

Board of County Commissioners

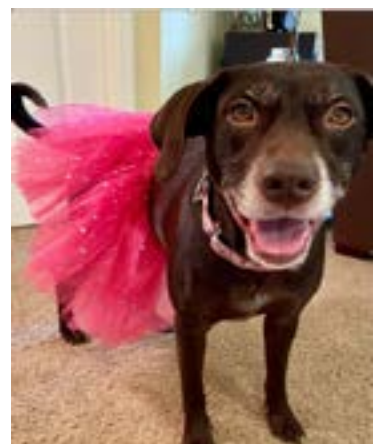
Nassau County, Florida



Station 71 Complete

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COVID-19 Vaccination Efforts

As of May 31, 2021, a total of 36,453 vaccines had been administered in Nassau County. Of those, 3,943 had completed their first dose and 32,510 had completed both doses.

Walk-In Wednesdays

Anyone wanting a COVID-19 Vaccine can visit the Yulee Health Department on Wednesdays. Clinic hours are 8:15am to 11:15am and 1:15pm to 4:15 pm.

Location: 86014 Pages Dairy Rd., Yulee, FL 32097

OneNassau is the result of a Joint Partnership between the Nassau County Department of 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.

While the County is no longer coordinating large vaccination events, Emergency Management and the Health Department will continue to provide information on COVID-19 Vaccination Sites on the www.OneNassau.com website. They will also continue to provide COVID-19 testing.

United Way Campaign

The Board of County Commissioners just wrapped up their 2020-2021 United Way Campaign.

We are pleased to report that Board employees pledged \$4,841 this year!

The United Way of Northeast Florida is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services to help residents build and maintain a good quality of life through education, income and health.

A few local non-profit organizations funded by the United Way of Northeast Florida include:

Barnabas Center, Inc.
Salvation Army
Episcopal Children's Services
Boys & Girls Club
ARC Nassau
Salvation Army
Council on Aging
Community Hospice

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CLAM Committee Members Appointed



In January 2021, the Board approved the Conservation Land Acquisition and Management (CLAM) program which will guide the County in identifying, ranking and assessing conservation lands for acquisition and management.

The acquisition of conservation land requires skills and oversight not typical to the usual committee so the County solicited applications for volunteers to serve on the CLAM Committee.

Solicitation for members was open from February 19 through March 26. The County received 14 applications meeting the minimum skills, expertise and demonstratable

experience that relate to the acquisition of conservation lands, either in:

- Natural resource management and biology
- Agriculture and forestry
- Community planning
- Environmental engineering or civil engineering where their work has been in stormwater or green infrastructure projects; or
- Environmental regulations, land use law, or commercial real estate in so far that it has dealt in vacant, rural lands

At the May 24th meeting, the Board approved five (5) CLAM appointments as follows:

Applicant Name	Term
Brandy Carvalho	2021-2025
Bill Korn	2021-2025
Bill Watson	2021-2025
Chris Hill	2021-2023
Leonard Wood	2021-2023

Code Enforcement Appreciation Week



Left to right: Chairman Thomas Ford; Administrative Coordinator, Janet Wylie; Code Enforcement Officer, Mike Favors; Code Enforcement Officer, Michael Westerman; and Code Enforcement Officer, Robert Bostick

The Board approved Resolution No. 2021-087 proclaiming the week of June 7 through June 11, 2021 as Code Enforcement Appreciation Week.

Code Enforcement Officers provide for the safety, health, and welfare of the citizens in this community through the enforcement of building, zoning, housing, animal control, fire safety, environmental and other codes, and ordinances.

Often, their efforts go unnoticed, however Nassau County's Code Enforcement Officers work hard for compliance to keep our community clean and safe! They are dedicated, well trained, and highly responsible individuals who take their jobs seriously and are proud of their department and the local government within which they serve.

Dr. Eugenia Ngo-Seidel Retires

At the Monday, May 10th meeting, the Board recognized Dr. Eugenia Ngo-Seidel on her retirement after 30 years of service as Health Director for the Nassau County Department of Health. Her last day was Friday, May 14th. She will be greatly missed but we wish her many years of health and happiness!



Chairman Thomas Ford; Dr. Seidel

Celebrating Medical Services Week

Last month, we announced that May 16-May 22 was designated as Emergency Medical Services Week. To celebrate, Public Information Officer, Sabrina Robertson, released a video commending Nassau County Fire Rescue for their service and dedication.

The video included testimonials from two Nassau County residents who have received outstanding care from Nassau County Fire Rescue.

The video can be located on the County's YouTube Channel at the following link: <https://youtu.be/J7kCnfvkM9A>



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Board Approves Nassau Prosperity Plan



At the May 24th meeting, the Board approved the Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan which will serve as a guide in utilizing American Rescue Funds from the Federal Government.

The American Rescue Plan (ARP) is a \$1.9 trillion initiative signed into law by President Biden in March 2021, aimed at combating the COVID-19 pandemic and helping economies recover from its economic impact. This is separate from the previous Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding which provided \$2.2 trillion of economic relief and

stimulus for businesses, individuals, federal agencies, and state and local governments, including a \$150 billion Coronavirus Relief Fund for state and local governments, to help offset necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

Unlike the CARES program which allocated all funds to the County for distribution to municipalities and partner agencies, ARP Funding will be allocated to the County, the City of Fernandina and the Towns of Hilliard and Callahan directly. Below is a chart showing the anticipated direct allocations based on a per capita and per square mile basis.

Jurisdiction	ARP Funding	Population (2019)	Per Capita	Square Miles	Per Sq Mile
Nassau County	\$17,188,273	88,615	\$194*	726.0	\$23,675
Town of Callahan	\$ 571,502	1,424	\$401	1.4	\$408,216
City of Fernandina Beach	\$5,533,906	12,364	\$448	12.1	\$455,841
Town of Hilliard	\$1,371,185	3,189	\$430	5.5	\$248,854

American Rescue Fund Plan Direct Allocations

The Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan is an opportunity to leverage federal dollars to propel the greater community forward by expanding and diversifying our local economy, creating a more resilient economic ecosystem, facilitating equitable opportunity for wealth creation, and creating lasting public-value.

The Nassau County Prosperity Plan has been constructed around five overarching priorities which are interrelated and additive – each builds one upon the other to create whole that is greater than the sum of the parts.

1. Strategic Investment in Infrastructure
2. Strategic Investment in Local Business Incubation, Development and Acceleration
3. Strategic Investment in Revenue Stabilization and Diversification
4. Strategic Investment in Leveraging State/Federal Programs and Liaison Services/Technical Assistance for Non-profit Partners and Community Organizations
5. Strategic Investment in Economic Uncertainty

Since guidance from the U.S. Treasury is forthcoming this summer, the adopted Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan will provide the guiding framework for developing specific strategic initiatives, projects, and programs aligned with the American Rescue Plan. No individual project, program or initiative will be executed until the County Manager returns with a further developed Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan that allocates RESCUE dollars to specific projects, programs, and initiatives for the Board's consideration.



At the May 24th meeting, County Manager, Taco Pope, stated, “When the pandemic came the Spring of 2020, you all (the Board) took action by stabilizing the local economy, taking care of our most vulnerable, and making sure businesses were ready to re-open. As a result, our tourism industry is on pace to exceed 2019 metrics, external dollars are flowing into our hotels, restaurants, and across our service industry, and our local unemployment percentages are at pre-pandemic levels”. Mr. Pope further stated, “Nassau County doesn’t need to be “rescued”. We are ready to propel forward”.

Taco E. Pope, AICP
County Manager

To view the Nassau Prosperity Plan in its entirety, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/DocumentCenter/View/21491/Nassau-Florida-Prosperity-Plan---A->

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AMERICAN BEACH WATER & SEWER DISTRICT EFFORTS

The American Beach Water & Sewer District Advisory Board held a Special Meeting on Saturday, May 1, 2021, so that community members would have an opportunity to attend, ask questions, and provide input to the Advisory Board, County staff, and our partners with Florida Governmental Utility Authority (FGUA). The Commission Chambers were at capacity and there were nearly 60 attendees participating via Zoom.

FGUA provided a project overview including timeline, design processes and grant funding. County Manager, Taco Pope, and outside counsel provided an overview on Survey Ballots being sent to affected property owners in order to gauge support of a potential non-ad valorem assessment which could be imposed by the Board of County Commissioners for water and wastewater infrastructure costs.

Also discussed at length during the meeting was a proposed Resolution of intent to establish a mandatory connection to water and wastewater services which would also provide waivers and hardship assistance. The Advisory Board asked County staff to research the possibility of undergrounding utilities and making roadway improvements within the district while water and wastewater infrastructure construction is occurring.



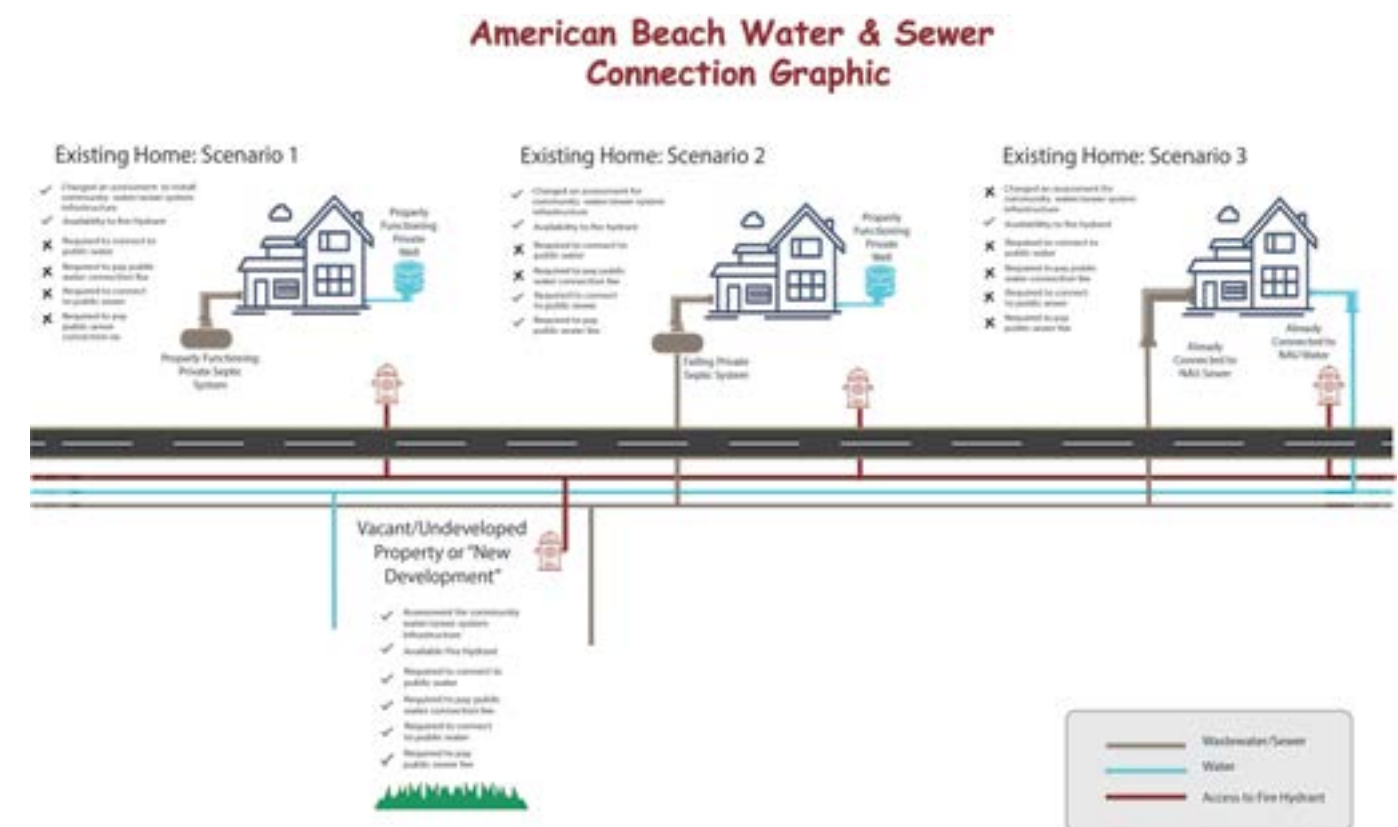
American Beach Resident, Carlton Jones, addresses the Advisory Board

The American Beach Water & Sewer Advisory Board has established their Regular Meetings to take place on the second Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m. As such, their May meeting was held on Thursday, May 13, 2021.

The Advisory Board heard the construction estimate and assessment updates from Steve Spratt, Senior Vice President of FGUA. The update also included a final Resolution providing for a straw ballow which was approved by the Board of County Commissioners at their Regular Meeting on May 10th. Additionally, County Manager, Taco Pope, provided answers and updates to the Advisory Board inquiries at the May 1st Special Meeting.

Survey Ballots were mailed to affected property owners (284 total) on May 14, 2021, with a due date of June 15, 2021. The County also issued reminder letters to the same property owners on May 26, 2021 to ensure ballots are being completed and that citizens understood where they could locate information and seek assistance related to the project.

The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers located at 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097.



This graphic explains different scenarios for connecting to the proposed water and wastewater utilities, should the community vote to move forward with the project. For example, properties with an existing, properly functioning well and septic are not required to connect to the public utility immediately. However when those systems fail in the future, they will be required to connect. Vacant/undeveloped properties will be required to connect during the construction process.

Office of Management & Budget



Budget Division

On Friday, May 21st, Non-Profit Organizations seeking funding for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year, made presentations to management, outlining their needs and their services to the community.

Megan Sawyer, Management & Budget Coordinator, also prepared the first ever not-for-profit budget request booklet to go along with the presentations. It included information about each organization, the amount of funding requested, and information about any funding received in previous budget years.

Procurement Division

In May, the Procurement Division advertised 6 bids, with another 8 bids being wrapped up. Additionally, the department continues to process invoices electronically through DocuSign software program. Over 2,100 invoices have been processed through DocuSign since it was implemented in February 2021. It is estimated that the cost savings to the County for improving the efficiency and timeliness of invoice processing is around \$30,000.

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

Grants Division



In February 2021, we announced that 4 homes had been inspected as potential rehabilitation projects through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. In May, bids were awarded for two of these of these homes to receive rehabilitation assistance. Once the bids are awarded, the rehabilitation for these individuals in need will begin. It is anticipated that each project will take 90 days. Be on the lookout for before and after photos soon!

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Technical Services Division

During the month of May, Technical Services finalized the equipment installation for Nassau County's newest Fire Station (Station 71) located on Chester Rd.



Get to the Desktop Quickly:

You can hide all windows, revealing only what's on the computer desktop, with one keystroke: hit the Windows key and "D" simultaneously in Windows.

That's great when you want examine or delete something you've just downloaded to the desktop, for example. Press the keystroke again to return to what you were doing previously.

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Fire Rescue

● Medical Calls: 797
 ● Fire Calls: 106
 ● Other calls: 5



Pictured: Drenda Vijuk;
Firefighter/EMT, Bryce
Kooker

On August 18, 2020, Nassau County Fire Rescue responded to a house fire on Salt Marsh Drive caused by a lightning strike. After the fire, they were contacted by the homeowner, Mrs. Drenda Vijuk, wishing to make a donation to the department. Her donation was used to purchase two sets of turnout pants and coats, which are used by our members as personal protective equipment to enter structure fires. This equipment is necessary and her donation is greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Vijuk visited Fire Rescue Headquarters this month for a photo with some of our members donning some of the new turnout gear purchased with her donation.

New Rescue Units

On May 7th, our 2 newest fleet replacement rescue units were put in service at stations 40 and 90. Thanks to the members of our apparatus committee that did all of the legwork to get these units specified and purchased.



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

Library

THANK YOU RAYONIER ADVANCED MATERIALS



Pictured left to right: Library Director, Dawn Bostwick; City Commissioner, Bradley Bean; and Jody Mackle, President, Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library

Rayonier Advanced Materials recently donated \$1,500 to the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library. These funds will be used to purchase Easy Readers for the Children's Collection. These books are designed for the earliest readers. They are shorter books with pictures, limited words and large font.

REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Registration is open for the Library's Summer Reading Programs. Anyone who signs up is automatically entered into a drawing for a gift basket. There is one for each age group: Todder 0-6; Elementary ages 7-11; Teens ages 12-17; and adults ages 18 and up. Both the adult and teen baskets include a new Kindle Fire.



To sign up, visit <https://nassaureads.com/summer-reading-registration-2021/>

Upcoming Events

Author Talk

Come meet the author of the action packed thriller, New Blue! Author Kevin Kozak is a U.S. Air Force veteran and a 43 year law enforcement officer serving as a detective for Miami-Dade police department.

Thursday, July 22nd at 6:00 p.m.
Fernandina Beach Library Branch



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

Animal Care & Control

May Activities

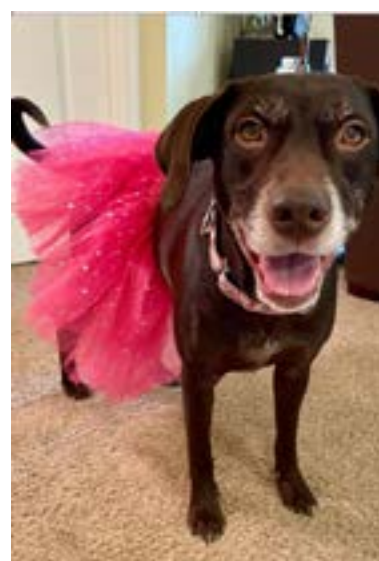
	Dogs	Cats
Total In	78	165
Total Out	31	79

Meet Genevieve

Genevieve is 45 lbs. of love. She's a chocolate lab & possible German shorthair pointer around 4 – 5 years old. Do not let the white muzzle fool you! She recently went on a sleepover so that we could learn more about her. This is what we learned:

Super Smart ~ she understands how to sit, shake, and when it's time to go outside.

Dog & kid friendly and has a lot of energy at first, then chills.



LOW COST SPAY/NEUTER VOUCHERS AVAILABLE

To reduce the number of unintended dog and cat litters in our area, low cost spay/neuter vouchers are now available at Cat's Angels and Nassau Humane Society, Fernandina Beach, Nassau County Animal Services, Yulee and Camden Humane Society.

Cats: spay/neuter, rabies, FVRCP = \$10

Dogs: spay/neuter, rabies = \$40

To qualify for the program, applicants will be asked to provide an ID, and one of the following: Medicaid card, EBT food stamp card, disability check stub, 2020 tax return demonstrating less than \$25,000 per individual, or \$40,000 per couple.

All services will be performed at First Coast No More Homeless Pets in Jacksonville. The program is sponsored by Cat's Angels. For more information, call (904) 321-2267.

Fireworks Safety

According to the Animal Rights Aruba non-profit animal welfare organization, more pets go missing on July 4th than any other day of the year. Below is a list of tips to help you protect your pets this Fourth of July.

FIREWORKS SAFETY

For pets

- Keep them indoors**
 Make sure they've had exercise during the day and a chance to go to the toilet.
- Give them a safe place to hide**
 Set up a comfortable room or crate in your house just for them. Keep the blinds and curtains closed.
- Drown out the noise**
 Turn on the radio or TV with comforting music to calm their nerves.
- Update their tags and IDs**
 Make sure your pets are wearing up to date tags and IDs in case they run away or get lost.
- Keep calm**
 Don't punish your pet for being scared. Stay calm and they will learn to do the same.



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

Public Works

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

Road Department

May 2021 Activities

	Work Orders Created	224
	Ditches Cleaned	13,380 LSF
	Storm Drains Cleaned	1,943 LSF
	Dirt Roads Graded	360 Miles

Work Order Highlights for May

Culvert Repairs

- Completed 4 work orders for various driveway repairs (101 manhours)

Outfall Ditch Maintenance

- Completed 5 work orders for outfall ditch cleaning (224 manhours)

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Completed 4 work orders for storm drain cleaning utilizing the vacuum truck (27 manhours)

Paved Road Maintenance

- Completed 31 work orders for misc. maintenance (373 manhours)
- Completed 17 work orders for pot hole repairs (69 manhours)
- Completed 2 work orders for roadway shoulder repairs (79 manhours)
- Completed 15 work orders for tree/debris removal (79 manhours)

Dirt Road Maintenance

- Completed 5 work orders for dirt road maintenance (48 manhours)

Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Completed work order on Church Dr. (136 manhours)
- Completed work order on Jamie Drive (13 manhours)
- Completed 20 additional drainage work orders (745 manhours)

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

Preventative Maintenance Division Reduces Costs for Vehicle Repairs and Maintenance



Nassau County has established a fleet maintenance division to do prevention maintenance and repairs in house. This decreases overall maintenance costs by identifying issues before they turn into a more extensive repair. It also saves the county money on labor costs.

In the month of May, the department performed 63 preventative maintenance jobs totaling 110.33 manhours at an estimated cost savings of \$5,999.21.

The department also performed 80 non-scheduled maintenance work orders. This entailed a variety of tasks including tightening bolts, repairing tires, changing wiper blades, replacing hydraulic hoses and air conditioning repairs. This equaled 307.34 manhours at an estimated costs savings of \$26,758.83

Assisting With New County Extension Site

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

In May, the Road Department assisted with the project by hauling materials for a new building pad, as well as subgrade materials for a parking lot. They constructed a dry pond and placed form boards for sidewalks.



Level & Overlay Program

An asphalt services contract has been awarded to Preferred Materials, Inc. Staff is now coordinating the estimates and purchase orders for the project to begin.

Bids for Roadway Striping have been received and staff is working on an agenda item to request the Board to award the bid.

Double Chip Seal Program

Staff is prepared to recommend awarding the bid for asphalt paving. They are currently waiting on bids for metal culverts.

It is anticipated that construction will begin in the summer of 2021. Be on the lookout for a list of roads that have been selected for the program.

Public Works

Solid Waste

Recycling Collected
45.22 Total Tons



Scrap Metal
13.29 tons



Cardboard
10.84 tons



Plastics
15.23 tons



Electronics
3.15 tons



Recyclables Collected



Plastics



Cardboard



Appliances

New signs have been placed at the Convenience Recycle Center further clarifying items that are accepted at this location and items that are NOT accepted.

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

Facilities Maintenance/Parks & Recreation

Station 71 Progress



A Dedication Ceremony for Station 71 will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.
This event is open to the public.
Location: 96262 Chester Rd., Yulee, FL 32097

Kudos Parks & Recreation

“Rave to Nassau County Parks & Recreation employees! As a local therapist to toddlers, we often visit parks throughout Nassau. I have been very impressed by the cleanliness of the bathrooms, along with the playground areas! Goffinsville Park and Yulee Ballpark have all been very well kept! Great job to all who have been part of the efforts to keep our parks clean”

-Mandy C.



The outdoor lights at the Yulee Sports Complex Basketball Court have been completed. This will provide additional space for leagues to practice (outside the gym) and will allow for extended use by the general public as well.

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

NASSAU COUNTY RECREATION PRESENTS:

FREE MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021 @ 8:00PM
GATES OPEN @ 7:30PM
YULEE ATHLETIC COMPLEX
86142 GOODBREAD RD., YULEE
 A NIGHT FULL OF FUN & LAUGHS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
"THE SANDLOT" - MOVIE RATED PG
PAID CONCESSIONS BENEFITTING YULEE LITTLE LEAGUE
 JROBERTSON@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM // PH: 904-530-6127

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NASSAU COUNTY RECREATION PRESENTS:

FREE MOVIE NIGHT



SATURDAY, JULY 17, 2021 @ 8:00PM
GATES OPEN @ 7:30PM
STEIN TOMPKINS ATHLETIC COMPLEX
175355 BAY RD., HILLIARD FL
 A NIGHT FULL OF FUN & LAUGHS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
"LITTLE GIANTS" - MOVIE RATED PG
PAID CONCESSIONS PROVIDED BY HILLIARD ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
 JROBERTSON@NASSAUCOUNTYFL.COM // PH: 904-530-6127

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Engineering Services

Transportation Project Highlights

County Road 108 Safety

Improvements: Construction expected to begin Summer 2021.

County Road 115 Widening &

Resurfacing: Roadway paving has reached substantial completion. Final punchlist repairs are under way.

Crawford Road Construction:

Construction began November 2020. Estimated completion date is September 2021.

Henry Smith Road Improvements:

Anticipated construction to begin fall 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, as well as grading and ditch construction.

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.

May Activities

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	182
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	183
Utility Permits Issued:	18
Building Permits Reviewed:	194
Borrow Pit Permits:	3
Drainage Concerns Logged:	8
DRC Pre-Applications Reviewed:	5
Site Engineering Plan Reviewed:	21
Variance Requests Reviewed:	2

Development Review

Commerical Properties that were reviewed in the Yulee area include a gas station expansion, shopping center, a concrete mix facility, and an oil change facility. Near Callahan, an RV Park was reviewed.

Stormwater & Drainage Efforts

Thomas Creek: Hydrology modeling for existing conditions complete. Unsteady State Existing Conditions model completed. Anticipated completion of study is fall 2021.

Spring Lakes Estates: Design work 100% complete. Invitation to bid is planned for summer 2021.

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 drainage conditions.

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

Building Department

May 2021 Activities

Permits	# Issued
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	478
Mobile Home & Modular Home	8
Electrical	260
Mechanical	273
Plumbing	250
TOTAL	1,269

Other Activities

Contractor Licenses Issued	32
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	98
Inspections Performed	3,934

Unsafe Structures

An unsafe structure was removed on Karen Street, in accordance with Ordinance No. 2019-15, Unsafe Building Violations.



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 May 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/136/Building-Department>

Planning & Economic Opportunity

May Development Review

Pre-application Reviews

- 4 commercial plans
- 0 subdivision plans
- 1 subdivision re-plat

DRC Approvals

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

New Member on Development Review

Brad Underhill with the Nassau County School District has joined the Development Review Committee. In his job as Director of Transportation, Brad is responsible for providing daily transportation to and from school for over 6,200 student utilizing 77 routes. Participating in DRC will allow Brad to provide guidance on suitable locations for bus stops to serve new residential communities.

Welcome Eric Landon, Senior Planner



Eric has nearly 20 years of planning experience on the Georgia and Florida Coast. He previously served as the Planning Director for Camden County and most recently as the Director of Planning & Government Services for the Coastal Regional Commission. He has a Masters in Public Administration and is a Certified Planner (AICP).

New Collaborative Workspace

The Planning Department has been working to organize their space within the Public Services Building. This effort has led to the creation of a new collaborative work space where staff can spread out plans and review them together. They are also working to make a lot of their old planning files digital and have secured a student worker to assist with scanning.



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

May Activities

Complaints Received	99
Initial Inspections	104
Cases Complied	79
Presented to Code Board	2
Lien Research Requests	141

Code Enforcement

Mike Favors Retires



At the meeting held on Wednesday, May 19th, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-083, honoring Mike Favors on his retirement after 19 years of service.

Mike began his employment with Nassau County on November 26, 2001 as a Custodial Worker. He transferred to Code Enforcement in April 2005 where he spent the next 16 years serving as a Code Enforcement Officer. Over the years, Mike has become a favorite of the community due to his outgoing personality, his dedication to his job, and his glowing smile.

Mike has served the community with passion and integrity and has earned the respect of most residents he has come in contact with. Mike has said many times, he works for compliance, not to write tickets, and he meant it. He worked closely with property owners to teach them the County's codes and and to help them gain compliance on their property in lieu of having to appear before the Code Enforcement Board.

Mike is also loved and respected by many employees of the County, several of which attended the meeting to express their gratitude to him for always making them smile, even on the worst of days.

County Manager, Taco Pope, credited Mike for being his mentor when he began his employment with the County in 2005 and playing a role in his professional development. He stated, "Mike exemplifies public service. The most important thing he taught me was that our goal is to solve problems and help people. There are many, many instances where Mike changed people's lives. People who were drowning under liens, and debt, and physical impairments, and problems with their properties. He resolved them by going above and beyond the call of duty".

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To view all Code Enforcement activities for May 2021, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/79/Code-Enforcement>

County Extension

Educational Programs/Activities for May

Total Programs/Activities	93
Total Participants	1,060
Total Educational Publications	15
Total Reach Through Educational Publications	62,966
Return on Investment	\$31,167

Family & Consumer Sciences

- Participated in UF/IFAS Northeast District Extension Director Meeting
- Reviewed and approved UF/IFAS Agents' Annual Performance Appraisals
- Planning and coordination of new Miner Rd. Extension Facility
- Provided coordination for transition of oncoming CED/Horticulture Agent

Success Story



Kristy and her husband decided to make a lifestyle change when their two daughters left for college. After some careful research, they decided they would like to own and operate an ice cream franchise. Since they were new to owning a business, they needed guidance about running a food business and the required licenses and permits.

Agent, Meg McAlpine, teaches a Food Manager's Certification Class and encouraged Kristy to attend. Kristy took the 6-hour class in May and passed, receiving a 94%.

Following the exam, Meg referred Kristy to Matt Krug, UF/IFAS Extension Services Entrepreneurship Specialist, who was able to provide the information Kristy needed to jump start her storefront business.



Kristy stated, "I would like to thank you for the instruction of the Food Service Manager class. I learned so much from you and was able to connect the SafeServe book to real life scenarios, especially ones pertaining to my new ice cream business. Thanks, also, for taking the extra time to make sure I understood the material. I would definitely recommend you to others trying to receive the certification".

4-H Positive Youth Development

- Received \$850 from Farm Bureau to sponsor youth attending the Area North Horse Show
- Co-led at the Northeast District All Faculty Seminar
- Co-facilitated youth competing in the Area North District Horse Show
- Coordinated Embryology School Enrichment Program

Success Story

On May 7-8, six Nassau County 4-H members competed at the Area North District Horse Show, half of which were competing for the first time! Thanks to a generous sponsorship by Nassau County Farm Bureau, these youth did not have to pay a single penny for this experience. All six youth qualified to show at the State Horse Show in July, with Jack Nostrem even winning overall Jr. Western Reserve Champion!



Natural Resources and Agriculture

- Presented for Natural Resources Extension Professionals' National Conference
- Participated in Florida Horseshoe Crab Watch Monitoring Events
- Co-presented at the Plastic-Free Restoration of Oyster Substrates Meeting re: Goffinsville Park Living Shoreline
- Presented at Association of Natural Resources Extension Professionals' Biennial Conference

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Human Resources

Meet Diana Crigger

Please welcome our new Employee Benefits Specialist, Diana Crigger.

Diana comes to us with a wealth of knowledge from her former employment in Human Resources as HR Manager for the Nassau County Sheriff's Office and Benefits Analyst for the Florida State College of Jacksonville.

Diana can assist employees and retirees with benefits enrollment and changes, COBRA, FMLA and Workers Compensation Claims.

Diana and her husband, Rich, moved to Nassau County from Columbia County, South Carolina in 2012. In her free time, she enjoys volunteering with the Amelia Island Sea Turtle Watch and playing tennis with her girls group on Amelia Island. She also enjoys spending time with her family and her 5 pound Maltipoo, Peanut.



Employee Wellness

This month, employees were encouraged to focus on mental and emotional health. Employees were directed to examine things that were causing them stress and then given information on exercises they could use at home to cope. Examples included getting enough rest, avoiding caffeine, exercising, maintaining positive relationships with others, and practicing positive thinking.

May Activities

Employee Services		Employee Benefits	
New Hires:	5	Benefit Enrollments:	14
Terminations/Retirements	5	Benefit Terminations:	12
Positions Posted:	13	Benefit Changes:	7

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Public Information Office

May activities included:

- Published Monthly County newsletter (April edition)
- Released "Proudly Serving Nassau" Video featuring Sherri Sapp, Library Assistant II
- Managed Coronavirus information on official County webpage. Kept current with all local and State Executive Orders and Resolutions for local State of Emergency
- Released video highlighting pets at shelter
- Released video recognizing Nassau County Fire Rescue in observance of EMS Week
- 31 Stories posted to The County Insider
- 35 FaceBook posts reaching 120,885 people
- Tweets: 31
- Press Releases Issued: 3
- Resolutions Written: 1

Social Media Followers as of May 31, 2021

FaceBook followers: 8,601

Twitter Followers: 207

YouTube Followers: 68

Follow Us on Social Media!



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<https://twitter.com/FINassau>



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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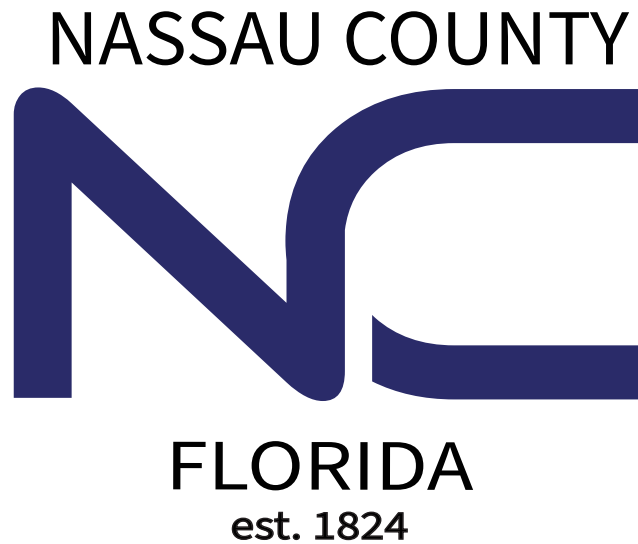
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