



City of Green Cove Springs Special Event Application

Instructions: The information requested in this application will help staff approve your event and ensure adequate facilities are provided. Each section must be completed in its entirety. This application should be submitted to the Development Services Department a **minimum** of 30 days in advance for a minor event and 60 days in advance for a major event. Staff will determine whether the event is major or minor.

EVENT SUMMARY

Event Title	Community Care Day 2026		
Description	There will be providers of all disciplines offering free services (healthcare, social services, & vendors), giveaways for all ages, free, live entertainment, children's activities. Will need off duty police officers and barricades for safety and crowd control.		

Event	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Promotional Event	<input type="checkbox"/> Concert/Performance	<input type="checkbox"/> Festival
Purpose	<input type="checkbox"/> Fundraiser	<input type="checkbox"/> Parade/Procession/March	<input type="checkbox"/> Walk/Run
	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Market	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Community Gathering	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Health and Wellness Event
If other, please describe: To provide health and social service needs to individuals of all ages.			

Estimated Attendance Peak 1000 Average Per Day 700 Total 1000

Event Website No Website, use email for all correspondence
Email: CommunityCareDay26@yahoo.com

Date/Time

Day of Event: Saturday, June 6, 2025 2026 Set-Up: 7 - 9 AM PM
Start/End Time: 10 AM to 4:30 PM Breakdown: 5 AM PM

Location Provide the address and a general description of the venue and space to be utilized there.
Vera Francis Hall Park
1503 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR BOULEVARD, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

Area of Event Site (SqFt or Acres): 13 ACRES (567,780 SF)

APPLICANT

Host Organization (if any)

Name	Mt. Zion AME Church, GCS
Address	549 N. PALMETTO AVENUE, GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043
Phone Number	(904) 571-0601 (PERSONAL CELL)
Email	CommunityCareDay26@yahoo.com

Contact Person

Name	Lynn Jackson-Martinez, Chairperson
Address	525 WAKEMONT DRIVE, ORANGE PARK, FL 32065
Phone Number	(904) 571-0601 (PERSONAL CELL)
Email	CommunityCareDay26@yahoo.com

VENUE SPECIFICS

Please provide a **site sketch** for the venue which shows: (1) ingress and egress to the site, (2) any requested closure of public roads or public parking spaces, (3) designated event parking, (4) location of first aide, (5) location of garbage and recycling cans to be provided, (6) location of restrooms (on-site and portable, including those which are ADA accessible) and handwashing stations, (7) location of vendors, (8) location of entertainment, and (9) location of any other event infrastructure.

YES NO

Are you requesting the closure of any roads or public parking spaces in conjunction with this event? If yes, please provide details. We are requesting use of the park's parking lot for vendor setup, healthcare vans/buses/tents, ADA-accessible parking. A section near the main entrance on MLK Jr. Blvd. will be reserved for event overflow parking starting 7 AM (Setup). No full street closure needed. If required by the City, barricades may be placed at the park entrance to manage traffic during event (10AM-4:30PM)
NOTE: Road closures must be approved by City Council.

Are you requesting any aide from the City for this event (police presence, barricades for road closures, etc.)? If yes, please provide details. We are requesting the City assistance, including about 3 off-duty officers for security and crowd control, barricades of cones for park traffic and vendor areas, and support with parking signage, trash bins, and coordination of restrooms & utilities during the event.
NOTE: Assistance is subject to availability and staff approval; payment for services may be required. If approved, assistance will be coordinated by the applicant with the appropriate department.

Will there be any tents / canopies used as part of the event? If yes, please indicate how many and what size(s). We will have about 10-15 healthcare vans/buses (20'x30' SF) offering free services and around 10 tents or canopies (10'x10' to 20'x20') for vendors and activities. We will have 2-3 Bouncy Houses. All properly anchored and permitted as required by the City.
NOTE: All tents must be properly anchored. Tents may require additional review, associated fees, and permitting. Staff will help you determine if a tent permit is required.

SUBMISSION INFORMATION

Applications should be submitted to the Development Services Department. E-mail your completed application to planning@greencovesprings.com or mail / hand deliver your completed application to:

**City of Green Cove Springs
Development Services Department
321 Walnut Street
Green Cove Springs, FL 32043**

Minor events are decided by the Site Development Review Team (SDRT). Major events must be approved by City Council. After an initial approval of a major event, additional information may be required, as written in City Code Sec. 117-791 of the city code.

Upon approval by SDRT (and when necessary, City Council) and payment of fees, staff will issue an event permit.

FEES

Minor Event: \$50

Major Event: a. \$500.00 for the first 5,000 persons in attendance over the entire event.
b. \$100.00 for each additional 1,000 persons in attendance.

The applicant will pay the appropriate fee based on estimated total attendance but must provide attendance figures after the event to verify fees paid.

AFFIDAVIT OF APPLICANT

I certify that I am at least eighteen (18) years old, that I am empowered to execute this application on behalf of the host organization, and that the information on this application is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I agree to hold harmless, indemnify and defend the City of Green Cove Springs, its officers and employees from any liability costs and attorney fees, which may arise from the Special Event.

I understand that this Special Event application does not guarantee approval of my event or reservation of the event location. I understand that failure to provide information and/or failure to obtain permits by established deadlines will result in cancellation of such Special Event.

I agree to comply with all City ordinances and regulations in connection with this Special Event. I understand that the violation of any City ordinances and/or regulations during the event will result in immediate termination at the City's discretion and ineligibility for future Special Events.

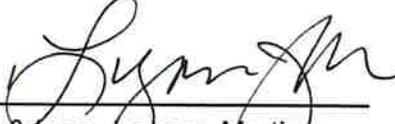
I understand it is my responsibility to (1) ensure all vendors are properly licensed with the appropriate authorities and (2) return the site to its original condition after the event. Food vending is subject to inspection by the Department of Business and Professional Regulations, Division of Hotels and Restaurants (DBPR). Event coordinators are responsible for notifying DBPR that they intend to conduct an event with food vendors. Call DBPR – (850) 487.1395 for details. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed as part of the event without the appropriate State and City approvals.

I understand temporary signs and banners are not allowed in the City Limits of Green Cove Springs unless in areas designated by the City Manager or for events which are City Sponsored. Signage otherwise would be limited to the duration of the event.

I agree to pay the City for any services required in staging this Special Event. I understand that a Final Permit authorizing the conduct of the event will not be issued until all permit fees are paid and all required information has been provided.

If the event is cancelled after receipt of the permit, I understand a refund is not guaranteed. Any changes in venue or event dates must be submitted to the Development Services Department to be routed for review; approval of changes is not guaranteed.

Applicant Signature



Rev. George L. Reed, Jr. & Lynn Jackson-Martinez

Applicant Printed Name

Rev. George L. Reed, Jr. & Lynn Jackson-Martinez

Applicant Title(if any)

Pastor of the Church / Chairperson

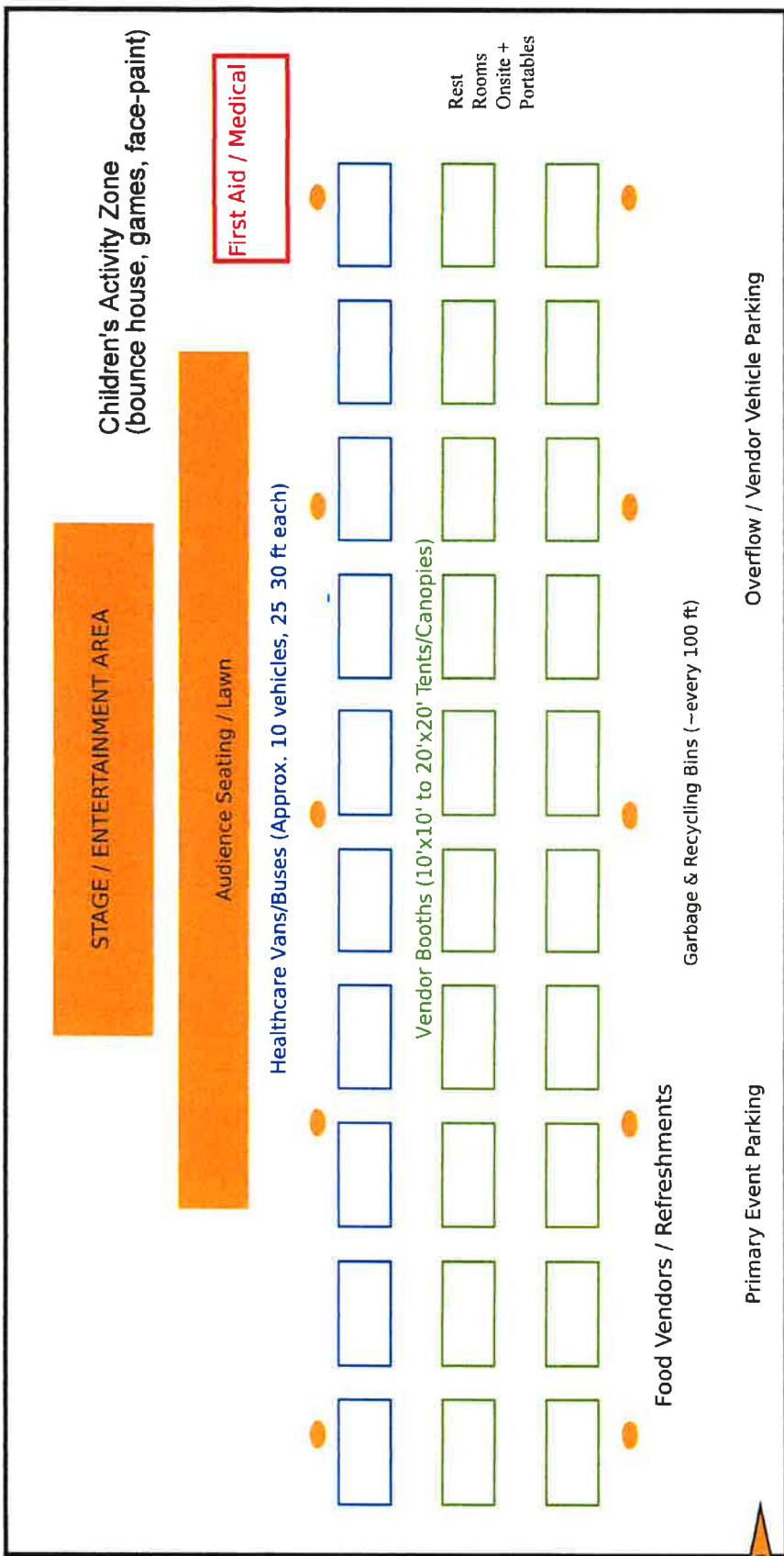
Date

11/03/2025

Community Care Day 2026 – Vendor & Vehicle Layout (Vera Francis Hall Park)

1503 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Green Cove Springs, FL • Saturday, June 6, 2026

VERA FRANCIS HALL PARK (Not to Scale)



INGRESS / EGRESS via MLK Jr Blvd

Legend: Blue = Vans/Busses • Green = Vendor Tents • Red = First Aid • : dotted = Food/Restrooms • -- dashed = Kids Zone • ○ = Bins

Not to scale. Layout is approximate and subject to City of Green Cove Springs approval.