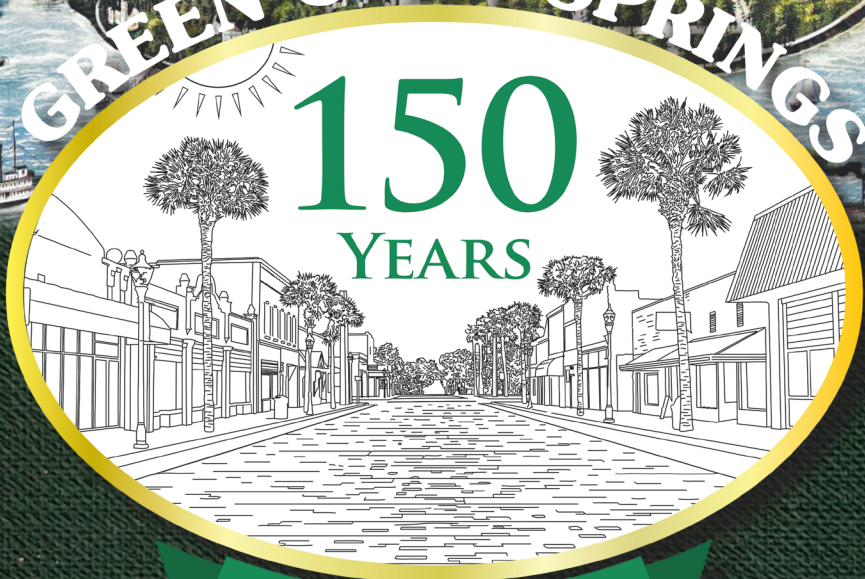




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## Mission Statement

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

## City Council Meetings

Our City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers, located on the first floor of City Hall, 321 Walnut Street.

## City Administration

- Steve Kennedy, City Manager
- Mike Null, Assistant City Manager / Public Works Director
- Erin West, City Clerk
- L. J. Arnold, III, City Attorney
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# Welcome to Green Cove Springs

**N**estled along the picturesque banks of the St. Johns River, our thriving city seamlessly blends timeless old Florida charm with modern living. As we celebrate our 150th anniversary on November 2, 2024, we invite you to explore all that our beloved city has to offer and use this directory as a guide.

## Historic Downtown Core

Our historic downtown core, a cherished gem, is a designated part of the National Register of Historic Places. Imagine walking down the newly redeveloped Walnut Street, where century-old buildings house charming businesses that have been woven into the fabric of Green Cove Springs for over a century.

## Spring Park

Spring Park, our crown jewel, beckons visitors and locals alike. Nestled within this tranquil area is a spring-fed pool—an oasis that has been a favorite destination of both residents and visitors since the late 1800s. In 2016, the City transformed the original City Hall location into a two-story pool pavilion, complete with a splash pad—a delightful haven for kids and the young at heart. The pool season stretches from May to October, while the splash pad operates year-round.

## Exciting Events

Throughout the year, Green Cove Springs hosts a tapestry of wonderful, popular events. Here are a few, with more being highlighted throughout the directory:

**Memorial Day RiverFest:** A heartfelt tribute to our heroes, set against the backdrop of the St. Johns River.

**Christmas on Walnut Street:** Every first Saturday in December, Spring Park transforms into a twinkling wonderland, complete with a parade throughout downtown Green Cove Springs, organized by the Green Cove Springs Business League.

**Parade of Trees:** Every December, Spring Park transforms into a magical Christmas wonderland. The park's sidewalks are lined with 225 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, each adorned with twinkling lights and decorations. The entire park glows every night

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**Food Truck Friday:** Attend Food Truck Fridays, taking place on the second Friday in the evening from March to November. Sample an array of mouthwatering dishes from various food trucks, all while enjoying the backdrop of live music on the river.

**Third Saturday Market in the Park:** Rise early on third Saturday mornings from September to June and explore the vibrant market—a treasure trove of local crafts, fresh produce, and community spirit. This event is in partnership with the Green Cove Springs Business League.

## Augusta Savage Legacy

Born in Green Cove Springs, the City is committed to honoring and preserving Augusta Savage's legacy. Her legacy lives on through the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center and the Mentoring Center. Enjoy indoor gymnasiums, pickleball courts, and outdoor fields. The Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center offers free art, dance, and tutoring classes year-round. Plus, discover the kiosk, located at the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center, honoring her along the Highway 17 North Heritage Trail—one of only three in Florida!

## Full Service Municipality

With just 132 dedicated staff members, we cater to over 10,000 residents. We wear our small-town charm proudly, serving as stewards of this enchanting place. To learn more about our great City, visit [www.greencovesprings.com](http://www.greencovesprings.com). Whether you're a resident or a curious traveler, explore our parks, feel the river breeze, immerse yourself in our events, and discover the soul of our local businesses. Here's to 150 years of memories, and to many more chapters waiting to be written!

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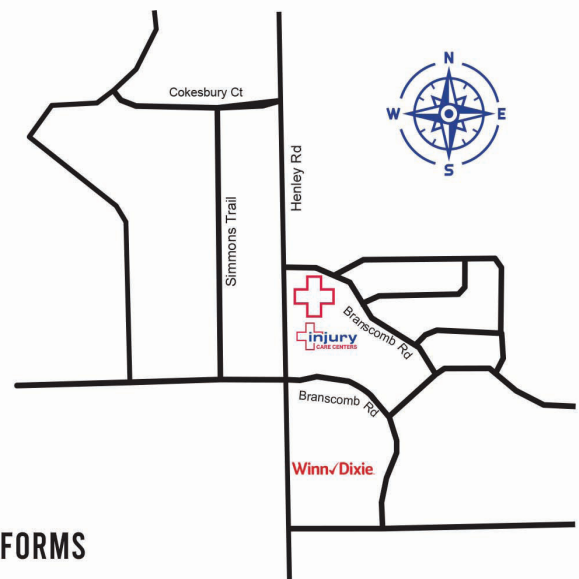
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# From the Chief Green Cove Springs Police Department

**A**s the Chief of Police for the Green Cove Springs Police Department, it is a privilege to serve the citizens and visitors of our city.

I began my law enforcement career as a 23-year-old newcomer to the area. Back then, our department operated out of an old home with just seven shared patrol cars. Twenty-one years later, I have the honor of entering my third year leading a modern, well-equipped law enforcement agency, supported by dedicated individuals who work tirelessly to protect our community.

The Green Cove Springs Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency, serving a growing community of over 10,300 residents, thousands of visitors, local and national businesses, and various government agencies within this county seat.

As we enter another year, we are committed to adapting and continually improving to better serve a community that is expected to grow in both population and geographical footprint. Despite this growth, we

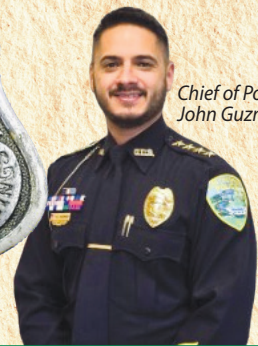
remain dedicated to preserving the unique qualities and benefits of a small-town police department.

Community partnership is a cornerstone of our approach to policing. We actively engage with our community through events such as Trunk or Treat, the J.P. Hall Bike Rodeo, Shop with a Cop, Thanksgiving meal giveaways, Joyride with Santa, and more. Our black-and-white patrol vehicles are easily visible throughout the city, and we encourage community members to stop and talk with our officers when they see them.

To stay connected with the community, we utilize several social media and communication platforms, including Facebook, Instagram, SaferWatch, and our website ([www.GCSPD.com](http://www.GCSPD.com)).

The professional men and women of this organization are committed to ensuring that Green Cove Springs remains a safe and welcoming place for all. Our dedication to service, community engagement, and continuous improvement will guide us in meeting the challenges and opportunities ahead. Thank you for your ongoing support and trust in the Green Cove Springs Police Department. Together, we will continue to make our city a place where everyone can thrive.

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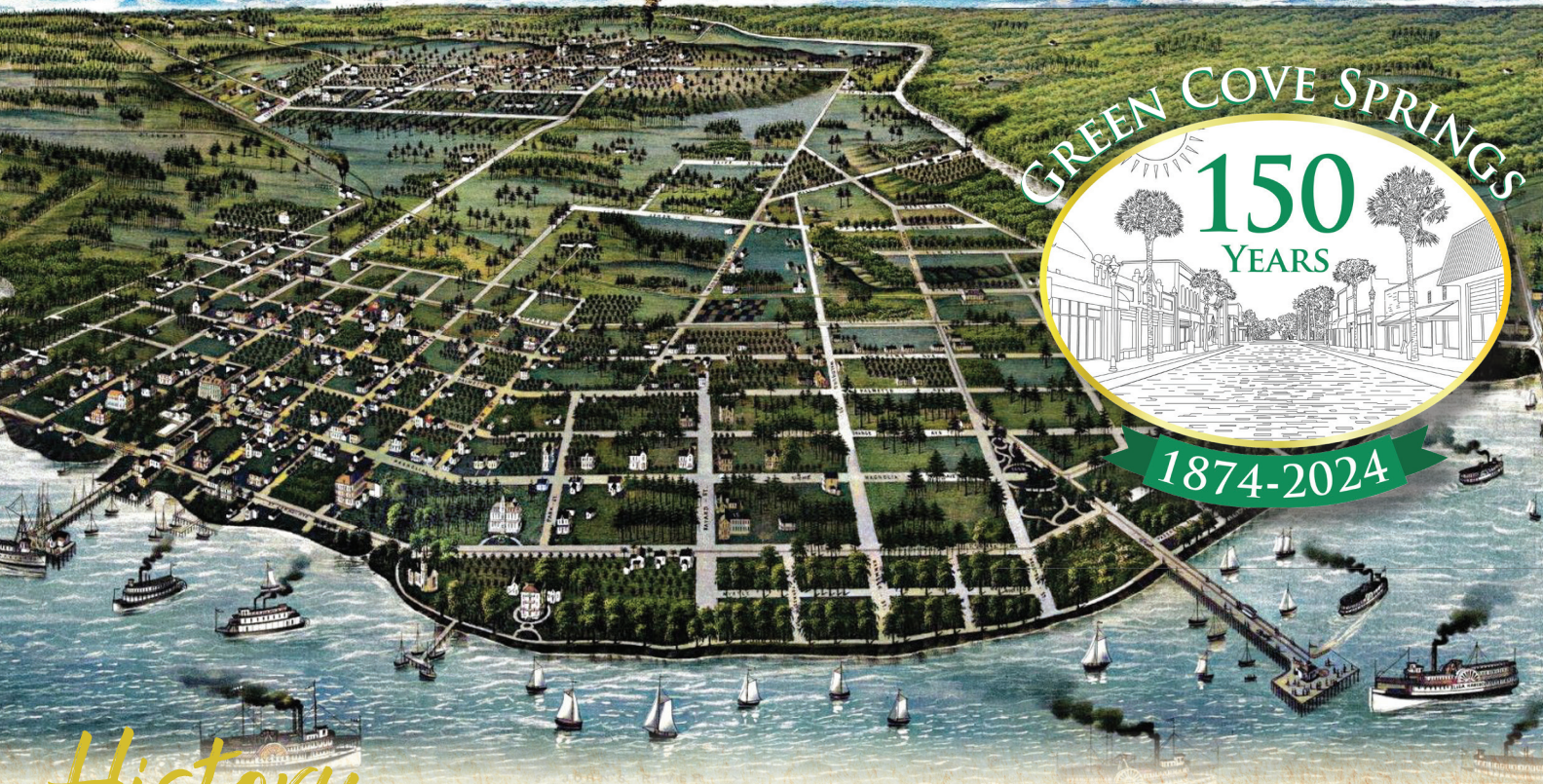
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# History

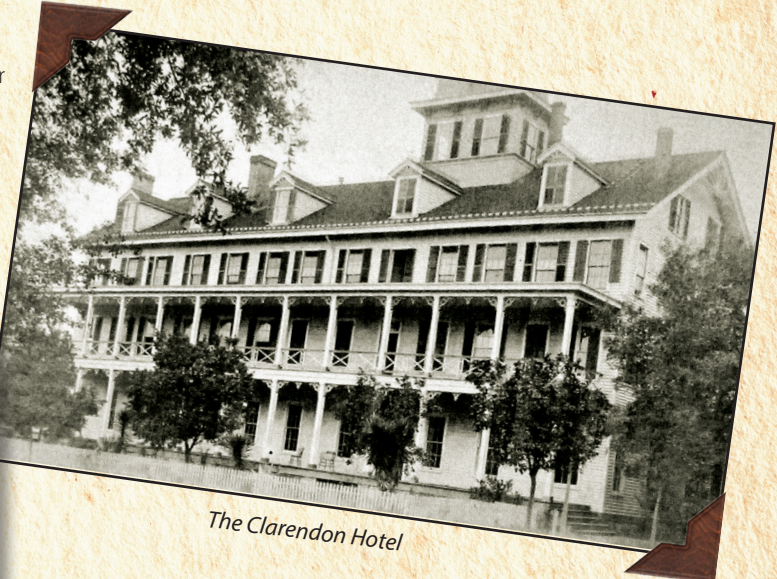
## City that carefully weaves its past into its future

**W**elcome to Green Cove Springs, where history intertwines with the present and casts its gaze toward the future. This Florida enclave boasts an unparalleled legacy — 250 years of unbroken existence, weathering the Civil War, three Seminole Wars and the reigns

of both Charles II of Spain and King George III of Britain. Originally known as White Sulfur Springs, this lumber town transformed in 1866, emerging as Green Cove Springs. On Nov. 2, 1874, it officially became an incorporated city. The name reflects the town's essence: "Green" evokes the lush, evergreen landscape, while "Cove" alludes to the protective bend in



Ladies Village Improvement Association of Green Cove Springs founded in 1833.



The Clarendon Hotel

the St. Johns River — a haven for boats during inclement weather. And "Springs" pays homage to the natural spring, one of Florida's 600, sourced from the Floridan Aquifer. Nestled along the St. Johns River,

Green Cove Springs beckoned seekers of its healing waters. Early settlers flocked here, drawn by promises of health and prosperity. The mineral-rich spring became the community's beating



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heart, propelling growth. By the late 1880s, prosperity bloomed, evident in the grand hotels graced the spring's vicinity. The town gained acclaim as "The Saratoga of the South," "The Parlor City," and the favored retreat for the affluent. Tourists arrived via riverboats — names like "The Florence," "The Magnolia," "The Manatee" and "The May Garner" etched into the water's memory.

In 1883, the Ladies Village Improvement Association of Green Cove Springs formed, championing beautification efforts. Over time, it evolved into Florida's first Federated Women's Club, still active today from its 1915-dedicated building.

Yet, the Hotel Era waned as railroads whisked tourists to Flagler's gems in St. Augustine, Miami and Tampa. Once-grand wooden hotels succumbed to decay or flames, and harsh winters, especially in 1895, dashed hopes of a revival. World War I further dimmed festivities. By 1916, few hotels remained countywide, and the Great Depression dealt another blow.

Amidst this, Augusta Savage

emerged in the late 1800s — a Black sculptor integral to the Harlem Renaissance. Despite racial barriers, she carved a place for women in art. In her honor, the Augusta Savage Museum & Mentoring Center now thrives on the old Dunbar High site, nurturing young minds through art, dance, education, and tutoring.

As years passed, Green Cove Springs adapted, embracing industry and technology. Railroads arrived, local businesses flourished, and the town blossomed into a vibrant community. Green Cove Springs pioneered Florida's first "trolley system," ferrying goods, residents and visitors from riverbank piers to lodgings.

Green Cove Springs became home to a naval air station during World War II, presenting new opportunities and challenges. Benjamin Lee Field, originally a Naval Air Training Field, was explicitly designed to train pilots for landing operations on aircraft carriers during the war. Later, the facility was renamed Naval Air Station Green Cove Springs and re-designated as a Naval Auxiliary Station associated with the larger Naval Air Station Jacksonville complex. As part of this expansion, the government constructed 13 concrete piers, serving as berthing places for over 600 ships

*Qui-si-Sana Hotel and the 'Osceola' Clyde Line on the St. Johns River with Capt. T.W. Lund.*



in reserve status. This impressive fleet earned the nickname "Mothball Fleet," signifying its scale and importance.

The city acquired the facility from the federal government and sold it to the J. Louis Reynolds Corporation, now known as Reynolds Park. Green Cove Springs also boasts the legacy of Gustafson Farm, owned and operated by Frank and Agnes Gustafson. Their family dairy operation began in 1908 in the city, earning them recognition as "Mama and Papa Gus." Interestingly, they delivered milk products to local hotels, all sourced from a single cow named "Buttercup!"

Today, Green Cove Springs seamlessly blends its storied past with modern amenities. Historic landmarks proudly coexist alongside contemporary developments, reflecting its rich heritage and forward-thinking spirit. In April of 2004,

the City relocated its operations adjacent to the municipal swimming pool. It moved into a new two-story stucco structure situated on the site of the former "Clarendon" and "Qui-si-Sana" hotels. The present-day City Hall complex emulates the "Mediterranean" architectural style of the former Qui-si-Sana hotel to preserve a historical link to the community's past heritage and history.

Our community thrives on unity, innovation, and a strong sense of togetherness. Green Cove Springs embodies the harmonious coexistence of tradition and progress, from vibrant farmers' markets to lively festivals.

Looking ahead, our town's future shines brightly. With sustainable development plans, enhanced infrastructure, and community-driven initiatives outlined in the 2045 plan, we are poised for continued growth and success. Green Cove Springs is a testament to resilience, community, and vision — where history meets promise. Join us in celebrating 150 years and writing the next chapter of our remarkable story!



Augusta Savage







# Walnut Street

## A tale of history and modernization

**O**n Sept. 21, the City celebrated the grand reopening of Walnut Street after the first phase of improvements was completed.

The project, undertaken by CGC, Inc., spanned Walnut Street from Palmetto to Magnolia avenues and took six months to complete. The improvements from Palmetto to Orange avenues included two 10-foot-wide driving lanes, an eight-foot parallel parking lane along the north side of the street, a 15-foot-wide sidewalk from building to curb on both sides of the street and improved landscaping, removable bollards on both ends of the street and an outlined crosswalk.

Improvements along Walnut Street from Orange to Magnolia Avenue included a 15-foot sidewalk from the front of Clay Theatre to the curb and replacing existing sidewalks and curbs on the corner of Walnut Street and Orange Avenue.

The brick roadway was reconstructed using the existing brick to provide two 10-foot driving lanes along Walnut Street from Palmetto to Magnolia avenues.

The total cost for Phase One Walnut Street Improvements was \$3,172,747, which was paid for by designated American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) and tax revenue funds in the Fiscal Year 2023 and 2024 City Budget.

### History of Walnut Street

Green Cove Springs, a city with rich historical significance, has seen considerable transformation since its establishment. One of the most notable streets in this city is Walnut Street, which has played a pivotal role in the development and cultural fabric of the City.

Walnut Street began to take shape in the mid-19th century. The city was officially incorporated in 1874, but its development began earlier due to its advantageous



Wilson Mercantile, Green Cove Springs.

position along the St. Johns River. Walnut Street, central to the city's layout, became a key thoroughfare for trade and transportation.

The street's early years were marked by the establishment of several vital structures, including homes, businesses and public

buildings. The presence of natural springs in the area made it a popular destination for health seekers and tourists, further increasing Walnut Street's importance as a commercial hub.

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experienced significant growth. Walnut Street flourished with hotels, boarding houses and various businesses to accommodate the influx of tourists. By 1882, Walnut Street boasted a barbershop, a cobbler, several grocery stores, two churches, a bakery, a photography shop, and multiple hotels. Notably, the Magnolia Springs Hotel and its grand resort and golf course stood as one of the state's original luxury destinations.

The establishment of the

railroad further boosted the street's prominence.

The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, which passed through Green Cove Springs, made the city more accessible and facilitated the growth of its economy. Walnut Street, strategically located, became a focal point for commerce and social activities.

Walnut Street is home to several historic buildings that showcase the architectural styles of different eras. Victorian-style homes, early 20th-century commercial buildings,

and mid-century modern structures coexist along the street, providing a visual narrative of the city's architectural evolution.

Walnut Street has been a commercial and architectural landmark as well as a cultural and social hub. Over the years, it has hosted numerous parades, festivals and public gatherings, fostering a strong sense of community among residents.

Today, Walnut Street continues to be a vital connector in the City. While it retains its historical charm,

the street has adapted to modern needs. It is now home to a mix of historic sites, businesses, and residential areas, making it a staple of the city's broader development.

Walnut Street is more than just a roadway; it is a historical and cultural symbol of the city's evolution. From its early days as a commercial hub to its current status as a blend of historic charm and modern vitality, Walnut Street exemplifies the dynamic history of Green Cove Springs.

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first task they undertook was to clean the streets and make the town more beautiful. We keep that name today in honor of those women so long ago.

The VIA is responsible for founding the first kindergarten and the first library in our small city. We were admitted to the General Federation

of Women's Clubs in 1893. Since that time, the club has grown and become more involved with so many service projects in our community. We have five areas of involvement, and each make up a committee: Arts/Culture, Civic/Engagement, Education/Libraries, Environment, and Health/Wellness. The women of the VIA are dedicated to finding the needs of our community and doing what we can to fulfill them. It is our goal to enhance the lives of our citizens while partnering with schools, food banks, shelters, and several other service organizations in our city and county.

While our focus is service, we are always having a great time! We welcome women of all ages, backgrounds and talents. We would love for you to join us and help us continue our legacy that was begun by brave women so long ago. For more information follow us at [www.facebook.com/VIAGreenCoveSprings](http://www.facebook.com/VIAGreenCoveSprings) or email us [viags@gmail.com](mailto:viags@gmail.com). We would love to talk to you.

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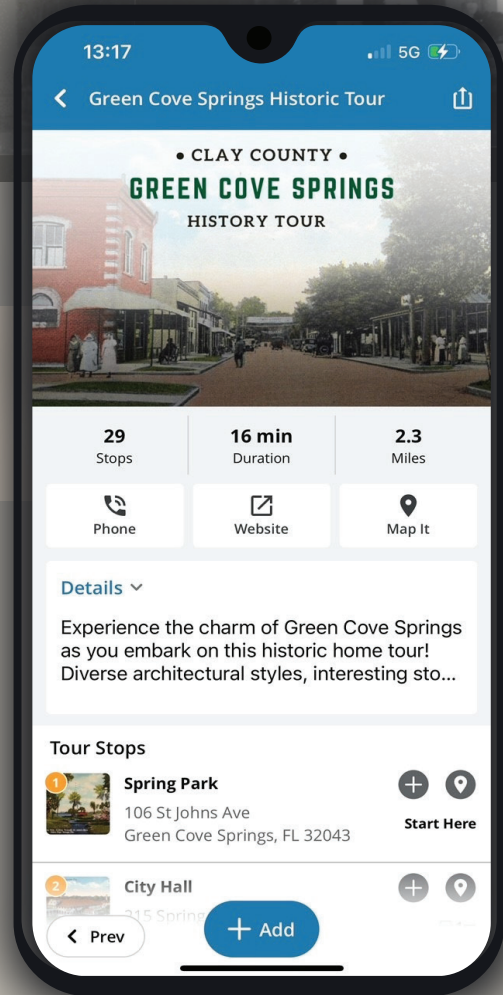
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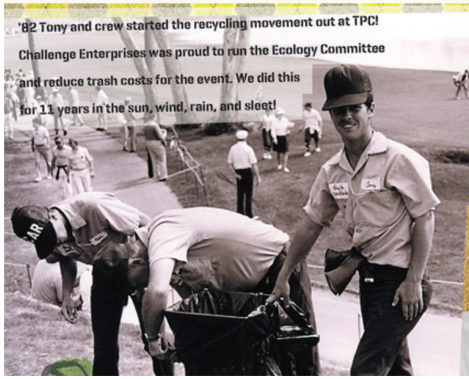


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# Nurturing Creativity

## Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center

Every February, as the nation commemorates Black History Month, the Friends of Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center takes a giant leap into honoring the extraordinary life and achievements of artist Augusta Fells Savage. Born on February 29, 1892, in Green Cove Springs. Savage was not only a prominent sculptor of the Harlem Renaissance but also a civil rights activist and dedicated teacher, who left an indelible mark on the world of art and education.

While the spotlight is often on Black History Month, it's crucial to delve deeper into the year-round contributions and initiatives of the Friends of Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center, who serves as the City's partner with the Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center. Their dedication to preserving the legacy of Augusta Savage and promoting educational and artistic opportunities for the community underscores the importance of recognizing African American history beyond the confines of February.

### Augusta Savage's Inspirational Legacy

Augusta Savage once said, "I have created nothing really beautiful, really lasting, but if I can inspire one of these youngsters to develop the talent I know they possess, then my monument will be in their work." These words encapsulate the essence of her life's work and continue to inspire generations.

### A Center with a Purpose

The Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center, located at 1107 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., where Dunbar High School once stood, is a hub of artistic and educational activities. It offers classes in fine and performing arts and provides valuable tutoring in reading and math. However, it's not just a center for learning; it's a place where



dreams are nurtured, and confidence is instilled. These classes are becoming even more popular each year and are increasing in size.

Classes currently in the center include art workshops, dance classes, reading and math tutoring, and individual counseling. There are also art-oriented pop-up classes that are offered throughout the year mostly as single or two class workshops. Current class offerings are aimed at students in first grade through high school seniors.

The Center welcomes new classes all year round. Anyone interested in volunteering to teach a class, or workshop can fill out the volunteer registration form on the Augusta Savage mentoring Center page of the city website for the City to consider adding the class. All classes offered at the mentoring center are free to the public but filling out and returning sign up forms are required before participating in a class. Class



schedule, class sign up forms, and volunteer applications can be found at <https://greencovesprings.com/243/Augusta-Savage-Museum-Mentoring-Center>.

Henrietta Francis, President of Friends of Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center, explains, "The Center is important because it provides a space to awaken learning



and unleash hidden creativity while instilling greater confidence to persevere and pursue their dreams. It is a place of possibilities and greatness."

### Supporting the Underserved Communities

The Friend's of August Savage Arts and Community Center's mission is to promote programs for youth and families to improve their quality of life, with a specific focus on underserved residents of Green Cove Springs. One of its longstanding initiatives, the Augusta Savage Community Clothes Closet, located in Charles E. Bennett Elementary School, plays a vital role in providing new clothing, footwear, and personal items to students at risk of failing



or those living close to or at poverty levels.

### Highway 17 North Heritage Trail

The Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center is also home to one of the stops on the Highway 17 North Heritage Trail. The Highway 17 North Heritage Trail celebrates the legacies of notable figures in African American history. It has three stops, each dedicated to preserving the memory of influential individuals:

- Augusta Savage
- Philip Randolph
- James Weldon Johnson
- J. Rosamond Johnson

Kiosks with biographical information on this quartet opened in July 2024 in Jacksonville, Green Cove Springs, and Crescent City. The project was funded by Florida Humanities.

### Leap into a Brighter Future

Augusta Savage's legacy extends far beyond a single event. It's a legacy of inspiration, education, and empowerment that continues to shape lives throughout the year. To learn more about the Friends of Augusta Savage Arts & Community Center and their impactful work, please visit [fasacc.org](http://fasacc.org).

*"I have created nothing really beautiful, really lasting, but if I can inspire one of these youngsters to develop the talent I know they possess, then my monument will be in their work."*

—T. R. Poston, "Augusta Savage," Metropolitan Magazine, Jan. 1935.



# Soul Food Festival

## Celebrating 23<sup>rd</sup> year with food, music and fun

**G**reen Cove Springs is celebrating its 23rd Annual Soul Food and Music Festival on Saturday, October 5, 2024, at the Vera Francis Hall Park, located at 1503 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. This celebration is a great service to the Green Cove Springs community and anyone wishing to celebrate with us!

Our annual festival is dedicated to the continuance of bringing unity in the community and cultural awareness, by offering southern style cuisines, dancing, sweet potato pie, and barbecue ribs contests, a gospel hour, and R&B music to our historic community.

The Annual Soul Food Festival is the home of our very own, Augusta Savage Fells, who was a renowned sculptress and played a very important role in both our community and the Harlem Renaissance where understanding the history of this sculptress is also imperative to the



appreciation of the arts.

The festival is presented by Soul Food Festival, Inc., and is co-sponsored by the City of Green Cove Springs, along with many volunteers and the co-founders, Felecia and Clarence Hampshire, whose objectives are to create platforms from which the public can come and receive life changing knowledge as it relates to Health & Wellness, Education with the Dolly Parton Foundation, Financing with

local banks, Business and Workforce development.

During the festival, there will be fun, family-oriented activities, such as the kickoff at the Soul Food Festival parade, an open to play in the kickball tournament for all ages, a children's fun zone, spades tournament, dance contests for all ages, soul food, and other vendors, and lots of entertainment on stage.

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# Dr. Applegate

## A man with a cure

**D**r. Joseph W. Applegate was a man of many endeavors. From having a stake in multiple Green Cove properties to being sworn in as Clay County Superintendent of Schools in 1874, Applegate was a crucial figure in the city's history books.

Originally from Johnson County, Indiana, he was introduced to Clay County as an assistant U.S. surgeon during and after the Civil War. He became Surgeon in Chief at the Freedman's Bureau Hospital at Magnolia in 1867.

According to Clay County

Archives, by 1869, Applegate and his business partner Jonathon S. Harris owned 12 properties in the city, including the Clarendon Hotel, where City Hall now stands. The hotel was known for its success and had an esteemed gem running right through it — the spring.

An allopathic doctor and pharmacist, he practiced conventional medicine. But that didn't stop him from having his "unconventional" healthcare outlook. He believed the sulfur and minerals in the clear spring water made remarkable cures for skin, intestinal and organ diseases. Acting as the in-house doctor for the Clarendon Hotel, Applegate began prescribing the cure to guests

who were ill. According to archives, a 20-year lease in the spring gave the hotel exclusive use.

Applegate and Harris began bottling the water and selling "the cure" to customers in the North.

In 1874, Applegate was sworn in as the Superintendent of Schools.



Applegate died of ciliary dysentery in 1919 in his home next to the spring, now known as River Park Inn.

The disease is primarily transferred through eating or drinking contaminated food and water, which makes his cause of death a true irony.



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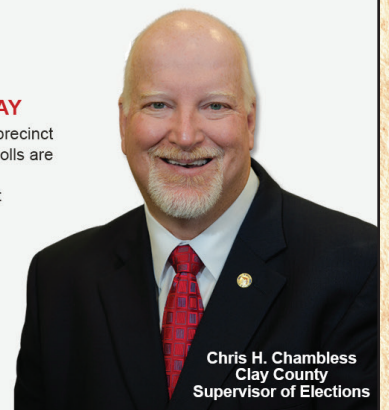
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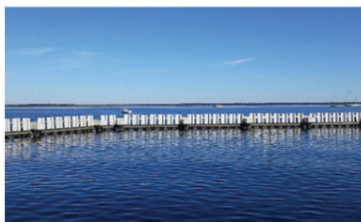
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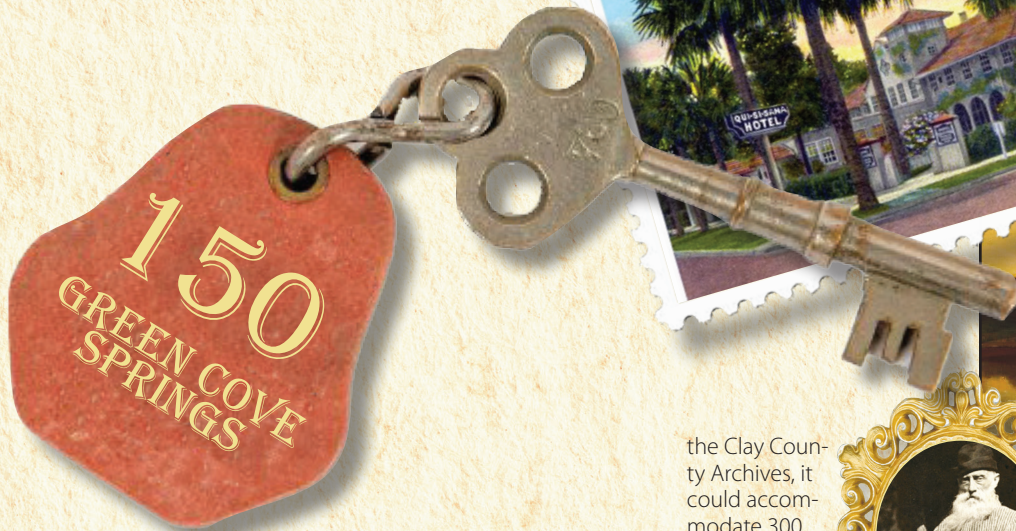


Lake Asbury Junior High School



# Hotels

## Green Cove Springs once was the jewel of the hotel era



*View of the St. Johns River by William Morris Hunt*

**F**ollowing the end of the Civil War, it was a time for change, and the South became a place for new possibilities and taking chances.

Many Northerners and Unionists hopped on their steamboats, traveled down the St. Johns River and brought their booming business ideas with them. Hotels became a major source of revenue, and the appeal brought about a new way of life. Green Cove Springs was just the place.

Amid the bustling competition between them all, each hotel had its significance that drew tourists in. But nearing the end of the 19th century, a new mode of transportation seemingly outgrew the steamboats that were once used.

Henry Flagler built the Flagler Railroad, which allowed tourists to bypass the St. Johns River and travel by train to cities such as Miami and West Palm Beach.

According to the Clay County archives, tourism declined. Additionally, many wooden hotels were becoming old and unattractive. Although many of the hotels have disappeared, the memories remain alive throughout the city.

Here is a tribute to two prominent hotels that brought a new meaning of southern hospitality to Clay County:

### *The Magnolia Springs Hotel*

The Magnolia Spring Hotel was one of the first hotels of the era. It was located where the St. Johns Landing Apartments are today. Four stories tall, with views of the St. Johns River and Governors Creek, it was a sight to see.

According to



the Clay County Archives, it could accommodate 300 guests and featured elevators, steam heating, gas and electric lights and bells.

Harriet Beecher Stowe, William Morris Hunt and Alexander Helwig Wyant are some of the many famous figures who stayed at the renowned hotel at the time.

### *The Clarendon Hotel*

The Clarendon Hotel, located where City Hall currently resides,



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# Paul Lawrence Dunbar

## A tale of equality



**W**ithin the walls of the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center lies a rich history and a story to be told. Many years ago, the center was known as Paul Lawrence Dunbar High School –the county’s first and only all-Black school.

According to Clay County archives, the story of Dunbar is one of little money, limited resources and hardships. Nonetheless, it is one of grit, determination and overcoming racial inequality. Up until early 1918, the school was white only. A two-story wooden building on the corner of Walburg and Cypress streets. But, during the war, white students were relocated to a new building on Idlewild Avenue.

Black students then moved into the old building, learning only basic math, reading and writing skills. The school’s first principal was B.F. Hartwell. Principal R.C. Bannerman

changed the school’s name from “Public School No.1” to what we now know as Dunbar High in 1921, and later, in 1931, the school officially became a senior high.

According to archives, the first graduate of Dunbar High was in 1934 – Celia Bannerman, R.C. Bannerman’s wife. In 1945, the school had a fire in the bell tower, causing significant damage. The students forged together, coming up with ways to raise money to build a new site, eventually garnering land donated by the family of Augusta Savage.

During construction, school sessions were held at Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church. It wasn’t until 1946 that Dunbar High’s new location officially opened on Middleburg Avenue and Lemon Street. Black students were bused daily from Orange Park, Middleburg, Hibernia, Penney Farms, Doctors Inlet, West Decoy and Maxville.

With 350 students, 14 teachers, one principal, a part-time guidance counselor, four lunchroom workers, a part-time librarian, five bus drivers and two custodians, the school was small but mighty. Around 1960, the building of R.C. Bannerman Elementary added to the number of students, turning Dunbar into a junior-senior high school. The school was getting bigger and continued to thrive.

About six years later, it was the beginning of integration. According to archives, officials were informed that segregated schools and classrooms would be no more.

Dunbar High was closed, with the last class graduating in 1967. The remaining students were transferred to Clay High. Children of all ages learned in the same room under the guidance of one teacher, with the older students helping the younger ones.



Henrietta Francis points to a photograph of herself when she was Ms. Dunbar.



Past alumni and family reminisce on the legacy of Dunbar High and how it has continuously shaped the development of Green Cove Springs.

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# Little Detroit

## ‘Our association with Green Cove Springs has been a wonderful fit’

**L**986 Richard Garber Jr.'s meeting with an auto broker about a dealership in another part of the country was interrupted by a telephone call.

The broker listened and then briefly broke off the conversation by covering the mouthpiece on the handset. He looked at Garber and asked if he was interested in buying a Ford dealership “outside of Jacksonville, Florida.”

“That’s how the conversation started,” said Garber Automall Managing Partner Mike Weiner.

Garber never hesitated 38 years ago and decided to buy Ken Carey Ford. That unplanned and spontaneous opportunity set into motion the formation of what became an automotive empire once known as “Little Detroit” and still one of the best friends the community has known.

The Garber stable grew to include a Chevrolet Buick GMC Pontiac dealership in 1994, a Chrysler Dodge Plymouth in 1997, and their separate truck lots were scattered around the city.

Garber Ford Mercury eventually moved from where VyStar Credit Union is now located, and the other dealerships, plus a Jeep franchise

they bought from Ronnie Robinson, followed to a 48-acre Automall in 2004 north of the city limits. While they operate as three separate businesses, Weiner said: “We have three small dealerships combined, but we run them all as one. That’s the Garber Automall umbrella.”

Garber Automall sells nine American car lines – Chevrolet, Buick, GMC Truck, Ford, Mercury, Jeep, Chrysler, Ram and Dodge. The company was founded in 1907 by Guy S. Garber, who, at 25, decided to give up selling tractors to become the youngest Buick dealership owner in the country. The organization is in its third generation of ownership and boasts 25 dealerships and 17 brands.

“Our association with Green Cove Springs has been a wonderful fit,” Garber said. “We’ve made a lot of friends here, with customers as well as staff, and I hope we have been good citizens so we can look forward to the next 25, 50 or even 100 years.”

While nearly 5,000 new and used cars are sold in Green Cove Springs annually, Weinert said their work goes deeper than sales contracts and test drives.

“Clay County has been very kind to us; we’re very kind to Clay County,” he said. “We believe in giving back to the county that gives to us. We’re very generous and philanthropic



to the organizations within our community.”

Weinert said Garber contributes \$250,000 annually to groups, organizations and schools.

It helps fund the Clay County Police Athletic League and donates a storeroom to the Clay Education Foundation so it can stock school supplies for its Tools 4 Clay program.

One of the biggest benefactors is the Clay County District Schools. The dealerships fund the district’s sports awards, provide a free car to the Apple Awards Teacher of the Year, and

fully fund the Garber Automotive Academy at Middleburg High.

The academy is a complete garage where students get hands-on training on most facets of car repair. The work is so thorough they get jobs at Garber after graduation.

“I mean, this is a substantial financial investment of equipment and time, as well as personnel,” said Jack Garrett, Garber Fixed Operations Director. “We’re investing in the community. It isn’t just getting involved in communities. The greatest part of this whole program is the normal career path for a young man or woman looking to enter this industry after high school: they’ve got to get some basic knowledge. They either go to work for a Firestone or a Jiffy Lube or something like that and make minimum wage. Or they go to a secondary education facility, like a UTI (Universal Technical Institute) or a J-Tech and incur, for the most part, around \$50,000 in debt and still lack a lot of the manufacturer certifications to work in a dealership environment.”

Garrett said that GAA students are shop-ready to work at Garber when they graduate. To make sure, Garber hired UTI instructor Steve McCauley to teach the class and certify the technicians.

Garber averages 130 to 150 cars

*“We’re only doing our jobs when we create an experience for the customers for which they choose to return and do business with us again.”*





in its shop daily, so it needs qualified mechanics," Variable Operations Director Zach Moore said.

"We've allowed young men and women to begin getting those certifications and start that career path while they're still in high school," Garrett said. "When they graduate high school, instead of launching off into a \$50,000 debt, they can come to the dealership, continue that training, and in most instances, come out as a 19 or a 20-year-old young man or young woman making \$25 to \$30 an hour."

Garrett said 39 students have been enrolled in the academy, and 18 have been hired full-time at Garber. The rest are either still enrolled in high school, working part-time at Garber, opened shops of their own or decided to change their career options.

Another large portion of Garber's business is company and government fleet vehicles. Since the dealerships have nine American automotive companies, they can sell and outfit any vehicle to a govern-

ment agency, like the sheriff's offices and county vehicles throughout the state.

"At any one time, 300 fleet cars are parked in our back lot," Weinert said.

While so much is happening at Garber Automall, there's always time for the community.

"Being a part of the community is more important than being in the community, right? We're here being active within the community and helping care for the folks in our backyard," Weinert said.

"We like to be involved more than just hanging a banner," Moore said.

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# Outdoors

## Enjoy parks all year round



### City Pier

Located at the end of Walnut Street in Spring Park, the City Pier is Green Cove Springs' entrance on the water. The pier is open to the public to dock boats for a small daily fee of between \$5 and \$10 and a reasonable overnight fee of \$20 for water and electricity to boats. Gazebo structures along the pier provide a popular spot for fishing and shrimping and added floating docks and dolphin buoys can hold larger river cruise ships. From the pier you can walk into Spring Park and to the shops and local restaurants of downtown Green Cove Springs.

### Spring Park & City Pool

Located just behind city hall at 106 St. Johns Avenue, Spring Park

is the hidden gem of Green Cove Springs. Inside this half-acre park is two playgrounds, including the City's first ADA accessible playground on Spring Street, South Dock Kayak Launch located at the end of Ferris

Street, grand gazebo on the shore of the St. Johns River, newly renovated pedestrian bridge over Spring Run, paved trails connecting to the City Pier, a volleyball court, and several picnic pavilions with grills.

Spring Park pool, located at 229 Walnut Street, is one of the oldest spring-fed public pools in Florida. Water from the spring flows directly into the pool before flowing out into the spring run connected to the pool and into the St. Johns River. The

pool features a large, covered pavilion and splashpad area. The pool and splashpad are open for the public to use from May to the end of October.

### Vera Francis Hall Park

Vera Francis Hall Park is located at 1400 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard near the Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center. At the back of the park there is an amphitheater for entertainment, a fishing pier, and a canoe or kayak launch on Governors Creek that connects into

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### Augusta Savage Arts and Community Complex

The complex, built as Dunbar High School in 1942, is located on a five-acre parcel of land at 1107 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard. Augusta Savage sold the property to the first and only black high school before desegregation in Clay County.

The space includes the Thomas Hogans Memorial Gym with an outdoor playground located behind the facility, Jump Start VPK, Green Cove Springs Food Pantry, AMLkids, baseball field, soccer field, bike trail, and exercise trail.

The Augusta Savage Museum and Mentoring Center, completed in May 2021, is a new multipurpose building at the location of the former Dunbar High School Library that includes a dance studio, multipurpose classrooms, a computer room, and a publicly accessible museum space which holds the work of Augusta Savage and additional artists. Both ongoing and pop-up classes are offered to elementary, middle, and high school students throughout the year by volunteer teachers. Go to [greencovesprings.com/243/augusta-savage-mentoring-center](http://greencovesprings.com/243/augusta-savage-mentoring-center) for more details on classes offered.

the St. Johns River a few miles away. Vera Francis Hall Park also offers picnic pavilions with grills and tables, a playground, basketball court, and a baseball/softball field.

### Augusta Savage Friendship Park

Augusta Savage Friendship Park is located at the corner of Walburg Street and Pine Avenue. The park has a playground designed for younger children and families with playground equipment accessible for younger children. The park also offers a basketball court for older

### Thomas Hogans Memorial Gym

Located at 415 Lemon Street, the gym is part of the Augusta Savage Social Services Center. It is open to the public Monday through Sunday, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Current programs include basketball and pickleball.

### Magnolia Park

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

### Shands Pier Boat Ramp

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

### Bayard Conservation Area

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

### Clay County Fairgrounds

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

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### Governor's Creek Boat Ramp

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

### Knights Boat Ramp

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

### Carl Pugh Park

This County-owned facility is leased to the Green Cove Springs Baseball/Softball Association (GCSBSA). It is located at 317 S. West St. (behind the Clay County Health Department). For additional information, contact Clay County at 904-284-6378.

### Camp Chownwaw Park

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



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Nine-time swimming Olympic gold medalist and Clay High graduate Caeleb Dressel swims a "ceremonial first lap" after the Spring Park Pool renovation was completed in 2017.

# Spring Park

## The city that sprung up around a spring

**T**he cool, clear, calming spring boil in Green Cove Springs was once called the "Original Fountain of Youth." Pulitzer-prize-winning poet James Merrill described the spring fondly in a similar way.

Indigenous civilizations first clustered around the spring about 7,000 years ago. The first American settlement, originally called White Sulfur Springs, was established in 1854, with a wharf, a store and several houses clustered around a public square.

Renamed in 1866, Green Cove Springs was incorporated on Nov. 2, 1874. That followed a referendum in which Clay County residents voted to make the city the county seat.

Now, 150 years later, the spring continues to be a focal point for the community and Clay County.

Water flows from the spring at 1,346 gallons a minute at 77 degrees year-round. The spring contains concentrations of trace minerals, contributing to its waters being marketed as a health tonic. The water is still a source of calcium, iron, potassium,

fluoride, magnesium and sulfate — hence the name White "Sulfur" Springs.

The water now fills a spring-fed municipal pool, which opened following renovations in 2017. nine-time Olympic gold medal winner swimmer Caeleb Dressel, who graduated from Clay High, was honored to take the ceremonial first lap.

The renovated Springs Pool modernized the spring water for continued use, especially consid-

*Water flows from the spring at 1,346 gallons a minute at 77 degrees year-round.*



Spring Park Pool in the 50s.



GC4—Spring Park, Looking Towards St. John's River





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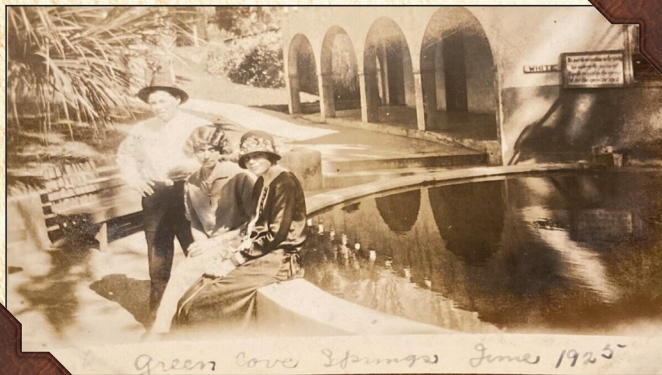
Some of the first northern "tourists" that ventured to the spring were Union Troops during the Civil War. The Union occupied nearby Magnolia Springs and frequently traveled to White Sulfur Springs to take a dip. One time, when the Union soldiers were bathing, a gunshot rang out, which forced them to scramble out and get redressed.

Following the Civil War and the height of the Hotel Era, the city's arguably most fabulous hotel, the Clarendon, was built next to the spring. Following the fire that burned down the Clarendon in

1901, the Qui-Si-Sana was built in 1907. The Qui-Si-Sana was demolished, and the current City Hall was built where it stood in 2002. The Qui-Si-Sana directly inspired City Hall's Spanish-style architecture.

City Hall was literally and symbolically built upon the legacy of the Hotel Era. It stands today beside Spring Park, a green space that has preserved the natural beauty of the springs and the shoreline of the St. Johns River.

Spring Park is home to Food Truck Friday, a monthly summer tradition that started in the 2010s. The CalaVida art festival kicked off at Spring Park a decade ago. The park is also a spot for Riverfest on Memorial Day.



Take a stroll around Spring Park, and you'll notice the long dock jutting into the St. Johns. This dock conveys historical significance as it was the wharf site constructed by Arthur T. Aldrich, the original owner of the Clarendon, for steamships to dock and unload passengers for his hotel.

The historic Walnut Street leads from the pier to downtown, and the street is still economically significant today. As part of Green Cove Spring's 150th anniversary as a municipality, the city used grant funding to renovate Walnut Street for the enjoyment of residents.

Some a century old, the historic bricks that paved the street were preserved and re-paved on the

street after improvements to the foundation were finished. Walking along Walnut Street is to walk among history.

Green Cove Springs, with a population of 9,786 according to the 2020 census, is poised for major growth as construction finishes for the First Coast Expressway. The highly anticipated beltway will run past the city and expand Shands Bridge for four years.

Cars traveling along the beltway will see signs reading "Green Cove Springs" and undoubtedly pull over to see and wade in the spring for themselves, just as thousands of others have done for a century and a half.



# Green Cove Jail

## Sheriff families, felons shared living quarters

**F**or 80 years, it was typical for the county sheriff or one of his chief deputies and their families to live in the same building that housed some of the most dangerous criminals.

Children were born, lived and played yards away from men waiting to be hanged in the courtyard at the Old County Jail at the Historic Triangle. They wandered through the corridors, talking with men serving time for whiskey-fueled weekend blunders or fighting over petty matters.

Meals were made of fresh vegetables, eggs, meat and coffee prepared by the jailer's wife most days. Despite proper meals, the jail was nowhere anyone wished to be. There was a "Cool Hand Luke"-style sweat box out back for troublemakers.

Prisons once used this archaic



punishment technique as a method of solitary confinement. There was no air conditioning in those days, and little ventilation in the South's sweltering

summer months, combined with disease and the cries of the insane and desperate, made conditions hard to tolerate for most inmates.

No family served a longer sen-



tence as tenants than Chief Deputy Will Knight. They spent more than 17 years at the jail – longer than most prisoners. Four of the couple's children – daughters Nita and Jerri, and their twin boys, Bobby and Billy, were born at the jail.

Jerri went on to become the first woman Mayor of Green Cove Springs.

The prisoners were mainly good men who worked hard all week and got in trouble on weekends. Inmates often served as babysitters, helped cook in the family kitchen and helped wrangle the heavy iron pots and water buckets to wash the

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laundry in the yard.

The school was just across the street and a short walk home for lunch. One of the Knight's cousins sought to take advantage of this when he fled through a window and dashed to the jail, expecting Uncle Will to save him from whipping.

Little did he know that his mama, Mrs. Knight's sister, was visiting at the time. Suddenly, Uncle Will made himself scarce. His mother met him at the curb and tanned his backside, then marched him back to school and supervised while the teacher also delivered her discipline.

Now, Will Knight was feared and respected all over the county, but he wasn't about to get into his sister-in-law's business.

In the mid-1940s, the Knight family moved into a nearby house.

### Escapes and executions

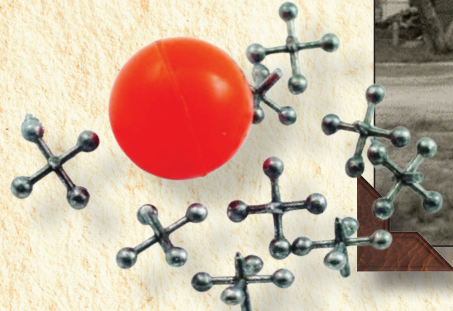
There have been at least two "escapes" from the Old Clay County Jail. One involved Billy Joe Krebb, who made a key out of a spoon in 1964. He let himself and the other prisoners out of their cells. However, the make-shift key didn't work for the main front door of the jail, so the would-be escapees were stuck — and, of course, put back in their cells. There were seven executions



on site between 1894 and 1916 on a scaffold by hanging. The giant oak trees on the lawn were saplings then, not used for executions.

Depot, and TAPS Military Monument are open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for tours.

The jail opened in 1894 and was operational until 1972. It now serves as the Clay County Archives for the Clerk of Courts and Comptroller's Office. The Old Historic Courthouse, History Museum, the Railroad



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# Bank Heist

## Sheriff James Weeks epitomized frontier lifestyle

**G**reen Cove Springs was known for its rugged frontier lifestyle even during its development

as a resort town in the 19th century. The land on the west bank of the St. Johns River was a Wild West in its own right.

Don't let the pleasant spring-fed waters fool you. If you wanted to

live in the city, you had to be tough.

Sheriff James Elam Weeks was one resident who epitomized the cowboy ethos of the era and boasted the ability to "always get his man."

Weeks was known in the city as

an excellent shot. When a fluttering dove disrupted a court case at the historic Clay County Courthouse, now located in the Historic Triangle, the sheriff filled in as an exterminator when he walked in.



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Weeks left the courthouse with one less bullet and one less fluttering bird to worry about. One shot, one kill, as the classic tale goes.

So, it was a critical mistake a gang of bank robbers in Northeast Florida made when they thought they could catch their next score in Green Cove Springs.

They used dynamite to blow open the safe in the Bank of Green Cove Springs on Walnut Street. The robbers took off with \$1,800, which would be more than \$60,000 when adjusted for inflation. They escaped the scene in the dead of night, just before dawn on a frost January evening in 1907.

It would be the final lick they'd ever hit.

Sheriff Weeks stepped through the smoldering rubble, joined by his sidekick, Chief Deputy Arch Murree. The sheriff assembled a posse, rode out on horseback and took off after their trail, which led them through the woodlands.

A shot rang out. Then several.

Weeks' and his men were entrenched in a shootout in the Old Hickory Grove Cemetery. The law and the outlaws exchanged volleys. Bullets ripped limbs from trees and exploded in dust clouds when they struck the earth.

Weeks, Green Cove's famous marksman, loaded his rifle and aimed down the sights. A crack shot struck one robber right in the head; then the others surrendered soon after.

The robbers were apprehended, handcuffed and searched, which revealed about \$4,000 in total of cash they stole from other banks, which would be valued at \$133,846 today.

Indeed, Weeks would do whatever it took to get his man.

When an outlaw named Candy Boy shot a deputy in Orange Park, Weeks rode and chased the suspect literally to the end of Florida. Week's posse caught him trying to cross the St. Mary's River into Georgia.

Deputy Knight, the deputy who Candy Boy shot up, ended up sur-

living the ordeal, and Candy Boy was brought to justice.

Weeks died in office from sickness on Aug. 24, 1911. He was 60 when he died, and the community mourned his loss. The Board of County Commissioners described him as "one who always lifted his voice for justice, always wielded a sharp sword in the cause for right, and never stood with folded hands, when humanity needed help."



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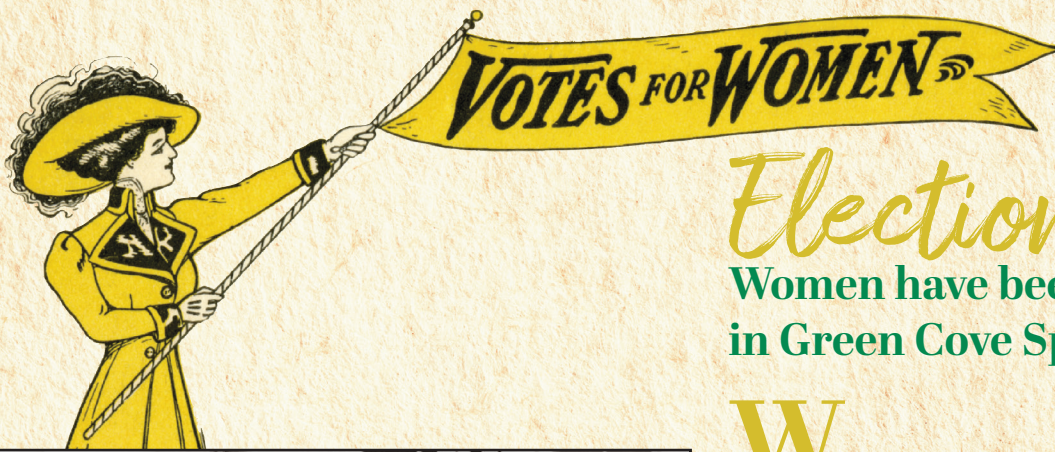


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# Election

## Women have been rocking the vote in Green Cove Springs since 1920



**W**hen Congress passed the 19th Amendment on June 4, 1919, and finally got it ratified on Aug. 18, a year later, Florida wasn't keen on giving women the right to vote.

But that wasn't true in Clay County, especially Green Cove Springs. The State of Florida waited until May 13, 1969, to grant women the right to vote. By then, Black and white women had voted in Green Cove Springs for 49 years.

"Florida didn't want to ratify it because they didn't want Black women to vote," Archives Specialist Vishi Garig said. "But here in Clay, they allowed it. Black and white women have always been allowed

to vote."

Wikipedia lists Helen Hunt West as the first woman to register to vote under equal franchise rules on Sept. 7, 1920, in Oakland, Florida, about 30 miles west of Orlando.

But, according to official voter registration roles at the Clay County

Archives office, 365 women registered to vote in Precinct 1 – Green Cove Springs before Oct. 1, 1920, and most of them voted a month later.

Part of the process included listing their profession, and there were 24, including a seamstress, farming, hotelkeeper, poultry raiser, dressmaker, milliner (hatmaker) and midwife.

Also, Black men were voting in Green Cove Springs as far back as 1858.



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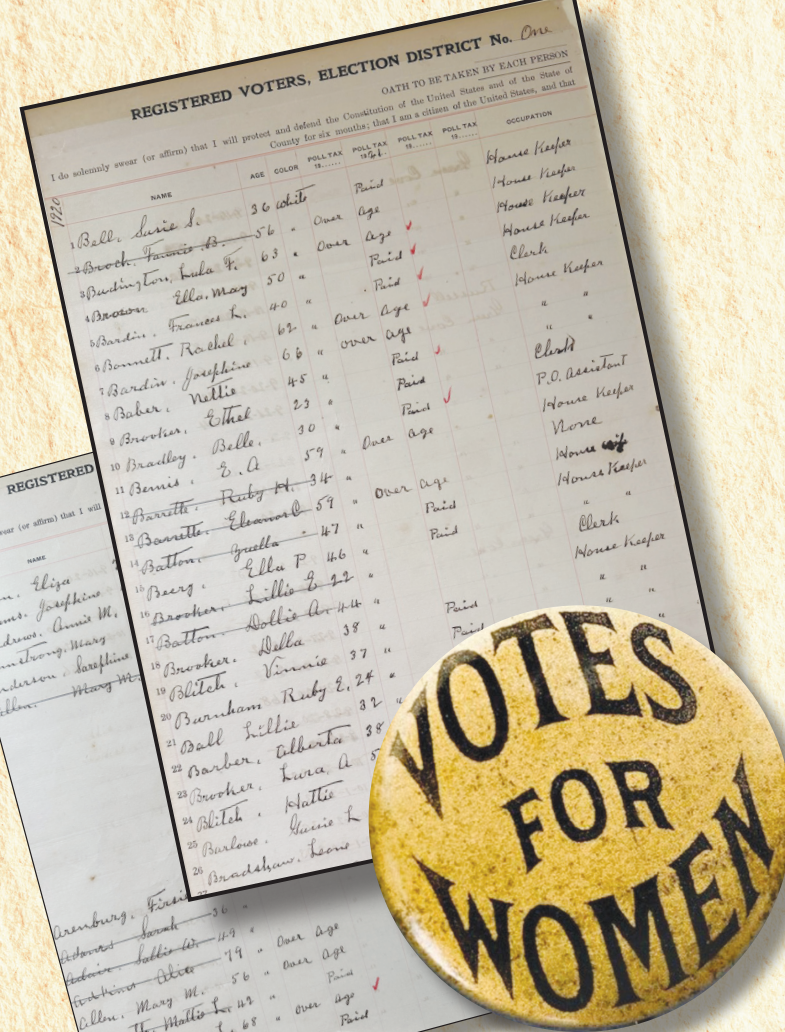
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# Reynolds Industrial

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**T**he city was in decline following the end of the Hotel Era, exacerbated by the Great Depression that followed soon after. However, the city's contribution in World War II led to an economic second wind.

In 1940, the U.S. Navy estab-

lished Lee Field, initially to store extra planes from NAS Jacksonville. It wasn't long before the airfield in Green Cove Springs started training pilots, too.

The airfield was renamed to Naval Air Station Green Cove Springs in 1943. Throughout the war, 15,000 to 20,000 sailors were stationed at the base, and there were about 5,000 pilots in the Navy

and Marine Corps.

Pilots flew Wildcats, Hellcats and Corsairs during training and simulated landings on aircraft carriers using four 5,000-foot asphalt runways.

When World War II ended, the Navy maintained the base as a Naval Auxiliary Air Station (NAAS) of NAS Jacksonville. And so, NAAS was known as the other Navy base

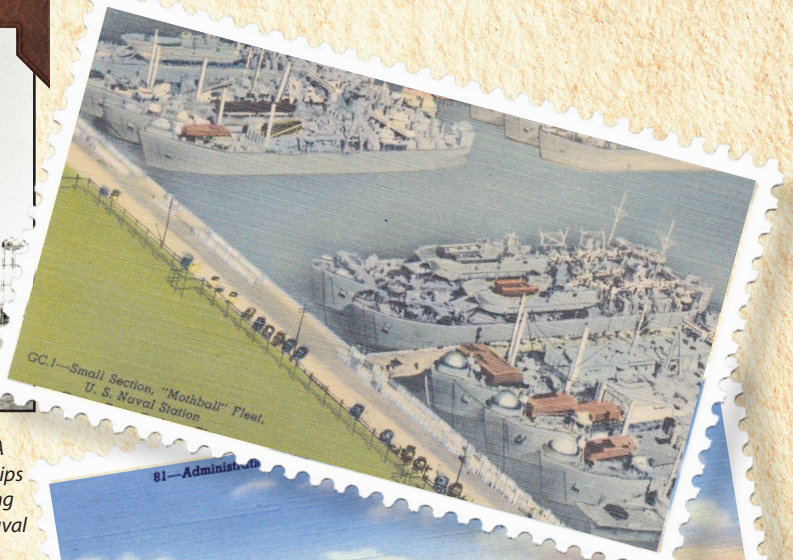
on the St. Johns River.

Along the riverbank, NAAS's access to freshwater was desirable for long-term storage of ships, which the Navy had in excess after the war. The Navy hesitated to scrap these vessels in case they might ever be needed again — which they were during the Korean War.

NAAS in Green Cove Springs was known for housing a "mothball







October 21, 1946- A sailor describing ships and their jobs during Navy Day at the Naval Base at Green Cove Springs.



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fleet," storing destroyers, escorts, troop ships and U.S. Navy auxiliary ships. At its peak, the reserve fleet housed 600 ships.

St. Johns Landing Apartments was established in 1951 as housing for members of the U.S. Navy and their families. It was converted into public housing in 1960.

For more than 20 years, NAAS was a significant economic driver for the city, and the personnel stationed there even spurred interest from the Coca-Cola Company.

As World War II was winding down, a Coca-Cola bottling plant

opened in the city. When the base was shut down in 1963, Coca-Cola left soon after. The bottling plant closed its doors in 1971.

The city acquired the NAAS property when the Navy left and sold it to J. Louis Reynolds for \$925,000. Reynolds said he would use the land to attract business to the area but instead initially used the land as a tax write-off. In 1984, the property was repurposed into the Reynolds Industrial Park in its current form.

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unsuccessfully to commercialize "hovercrafts," oversized airboats, which would have ferried passengers across the St. Johns River if successful. The business closed in 2008, and the hovercrafts were abandoned at Reynolds for years.

Another abandoned and forgotten iconic piece of history is one of the Space Shuttle External Fuel Tanks that's strategically positioned at the Port of Green Cove Springs in Reynolds Industrial Park.

After making its final flight with Atlantis, the tank was supposed to be delivered to the Wings of Dreams

Aviation Museum at the Keystone Heights Airport. There were too many obstacles, like low-hanging tree limbs and telephone and power lines, to make the 38-mile trip on State Roads 16, 21 and 100. So, it was left where a 200-foot barge delivered it in 2013.

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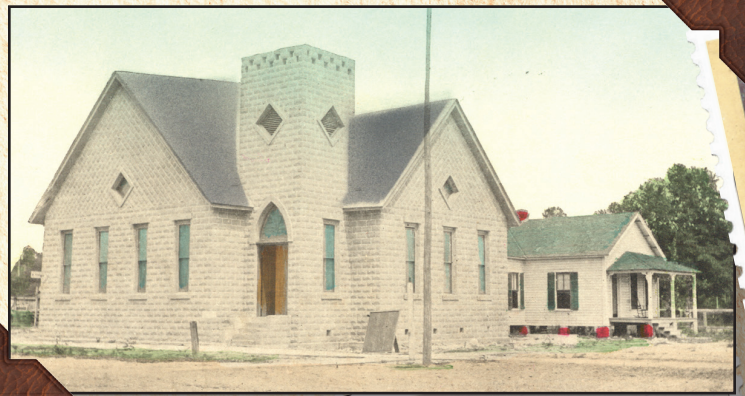
Hickory Grove Baptist Church was organized in 1863, and the church's congregation first worshiped here in one of the earliest sawmills constructed in Clay County. The church was named for a grove of hickory trees that grew here. The original sanctuary was constructed of old growth yellow pine logs that were hewn by the volunteer labor of a detachment of Confederate soldiers stationed in Green Cove Springs. When the log building became unsafe for use, the congregation relocated to a nearby school house on Highland Street, where it remained until a sanctuary was rebuilt in 1913 on the location of the original church. When Highway 16 was constructed, the church and the building were relocated to the Florida Highway Department and purchased property on nearby South Oakridge Avenue for construction of a masonry block sanctuary. It was completed in 1933. The church's cemetery is one of the oldest in Clay County and includes more than 300 graves, the oldest of which dates to 1849. The cemetery's distinctive architectural features include obelisk markers and family plots surrounded by wrought iron fences.

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Sundays were reserved for the Lord long before Green Cove Spring became a city.

Churches were some of the early buildings around the city as settlers tried to find emotional and spiritual comfort during the tumultuous unrest of the Civil War.

The Hickory Grove Baptist Church was one of the first buildings in the city. It was built in 1863 – 11 years before Green Cove Springs became a city – by a detachment of Confederate soldiers of yellow pine logs, but it quickly became unsafe. Hence, the congregation moved to a schoolhouse on Highland Street until the sanctuary was rebuilt at the original site near Governors Creek. When State Road 16 was under construction, the church sold the land and moved to its current location on



Oakridge Road.

While the church was built and moved four times, its ministry has remained intact for 161 years.

The Mt. Zion AME Church on Palmetto Avenue was created in 1873, which makes it 151 years old. The Borden Corporation and several Union soldiers supported and helped build the church, the oldest Black church in Clay County.

The church served the community in several ways, especially when Black residents' rights were limited or repressed, by opening its door for



meetings. It also operated as an information bureau during World War I and II to provide families with information about loved ones in combat.

Four other churches in the city are 126 years old or older. The First Presbyterian Church on



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Gum Street was founded in 1898, while the Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church is 130 years old, St. Mary's Episcopal Church on St. Johns Avenue is 145 and the First African Missionary Baptist Church on Palmetto is 141.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Palmetto opened in 1874 but closed in 2009 after 135 years. Bishop Verot granted Raphael Canova, George Hanford, and others the right to

build Sacred Heart on land donated by a non-Catholic. Many of its early parishioners were Spanish and English.

Canova is an ancestor to former Green Cove Springs resident and 1974 Clay High graduate Frank Canova, who invented the first smartphone in 1992. Sacred Heart worshipers now celebrate mass five miles away at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Fleming Island.



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*Francis James Canova Jr.*

**F**rancis James Canova Jr. lived in the city where his father, Francis Robert Canova, was born and is buried. He graduated from Clay High in 1972, and nobody knew he would someday change the world.

After getting an Electrical Engineering Degree from Florida Institute of Technology in Melbourne, he got a job at IBM, and he introduced a device code-named "Sweetspot" at the

*When Francis James Canova Jr. graduated from Clay High in 1972, nobody could have expected he would invent the*

COMDEX computer and technology trade show in Las Vegas on Nov. 16, 1992. The Simon Personal Communicator eventually became known as the smartphone in 1997.

That's right, a former Green Cove Springs resident invented the cellphone.

*Charles E. Merrill*

It was also the hometown of business tycoon Charles E. Merrill, one of the founders of Merrill Lynch Co. He was born in Green Cove Springs on Oct. 19, 1885.

*Augusta Fells Savage*

Augusta Fells Savage was born in



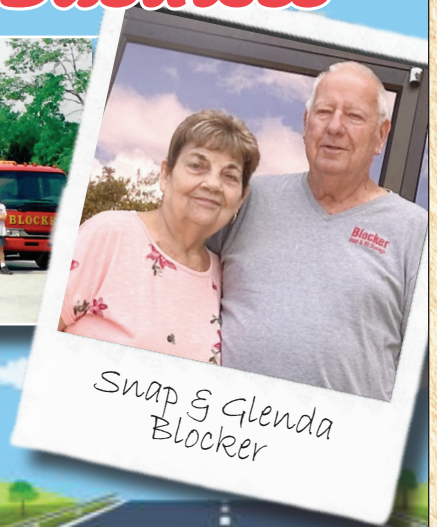
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and gained international acclaim for her work as an artist, educator and activist. Her sculptures, particularly the



*One of Augusta Fells Savage's most famous pieces, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," was displayed during the 1939 New York World's Fair.*

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famed "Lift Every Voice and Sing" (also known as "The Harp"), were one of the most memorable exhibits at the 1939 New York World's Fair.

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Former defensive end Cliff Avril gives back to the Clay County community by hosting a two-day football and family foundation camp. Former defensive end Cliff Avril gives back to the Clay County community by hosting a two-day football and family foundation camp.

Denver quarterback Peyton Manning 12 seconds into the game for a safety, defensive end Cliff Avril never forgot his hometown.

"It's a small town outside of Jacksonville with a lot of good athletes," he said. "It's a good town; I'm happy to be from Green Cove Springs. I've lived there most of my life. High school, there was fun; it was the good old days when I played four different sports."

### The Dunning Brothers

The city is also home to Jake and Dane Dunning. The brothers are one of only 10 sets of brothers to win a World Series ring. According to the Baseball Almanac, there have been more than 25,560 players in Major League history since 1876, but the Green Cove Springs and Clay High graduates each were pitchers on winning World Series teams – Jake with the San Francisco Giants in 2014; Dane with the Texas Rangers in 2023.



Dane (left) and Jake Dunning (the two tallest men with dark hair) were joined by their families during a ceremony last year when the Green Cove Springs City Council gave Dane the Key to the City.

### Cy Wainwright

Cy Wainwright won two state wrestling state championships at Clay High and the NCAA Division II National Heavyweight Championship in 2009 for Newberry College in

Newberry, South Carolina. He won all 36 of his collegiate matches.

"Green Cove is such a unique area," Wainwright said. "People in Green Cove were born here. We're used to things being a little tougher, a little harder, and we work a little harder. The community gets behind

*"It's a good town; I'm happy to be from Green Cove Springs. I've lived there most of my life. High school, there was fun; it was the good old days when I played four different sports."*

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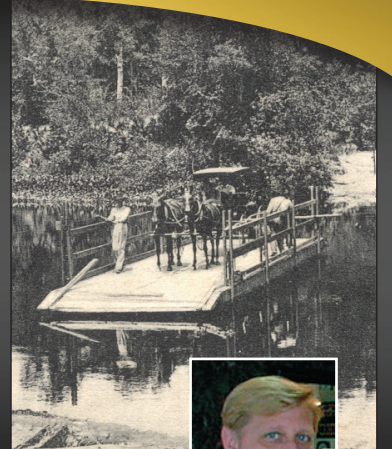
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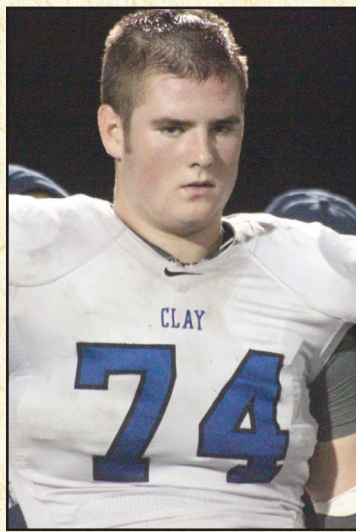
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### Nolan Carroll & Will Holden

Cornerback Nolan Carroll Jr. (Philadelphia Eagles, Miami



Green Cove Springs' Will Holden played for four different NFL teams before leaving the game after the 2021 season.

Dolphins and Dallas Cowboys) and offensive tackle Will Holden (Detroit Lions, Indianapolis Colts, Seattle Seahawks and Arizona Cardinals) were born in Green Cove Springs.

### Caeleb Dressel

While Caeleb Dressel lived on the edge of town and no matter where he goes, he proudly calls Green Cove Springs home.

Whether he's swimming for the United States Olympic team, he will forever be the city's most celebrated son. Despite his international success, he said he always looks

forward to burying his head in a Cowboy hat, mowing grass and seeing his dog.

You can take the boy out of Cove Life, but you can't take Cove Life out of the boy.

Dressel graduated from Clay High in 2014 with

seven national high school records. He also took the first ceremonial lap in the newly remodeled pool in Spring Park in 2017.

Now 28, Dressel has nine Olympic golds spanning the last three Summer Games, 15 Long Course, six Short Course, one World Junior world championships and two Pan Pacific Championships gold medals.

Also, he won 10 golds while swimming for the Florida Gators.

He said he's not ready to walk

away from the pool yet. He plans to attempt to "splash and dash" in the 50-meter freestyle at the 2028 Games in Los Angeles.



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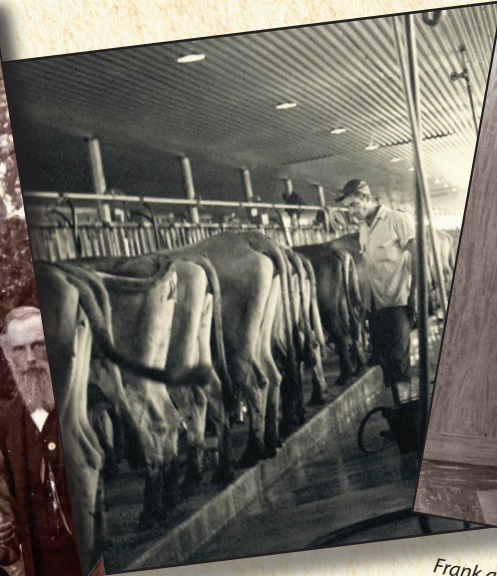
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Frank and Agnes "Mama and Papa Gus" Gustafson. Their 10,000-acre farm closed in 2013.

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326 Walnut Street , Green Cove Springs

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**103 Magnolia Ave., Green Cove Springs**

*Home of Dr. Applegate. This house dates back to 1887.*



**219 Spring Street., Green Cove Springs**

*Home of Judge Thomas Rivers. This house dates back to 1887. The City of Green Cove Springs is in the process of restoring the exterior of this 137 year old home.*



**17 Palmetto Avenue, N, Green Cove Springs**

*The Village Improvement Association is the oldest Women's Club in Florida and still use the clubhouse donated in 1883. Women were not allowed to join clubs, so the group called itself the Village Improvement Association, or the VIA, because the first task they undertook was to clean the streets and make the town more beautiful.*

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1149 Idlewild Ave  
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200 A Orange Ave  
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904-297-3717

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**Kay Peter Caribbean Store**  
**LLC**  
1305 N. Orange Ave Ste 115  
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**Kindred Hospital North Florida**  
801 Oak St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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710 Orange Ave Suite B  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-521-0955

**Kountry Boyz Firearms LLC**  
710 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-568-5809

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**Larry's Giant Subs**  
1401 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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**Larue House Movers & Sons, Inc.**  
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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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**Legacy Civil Engineers, Inc**  
630 Myrtle Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-284-8103

**Live Healthy Dental**  
409 Palmetto Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-998-7000

### M

**Magnolia Hair & Nail Salon**  
36 Magnolia Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-284-1600

**Magnolia Point**  
**Investment, LLC**  
3670 Clubhouse Dr  
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**Restaurant & Bar**  
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**MC2 Millworks & Carpentry**  
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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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1165 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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**& Drycleaners**  
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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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**Meever Usa Inc**  
965 Leonard C Taylor Pky  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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**Michael's Custom Coatings**  
1329 Roberts St #102  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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820 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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**Millennium Physician**  
**Group, LLC**  
705 Ferris St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-284-4510

**Mud & Steel LLC**  
301 Green St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
352-275-4143

**Mystic Tanning Inc.**  
501 Palmetto Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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214-524-0003

### **Northrop Grumman Systems Corporation**

885 Bulkhead Rd  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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### **Oakridge Garage/ Dad's Auto Shop**

1720 Idlewild Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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424 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-799-6271

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1345 Energy Cove Ct  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
646-234-0393

### **Optimize Physical Therapy and Sports Performance LLC**

1417 S Orange Ave Ste 3  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
219-805-0757

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### **Paks Karate**

1301 N Orange Ave Ste 101  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-864-1736

### **Pegasus Technologies, Inc**

932 Pilot Dr  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-284-2490

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1100 Idlewild Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-434-5915

### **Permabase Building Products, LLC**

1767 Wildwood Rd  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-717-2013

### **Pinewood Apts Ltd**

1000 Pinewood Ct  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-284-3548

### **Pizza Hut #4253**

1367 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-284-2244

### **Plantana Realty, Inc**

307 Spring St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-591-1391

### **Powerhouse Towing LLC**

989 Worthington Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
973-417-3454

### **Premier Surface Design, LLC**

991 Bunker Ave #288  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-338-5714

## R

### **Radise International LLC**

4035 J Louis St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
561-841-0103

### **Ray's Solar Security Inc.**

520 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-529-7676

### **Re Think Tank LLC**

203 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-813-9264

### **Red Bay Marine Repairs**

4013 Red Cove Rd  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-635-1410

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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
630-756-8938

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414 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-531-5619

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203 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-904-7230

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232 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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### **Roll Form Group Inc**

945 Center St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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### **Sacyr Construccion SA Inc**

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407 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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4002 J Louis St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-708-8339

### **Speedway LLC**

1010 Leonard C Taylor Pky  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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### **Spring Coin Laundry**

1305 N Orange Ave Stes 130, 131  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-708-6623

### **Spring Park Coffee LLC**

328 Ferris St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-531-9391

### **Springs Academy Inc**

1106 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-531-9669

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810 N Orange Ave, Ste 1  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
386-972-4101

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500 Palmer #276 St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-657-2228

### **St Johns Contracting Group Inc**

410 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-529-9229

### **St. Brendans Isle**

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904-673-2221

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1009 Bunker Ave  
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1657 Idlewild Ave  
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1305 N Orange Ave Ste 118  
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618 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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1383 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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659 Leonard C Taylor Pky  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-292-4240

## Sweet Sensations LLC

25 N Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-529-8554

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## Taylor Parkway Storage

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1100 Martin Luther King Blvd  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-844-1310

## The Art Room

408 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-704-2365

## The Beauty Bar

320 Ferris St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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## The Corner Pocket

14 N Magnolia Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-545-6789

## The Guitar Station

421 Walnut St  
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904-284-5191

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115 Magnolia Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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609 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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820 Orange Ave  
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979 Worthington Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
800-471-2115

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1305 N Orange Ave, Ste 129  
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561-310-1905

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307 Spring St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-484-6368

### **Trammell Bowles**

115 Magnolia Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-237-2663

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401 Walnut St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-657-2152

### **Underground Diesel Performance Inc.**

429 N Orange Avenue  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-863-3584

### **United Land Services**

1240 Lawn Care Rd  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-829-9255

### **US Filter Maxx LLC**

1257 Energy Cove Ct  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-553-5999

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### **Vallencourt Construction Co Inc.**

115 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
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### **Value Bins, LLC**

1433 S Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-307-2244

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1419 & 1421 S Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-424-5019

### **Visual FX**

430 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-298-0777

## **W**

### **Walgreens**

103 Orange Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-529-9156

### **Walker Footings**

1012 Idlewild Ave  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-863-0117

### **WCW Real Estate Holdings Inc**

806 Oak St  
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043  
904-214-7999

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425 Orange Ave  
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904-284-5681

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### **Workout Anytime**

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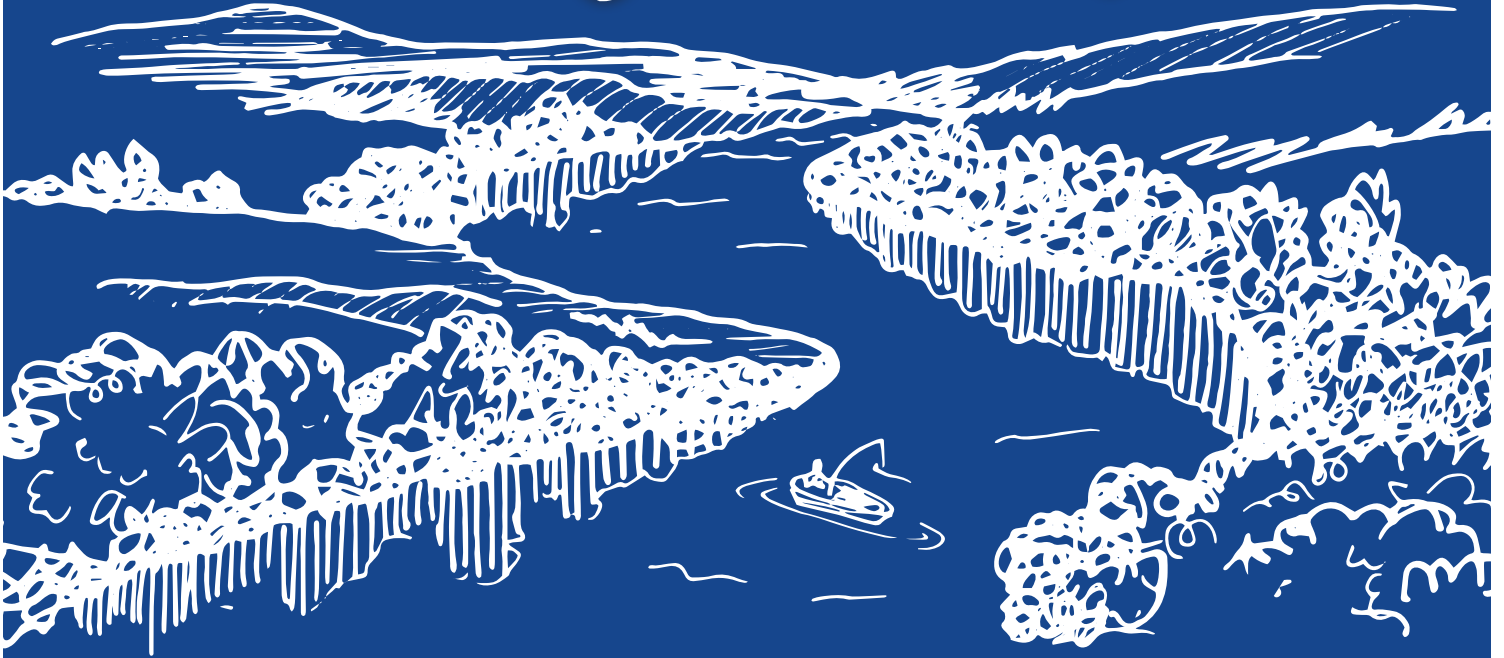
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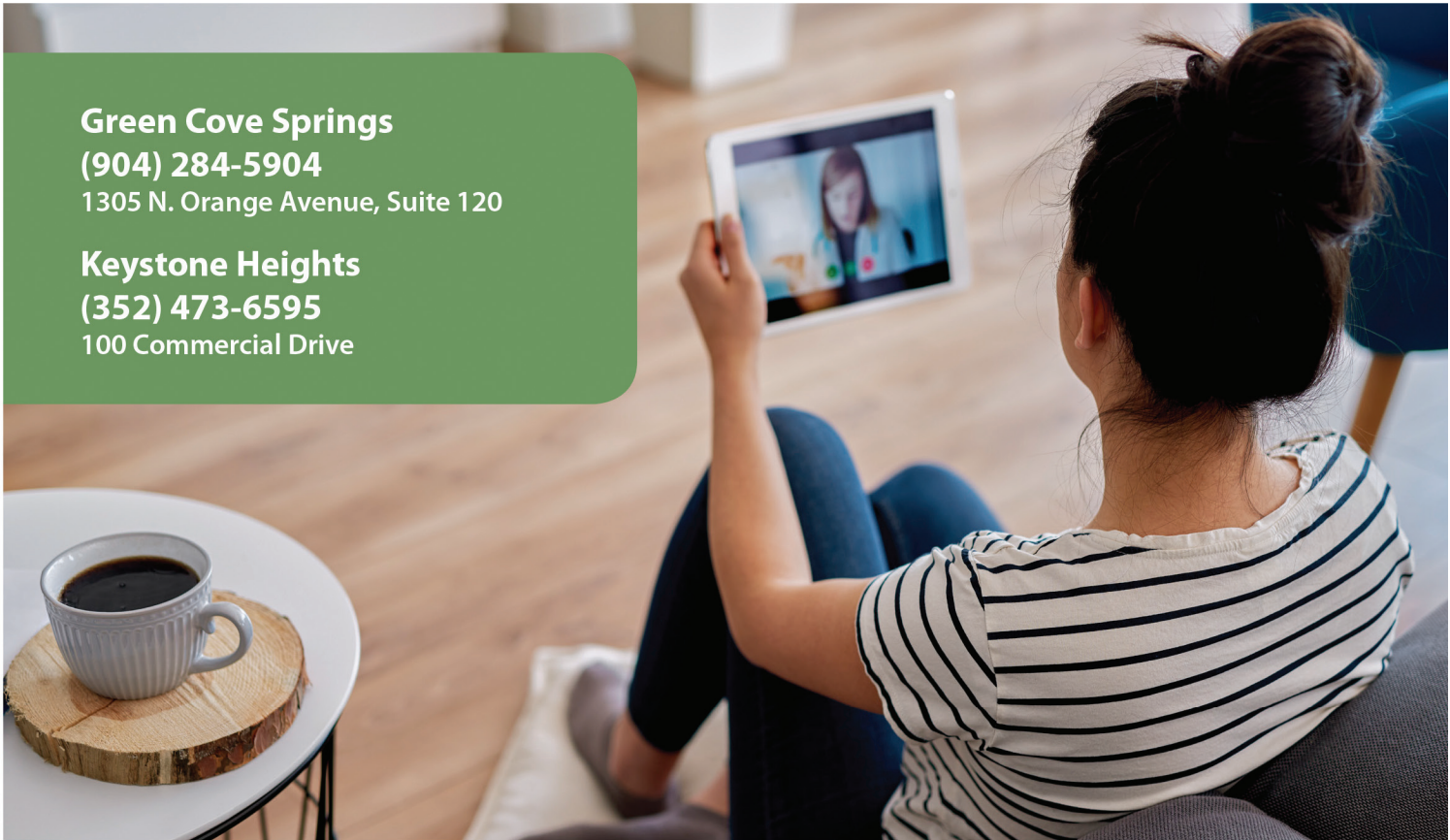
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