Johns, Duval, and Alachua counties. In 2014 we were invited and travelled to Stirling, Scotland where we performed at the 700th anniversary of the Battle of Bannockburn. We returned to Scotland in 2022 to perform at Stirling Castle and Inveraray Castle.

Our mission is to encourage and support the Celtic culture in our community by providing instruction to anyone interested in learning the great highland bagpipe or highland drum. Our goal is to strive for excellence in musical performance and ceremonial drill, to increase knowledge of Celtic heritage and culture in the community through performance of traditional Celtic music and the display of traditional dress.

Lessons are provided free of charge to anyone who is willing to commit the time and self-discipline to learn. We meet for rehearsal at 6 PM every Thursday at the Orange Park Presbyterian Church located at 1905 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL.

The band is a 501(c)(3), non-profit corporation and accepts donations which are tax deductible. Funds are used to further the education and awareness of bagpiping and drumming. Please visit our website at [www.firstcoasthighlanders.com](http://www.firstcoasthighlanders.com). Friend us and like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/firstcoasthighlanders](http://www.facebook.com/firstcoasthighlanders)



This information was graciously provided by Arthur Tenny. Arthur is a long time member of the Middleburg Civic Association. We thank you for your continuous commitment to our community. Arthur has worked tirelessly and is very committed to the First Coast Highlanders.

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*If so, call the First Coast Highlanders for information. We can help you. Lessons are FREE too. Call our band manager about lessons or a performance at (904) 368-8177.*



## Hello from your Middleburg County Commissioner!

Hello Middleburg Friends,

It is an honor and privilege to serve as your County Commissioner. While 2023 and 2024 have brought changes to our area, I want to reassure you that I remain committed to conservation, fighting urban sprawl & smart growth. I know it may not seem that way but all of the commercial and larger residential developments, apartments & townhomes have had their zoning and land use since 2006. Interestingly, most businesses never come before the County Commission for a vote and we actually cannot choose which businesses locate on private property. Unfortunately, this is why we don't have a limit on number of carwashes, coffee shops, self-storage facilities, etc. I know that frustrates many but it is in support of private property entitlements which we all enjoy. We do have a Middleburg/Clay Hill Citizens Advisory Committee and if you are interested in serving on it, applications can be found on the county website. Fortunately, they haven't had to meet much as there have been very few zoning change requests in Middleburg in the past year but they provide advisement to the Planning Commission and the Board of County Commissioners.

We have been very busy with road resurfacing and paving

in Middleburg during my tenure as your commissioner. We have resurfaced more than 8 roads and improved 5 dirt roads with either pavement or millings. There is a rather large resurfacing and milling project planned for Middleburg for our 2024-2025 fiscal year if everything passes in the upcoming budget vote as we expect. Additionally, we have a number of drainage improvements, park and boat ramp improvements and a new fire station locating on Old Jennings Road by CCUA. We completed the first ever Strategic Plan for Clay County and it is available on the county website at [www.claycountygov.com](http://www.claycountygov.com). Additionally, make sure you download the Clay Connected App through your app store on your phone for easy access to reporting public works issues, reporting animal control issues, reporting trash pickup issues or just to find out more information. As always, you can call me at (904) 615-7284 or email me at [betsy.condon@claycountygov.com](mailto:betsy.condon@claycountygov.com) with questions and concerns.

*This article has been graciously offered by Clay County Commissioner, District 4, Betsy Condon, Betsy is an outstanding member of the Middleburg Civic Association and volunteers in the Middleburg community in many ways. Thank you.*



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### Alcoholics Anonymous Middleburg

904-399-8535

### American Heritage Girls

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582 Plantation Dr., Middleburg  
Troop # FL 3110 Pinewood Presbyterian Church  
198 Knight Boxx Rd, Middleburg  
Troop # 0138 St Luke Catholic Church  
1606 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg

### American Legion Post #250

3939 CR 218, Middleburg 904-282-3766  
Meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each Month

### Boy Scouts of America-Clay County

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### CALC Foundation –Food Distribution Center

4510 Camellia St., Middleburg, FL 32068

### Calvary Baptist Church Food

1532 Long Bay Rd, Middleburg, FL 32068  
904-282-0407

### Clay County Habitat for Humanity Thrift Store

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### Clay County Moms For Liberty

Meets Monthly to discuss education and school related issues. Contact Tanya Kacsan  
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### Clay County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 989

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Contact: Desiree Bryan 904.413.7542

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### Moose Lodge #

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<b>168 Thai &amp; Sushi</b> 1803 Blanding Blvd 606-7198	<b>Bono's Bar-B-Q</b> 2640-211 Blanding Blvd 282-4288	<b>Culver's</b> 1767 Blanding Blvd 203-2071	<b>Dunkin' Donuts</b> 5110 CR 218 282-0200	<b>Hardee's</b> 2730 Blanding Blvd 282-1889	<b>Little Caesar's Pizza</b> 2468 Blanding Blvd 291-2000	<b>Papa Murphy's</b> 2640 Blanding Blvd 282-7381	<b>Sonic</b> 2610 Blanding Blvd 689-9784	<b>Tony's Pizza</b> 2221 CR 220 375-9925	<b>What-A-Burger</b> 1778 Blanding Blvd 406-7418
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# MHS Cruce, Forkum highlights of Bronco athletics

by Randy Lefko, Sports Editor



MIDDLEBURG - Middleburg High junior wrestler Cheyenne Cruce has made it very clear that her journey to defend her state title at 190 from last year was with a philosophy of every match is a danger zone.

For volleyball coach Meredith Forkum, the treacherous path of following long-tenured coach Carrie Prewitt brought with not only a big target per game, but an anxiety of what would the new face in the director's chair add to such a prestigious program.

"I don't think at all about that I am the defending state champion and I should win all my matches," said Cruce, after defending that state title with a dramatic overtime win, 3-1, over a game Apopka High senior, Jada Jones. "I worked my butt off from the week after last year's title to make sure that I was the best me that I

could make myself to win a second one."

Cruce, 32-0 as she finished her junior season, rifled through her preliminary matches to the final with three pins to the final while Jones, 24-1 prior to the final and a third place finisher last year after being pinned by Cruce in quarterfinals, did that same only with all first period pins to set up a showdown of epic proportions.

Forkum, with a Top Gun set of fireballers on her front net, stormed the gates of volleyball to a dominating state championship that got the storied Prewitt era the final push to gold.

"I got the keys to a Porsche and just didn't have to crash it," said Forkum, prior to her rookie season at the helm. "The program need one final spark I guess to get that elusive title and we had players

like the Rahns; Connor and Camden, Brooke Forkum to lead the charge."

Cruce was the alpha athlete for a crew of girl wrestlers for coach Coll Robertson and Jamie Harrison that steadfastly battled the top teams in the state with fervor and enthusiasm; Memphis Mose, Sarah Walsh, Skylar Fisher; all state qualifiers as sophomores, with Fisher winning probably the most dramatic region title in girls wrestling in Clay County.

Cruce's second title highlighted a Bronco Nation; aka Horsepower, year of athletics highlights that included a second playoff berth for football under coach Ryan Wolfe, a fourth in track discus from Madison Underwood, a resurgence of boy wrestling under coach Coll Robertson, softball prowess again, a near baseball colossal upset and some basketball games that turned to heartbreakers.

"I understand that our two playoffs spots are good for the program, but I want to get that winning season for the school," said Wolfe, in his fourth season after three 5-5 seasons with the honor of the only Clay County school to achieve a region playoff spot. "I think we can push the program to the next level with an 8-2 7-3 record just to be able say we have a winning record."

Wolfe had quite the senior crew on the field with excitement quarterback Jaydan Jenkins, linebacker Austin "Cowboy" Cruce, DE Tucker Cody, DB Errick Fryer and super kicker Kaleb Robison.

"We have a lot of young players coming back this season that have game time experience," said Wolfe. "And, all of these kids have been with me for the past four years and that is a big advantage; they know the system and terminology."

Underwood, a sophomore, continued her prominence in her event, the discus with

her fourth place throw at state and will be force in the next two years.

In wrestling, Robertson is piece by piece building up the Bronco program with more and more athletes finding the wrestling room and competing at state levels; Tucker Cody, Wyatt Leduc, Gavin Fisher and Grady Woodard; as the core of a tough batch of grapplers.

In the spring, baseball and softball offered up their typical scrappy swashbuckling play with the Broncos almost, so almost, taking out Clay in the district semifinals in an excruciating extra inning baseball slugfest that ended with a 1-0 Clay win.

In softball, 2022 state champion coach Ashley Houston's quest for a second title got bumped by a Gainesville High team that featured a fireballing freshman pitcher, but the Lady Broncos kept fans glued to their seats with the bat power of trio KK Hagan, Kerra Clarida and Alyssa Prather and the flamethrowing of senior pitcher Morgan Beckham.

Flag football got a playoff berth and two athletes; Cheyenne Jenkins and Brooke Cooper chosen to a Jacksonville Jaguars Prep Top 25 players team.

And, on the hardwood, boys basketball coach Sean Sweeney opened his season on fire with a 12-2 start and some raised eyebrows watching the exciting play of Aiden Farber, Jarren Rosier and Jacob Lohse; all seniors, who may have set a high bar for upcoming Bronco teams with their final 18-8 record and a district tournament playoff win.

On the alum side, state champion softball pitcher Mallory Forrester went big at Santa Fe College and earned players of week and pitcher of year awards for Florida junior college.





# What is Middleburg's Partnership with Clay County Sheriff?

## And What They Do for MIDDLEBURG

Let me just start by saying, *"This article is NOT about elections. Nor is it written by the Clay County Sheriff Office media"*. This author is a resident of Middleburg for many years as well as a longtime member of the *Middleburg Civic Association*. The Civic Association has been around for like what, 83 years. The *Middleburg Civic Association* is located in downtown Middleburg at 2102 Palmetto Street just down from the Post Office.

Clay County Sheriff's Office is one of Middleburg's reliable and continuous supporters. Whether we agree or not with this or that, they have shown the care, respect and generous concern and dedication to our community. They have always gone above and beyond our expectations and requests. They are "ACTIVE" members **of and in** our community. When they say "Serve and Protect", they mean it! Please help us support our local protectors.

## Did you know this?

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- Trunk or Treat
- Neighborhood Engagement Team (NET) meetings
- Citizens Response to Active Shooter Incident presentations at local churches and county buildings
- Cyber Bullying Presentations at local schools
- Coffee with a Cop at local businesses
- Community Helpers and Touch a Truck presentations at local schools and daycares
- Middleburg Spring and Fall Festival
- Back to School Supply Drives and Donations
- HOA Safety presentations
- Cook's Corner Newsletters
- Middleburg Christmas Parade
- Ice Cream Social at the Dreamette

At the **Middleburg Sub-Station** we have a *"Safe Trade Spot"* where you can meet to buy or sell items sold online as well as swap children for co-parenting.

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Our CCSO also offers the opportunity for businesses to be a "Safety Partner" with the CCSO to help reduce crime through their Public-Private Partnership. No, it is not "Big Brother is Watching You". Check it out and let them explain it to you.

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If you would like to be a part of your community and volunteer at the *Middleburg Civic Association*, come out and join us on the last Wednesday of each month from 12:30PM-1:30PM to network with us. We are one of the oldest Networking groups in the area. Check out our Facebook page Middleburg Civic Association or email us at [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com) website: [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) and a 501(3) c Non-Profit Organization.

We are sponsors of the Spring and Fall Festivals as well as the Back to School Supply Give-a-Way and other community events and activities. We are operated by all volunteers working together with the community.

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## May Mann Jennings Chapter

National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution

Middleburg, Florida

The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is a lineage-based membership organization dedicated to promoting historic preservation, education, and patriotism. Founded in 1890, the DAR comprises women who can trace their ancestry to individuals involved in the American Revolution. With over 185,000 members across various chapters nationwide, the organization significantly benefits local communities through diverse initiatives. Here in Middleburg we are proud to have the May Mann Jennings Chapter. Our chapter's namesake was a Clay County resident and is often referred to as the "Mother of Florida Forestry". She is also credited with being instrumental in the designation of the Florida Everglades as a protected area. She has a very diverse and rich history here in North Florida as many wildlife areas, schools and parks are named after her and her family.

Our local DAR chapter engages in preserving historical sites and artifacts, ensuring that the rich history of the United States remains accessible to future generations. They maintain and restore monuments, historical buildings, and markers, which serve as educational tools and tourist attractions. Many of our members are active with the Middleburg Museum as well as the Middleburg Civic Association.

In education, the DAR offers scholarships and awards to students, teachers, and schools. We have primarily been involved with Middleburg Elementary and Middleburg High School. We look to expand our reach into other schools in the southern Middleburg area. Our focus on literacy and educational development is evident through programs like the American History Essay Contest, which encourages students to explore historical events and figures. Additionally, DAR provides substantial financial support to libraries, schools, and educational programs, fostering a love for learning and academic excellence. We have enjoyed our participation in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library here in Clay county.

Community service is another cornerstone of DAR's mission. Members participate in and organize events that support veterans, active military personnel, and their families. They also engage in civic activities, including Constitution week activities, Bells Across America and citizenship ceremonies, reinforcing the values of patriotism and responsible citizenship. Our members are active in many local organizations supporting our Veterans and their families.

The May Mann Jennings Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution looks to make a profound impact in our local community by preserving history, supporting education, and fostering patriotic service.

We meet monthly from September to May and if interested please reach out to Kimberly Lowe, Regent, at [mmjdar.regent@gmail.com](mailto:mmjdar.regent@gmail.com) for further information about our Chapter and membership.

## Networking in Middleburg

### What's Happening in Middleburg?

Want to know about what is happening in Middleburg? Then join us at the **Middleburg Civic Association** meetings. Find out about the local community events here in Middleburg for free. Come out and join us for the Spring Festival, Back Pack Give Away, and the Annual Historic Fall Festival. Don't forget about the Town Hall Meetings that are open to the public. Are you interested in knowing about road closures and changes? Interested in knowing who the "movers and shakers" are? Find out in advance what businesses are coming to our area.

If you are interested in volunteering or working with our community, please come and join us for our monthly meeting. We meet on the last Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 1:30 PM. The Middleburg Civic Association is located at 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg, FL 32068. All are **FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**. Come on by a little earlier or stay a little later to promote your business or event. Bring plenty of business cards and brochures to share with others. Let us know if you have a special event happening in Middleburg. Check our website for the location of our meetings each month.

Come check out what the excitement is all about. For more information, check out our website at [www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com](http://www.MiddleburgCivicAssociation.com) and join our **Facebook** or email us at [MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com](mailto:MiddleburgCivic@gmail.com)

**SPECIAL THANKS** to our **MIDDLEBURG NETWORKING** members who have done and continue to do a tremendous job at supporting our community. The **Middleburg Civic Association** is operated by all volunteers and donations. We welcome all volunteers and sponsorships. Come on out and even bring your employees with you for a day of community involvement. We offer and encourage community volunteer service hours. Planning for college or want community service hours on your resume, Come out and volunteer in your local community civic association. Help us make a difference.





The **Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club** is making a big impact in our community, and we need your help to do even more! Your support whether it is with financial donations or help in volunteering in the ongoing **“OUTREACH”** programs for the Middleburg area is always appreciated and in great need all year long.

Our eyeglasses initiative provides free vision screenings, eye exams, and eyeglasses to those in need, ensuring everyone has the chance to see clearly and succeed in life. Drop off your extra, outdated old prescription, and reading glasses that you no longer need. We will put them to go use!

Our annual spring golf tournament, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> year, raises essential funds for our outreach programs and offers local businesses a valuable chance to advertise and connect. Check out our Facebook page for details.

We also hold frequent food drives, distributing over 4,000 pounds of food annually to help combat hunger. Our food drives help support the area local food banks that fill the needs to help feed those who need it the most.

Our holiday toy drive helps benefit over 100 children each year to assist “Santa”, making sure every child has a reason to smile. Toys and items are in need for ages newborn to 16 years ever year. This year we will be presenting parents

with new toys on December 21<sup>st</sup> at the Middleburg Civic Association located at 2102 Palmetto Street in downtown Middleburg. Only parents pick up the unwrapped gifts to take home for “Santa” to place it under the tree. If the parents are unable to acquire supervision for their child(ren), contact us through facebook.

Join us in making a difference! Whether you volunteer your time, donate, or participate in our events, your support can help us reach even more people in need. Together, we can continue to make our community stronger and brighter.

Visit our website or Facebook to get involved. Join us today and be a part of something great with the **Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club!**

Facebook page at [MiddleburgBlackCreekLionsClub.com/index.html](https://www.facebook.com/MiddleburgBlackCreekLionsClub.com/index.html)



**Middleburg Black Creek Lions Club**

**Meeting dates:**  
The 2nd and 4th Tuesday at noon;  
St. Vincent’s Clay, 1670 Vincent’s Way, Middleburg, FL 32068  
in the Gottlieb conference room directly across from the chapel in the main building.

Everyone is invited to our annual golf tournament, now in its 18th year, date and location to be determined.  
Please visit our Facebook page for updates and information.  
We can also be reached at [BCMLions@gmail.com](mailto:BCMLions@gmail.com)  
for questions or comments.






## THE MIDDLEBURG MUSEUM UPDATE

A Nonprofit 501(c)(3) Organization

**PLEASE NOTE: Our Museum no longer uses a Post Office Box, and our mailing address is:**  
3912 Section Street • Middleburg, FL 32068 • 904-203-4437 \*NEW\* Phone Number

We are very pleased that over the past year membership in the Middleburg Museum has grown! A contributing factor for this is that more and more of our residents appreciate where they live and want to learn about, preserve, and share the rich history of Middleburg. The most common inquiry made by visitors to the Museum is about the artifacts and mementos their families have donated to us. It is fulfilling when we can show them their special family treasures that have been entrusted to our care. That’s why we have started focusing more on the “Families of Middleburg” and collaborating with local family members to create family-specific notebooks to display in our collection. Below are photos of these family notebooks, examples of the old class photos we have from Middleburg Elementary School, and the Museum Resource Library we are creating. If you would like to get involved with this project, please let us know!



The Museum holds its monthly meetings on the third Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at the Middleburg Civic Center, which is located at 2102 Palmetto Street, Middleburg, FL 32068. Each fiscal year we hold an Annual Spring Membership Meeting, and we have an Annual Fall Membership Meeting when we elect our Museum Officers to serve the following fiscal year. We thank the Middleburg Civic Association for allowing us to hold our meetings in their facility.

The Museum is open to visitors each Sunday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. (excluding holidays). We invite you to stop by some time to check out our collection. Our docents will be happy to answer any questions and provide you with a tour.

In addition to our meetings, we are also trying to make activities and museum tours more available to the public. Our “Friday Nights at the Museum” are held quarterly, and they give us additional opportunities to celebrate special occasions, provide tours of our collection, and enjoy refreshments with our museum members and friends. Our next Friday Night at the Museum will be Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and we hope members of the community will join us as we continue to celebrate the “Families of Middleburg.” We will be asking them to bring in their family photos and stories to share at this special get-together.

The building that houses our museum collection is owned by the Clay County Board of Commissioners and our nonprofit museum rents it from them. The structure was built in 1938 by the Works Progress Administration (WPA) as part of the New Deal which was an employment and infrastructure program created by President Franklin D. Roosevelt during the Great Depression. Since 1989, the building has been used by the Middleburg Museum. We are currently applying for a State Historic Marker to commemorate the historical significance of the Middleburg Museum, the Middleburg Civic Association, and the Middleburg Masonic Lodge #107 to the Middleburg community. The proposed name for the location of these three organizations is, “The Middleburg Palmetto Street Historic Triangle.”

Our museum collection is filled with one-of-a-kind items such as the 1,000+ year-old Timucuan canoe pictured below.



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The photos below illustrate how we have used period-appropriate pieces from our collection to create a replica of a typical 1880s home that has a bedroom, parlor, and kitchen.



The next time you visit the Museum, please spend some time in our new Music Section which features musical instruments, record players, album covers, and lots of interesting musical memorabilia from the past. These are just a few of the items from our collection that we think you will enjoy the next time you stop by the Museum.

Elections were held at our Fall Meeting in October of 2023. It was decided by the members that because our membership continues to grow, we could increase our number of officers. Currently, we have the following members serving as officers and/or on our museum's Board of Directors:

- President, **Ruth Paine**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, **Terry Torrence**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, **Debbie Chastain Owens**
- Secretary, **Rhoda Fountain**
- Treasurer, **Kathryn Lofton**
- Ambassador, **April Watts**
- Assistant Manager, **Brenda Schenk**

Our Middleburg Museum members are truly the heart of our organization. We all share a love for our community and a passion to preserve, promote, and share its history. We are always happy to welcome new members into our fold, and we'd love for you to join us! Below are the different Museum Membership Categories we offer. If you are not yet a member, we hope you will join us soon!

- **FAMILY** -- Up to two adults 18+ years of age (with or without children); **\$25 annually**
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- **\*GROUP** -- Individuals who are new or existing members of the Middleburg Civic Association or the NSSDAR May Mann Jennings Chapter receive a \$7 discount when they join or renew their membership in the Middleburg Museum.

You may use the QR codes below to either JOIN or RENEW your Museum Membership.



Our museum members have stepped up to help raise money for routine operating expenses, maintenance and repairs of our building, and enhancing the services we can provide our community. We are actively pursuing local and state grants and we're collaborating with local restaurants such as the Middleburg Pizza Hut to hold fundraising events in our area. In spring 2024, we successfully added online auctions to our fundraising repertoire. Also, we honored one of Middleburg's native sons, Richard Norman at our May monthly meeting. Norman was born in Middleburg in 1891 and later in the 1920s, he became a silent filmmaker in Jacksonville, Florida. He created his films at his studio called Norman Studios. It is now a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and welcomes visitors on the first and third Saturday of each month. Barbara Wingo and Devan Lesley from Norman Studios presented a documentary and conducted a Q&A Session about Norman, his movies, and his studios. Below is a photo of Richard Norman and a poster of one of his movies, "The Flying Ace."

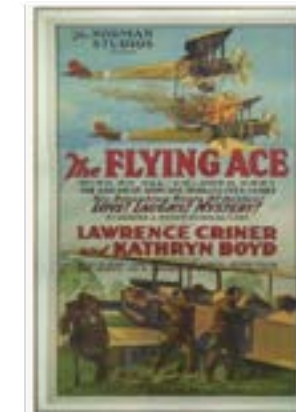


In June 2024, the Museum's longtime curator, Dr. Cynthia Stone, will be retiring. Through the years, she has been our most generous benefactor.

Cynthia has given countless hours of her time and shared a wealth of historical knowledge and expertise with all of us. Cynthia's monetary donations have been innumerable, and we truly appreciate everything she has done for the Middleburg Museum. We feel especially blessed to be able to call Cynthia a lifelong friend and we wish her and her husband, Jim, a long and happy next chapter of their lives.

To summarize, The Middleburg Museum has been an integral piece of our Middleburg community since 1989. Our museum members are determined to do everything we can to make sure it continues to bring people together to learn about, preserve, and promote the history of Middleburg and its surrounding areas well into the future. We hope you will *join us* in our mission!

Please plan to visit the Middleburg Museum from 2:00-4:00 p.m. any Sunday afternoon (excluding holidays). As was mentioned earlier, our docents will be glad to show you around. If you have any questions, please email us at [middleburgmuseum@gmail.com](mailto:middleburgmuseum@gmail.com) or call us at 904-203-4437.





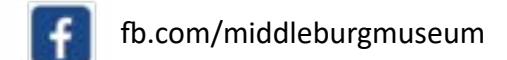
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**OLD MASONIC LODGE**  
(Circa Late 1800-1889) 3893 Main Street  
This building was moved to its present site from where the present Masonic Lodge is now. It is often called "the old lodge." It has an open side gable frame vernacular building built in the federal-period style. It has a one bay gable roof entrance porch on the east side. This yellow painted two-story building is balanced or symmetrical in appearance. It is beside the Clark-Chalker house.



**THE FROSARD BUDINGTON HOME**  
(Circa 1910) 3916 Main Street  
This is Historic Middleburg's only example of Queen Anne architecture. It is unusual in that it is a single story with a rounded corner on the veranda porch. The rounded columns are called ionic. The interesting shape of the left-hand gable window when facing the front of the house is called Palladian. In 1927, Mr. and Mrs. F. Budington gave a deed to the Middleburg United Methodist Church which later added the Budington Educational Building. This home is now owned by Mrs. Pat Mueller.



**THE BUDINGTON HOME**  
(Circa Late 1800's)  
Originally at 3913 Main Street  
This is a white two-story house with a wide L-shaped porch which extends out to an area which can be used now as a carport. The shutters on this home are functional. This frame vernacular home is thought to have been moved to its present sit by rolling it on logs from across the street where the F. Budington home is now. This home is simpler in appearance on the outside than the Frosard Budington house across the street. This house has been relocated to the Main Street Park.



**DR. G.E. ADAMS & DR. STONE HOME**  
(Circa Early 1900's) 2145 Wharf Street  
This building is a small frame vernacular home. It has decorative wooden trim on it. There is wooden "gingerbread" trim at the top of the porch columns. The porch with railing is on the left side of the house when facing the front. This building served as a Doctor's office and home in 1914. Later, the house became a private residence.



**THE CLARK-CHALKER HOUSE**  
(Circa 1835) 3891 Main Street  
This is the oldest building in Middleburg. It is a white two-story columned house with a white picket fence. This open side gable frame vernacular home was built for Capt. Matthew Clark and his staff. They were with the U.S. 2nd Dragoons stationed at Ft Heilman. During the Second Seminole Indian war, the house was headquarters for General Winfield Scott. Martha Ann Chalker later occupied the house for 82 years until her death in 1936.



**THE HADDEN HOME**  
(Circa 1912) 3887 Main Street  
This is a colonial revival home with a balanced front called a symmetrical façade. This is a two-story home with round columns. It has a tin roof like several of the historic homes in the historic district. An interesting aspect of this home is that the decoration above the front door was originally made from an old bed head-board. This is called a decorative entrance Pediment.



**LONG HOUSE**  
(Circa 1890) 3858 Main Street  
This home was purchased by Edward Long for his parents in 1896. It was an example of the open side gambel frame vernacular style. This building features drop siding exterior wall fabric and an exterior field stone chimney stack.



**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
(Circa 1847) 3925 Main Street  
This building is one of the oldest Methodist churches in continuous use in Florida. It is a frame vernacular Church built of Hand-wrought lumber and nails. Mr. George Branning later donated the bell which was forged in New York and shipped by steamboat. One early use of the bell was to toll the death of his son, Robert Branning, who died in 1861 at 20 years of age.



**THE BARDIN HOME**  
(Circa 1888) 3881 Main Street  
This is Middleburg's only example of Italian architecture. This style is more common in other areas of the country than in the South. There is a central cupola which is a small structure built on to the house. It is often used as a lookout and for air supple ventilation. Mr. Henry Bardin's house has two wide porches across the front of the hoe. It also has Victorian style gingerbread trim. The Bardins used to have square dances there many Saturday nights.



**THE STEWART HOME**  
(Circa 1890-1911) 3895 Main Street  
This is Middleburg's only example of center gable frame vernacular architecture. It is a white two-story home with a porch. It has a front facing gable wall dormer window. The home was built by George Chalker. As Mr. Chalker had a home on wharf Street, he rented this house to Mr. and Mrs. G.P. Stewart. The Stewarts moved from the Gin House Landing area where they had a turpentine mill.



**THE GEORGE CHALKER HOME**  
(Circa Late 1800's) 2160 Wharf Street  
This white two-story home sits on a large area of land. It is Colonial Revival architecture which features a flat roofed porch with a railing above which is supported by square columns. There is a dormer window on the roof on the front of the house. A vine-covered retaining wall fronts the home on Wharf Street. The Chalker family was related to many families in Middleburg. It is presently under-going renovation and restoration.



**THE GEORGE HASKELL HOME**  
(Circa Late 1800's) 3894 Main Street  
This frame vernacular home was built by Mr. Haskell as a replica of his home in Salem Mass. He was stationed with the Union troops during the Civil War in the area. He was attached to the Paymaster Corps. He later acquired 500 acres of land. The house is three stories and has been remodeled and kept in good condition. It is white with a decorative eagle on it.



**THE BARTHLOW HOME**  
(Circa 1800's) 3884 Main Street  
This is a frame vernacular home, which is a typical wood frame home of the period. It is a small home with a tin roof and green metal awnings over the porch. Homes during this period were built with fireplaces for heat as is this one. This home has a metal fence. Some of the other homes have wooden, brick, metal or stone fences in front of their homes. Some do not have fences. This home remains in the Barthlow family to this day.



## Slow And Steady: A Smart Way To Invest

You've probably heard stories about fortunate investors who "get in the ground floor" of a new, hot company and quickly make a fortune. But while these things may happen, they are exceedingly rare and often depend on hard-to-duplicate circumstances — and they really don't represent a viable way of investing for one's goals. A far more tried-and-true approach is the "slow-and-steady" method.

To follow this strategy, consider these suggestions:

- Start small — and add more when you can. When you're first starting out in the working world, you may not have a lot of extra money with which to invest, especially if you're carrying student loan debt. But one of the key advantages of the slow-and-steady method is that it does not require large investment sums to get going. If you can afford to put away even \$50 or \$100 a month into individual stocks or mutual funds, month after month, you may be surprised and pleased at how your account can grow. And when your salary goes up, you can put away more money each month.

- Take advantage of an employer's retirement plan. If your employer offers a 401(k) or similar tax-advantaged retirement plan, try to take full advantage of it. Again, if you're just beginning your career, you may not be able to put away much in this type of plan, but even a small amount is better than nothing. And as soon as you can possibly afford it, try to put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. These types of plans can offer some key benefits — and perhaps the biggest one is that investing is automatic, in that the money is moved directly from your paycheck

into the investments you've chosen within your 401(k) or other plan.

- Be prepared for downturns. The financial markets will always experience ups and downs. So, you need to be prepared for those times when your investment statements may show negative results. By understanding that these downturns are a normal part of the investment environment, you can avoid overreactions, such as selling quality investments with good fundamentals just because their price has temporarily dropped.

- Chart your progress regularly. A key element of a slow-and-steady investment approach is knowing how well it's working. But it's important to measure your progress in a way that makes sense for you. So, for example, instead of measuring your portfolio's performance against

that of an external stock market index, such as the S&P 500, you may want to assess where you are today versus one year ago, or whether the overall progress you're making is sufficient to help you meet the financial goals you've set for yourself well into the future. Another reason not to use a market index as a measuring tool is that the index only looks at a certain pool of investments, which, in the case of the S&P 500, is simply

the largest companies listed on U.S. stock exchanges. But long-term investors try to own a range of assets — U.S. and foreign stocks, bonds, government securities, certificates of deposit, and so on.

"Slow and steady" may not sound like an exciting approach to investing. But it's often the case that a little less excitement, and a lot more diligence, can prove to be quite effective.

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### MISSION STATEMENT ~ STRATEGIC GOALS ~ VISION

**Veterans** Council of Clay County Florida, Inc. (EIN: 86-1868391) is a 501(c)3 non-profit coalition of independent Veterans' organizations and auxiliaries dedicated to improving Clay County veterans' health, and educational attainment, human welfare, and opportunities for their families.

### Strategic Goals:

1. Increase Communications and Veteran Knowledge
2. Cultivate Partnerships
3. Champion Veterans Community Center
4. Conduct Fundraising

### Vision

The Council is working to provide a centralized location for Veterans, families, and caregivers to increase knowledge regarding veterans' benefits and connect with resources and information in the community while promoting camaraderie in the form of a Veterans Community Center for Clay County.

Veterans Council of Clay County welcomes all Veterans, Retirees, family members, Veteran caregivers, and supporters of Veterans for Clay County.

This information was graciously provided by John Ruark. John is a member of the Middleburg Civic Association. John works tirelessly and is committed to servicing our local veterans and is the Vice-President of the Veterans Council.

### MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS

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