

Board of County Commissioners

Nassau County, Florida



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COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

OneNassau is the result of a Joint Partnership between the Nassau County Department Health, Nassau County Emergency Management, and the Board of County Commissioners. OneNassau's mission is to help the community before, during and after disasters.

OneNassau has worked diligently to disseminate information related to COVID-19 to the residents of Nassau County. This includes daily updates on cases, as well coordinating vaccination events and scheduling appointments for individual vaccinations.

In the month of April, 63 Board of County Commissioner employees dedicated 424 manhours working at vaccination events.

As of April 30, 2021, a total of 33,784 vaccines had been administered. Of those, 5,343 had completed their first dose and 28,441 had completed both doses.

Vaccination Appointments for eligible groups can be made at www.onenassau.com. Information on vaccination locations can be found on the next page.

Health Department Provides COVID-19 Vaccines to County Employees

On Wednesday, April 28th, the Department of Health provided a closed POD (point of dispensing) for County employees to receive their COVID-19 vaccines.



COVID-19 VACCINATION LOCATIONS



Where to go for a COVID-19 vaccine in Nassau and Duval Counties

Nassau County

Go to www.onenassau.com/covid-19-vaccine-appointments and click on the appointment links to choose a date/time for an appointment at the Yulee Clinic, or call Nassau Emergency Management at (904) 548-0900. The Yulee Clinic is currently providing the Moderna vaccine only.

Duval County

Gateway Mall – 7AM to 7PM, daily
5200 Norwood Avenue
Jacksonville
No appointment necessary

Regency Square Mall – 9AM to 5PM, daily
9501 Arlington Expressway
Jacksonville
By appointment only..call 1-866-200-3762, or visit <https://myvaccine.fl.gov/>

The Legends Center – 9AM to 5 PM, daily
5130 Soutel Drive
Jacksonville
No appointment necessary

Edward Waters College - daily
James Weldon Johnson Building
1840 W. 9th Street
Jacksonville
Walk-ups welcome, or schedule an appointment at <https://commvax.patientportalfl.com/s>

Celebration Church – 9AM to 4:30 PM, Monday-Saturday
9555 R.G. Skinner Parkway
Jacksonville
Walk-ups accepted

*All people 16+ are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. (Under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.)
*All people 18+ are eligible for the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccines.

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COVID-19 VACCINATION LOCATIONS

Vaccines may also be available at the following locations:

Publix

www.publix.com/covid-vaccine/booknow

CVS

www.cvs.com/immunizations/covid-19-vaccine

Walgreens

www.walgreens.com/topic/findcare/coronavirus.jsp

Walmart

www.walmart.com/covidvaccine

Sam's Club

www.samsclub.com/pharmacy

Winn-Dixie

www.winndixie.com/pharmacy/covid-vaccine

	Pfizer	Moderna	Johnson & Johnson **	Supply Varies
Gateway Mall (Federal)	√		√	
Regency Square Mall (State)	√			
Edward Waters College		√		
Legends Center	√			
Celebration Church	√			
Publix				√
CVS				√
Walgreens				√
Walmart				√
Sam's Club				√
Winn-Dixie				√
Hospitals/Doctor's Offices				√

** As of April 23, 2021, the FDA and CDC have resumed the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine. Women who are younger than 50 years old should be aware that there is a rare risk of blood clots with low platelets after vaccination. For more information, visit

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/JJUpdate.html#symptoms-list-question>.

The COVID-19 Vaccine Screening and Consent Form (English and Spanish) and Pfizer, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccine fact sheets can be downloaded and printed from the Nassau County Emergency Management web site, <https://www.onenassau.com/covid-19-vaccine-appointments/>.

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American Beach Master Plan

Since 2018, the Department of Planning & Economic Opportunity has been working with the American Beach community on development of an American Beach Master Plan in an effort to preserve the area's unique character. The most recent meeting was held on Saturday, April 10th.

The event included a presentation by Ennis Davis who discussed the past, present and future of American Beach. Dr. David Barth and Carlos Perez also spoke about the future of American Beach and preserving its unique heritage and culture.

Individuals in attendance visited "Open House Stations" where they were actively able to participate in crafting the future of American Beach. Examples included a Visual Preference Survey where residents were asked to select photos that best represented their vision for the area including:

- historical and cultural sites;
- parks;
- streets and sidewalks;
- trails;
- beaches;
- public art;
- agriculture

Attendees then went on a walking tour and discussed sites in the community and how they would like those sites to look in the future.



Employees Recognized for Years of Service



At the April 21st meeting, the Board recognized Fire Rescue Lt. Glenn Harper on 20 years of service to the County. Fire Rescue's Administrative Coordinator, Constance Holmes, is also celebrating 20 years of service, however she was unable to attend the meeting.

Congratulations to both employees on their achievement of 20 years! We appreciate them and everything they do for the Nassau County.

Left to Right: County Manager, Taco Pope; Lt. Glenn Harper; and Chief Brady Rigdon

Community Outreach

County Manager, Taco Pope, did presentations to three (3) different Rotary groups in the month of April.

Each presentation begin with him introducing the new Assistant County Manager, Marshall Eyerman. Then, Mr. Pope encouraged those in attendance to ask questions about the topics they wanted to learn more about. Topics included growth, parks, capital planning, financial planning, strategic planning and more!

If you have a special interest group and would like to invite the County Manager to speak, reach out to the County Manager's Office at (904) 530-6010, Option 1.



Greater Nassau Rotary April 13th



Fernandina Beach Rotary Apr. 14th

Board of County Commissioners

Getting to Know Jay Robertson



As announced in the March newsletter, the County's new Parks & Recreation Director, Jay Robertson, began his employment with the County on March 15, 2021.

Jay has resided in Nassau County since 1990 when his family relocated here from New Hampshire when he was just 12 years old. He has been working in local government for 21 years, providing programs and special events for the community. He has been married for just over 17 years and has an 11 year-old son who attends elementary school in Fernandina Beach.

We asked Jay to answer a few questions so we can all get to know him better. Here's what he had to say:

Why did you want to work for Nassau County?

I wanted to work for Nassau County so I can provide quality recreational opportunities to my hometown and hopefully provide a better quality of life for the residents.

What are you most excited about for your new position?

The most exciting thing about this position is basically being able to develop a park system that the community will notice and be proud of.

What is the hardest part of your job?

Just getting acclimated to a new set of policies and procedures. The job itself comes naturally, but learning the nuances of a new Government entity can be challenging.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to play pickleball, cook barbeque, spend time with my family and watch almost any sporting event that's available.

What is your proudest moment in life?

Personally, it's easily the birth of my son. He is an absolute blessing and it has been an honor to watch him grow into a young man. Professionally, it would be obtaining my Certified Parks & Recreation Executive Certification. This credential is obtained through the National Recreation and Parks Association and is the highest nationally recognized professional credential in our field.

Tell something about yourself that would surprise most people.

At one point in my life, I could dunk a basketball! It is almost impossible to believe looking at me now (being 5'9 and carrying an extra 50+ lbs), but in my early college years, I was surprisingly nimble.

Proclamations for May

May 9 Through May 15 Declared as National Police Week



At the April 26th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-53, proclaiming the week of May 9 through May 15 as National Police Week in Nassau County, and proclaiming May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day.

Nassau County Sheriff, Bill Leeper, Nassau County Emergency Management Director, Greg Foster, and the City of Fernandina Beach Police Chief, Jim Hurley, were all in attendance for the reading of the Resolution. Sheriff Leeper thanked the Commission for their support.

Chief Hurley also thanked the Commission for the recognition and happily accepted the Proclamation on behalf of his department.

Note: Chief Hurley retired from his position as Police Chief on Friday, April 30th after 15 years of exemplary service to the community. We wish him many years of health and happiness as he enters into the next phase of his life.

May 16-May 22 Declared Emergency Medical Services Week

At the Monday, May 10, 2021 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved Resolution No. 2021-063 proclaiming the week of May 16 through May 22, 2021 as Emergency Medical Services Week in Nassau County. Both Nassau County Fire Rescue and the City of Fernandina Beach Fire Department were in attendance at the meeting to accept the Resolution on behalf of their departments.

EMS Week is celebrated nationally to recognize the vital public service provided by emergency medical professionals who work tirelessly to keep residents safe. This includes first responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency room nurses, emergency physicians and other out of hospital medical care providers.



May 16-May 22 Declared National Public Works Week



At the Monday, May 10, 2021 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-061, proclaiming the week of May 16th - May 22nd as National Public Works Week in Nassau County, Florida.

Public Works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, quality of life, and well-being of the people in Nassau County.

Public Works includes construction and maintenance of roads, landfill maintenance, garbage collection, access to public facilities, availability of public water and sewer, construction of sidewalks, and more!

Office of Management & Budget



Budget Division

The Budget Division was busy reviewing department requests for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. This includes an in-depth review of what was submitted by each department, followed by in-person meetings to discuss changes and recommendations with the resulting changes made in the County's financial system by OMB staff.

Welcome Ben Turnmire

The Office of Management & Budget welcomed a new Assistant Director, Ben Turnmire, in April.

Ben has a Bachelors in Political Science and a Masters in Public Administration, both from Appalachian State University. He has 5 years of experience working in the public sector including Town Manager for the Town of Rhodhiss, NC, Finance Director for the Town of Waynesville, NC, and most recently, Deputy Finance Director for the City of St. Augustine, FL.

In his free time, Ben enjoys hiking and waterfall jumping. He also loves National Parks and has made it his mission to visit all of them. So far, he's visited 13 out of 63.

Welcome Ben!



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To view all OMB activities for April 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/165/Office-of-Management-Budget>

Grants Division

The Grants Division completed the annual Local Housing Assistance Plan, as required by the Florida Housing Corporation to administer the SHIP Program for down payment/closing costs assistance and rehabilitation assistance for individuals in need. Additionally, 4 rehabilitation projects were advertised for bid.

The Grants/SHIP division also completed desk monitoring which is similar to an audit for the SHIP and Coronavirus Relief Fund Programs for rent and mortgage assistance. The monitoring was completed with no observations found. (meaning that the audit was passed)

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Procurement Division

The Procurement Division has been busy working to expand use of software to facilitate procurement and invoicing process to create efficiencies throughout the County. The division has also been looking at the possibility of offering e-bid alternatives that will provide more functionality for online bids and maximize transparency of the information.

Lastly, the department sent out 4 formal solicitations for bids and/or quotes. There are currently 12 more in process to be advertised in the near future.

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Technical Services Division

In April, the County's Technical Services Division completed installation of a new software for the Library System called Polaris. This system allows the library to streamline workflows and improve patron services.



Technology Tip:

When conducting a multiple word search, try surrounding the text in quotes to get the most out of your Google search. For example, if you're searching for Samsung phone covers, try typing "Samsung Phone Covers". This will provide you with very specific results and will filter out irrelevant articles about Samsung phones.

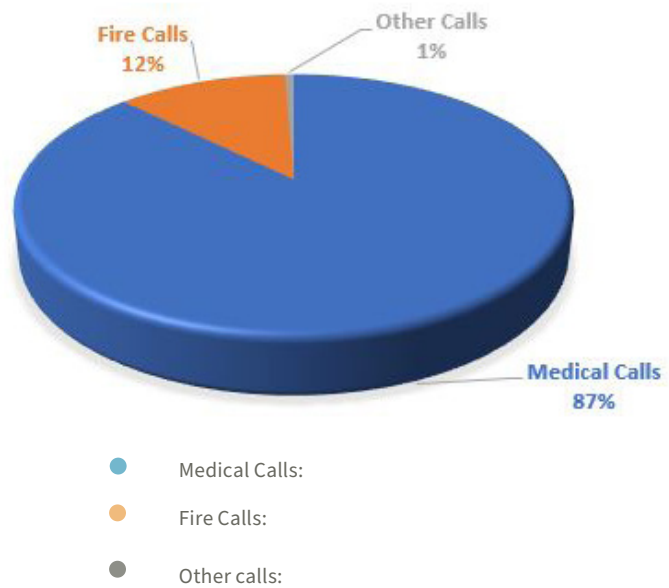
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Fire Rescue

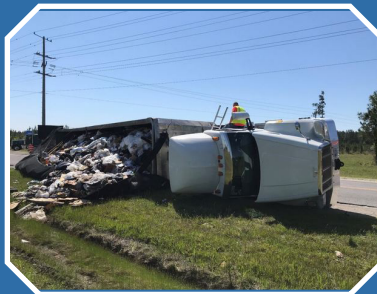
Station 71 Update

The contractor is putting the final touches on the facility with hopes to have a final walk through later this month. Stay tuned for an announcement about a Ribbon Cutting Event in mid-late June.

APRIL CALLS FOR SERVICE



On April 5th, a semi truck flipped over right in front of Station 90. Emergency personnel at Station 90 responded. Fortunately, there were no injuries but the crew, led by Lt. Rob Patton, did a great job helping the driver out of the vehicle and evaluating him.



Commissioner Martin happened to be touring the station when this occurred so he got to see the professionalism of the staff first-hand.



Resident Connie Darby stopped by Station 70 to deliver dinner to emergency personnel on duty in remembrance of the 5 year anniversary of them saving her life from a horrific car accident.

She's pictured above with Lt. Sean Watts who happens to be one of the individuals working the day of her accident.

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To view all Fire Rescue activities for April 2021, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/122/Fire-Rescue>

Animal Care & Control

April Activities

	Dogs	Cats
Total In	85	115
Total Out	84	105

Meet Fluffy



The original grumpy cat in search of her Spinster. She is a 13 year-old female who lost her home due to an animal cruelty case. She likes occasional scratches on her back and living life on her terms.

Stop by and meet Fluffy today. She probably won't care if you visit or not but we're certain she will appreciate a new home with a person ready to meet her every demand.

Summer Safety Tips for Your Pets

Summer Pet Safety
American Safety Council

NO HOT CARS!

A CAR'S TEMPERATURE WILL INCREASE 40 DEGREES IN AN HOUR

80% OF THIS INCREASE OCCURS IN THE FIRST 30 MINUTES

How Hot Will It Get?

Outside Temp (F)	Inside Temp (F) 10 min.	Inside Temp (F) 30 min.
70°	89°	104°
75°	94°	109°
80°	99°	114°
85°	104°	119°
90°	109°	124°
95°	114°	129°

FACTS

- Dog bites increase in summer months.
- Pets are more likely to get lost in summer months.
- Fleas thrive in warmer weather.
- Pets can get sunburned too!

May Adoption Events:

May 8th
Petco, 463713 SR 200, Yulee

May 15th
Gimme 2 Seconds Biker Awareness Event
11430 New Berlin Rd., Jacksonville

May 22nd
PetSense, 2603 Osborne Rd., Unit Z, St. Marys, GA

May 29th
Pet Supply Plus, 6500 GA Highway 40 East, St. Marys, GA

Contact:

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To view all Animal Services activities for April 2021, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services>

Library

April Highlights

The Library opened its first seed library at the Yulee Branch on April 1st and has already been a great success. 60 seed packets were picked up during the month.

The seed library is a self-sustaining program.

Gardeners can:

- Borrow seeds from the library
- Grow the plants
- Harvest the seeds at the end of the season
- Return some of the new seeds to the Library

Choose from vegetable seeds, herbs and flower packets.

No Library card is necessary to participate and all ages are welcome.

Yulee Library Location: FSCJ Campus, 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee, FL

Yulee Branch Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8am-5pm; Friday, 8am-noon. Closed Saturday and Sunday.



NASSAU GROWS Seed Library

The NASSAU GROWS SEED LIBRARY is open!

- Offering the vegetable and flower seeds that are recommended to plant each month.
- Suitable for garden plots, small spaces and containers.
- No library card necessary to participate.
- All ages are welcome!

sponsored by
Ace Hagan Hardware
Burpee Seed Company
Friends of the Yulee Library

BORROW → **GROW** → **RETURN**

Come visit the seed library at the Yulee Library and take up to 5 seed packets per month.

The Yulee Library is on the FSCJ Campus at 76346 William Burgess Blvd., Yulee, FL 32097
Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (closed 12:30 - 1:00) Fri. 8:00am - 12:00 pm

VIRTUAL EVENT: VEGETABLE GARDENING FROM SEEDS

The Library hosted a virtual event “Vegetable Gardening From Seeds” on April 1, 2021. The event was led by the Yulee Branch Librarian, Jule Cannavino, Beth Marlowe, Urban Garden Coordinator for the Duval Extension Office. Participants received information on:

- What a seed is and what it needs
 - Which seeds to sow directly into the garden and how
- Key environmental factors that affect seed starting success
- How to use the info you’ve learn to plant your own seeds

If you missed it, don’t worry! The presentation was recorded and can be found here:

<https://studio.youtube.com/video/lq49nKdiG2Q/edit>



Thank You

to WestRock for donating \$500 to the Friends of the Fernandina Library. The funds were used to purchase 4 launchpads containing learning apps, storybooks and videos.

Upcoming Events



“Just Above Water: Florida Folk Art” will be on display at the Fernandina Library from May 1st -Oct. 30th.

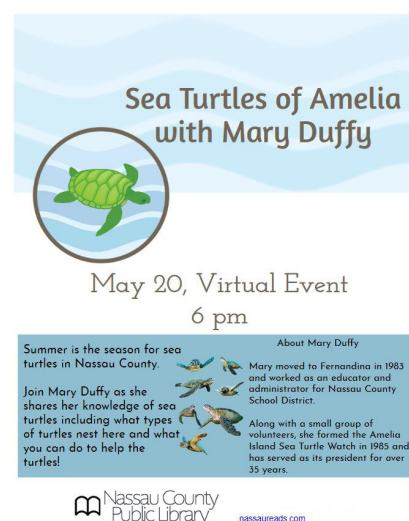
This exciting traveling art exhibit comes from the Museum of History in Tallahassee and includes a varied collection of objects made from materials such as textile, metal and wood. All have been recognized by the Florida Folk Heritage Award.

Join Mary Duffy of the Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch as she shares her knowledge of sea turtles including the types of nests here in Nassau County, as well as things you can do to help the turtles.

Virtual Event:

May 20th at 6pm

Meeting link can be located on the Library's website at www.nassaureads.com.



Join author Kristine F. Anderson as she speaks about her novel chronicling the story of a young man from boyhood to manhood.

Author Talk:

Thursday, May 27th

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Fernandina Beach Library Branch

Seating is limited. RSVP at (904) 530-6500

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To view all Library activities for the month of April 2021, please visit the Library's website at www.nassaureads.com/news.

Public Works

The Road Department, Facilities Department/Parks & Recreation, and Solid Waste Department all fall under the umbrella of Public Works.

Road Department

April 2021 Activities

	Work Orders Completed	157
	Ditches Cleaned	17,775 LSF
	Storm Drains Cleaned	1,660 LSF
	Dirt Roads Graded	360 miles

Work Order Highlights for April

Culvert Repairs

- Staff completed 5 work order for various driveway repairs. (39 man-hours)

Paved Road Maintenance

- Completed 23 work orders for various maintenance (141 man-hours)
- Completed 18 work orders for pothole repairs (68 man-hours)
- Completed 6 work orders for shoulder repairs (48 man-hours)
- Completed 7 work orders for tree/debris removal (72 man-hours)

Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Staff completed a work order on Thomas Creek Rd. which entailed digging 5,600 linear feet of ditches. (266 man-hours)
- Completed work order on Deleene Rd. (335 man-hours)
- Staff completed 9 additional work orders digging ditches around the County. (685 man-hours)

Outfall Ditch Maintenance

- Staff completed 1 work order for outfall ditch cleaning (185 man-hours)

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Staff completed 4 work orders for storm drain cleaning utilizing the vaccum truck (44 man-hours)

Dirt Road Maintenance

- Completed a work order on Wrights Dairy Rd. (89 workhours)
- Completed 3 work orders for dirt road maintenance (43 man-hours)

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To view all Road Department activities for April 2021, please visit: <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/197/Road-Department>

Will Hardee Storm Drain Repair Project Complete



Public Works has been working on an underground storm drain system repair since early February which included removing and replacing the existing failing metal culverts; removal and replacement of approximately 1,000 linear feet of sidewalk; removal and reset of the concrete drainage inlet; repair of damaged structures; dressing the area to promote proper drainage; and sod for the disturbed areas.

Assisting With New County Extension Site



The County is in the early stages of constructing a new County Extension Site on Miner Rd. in Yulee.

In April, the Road Department assisted in preparation of the site by staking and surveying the site work; constructing and grading the building pad; constructing a dry point; and constructing the parking lot sub-grade.



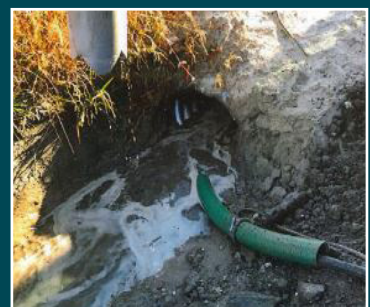
Culvert Repairs



Ditch Cleaning



Storm Drain Cleaning



Public Works

Westside Regional Park Update

The consultant, Prosser, Inc., worked to prepare three conceptual plans for the Westside Regional Park. These plans were designed based on input from the public gathered from surveys and community meetings, along with input from professional staff.

The plans are expected to be presented to the Board of County Commissioners in late May, along with a staff recommendation. Once the conceptual plan has been confirmed, the project will move into the engineering phase with an anticipated timeline to begin construction on Phase One in early 2022.

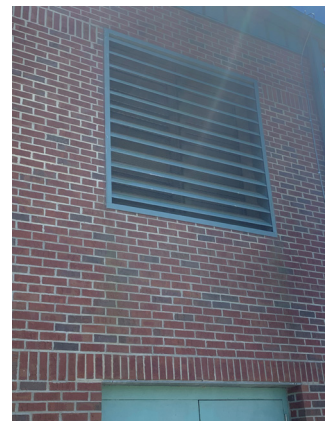
Project Highlights



Concrete pillars were poured for new lights at the Yulee Sports Complex outdoor basketball court area. When finished, this will provide additional space for the leagues to practice in the evenings (outside of the gym) and will allow for extended use by the general public.



Fire Station 90 has received new floors



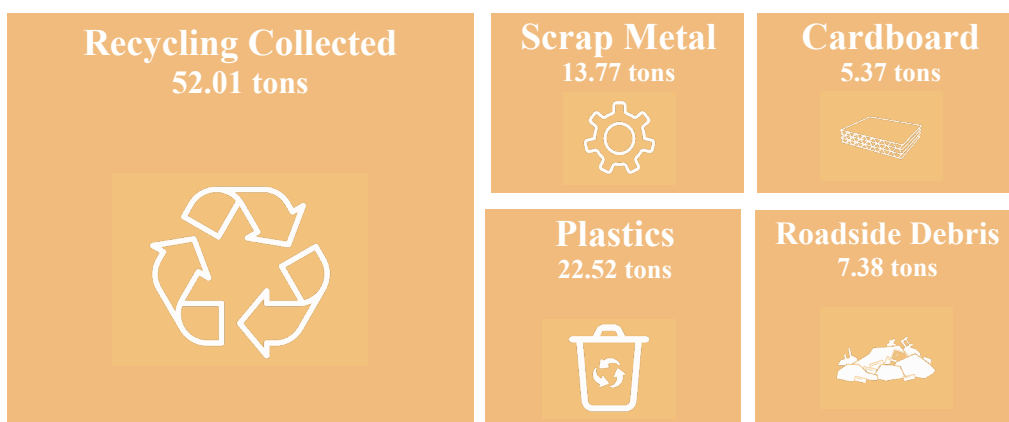
The louvers at the jail were not functioning properly so new ones were installed to improve air quality and ensure proper air flow

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To view all Facilities/Parks & Rec activities for April 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/73/Facilities-Maintenance>

Solid Waste



Other Solid Waste Activities for April 2021



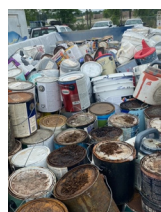
Tire Waste Amnesty Day

The Annual Tire Waste Amnesty Day was held on Saturday, April 10th. 640 tires were collected in less than 2 hours! As a reminder, Nassau County residents can dispose of up to 4 tires per year at no-charge at the Convenience & Recycling Center located at 46026 Landfill Rd. in Callahan.

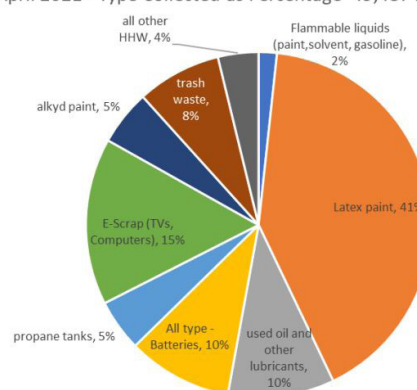


Hazardous Waste Recycling Event

The bi-annual Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event was held on Saturday, April 17th. Over a 4 hour period, 352 vehicles delivered 49,487 lbs. of material to be recycled. Included here is a pie chart showing a breakdown of the most common materials collected.



April 2021 - Type Collected as Percentage 49,487 lb./24.7 tons



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To view all Solid Waste activities for April 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/228/Solid-Waste>

Engineering Services

Transportation Project Highlights

County Road 108 Safety

Improvements: Construction expected to begin Summer 2021.

County Road 115 Widening & Resurfacing:

Completion planned for May 2021. Final punchlist repairs are underway.

Crawford Road Construction:

Construction began November 2020.

Henry Smith Road Improvements:

Anticipated construction to begin summer of 2021.

Pratt Siding Road Improvements:

Plans 90% complete. Construction to begin Winter 21/22.

Pages Dairy Road Widening:

Construction began January 2021. JEA Watermain installation currently underway.

Note:

A full list of transportation projects can be located on Engineering's website. Other projects include: Amelia Island Parkway Trail, Citrona Drive Safety Improvements, Pages Dairy/Chester Rd. Intersection Improvements, River Rd. Safety Improvements, William Burgess Extension, and the William Burgess & Harts Rd. Roundabout Project.

April Activities

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	159
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	225
Utility Permits Issued:	5
Building Permits Reviewed:	230
Borrow Pit Permits:	2
Drainage Concerns Logged:	19
DRC Pre-Applications Reviewed:	7
Site Engineering Plan Reviewed:	25
Variance Requests Reviewed:	6

Development Review

Commerical Properties presented for development review included a fast-food restaurant, a medical complex, a concrete mix facility, a car wash, a church site expansion, an assisted living facility, a small manufacturing facility, and a gas station expansion.

Stormwater & Drainage Efforts

Thomas Creek: Steady State Existing Conditions completed. Anticipated completion of study is expected to be complete in the Fall of 2021.

Spring Lakes Estates: Design work 100% complete. Final round of revisions in progress.

A Drainage Study is currently underway for the **Clements Road** area. Staff is also working on obtaining a Work Authorization for a drainage study near Glen Laurel Subdivision. The studies will reveal improvements needed to improve

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To view all Engineering activities for April 2021, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/117/Engineering-Services>

Building Department

April 2021 Activities

Permits	# Issued
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	403
Mobile Home & Modular Home	16
Electrical	307
Mechanical	305
Plumbing	362
TOTAL	1,393

Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	10
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	85
Inspections Performed	3,120

Unsafe Structures



Information on active commercial and residential projects can be located on the Building Department's webpage.

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To view all Building Department activities for the April 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/136/Building-Department>

Planning & Economic Opportunity

Community Outreach



Doug McDowell,
Senior Planner

Planning had a booth at Railroad Days so they could share information with County residents about current projects. They also provided floodplain information in preparation of the upcoming hurricane season.



Naomi Braff,
Planner II

State Road 200 Corridor Plan



The Planning Department is reaching the end of a two-year analysis of existing conditions, public outreach, and review of best practices and is excited to be moving forward with finalization of the State Road 200 Corridor Plan which will put in place a wide range of development and design standards. These standards will shape the look and function of the corridor over time into a more livable, walkable, and interesting place to live, work and play. Stay tuned for additional details to come!

April Development Review

Pre-application Reviews

- 4 commercial plans
- 2 subdivision plan
- 1 subdivision re-plat

DRC Approvals

- 3 commercial plans
- 2 subdivision plans
- 1 subdivision re-plats

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To view all Planning Department activities for the month of April 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/107/Planning-Economic-Opportunity>

Code Enforcement

Success Story

In March 2021, Code Enforcement received a complaint about a property being in violation of Ordinance No. 2015-10, Section 6.01(3), General Nuisance Affecting Public Health.

Upon an inspection by Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Bostick, it was determined that this was rental property. The property management company stated that the tenant had moved and placed items by the road thinking the garbage company would pick them up. They also stated that they would clean the items up.

At the beginning of April 2021, Code Enforcement received notification that all the debris was removed from the property. Officer Bostick did a follow-up inspection and determined that the property was in compliance and is no longer a health or safety hazard for Nassau County residents.



April Activities

Complaints Received	125
Initial Inspections*	145
Cases Complied	96
Presented to Code Board	2
Lien Research Requests	122

* depicts cases reported at end of March but not inspected until beginning of April

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County Extension

Educational Programs/Activities

April 2021

Total programs/activities	73
Total participants	585
Total educational publications	18
Total reach through educational publications	15,501
Return on investment	\$25,031

Family & Consumer Sciences

- Awarded \$2,000 UF/IFAS Family and Nutrition Program Grant
- Participated in UF/IFAS Northeast District Extension Director Meeting
- Provided planning and coordination of Miner Rd. Extension Facility
- Assisted with Extension Director interviews

Success Story

Local Family & Consumer Services Agent, Meg McAlpine, assisted a local resident with their 2020 income tax return, as part of the department's income tax assistance program. While assisting her, it was discovered that she was eligible for an additional \$50,000 in Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption because she is over the age of 65 and her annual income is less than \$31,000. The resident also saved \$250 utilizing this free tax services vs. hiring a firm to do it for her.

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4-H Positive Youth Development

- Kelsey Irvine received 3 State Awards: Outstanding Young Professional; Program of Excellence; and Excellence in Animal Science
- Facilitated post-embrology chick adoptions
- Received specialty training from UF Horse Team on Horse Show Points software system management
- Ted Karsch received State Award for Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development
- Taught Youth Leadership Nassau class about environmental science and human dimensions of ecology/conservation

Success Story

The State Award for Citizenship in 4-H Youth Development was awarded for the Youth Leadership Nassau Program to recognize staff in their efforts to develop and conduct programs for youth. 25 high school students graduated from the YLN Class of 2021. The students persevered through the COVID-19 pandemic by transitioning to an online format for meetings and learning.



We are excited to announce that the County Extension Office will be hosting 4-H Adventure Camps this summer! This virtual summer program will navigate through healthy living, leadership and science based programs through an array of fun and educational adventures.

Each 4-H adventure has been designed by 4-H agents and specialists from around the State. Some involve regular scheduled meetings while others can be completed at the participant's own pace.

For detailed information about each program, as well as information on how to register, visit <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-nassau-county-4-h-summer-day-camps-tickets-152000921849?fbclid=IwAR1-5n2ZINTaoHaRlcY4zQFuK3SUiiAW8Q5RoP3wJUgjhix6KtqXHoWgHPQ>.

Natural Resources and Agriculture

- Received \$24,000 Grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Coast Partnership for its Plastic-Free Restoration of Oyster Substrates Program
- Justina Dacey presented at the Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals National Conference regarding "Engaging Communities Using a Demonstration Living Shoreline and Citizen Science"
- Attended UF/IFAS Artificial Intelligence Extension Education Team Meeting
- Facilitated Northeast Florida Master Naturalist Friends Group Meeting

Human Resources

2nd Quarter Wellness Challenge

The 2nd Quarter Wellness Challenge “Go With Your Gut” will teach employees about lifestyle factors that impact gut health. In preparation of the challenge, HR staff visited Traders Hill Farm in Hilliard, to learn more about their processes and what they grow. While visiting, staff was able to learn about aquaponics and how this is used to grow high quality food year-round. As part of this challenge, a few lucky employees will receive a Traders Hill Farm “Fresh Veggiebox” that includes locally sourced fruits and vegetables.

Eating locally sourced fresh fruits and vegetables is one important part of keeping a healthy gut.



Employee Services

New Hires:	7
Terminations/Retirements	10
Positions Posted:	11

Employee Benefits

Benefit Enrollments:	13
Benefit Terminations:	15
Benefit Changes:	11

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Public Information Office

April activities included:

- Published Monthly County newsletter (March edition)
- Released “Proudly Serving Nassau” Video featuring Mike Favors, Code Enforcement Officer
- Managed Coronavirus information on official County webpage. Kept current with all local and State Executive Orders and Resolutions for local State of Emergency
- Established new “County Corner” - Weekly Newspaper Ad
- Shelter Visit for upcoming Animal Services Video
- Resident interviews for Fire Rescue Impact Video
- Attended Passport Day at Fernandina Library
- Attended American Beach Community Event
- Attended Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event
- 54 Stories posted to The County Insider
- 54 FaceBook posts reaching 70,058 people
- Tweets:54
- Press Releases Issued: 1
- Resolutions Written: 2

Social Media Followers as of April 30, 2021

FaceBook followers: 8,513

Twitter Followers: 198

YouTube Followers: 63

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https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPcL9uy37-oy_iX1ka_fw8Q

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Visit our news blog, **The County Insider**, for up-to-date information related to the County including, but not limited to, road closures, COVID-19 vaccination updates, special events and programs, project updates, County awards, meeting information, and more!

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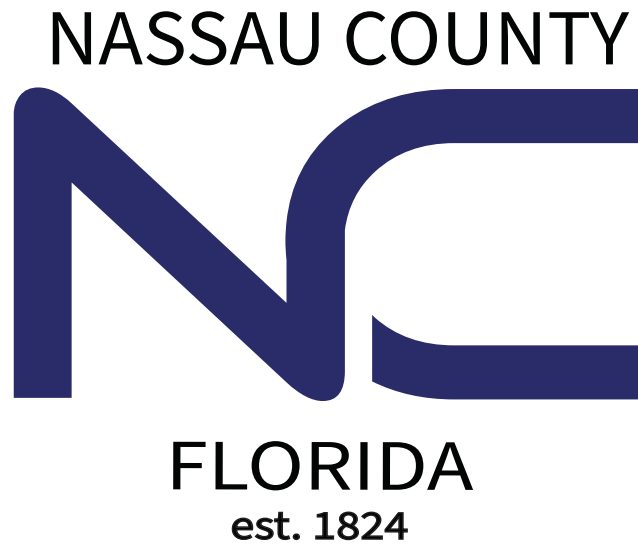
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