

## 2018 Calendar of Events

We invite you to enjoy Clay County's upcoming events. To learn more, please go to [www.exploreclay.com](http://www.exploreclay.com) and click on the Events Calendar or follow us on Facebook at Clay County, FL or @ClayCtyTourism.



### **November**

[Bestbet poker tournaments](#) - Various dates and times

1 – 3 – [Rendezvous Film Fest Scare Fest](#) – Orange Park Mall, show times vary - The Rendezvous Scare Fest was started by the organizers of The Rendezvous Film Festival. This is our first year and we are thrilled to bring the best horror films to Jacksonville Florida!! If it fits in a horror genre we want to see it. The creepier and more scary the better!!

<https://www.rendezvouscarefest.net/>

2 – 3 – [Penney Retirement Community Annual Arts & Crafts Festival/Fair](#), Festival area is located just off the intersection of Hwy. 16 and County Road 218 with Lewis Avenue and Willbank Avenue as entry points – Hours: Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Themed “From the Heart” you’ll see on display an amazing variety of items for all ages, pocketbooks and tastes. You will find stained glass, plants, mosaics, wood turnings, woodcraft and furniture, refurbished items, craft items, fabric arts, fine arts, handmade pieces, Fair Trade/Koinonia Chocolates, Coffee and Teas and much more. The outdoor cafe features old fashioned grilled hotdogs and hamburgers both days from 11:30 -1:30 while the Coffee Shop offers a free cup of good coffee with a cinnamon roll or piece of pie as a break time treat. Major credit cards are accepted. <https://www.facebook.com/events/188166768746377/>

2 - 4 – [Open Track Weekend](#) – The FIRM – Open Track Days at The FIRM is a low cost way to test the setup of your car and improve your driving skills.

2 – 4 – [The Uninvited](#) – The Orange Park Community Theater, 2900 Moody Road, show times vary – Famous first as a novel, and then as a classic motion picture, this thrilling tale of ghosts and dark secrets will keep you on the edge of your seat from beginning to end. Rated PG13. For more information, go to [www.opct.info](http://www.opct.info).

3 – 4 – [Gun Show](#) – Clay County Fairgrounds, Sat. 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Sun. 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. - If you're a seasoned gun show attendee or it's your first show, there is something for everyone. We have a great mix of vendors for all to enjoy! <https://www.thecloegroupllc.com/>

3 – [Fleming Island Saturday Market](#) – Village Square Shopping Center, Fleming Island, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. each First Saturday of the month - Our Market consists of many different vendor types. Arts~Crafts~ Fresh Produce~Honey~Food~Sweets~Jewelry~Cosmetics-Children’s Bounce house~Clothing~Accessories~ And much more! Check out our shopping center and restaurants too! Market parking is behind the buildings.

3- [Open House at YUM! A Southern Market](#) – 420 College Dr, Middleburg, FL 32068, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – Not only will you see the unveiling of holiday decorations, but you’ll also see new samples and save with sale pricing on many items. You won’t want to miss out on the giveaways! [www.yumsouthernmarket.com](http://www.yumsouthernmarket.com)

3-11 - [The Crucible](#) - The Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Fleming Island, various show times - This American classic by Arthur Miller will hit dramatically hit the The Island Theater stage for a limited run. Part truth, part fiction – you determine which. Tickets are available at [www.theislandtheater.com](http://www.theislandtheater.com)

4 - [Orange Park Farmer's & Arts Market](#) – Orange Park Town Hall, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. – Voted Best Farmer's Market in Northeast Florida! With over 100 vendors selling fresh, local produce and homemade crafts, live music and great food, it's sure to be fun for the entire family! Our season runs September – June. Join us on the first and third Sunday of each month.

6 – [Steve Trash: Ecology is Awesome](#) - Thrasher-Horne Center, 10:30 a.m. - STEVE TRASH: ECOLOGY IS AWESOME (A Totally Rockin' Environment Show), focuses on pollution, conservation of natural resources, and the amazing connections that exist in the natural world. It features music, tricks, explanations and Garbage Monsters (Garbage Monsters?) Yes. Garbage Monsters! Specifically tailored to the educational school audience, this show is an excellent blend of eco-entertainment and eco-education. Featuring curriculum based study guides that relate directly to the content of the show, and awesome green themed magic tricks created by the Rockin' Eco Hero himself – Steve Trash®. Most enjoyed by grades K through 6<sup>th</sup>. Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

9 – Santa's Arrival at Orange Park Mall – Orange Park Mall, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Welcome Santa to Orange Park Mall and watch him arrive in style – in a helicopter! Enjoy “Florida snow” while we wait for Santa. Play with Santa's elves, ride the horse and carriage and just have a great family fun!

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10 – Veterans Day Ceremony – Spring Park, Green Cove Springs, 10:00 a.m. – Noon – Ceremony activities to honor veterans. The City will be honoring Veterans Day with a Veterans Recognition Ceremony. Veterans from all branches of the military are welcome! Any veterans that want to be a part of the ceremony please arrive before 10 a.m.

10 - [Moosehaven 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Chili Cook-Off](#) – Moosehaven, 1701 Park Ave., Orange Park - 10:00 a. m.- 4:00 p.m. - As the temperatures cool off, the chili heats up each November at the Moosehaven's Annual Chili Cook-off. Part of the Heart of the Community program, Moosehaven hosts cook teams from around the nation to compete in this International Chili Society (ICS) sanctioned event. Teams compete with their favorite recipes to win People's Choice and ICS awards, while enjoying a classic car show by Clay County Cruzers. With local craft vendors and a Kid Zone, there is something for everyone! There is a Community Breakfast starting at 7:30am for \$8 per person to kick off the day. Make sure to bring the whole family for the free, live entertainment featuring Nashville recording artists CHIRS LANE and JIMMIE ALLEN! It will be a fun day of music, craft vendors, a car show and some of the best chili around. No pets please.

10 – [SMS Molly Hatcher 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Benefit Concert](#), Thrasher-Horne Center, 7:30 p.m. - Come witness History in the making as the Multi-Platinum Homegrown Legends of [Official Molly Hatcher](#) bring it back home, to celebrate their 40th Anniversary, with this [St. Michael's Soldiers](#) Benefit Concert to Support our Troops. Joined by Special Guests Local Legend Southern Rock/Country Artist [Brett Myers](#) and [Second Shot Band](#). This evening of support for our troops, will be a non-stop Southern Rock evening of amazing music and history!

11 – [Veterans Day Ceremony](#) – Veterans Memorial in Magnolia Cemetery, 1040 Kingsley Ave., 2:00 p.m. – The Historical Society of Orange Park, in conjunction with the Town of Orange Park, will host the annual Veterans Day Ceremony. Parking is available at First Baptist Church Orange Park.

11 – [Clark House Park Open House Free Tours](#) – Carrie Clarke Park, 1039 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. - The Clarke House, built in 1912, is open for tours the second Sunday of each month. Please stop by for a visit. For more information, go to <http://www.historicclarkehouse.com/>

12 – Veterans Day Wreath Laying Ceremony at TAPS Monument – Historic Triangle, 915 Walnut Street, Green Cove Springs, 9:00 a.m.

12 – Veterans Day Ceremony – Keystone Heights Memorial Gardens Cemetery – 11:00 a.m.

16 – [Diavolo](#) - Thrasher-Horne Center, 7:30 p.m. - Diavolo | Architecture in Motion, fresh from its recent success as a top 10 finalists on NBC's America's Got Talent, Diavolo explores the relationship between the human body and its architectural environment, pushing the limits of performance by incorporating architectural structures, gymnastics and acrobatics into its work. Led by Artistic Director Jacques Heim, this audacious and innovative company, goes where no other company dares. Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

16 – [Green Cove Springs' Food Truck Friday](#) – Downtown Green Cove Springs at the corner of Magnolia Ave. and Walnut Street, 5:00 p.m. - Lots of tasty food and great music from some outstanding bands!! Bring your lawn chair, a cooler, & the kids! Enjoy dinner from one of the Food Trucks & enjoy the live music!

16 – 18 – Charlotte's Web - The Island Theater 1860 Town Hall Circle, Fleming Island, FL 32003, Friday and Saturday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. - The Classic Children's book brought to life on stage by our Next Generation Actors. For more information: [www.theislandtheater.com](http://www.theislandtheater.com).

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16-18 - [Dear Edwina, Jr.](#) - The Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Fleming Island, various show times - The Island Theater's Next Generation Actors put on such a great show – you won't realize it's the Junior version of this hilarious musical about kids putting on a talent show. Get your tickets at [www.theislandtheater.com](http://www.theislandtheater.com).

17 - [Historic Girl Scout Museum](#) – Camp Chowenwaw, 9:00 -11:00 a.m. – The Museum includes a synopsis of the founder of the Girl Scouts, Juliette Low, the history of Girl Scouting in Northeast Florida and the history of the park when it was a Girl Scout Camp from 1933 to 2005. Special Tours are available other dates and times by appointment. For more information about Camp Chowenwaw, visit [www.claycountygov.com/departments/parks-and-recreation/camp-chowenwaw-park/activities](http://www.claycountygov.com/departments/parks-and-recreation/camp-chowenwaw-park/activities)

17 - [Third Saturday](#) - 3rd Saturday Market in the Park is an opportunity to shop and meet local business owners, vendors and craftspeople while enjoying our beautiful, historic small town and park on the St John's River. Shop local, relax, and enjoy your Saturdays again! Every third Saturday from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Spring Park located at the corner of Walnut Street and Magnolia Avenue in Green Cove Springs. Free to the public.

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29 – December 2 - You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown - Event location (please include address): The Island Theater 1860 Town Hall Circle, Fleming Island, FL 32003, Thurs, Fri and Sat at 7:30, Sat and Sun at 2 pm. Sun at 6 pm - The Peanuts and Snoopy sing and dance their way through a musical. fFr more information: [www.theislandtheater.com](http://www.theislandtheater.com)

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1 – [Christmas on Walnut Street](#) - This day-long event rings in the holiday season starting with Green Cove Springs' annual Christmas Parade. See Walnut Street, City Hall and Spring Park decorated for Christmas, and enjoy food, craft, local business and civic organization booths as well as live entertainment and a visit from Santa at Spring Park. For more information, visit <http://www.greencovesprings.com/visitors/festivals/index.php>.

1 – 31 – [Parade of Trees](#) - Every December historic Spring Park is taken over by an arrangement of 150 decorated Christmas trees. The trees are first lit during Christmas on Walnut Street and are open to the public until Dec. 31. For more information, visit <http://www.greencovesprings.com/visitors/festivals/index.php>.

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4 – [Orange Park Lighting of Town Hall](#) – Orange Park Town Hall, 6:00 p.m. - Join us as we light up Town Hall Park for the Holiday season and have a reading of "It was the Night Before Christmas". (Santa does not attend this event.)

7 – [Voctave, An A Cappella Holiday](#) – Thrasher-Horne Center, 283 College Drive, Orange Park, 8:00 p.m. – [Voctave](#) is an 11-member a cappella group from the Central Florida area known for their gorgeous performances of Disney and Broadway hits. Members of Voctave have performed all over the world and can be heard on countless recordings. The group has performed with Grammy, Dove and American Music Award recipients including Sandi Patty, Pentatonix's Kirstin Maldonado, Mark Lowry, David Phelps & Jody McBrayer. The group has had multiple number one songs and albums on iTunes, Amazon and Spotify. The group has also ranked in the top 25 on Billboard Magazine's charts. Between Facebook and YouTube, the group has received more than 100 million views on their videos. Voctave currently has 4

albums that are digitally available on all platforms and look forward to recording many more videos and albums in the future.

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8 – Keystone Heights Christmas Parade – 6:00 p.m. – more details coming soon

8 - 9 – [Hometown Holiday in the Park](#) - Carrie Clarke Park, 1039 Kingsley Ave., Orange Park, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. - The Town of Orange Park and The Historical Society of Orange Park team up to bring you an old fashioned holiday celebration! This event features a shopping village, hay rides through our decorated trail of lights, live entertainment, Clarke House tours, photos with Santa and more! It may even snow! Admission and many activities are free! This event will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 6-9p.m. at Clarke House Park.

8 – 10 - Ultimate Christmas Show (Abridged) - The Island Theater 1860 Town Hall Circle, Fleming Island, FL 32003, Thurs, Fri, Sat at 7:30 p.m., Sun at 2:00 p.m. - A holiday comedy that combines all of Christmas into two hours. For more information: [www.theislandtheater.com](http://www.theislandtheater.com)

14 – [Storytime with Mr. & Mrs. Claus](#) – YUM! A Southern Market, 420 College Dr, Middleburg, FL 32068, 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – Kids, come in your pajamas and let Santa read you stories. The entire family is welcomed to enjoy hot cocoa and crafts for you to take home. [www.yumsouthernmarket.com](http://www.yumsouthernmarket.com)

14-16 - [The Ultimate Christmas Show \(Abridged\)](#) - The Island Theater, 1860 Town Hall Circle, Fleming Island, various show times - Everything you wanted to know about Christmas, the season and beyond performed by our cast of thousands...hundreds....twenty people....no, wait – three people. This comedy is one of the best ways to finish out your year. Get your tickets at [www.theislandtheater.com](http://www.theislandtheater.com)

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## **Upcoming 2019 Events**

### **January**

6 – Something Rotten – Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

11 – 27 – The Dixie Swim Club - (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays show times) For more information, go to [www.opct.info](http://www.opct.info)

18 – Landscape of Guitar: The Animated Painting Concert Experience

26 – Gold Head State Park’s Yesterday’s Festival

26 – Jim Belushi & The Board of Comedy - Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

### **February**

8 – Yesterday & Today - Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

23 - Scottish Games & Festival – For more information, visit [www.neflgames.com](http://www.neflgames.com).

### **March**

1 – The Beach Boys – Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

1 – 17 – One Toe in the Grave - (Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays show times) For more information, go to [www.opct.info](http://www.opct.info)

5 – Legally Blonde The Musical - Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

6 – The Very Hungry Caterpillar - Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

16 – The Sound of Music - Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

26 – Finding Neverland - Get your tickets at [www.thcenter.org/events](http://www.thcenter.org/events).

### **April**

4 – 13 – Clay County Agricultural Fair - For more information, visit [www.claycountyfair.org](http://www.claycountyfair.org).