

Board of County Commissioners

Nassau County, Florida



**Station 71 Ribbon Cutting
& Dedication Ceremony**

Highlights.....

- COVID-19 Vaccination Update
- Station 71 Ribbon Cutting & Dedication Event
- Nassau County Tourism Update
- New Historical Marker for American Beach
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**New Evans Rendezvous
Historical Marker Unveiled**

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COVID-19 VACCINATIONS

As of July 2nd, a total of 38,188 vaccinations had been given in Nassau County. The Health Department is no longer providing daily reports however they do publish updates every Friday. Those can be found at: <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov>.

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 weekly updates on cases as they are received from the State Department of Health, as well as information on testing and vaccination locations.

While the County is no longer coordinating large vaccination events at this time, Emergency Management and the Health Department will continue to provide relevant information on the www.OneNassau.com website.

Resolutions for June



At the Wednesday, June 16th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-137, honoring Wanda Lanier on her retirement from Barnabas Center, Inc. Ms. Lanier served as the Chief Executive Officer from June 2010 to June 2021, providing hope and help for individuals and families in need. Under her leadership, the organization was able to expand their healthcare services and successfully led a campaign to purchase and renovate a comprehensive service facility. She will be greatly missed but we wish her many years of health and happiness.

At the June 28th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2021-142, proclaiming the week of July 31-August 8, 2021, as “Gullah/Geechee Nation Appreciation Week” in Nassau County, FL. Queen Quet was in attendance to receive the Resolution. She stated, “We are so pleased that more people are recognizing the fact that the Gullah/Geechee Nation comes down here to Florida (from South Carolina). So many people want to stop it at Georgia’s border and we have to emphasize that our ancestors continued southward. They came here for freedom. We appreciate the fact that you are highlighting those stories of freedom here in Nassau County”.



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Station 71 Dedication Ceremony



On Tuesday, June 22, 2021, the County held a Dedication Ceremony for Nassau County Fire Rescue Station 71. We are excited to announce that there were approximately 100 people in attendance!

The event began with an introduction by Chief Brady Rigdon who discussed the importance of the station and maintaining a high level of service for the residents. Crews actually began operating out of the station on Saturday, June 5th, and according to Chief Rigdon, the Station had already gone on 73 calls for service as of June 22nd.

The event also included remarks by Chairman Thomas Ford and District 3 County Commissioner, Jeff Gray. Both discussed the Board's commitment to the health and safety of Nassau County's residents. Each also thanked individuals who have been involved in planning and construction of the facility including past and present Commissioners; County Manager, Taco Pope; County Attorney, Mike Mullin; and Public Works Director, Doug Podiak.

Following the presentations, everyone gathered outside for the Ribbon Cutting. Guests were then invited to walk around the station and enjoy refreshments provided by Nassau County Professional Firefighters Union, Local 3101.

Thank you to everyone who came out to celebrate this monumental event with us. The new, state of the art station will serve the residents of Nassau County well for many years to come.



Nassau County Tourism Booming

On June 11, 2021, the Amelia Island Convention & Visitor's Bureau issued a Press Release announcing that Nassau County's tourism is making a rapid rebound, following a tumultuous 2020 where bed tax collections declined by 24.1%.

According to the release, "April's lodging taxable sales were a near record of \$18.4 million, resulting in bed tax collections 70% over the amount budgeted for the month. May is expected to show similar increases as well thanks to a successful Amelia Island Concours d'Elegance event (May 19-May 23) which generated an estimated economic impact of \$26.4 million and the Memorial Day weekend which saw near sellouts among the various hotels and resorts".



AICVB President and CEO, Gil Langley, stated, "The increases we're seeing are from a combination of pent-up demand, strong pricing among our lodging partners, and consistent messaging to travelers. Clearly, more people are ready to return to travel, and Amelia Island is more appealing than ever, which is driving a faster than expected recovery".

Photos from 2021 Concours D'Elegance

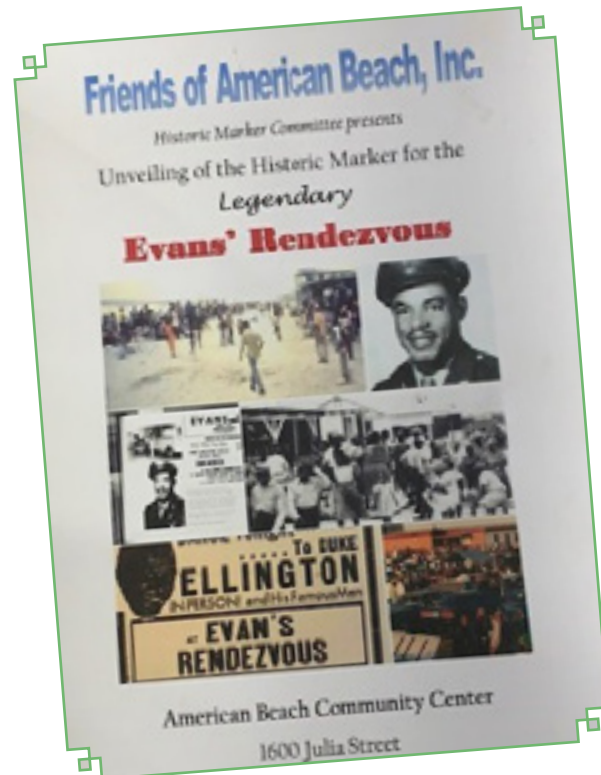


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Note: A 5% "Bed Tax" is collected by lodging establishments on Amelia Island. Of the fees collected, 15% is provided to the Amelia Island Convention Visitor's Bureau to for administrative and operational support to the Amelia Island Tourist Development Council. The remaining 85% is used for marketing and special events (65%), travel & trade shows (10%) and beach improvements (10%).

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American Beach Community Unveils New Historical Marker



The Friends of American Beach hosted an event on Saturday, June 26th, for the unveiling of a new Historical Marker for the Evans Rendezvous. The Rendezvous was a jazz club owned by American Beach resident, Willie Evans. It has hosted many famous musicians including Ray Charles, Duke Ellington, and Louis Armstrong.

The Rendezvous property was purchased by the Trust for Public Land in 2004 and given to the County for a future historic preservation project. The County is in the very early stages of selecting a design firm to revitalize this property.

Great job to the Friends of American Beach for putting this program together and for obtaining the historical marker.



Great job to the County's Road Department for installing the sign and beautifying the area around it with flowers and mulch.

American Beach Property Owners Vote in Favor of Special Assessment

Since 2018, the County has been working on an American Beach planning initiative which includes providing the community access to public water and sewer. On August 24, 2020, the Board approved an Ordinance creating a special district which would have the authority to levy ad valorem taxes for construction, leasing, operating and managing assets of water and sewer systems within the District.

In June, the Board, in conjunction with the American Beach Water and Sewer District, conducted a mail-in straw ballot of the District's 280 property owners to determine the level of support for an annual non-ad valorem special assessment that would fund the project. To be counted properly, the completed ballots had to be returned to the County office by June 15th (post marked by June 15th if returning by mail).

An independent community development consultant, Andy Easton and Associates, was secured to open the sealed ballots and count the votes. This took place on June 22nd and June 23rd. On June 29th, the consultant sent a memorandum stating that the **ballot count revealed that 86% of the 172 valid votes that were cast supported the annual assessment.**

American Beach Community Planning Meeting

The Nassau County Planning Department and the American Beach Master Plan Consulting Team is hosting a Special Presentation and Open House at the American Beach Community Center to discuss design ideas for American Beach trails and greenways, streets and sidewalks, trees and environment, historic buildings, public spaces, parks, and public art.

The event will include a BBQ Lunch which will be provided by the County's consultant for the project, Barth Associates. Individuals planning to eat lunch should RSVP to Laurie Goltry, Administrative Specialist for the Planning Department, at (904) 530-6300, PRIOR to the event.

WHEN: Saturday, August 14, 2021

TIME: 12:00 p.m.

WHERE: American Beach Community Center

Schedule of Events:

12:00 p.m. - BBQ Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Presentation by the Design Team

2:00 p.m. - Discussion and Open House

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Commissioners Earn Certifications Through Florida Association of Counties



Commissioner John Martin earned his Certified County Commissioner Designation from the Florida Association of Counties. This program is designed to provide fundamental skills to effectively serve as a County Commissioner. In order to graduate, participants must complete a total of 45 hours of course work covering a variety of topics including ethics, the Sunshine Law, County government roles and responsibilities, negotiation skills, county government structure and authority, financial management, growth management, economic development and effective communication.



Commissioners Aaron Bell and Thomas Ford both earned their Advanced County Commissioner II (ACC II) Designations through the Florida Association of Counties in June.

This Certification follows the completion of a comprehensive study program that provides advanced leadership for Commissioners who have graduated from the Certified County Commissioner Program and the Advanced County Commissioner Level I Program.



Commissioners Bell and Ford Earn FAC Presidential Advocacy Awards

During the June 2021 Florida Association of Counties Conference, Commissioners Aaron Bell and Thomas Ford were presented with Presidential Advocacy Awards for their hard work during the 2021 Legislative Session.

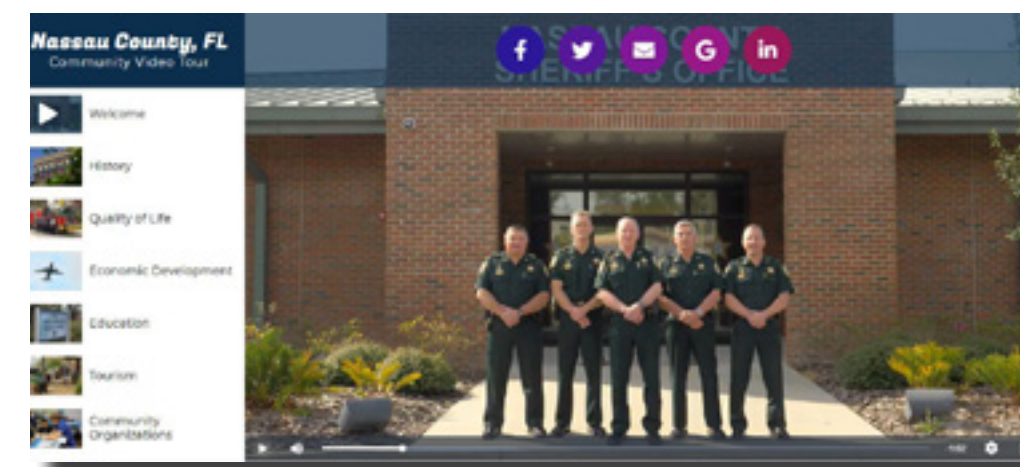
The FAC Presidential Advocacy Award recognizes County Commissioners who have shown exceptional leadership in advocating with FAC during the 2021 session to advance counties' legislative agenda and preserve home rule.

"Every day, our Commissioners work hard to tackle complex challenges and respond to the unique needs of their local area," said FAC President and Palm Beach County Commissioner, Melissa McKinlay. "Their consistent drive and dedication for their constituents is the reason we're able to sustain our communities, and those that take the extra mile to advance the counties' legislative agenda play a leading role in improving quality of life for all Floridians."

Video Tour Book Highlighting Nassau County

In late 2020, the County entered into an agreement with CGI Communications to produce a series of videos highlighting everything Nassau County has to offer residents, visitors, and business owners. Examples include area attractions, quality of life, economic development opportunities, and more!

This project was made possible through the County's partnership with the National Association of Counties and was done at no cost to the County. The video tour book can be located on the homepage of our official website: www.nassaucountyfl.com.



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Governor Approves Funding for Nassau County

County Road 121

County Road 121 (formerly State Road 121) is a 40-mile long roadway connecting US Highway 1 near the Florida-Georgia border, south to US Highway 90 in Duval County. Due to the amount of traffic, the current roadway conditions are fair to poor, depending on the segment. It is anticipated that it will cost approximately \$18.9 million to make all necessary improvements to this road.

In an effort to lessen the burden on County taxpayers, District 4 Commissioner and current Chairman, Thomas Ford, suggested that the County meet with the Florida Department of Transportation to see if they would be willing to take the former State road over again since it connects with two State highways and supports the goal of the State's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS) to provide interregional connections across the State and close key connectivity gaps.

Commissioner Ford and other professional staff met with FDOT District Two Secretary, Gregory Evans, in early 2021. It was ultimately decided that the State would not be taking back over the road due to the cost and budgetary constraints.

However, while in discussions with FDOT, the Board simultaneously declared this road as a priority project to be considered for Legislative funding during the 2021 Legislative Session. The County submitted the required appropriations request to the Florida House of Representatives and a Funding Request to the Florida Senate, asking for funds to assist with this project.

Before the Legislative Session began, Chairman Ford met with the President of the Senate, Wilton Simpson, and Senator Aaron Bean, who is currently serving as the Senate President Pro Tempore, to express the importance of the project and its impact on the residents of Nassau County.

The 2021 Legislative Session ended on April 30, 2021. On Wednesday, June 2, 2021, the County was notified that the **Governor has approved a total of \$9 million for this project** and has placed it in next year's budget which begins on July 1, 2021.

Chairman Ford stated, "County Road 121 has been a priority for me since I was elected in 2018 and I am excited to hear that the State sees the importance of this project as well. Knowing that the State has included funding in their budget to assist the County provides promise that this project will finally come to fruition".

So, even though the County was not successful in having County Road 121 turned back over to the State, we were successful in obtaining funding to assist with the costs to repair the road, thanks to the outstanding negotiations led by Chairman Ford and Senator Bean.

The County won't be able to begin any work until we receive a funding agreement from the State and that likely won't be until January 2022. However, in the meantime, the County will begin preparing the necessary documents so we are ready to advertise bids for an engineering firm to begin the design process as soon as the funding agreement is signed.

We appreciate the efforts of Chairman Thomas Ford, Senator Aaron Bean and State Representative Cord Byrd for championing this project on behalf of the citizens of Nassau County.

Other Projects Funded by State Legislature

The Governor has also approved funding for the following County initiatives/projects:

- **\$110,000 for the County Youth Alternative to Secured Detention Program (aka S.W.E.A.T. Program).** This is an intervention program that provides effective diversion and intervention for at-risk youth through community service, mentoring, and academic assistance to prevent juvenile delinquency.
- **\$600,000 for the American Beach Well and Septic Phase Out Project.** The purpose of these funds is to facilitate the conversion from well and septic to public water and sewer to serve American Beach residents.
- **\$737,500 for the County Courthouse Annex Completion Project.** This project consists of completing the third floor courtroom at the Robert M. Foster Justice Center. Doing so will significantly help Nassau County and the surrounding regions of Duval and Clay Counties in the Fourth Judicial Circuit by providing efficient and effective judicial services to residents.

The Governor's Final Budget for the 2021 Legislative Session can be located on the State's website: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/2500/BillText/er/PDF>

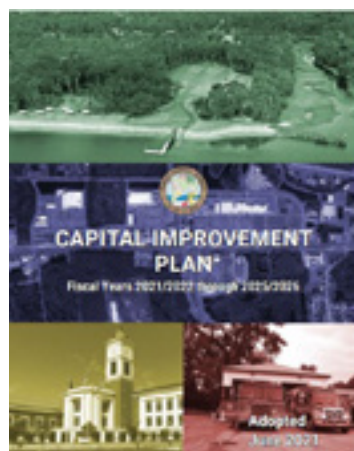


Florida State Capitol Building in Tallahassee

Office of Management & Budget



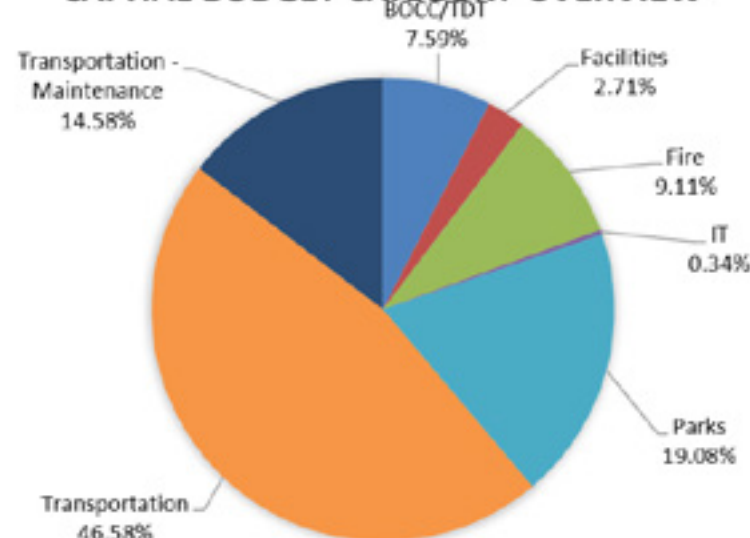
Budget Division



June 1 officially marked the beginning of the Truth-in-Millage (TRIM) process which is the main driver for the summer budget development timeline. The BOCC also adopted the five-year comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) which includes just under \$33M in funded projects in FY 2021-22, including fully funded pavement management and chip seal programs, \$15M in transportation projects, a replacement fire station and \$6.2M in park projects. While projects in the CIP are considered to be funded, the CIP is subject to the adoption of the annual budget which is considered at two public hearings in September.

[To view the adopted CIP, see the "FY 2021-2022 Capital Improvement Plan Workshop Booklet, adopted June 22, 2021"](#)

CAPITAL BUDGET CATEGORY OVERVIEW



FY 2021-22 Capital Budget Category Overview		
Category		FY 21/22 Recommended
BOCC/IDT	\$	2,500,000
Facilities		891,196
Fire		3,000,000
IT		111,100
Parks		6,280,667
Transportation		15,333,898
Transportation - Maintenance		4,800,000
	\$	32,916,861

Grants Division

Last month, we announced that bids were awarded for two homes to receive rehabilitation assistance through the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program. Work commenced on both projects in June and as of the end of the month, both were 1/3 complete. Look for before and after photos in the coming months.

The Grants Division also submitted an application on behalf of the Sheriff's Office for the 2021 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant. The COPS Office's initiative is to advance public safety through community policing by funding additional full-time career law enforcement positions.

The grant is for \$500,000 and if approved, would provide the Sheriff's Office with funding for four (4) new deputies. The grant would require a 25% match from the Sheriff's Office.

Technical Services Division



Did you know that when you delete something from your computer, it's not completely deleted? Deleted items are sent to your trash or recycle bin. To completely get rid of a document, you have to delete it from the bin as well. Many users don't realize this and the recycle bin fills with years of documents.

Contact:
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Network Manager
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When looking at your recycling bin, you can tell if items are in it because the recycling bin icon will show paper in the basket. When it's empty, there's no paper. To delete items in your recycling bin, simply right click on it and select "Empty Recycle Bin".



Shown on the left is a recycling bin with items in it. The photo on the right shows an empty recycle bin

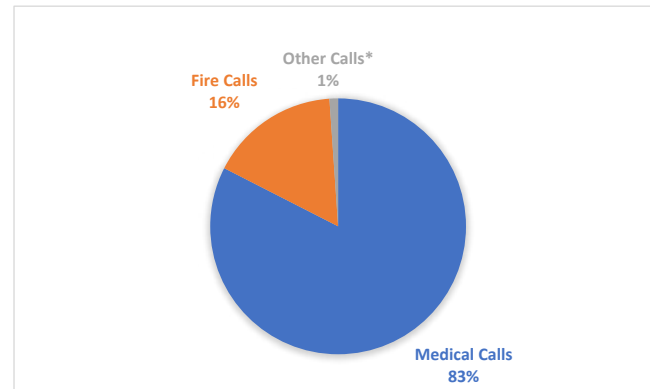
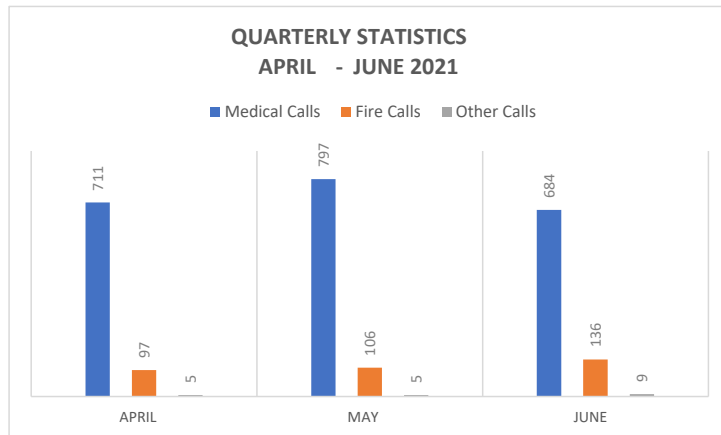


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To view all OMB activities for June 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/165/Office-of-Management-Budget>

Fire Rescue

June 2021 Activities



- Medical Calls: 684
- Fire Calls: 136
- Other calls: 9

*Other calls include various calls such as lift assists, downed wires, stranded motorists, etc.

Community Outreach



Station 30 personnel visiting Wildlight Elementary School. The first picture shows them demonstrating firefighter personal protective gear. The second photo is FF Gauthier showing the kids the inside of a rescue unit.



L to R: Chief Sam Young (retired); Lt. Brian Sloan; Lt. Brett Louis; Lt. Wes Gill; Engineer Brandon McClellan

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

Thank You WestRock

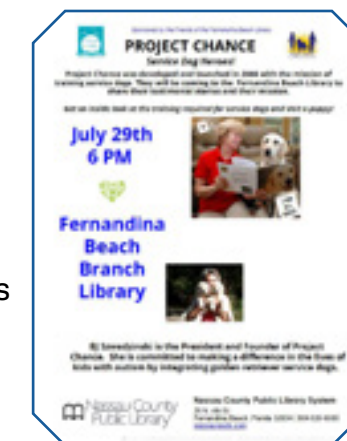


Thank you to WestRock for their generous donation to the Friends of Fernandina Beach Branch Library. The funds will be used to upgrade the Tech Lab at the Fernandina Branch. This will include an upgrade to the copper lines to the fiber network; increasing bandwidth speed; purchasing static IP addresses; and providing 24/7 management of networks.

Library Programs

In June, the library offered its first face-to-face program in over a year, Birdwatching 101. There were 45 people in attendance.

364 individuals (parents & children) attended Time for Tots and Summer Reading is off to a successful start with 334 people participating.



Join BJ Szwedzinski, President and Founder of Project Chance, as she shares their mission to train service dogs for children with autism.

Thursday, July 29th at 6pm
Fernandina Beach Library Branch
25 N. 14th Street, FB

The Nassau County Library System **circulated 42,511 items last quarter (April- June 2021)**. Below is a breakdown of statistics by branch.

	Fernandina	Callahan	Hilliard	Bryceville	Yulee
Items Circulated	30,952	6,236	2,472	481	2,370
Library Cards Issued	450	102	27	12	67
Gate Count	20,864	1,892	1,361	340	1,311
Computer Use (hrs)	1,049	206	124	4	101
Computer use (ppl)	198	264	309	2	152
Reference Questions	2,163	736	221	9	154

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

Animal Care & Control

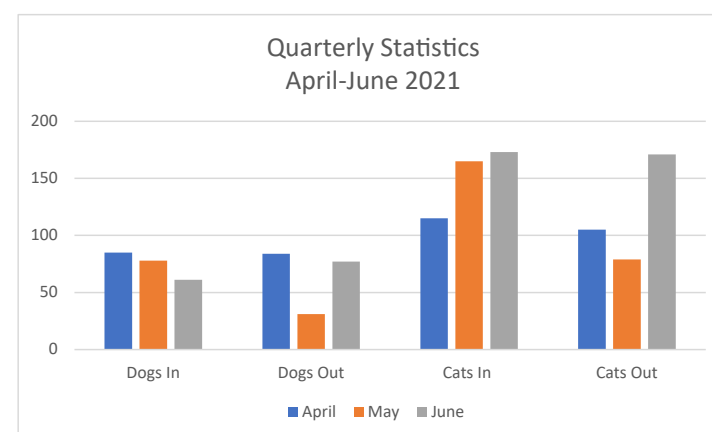


A total of 174 pets were adopted in June 2021.
363 pets were adopted this quarter (Apr.-Jun. 2021)

June Activities

	Dogs	Cats
Total In	61	173
Total Out	77*	171

* includes dogs already at shelter prior to month's end



Proudly Serving Nassau



Animal Control Officer, Marty Pruitt, was featured in the June 2021 edition of our series, Proudly Serving Nassau. Each month, we highlight one employee and their service to the County. You can find the video on our YouTube Channel: <https://youtu.be/VFZ8-LDZhGE>

Callahan Resident Reunited With Dog After 3 Months Apart

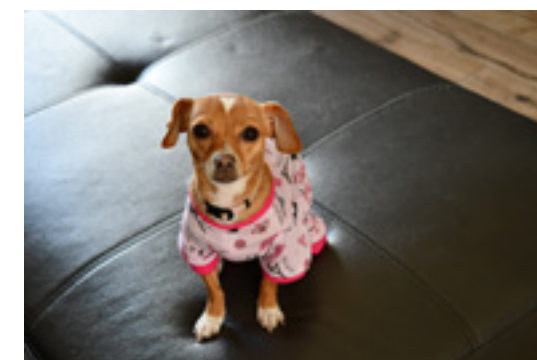


While filming for "Proudly Serving Nassau" last month, Marty was dispatched to a home in Hilliard where the resident reported a small dog had shown up at her house. Upon arriving, Marty scanned the dog and found that it was microchipped and was able to locate the owner in Callahan. The owner indicated that Titus had been missing for 3 months! It was truly wonderful to see these two be reunited.

Pet Sleepovers

Did you know that animals at Nassau County Animal Services are available for sleepovers? This allows you the opportunity to take the pet home and get to know him/her better and to see whether or not they are the right fit for your home and family.

Call Animal Services at (904) 530-6150 for more details.



Pet Hurricane Preparedness

When putting together your hurricane kits, don't forget to include items for your pets. Animal Services provided you with the below tips to make sure you're prepared.

PET HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

MAKE A PLAN:

- FIND PET-FRIENDLY HOUSING ON YOUR EVACUATION ROUTE: (HOTELS, FRIENDS, FAMILY, BOARDING FACILITIES)
- IF YOU STAY: ENSURE PETS ARE INDOORS AND UNABLE TO ESCAPE
- IDENTIFY LOCAL PET-FRIENDLY EMERGENCY SHELTERS.
- DESIGNATE PET CARETAKER IN YOUR ABSENCE.

EMERGENCY KIT:

- FOOD & WATER BOWLS
- VET RECORDS/CONTACTS
- LEASH/HARNESS/CARRIERS
- FOOD & WATER (5 DAYS)
- LITTER/BOX/WASTE BAGS
- RECENT PHOTOS (ID)
- MEDICATIONS
- COMFORT ITEMS (BED, TOYS, ETC.)
- TAGS & ID

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

Public Works

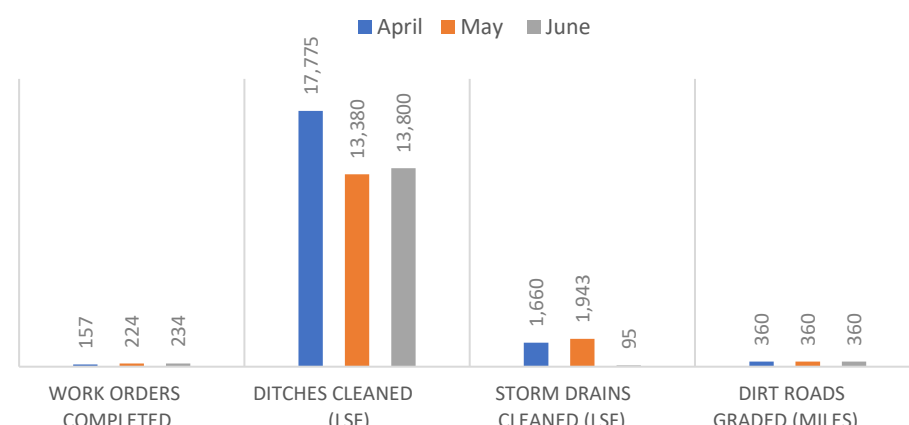
The Road Department, Facilities Department/Parks & Recreation, and Solid Waste Department all fall under the umbrella of Public Works.

Road Department

June 2021 Activities

	Work Orders Created	234
	Ditches Cleaned	13,800 LSF
	Storm Drains Cleaned	95 LSF
	Dirt Roads Graded	360 Miles
	Roadways Mowed	32 Miles

QUARTERLY ACTIVITIES APRIL - JUNE 2021



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

Work Order Highlights for June

Culvert Repairs

- Completed 8 work orders for various driveway repairs (170 manhours)

Outfall Ditch Maintenance

- Completed 19 work orders for outfall ditch cleaning (1,373 manhours)

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Completed 4 work orders for storm drain cleaning (27 manhours)

Paved Road Maintenance

- Completed work orders for various misc. maintenance (395 manhours)
- Completed 11 work orders for pot hole repairs (70 manhours)
- Completed 6 work orders for roadway shoulders (46 manhours)
- Completed 29 work orders for tree/debris removal (292 manhours)

Dirt Road Maintenance

- Completed 12 work orders, adding additional materials to dirt roads (377 manhours)

Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Completed a work order on CR121 in Hilliard (174 work orders)
- Completed work order on Sunset Rd. in Fernandina Beach (94 manhours)
- Completed 11 additional drainage work orders in various locations (566 manhours)

Level & Overlay Program

As previously announced, a contract for Asphalt Services was awarded to Preferred Materials, Inc.

Staff is currently awaiting a contract extension for inspection services. Once in place, a Work Authorization will be approved so the project can begin.

Proposed Roads for Level & Overlay:

- Miner Road from SR200 to Kirkland
- Old Amelia Avenue
- Nassau River Road
- Joann Road
- Ocean Blvd.
- Citrona Drive
- Amos White Road

Double Chip Seal Program

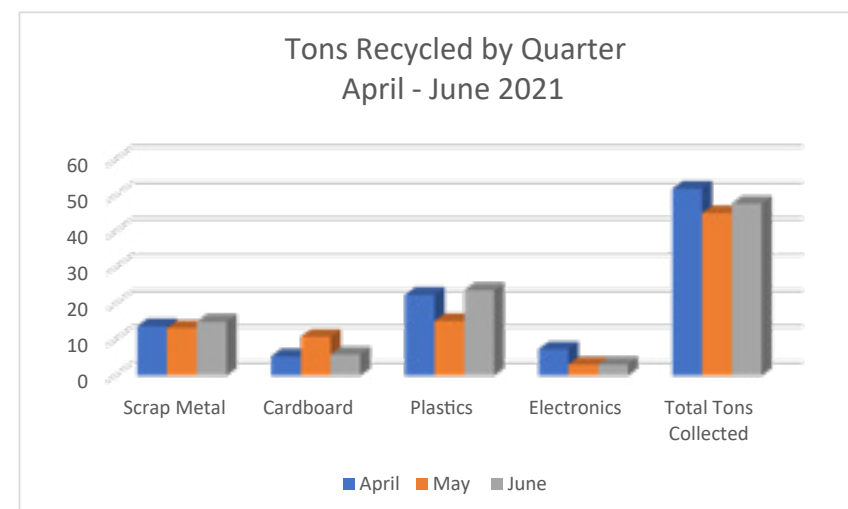
Staff is awaiting a contract for materials to begin construction. Anticipated start date is July 2021. Staff is currently performing prep work for the projects while waiting on the materials contract. Activities include replacing culverts and excavating ditches; preparing base layer of lime rock; hydroseeding ditches and shoulders.

Proposed Roads for Double Chip Seal:

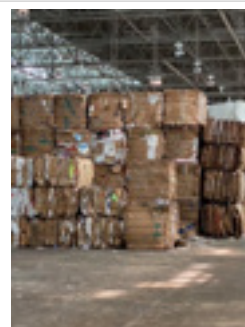
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- Condor Lane
- Church Avenue
- Fouraker Road
- Lee Stoner Road
- Fouraker Circle
- Karen Road

Public Works

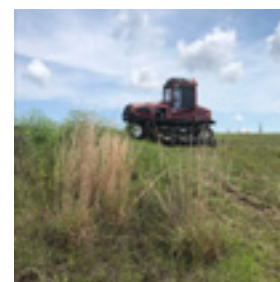
Solid Waste



Single Stream Plastics
Recycling



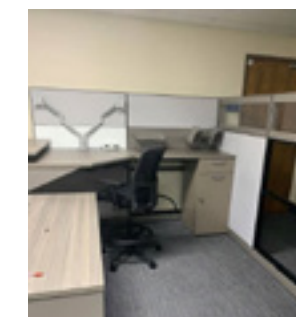
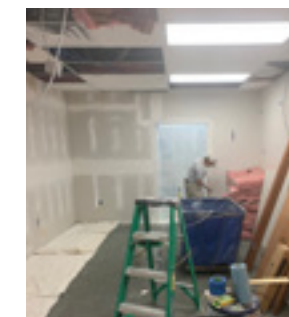
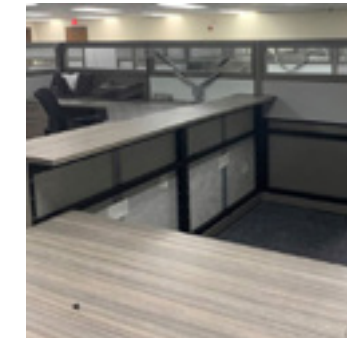
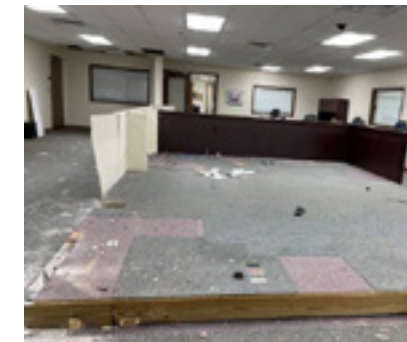
Cardboard Recycling



Landfill Mowing

Facilities Maintenance

A big project in the month of June consisted of renovations/improvements at the James S. Page Governmental Complex. This includes expanding spaces, adding cubicles, and other improvements that not only benefit the employees, but also improve the County's ability to serve the residents.



CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to Aaron Wilson on graduating from the Northeast Florida Builders Association's (NEFBA) Apprenticeship Program. This 4-year program allows employees to earn certifications in trades through the County's partnership with NEFBA. Aaron recently completed the course consisting of 8,000 hours of learning and has earned his certification in HVAC. Having certified HVAC technicians on-staff is not only beneficial to the County, but also to the employee.

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

Public Works

Parks & Recreation

American Beach Planning Efforts

On June 30, 2021, a Planning Charrette was held with members of the County's Planning and Parks & Recreation Departments, as well as a group of outside consultants, including Dr. David Barth of Barth Associates, LLC. Discussions included revitalization efforts of American Beach including:

- Repurposing of the Evans Rendezvous
- A new trail system
- Beautification and repurposing of street crossings
- Use of vacant County properties on Gregg Street for a future historic park

New Kayak Etiquette Signs

New signs were placed at all County boat ramps providing guidelines to promote cooperative use of the boat ramp.



County to Partner With Keep Nassau Beautiful on Pollinator Garden

On Wednesday, June 16th, a meeting was held between the County and Keep Nassau Beautiful regarding a partnership for planting and maintaining pollinator gardens utilizing Florida friendly plants along the Amelia River to Sea Trail. The County will provide temporary irrigation and will provide mowing along the roadway and trail, however the beds will be managed by KNB through their Adopt a Spot Program. The below is example of a raised pollinator bed located at the Fernandina High School.



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Nassau County Parks & Recreation

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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. Project completion estimated for July 2021.

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.

June Activities

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	190
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	203
Utility Permits Issued:	10
Building Permits Reviewed:	248
Borrow Pit Permits:	4
Drainage Concerns Logged:	10
DRC Pre-Applications Reviewed:	8
Site Engineering Plan Reviewed:	11
Variance Requests Reviewed:	5

Quarterly Statistics: April - June 2021

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued	531
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections	611
Utility Permits Issued	33
Building Permits Reviewed	672
Borrow Pit Permits	9
Drainage Concerns Logged	37
DRC Pre-Applications Reviewed	20
Site Engineering Plans Reviewed	57
Variance Requests Reviewed	13

Development Review

Commercial projects that were reviewed in the Yulee area included a shopping center outparcel, office complex, and an oil change facility. Near Callahan, a utility provider site was reviewed.

Stormwater & Drainage Efforts

Thomas Creek: Hydrology modeling for existing conditions complete. A meeting has been scheduled to finalize results and plan the completion of the report. Anticipated completion of study is fall 2021.

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

Staff worked with the developer of Heron Isles to alleviate wetlands backing up at Chester Rd. and with FPL to alleviate wetlands backing up along Old Nassauville Rd. and Amelia Concourse.

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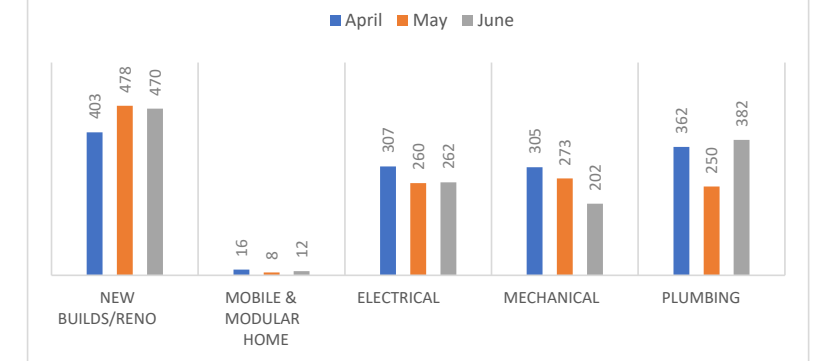
To view all Engineering activities for June 2021, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/117/Engineering-Services>

June 2021 Activities

Permits	# Issued
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	470
Mobile Home & Modular Home	12
Electrical	262
Mechanical	202
Plumbing	382
TOTAL	1,328
Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	59
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	103
Inspections Performed	2,647

Building Department

QUARTERLY PERMIT STATISTICS APRIL - JUNE 2021



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

Unsafe Structures

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



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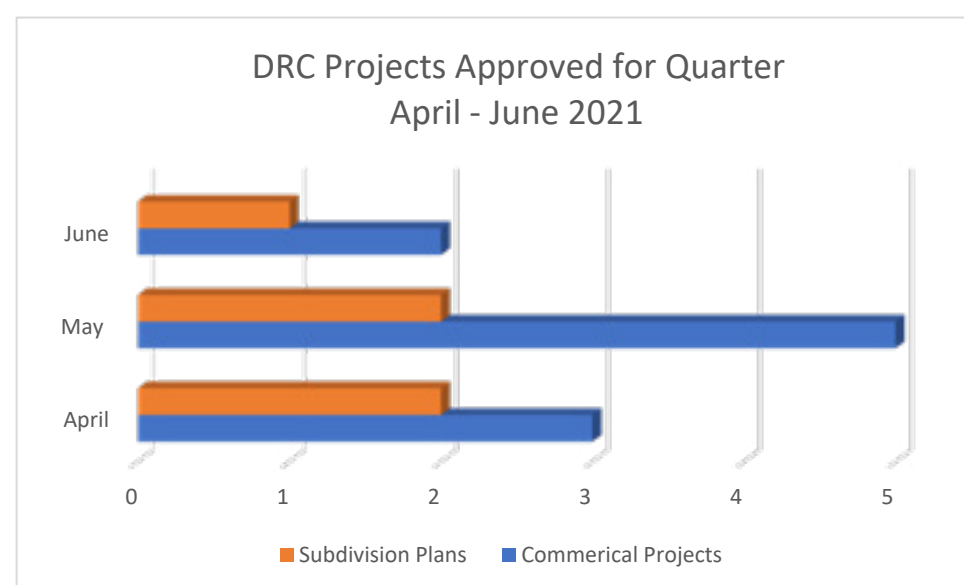
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Planning Department

June Development Review

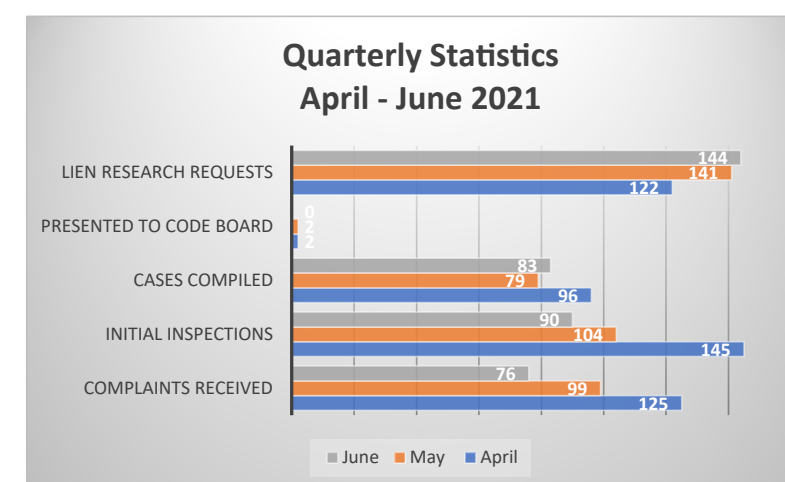
Pre-application Reviews	DRC Approvals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 commercial plans - 2 subdivision plans - 4 subdivision plats 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 commercial plans - 1 subdivision plans



On June 11, 2021, Planning Director, Thad Crowe, and Assistant Planning Director, Holly Coyle, made a presentation at the Northeast Florida Sales & Marketing Council's Monthly Meeting. The purpose was to provide an update on development in Nassau County.

Code Enforcement

June Activities	
Complaints Received	76
Initial Inspections	90
Cases Complied	83
Presented to Code Board	0
Lien Research Requests	144



Did You Know?

Nassau County often receives inquiries about permits and when they are required. Any owner or owner's authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, repair, remove, convert or replace any impact-resistant coverings, electrical, gas, mechanical, or plumbing system, shall first submit an application to the Building Official to obtain a permit. This is found in the 2020 Building Code, 7th Edition, Chapter 1, Part II: Administration and Enforcement, Section 105.1. See link here: https://codes.iccsafe.org/content/FLBC2020P1/chapter-1-scope-and-administration#FLBC2020P1_Ch01_SubCh02_Sec105

Anonymous Complaints

On June, 29, 2021, Governor Ron DeSantis signed Senate Bill 60 into law, prohibiting code inspectors designated by board of county commissioners from investigating anonymous code complaints.

All code enforcement reports must include the complainant's personal information including name and address.

There is one exception outlined and it states, "This paragraph does not apply if the person designated as a code inspector has reason to believe that the violation presents an imminent threat to public health, safety or welfare or imminent destruction of habitat or sensitive resources".

The Bill went into effect July 1, 2021.

The approved Legislative Bill can be viewed here: <https://flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2021/60/BillText/er/PDF>

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

County Extension

	June 2021	Quarterly Statistics April - June 2021
Total Programs/Activities	133	299
Total Participants	565	2,210
Total Educational Publications	16	49
Total Reach Through Educational Publications	73,711	154,388
Return on Investment	\$21,553.80	\$77,751.80

Family & Consumer Sciences

The mission of the Family & Consumer Sciences Extension Agent is to bring the educational resources of the University of Florida to the residents of Nassau County to improve their quality of life in the areas of Health and Nutrition, Aging and Human Development, general financial management, and 4-H Youth Development.

- Provided 11 programs with 93 participants and issued 5 publications reaching 21,451 people
- Facilitated coordination for Interim Natural Resource/Ag Agent
- Planning and coordination of new Miner Rd. Extension Facility
- Provided oversight to Master Gardner Volunteers regarding County Background Screening Requirements and incoming CED/Horticulture Agent

Natural Resources and Agriculture

The Natural Resource and Agriculture Agent's mission is to provide educational programs that promote natural resources and agriculture such as promoting oyster restoration practices, invasive species management, best management practices for farms, and the Florida Master Naturalist Program.

- Co-presented Goffinsville Park Living Shoreline project for Plastic-Free Restoration of Oyster Substrates Meeting
- Conducted two agriculture educational consults
- Facilitated Northeast Florida Master Naturalist Firends Group Meeting

Horticulture

- Conducted 20 soil samples
- Conducted two landowner consults

4-H Positive Youth Development

A 4-H Agent's mission it to provide educational programs for positive youth development and overseeing fundraising, record-keeping, marketing, working with the Nassau County 4-H Association, and ensuring compliance with State and national policies. 4-H Agents also recruit, train, and retain youth and adult volunteers.

- Developed and taught Summer 4-H Days of Camp
- Facilitated Florida 4-H State Virtual Horse Club-Equine Youth Education
- Selected to present at National Conference in November
- Collected and judged 14 youth project and record books
- Provided consultations about 4-H, programming, clubs, events, etc. to public
- Guest speaker at Women of Influence Conference

Inspiring Entrepreneurship in 4-H Youth



16 Nassau County Youth participated in an 8-day Future Entrepreneurs Day Camp. This program was a partnership between the Nassau County Extension's 4-H Division, the Nassau County School District and the Nassau County Career Technical Education Center. Funding for the camp was provided by a competitive Florida Department of Education Grant in the amount of \$50,000.

During the 64 hour program, the youth worked in small teams to conceive and develop a business plan and marketing materials for a simulated food truck business. These efforts included creation of a business plan, marketing plan, a menu design, logo design, promotional video, and a business

statement. The final result of these efforts were evaluated by a panel of judges.

Meg McAlpine delivered 2 days of instruction on safe food handling and prevention of contamination in the food service industry. The youth also participated in 4 days of field trip visits to local businesses to speak with successful business owners about the risks and rewards of entrepreneurship.

In post program surveys, all 16 youth reported an increase in their knowledge of entrepreneurship. They also reported a greater self-confidence in their business abilities.

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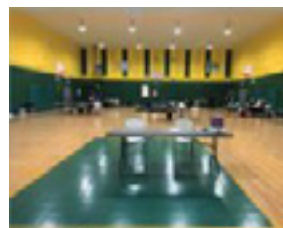
To view all County Extension activities for
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Human Resources

Employee Wellness

June's monthly wellness communication focused on migraines, specifically common triggers and options for treatment. Examples include:

- Stress
- Lack of Sleep
- Poor eating habits
- A change in weather
- Strong odors
- Hormonal changes
- Too much caffeine
- Caffeine withdrawals
- Chocolate, aged cheese, nitrates, red wine and other fermented foods



162 employees participated in this year's Wellness Screening Event. Health care workers were onsite to conduct biometric screenings which identified health risks and provided guidance on how to address some of those risks. The employees were then provided a copy of their personal report to share with their doctors and to refer back to following next year's screening.

June Activities

Employee Services	
New Hires:	9
Terminations/Retirements	8
Positions Posted:	14

Employee Benefits	
Benefit Enrollments:	14
Benefit Terminations:	15
Benefit Changes:	6

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To view all Human Resources activities for June 2021, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/134/Human-Resources>



Public Information Office

June activities included:

- Published Monthly County newsletter (May edition)
- Released "Proudly Serving Nassau" Video featuring Animal Control Officer, Marty Pruitt
- Coordinated Ribbon Cutting & Dedication Event for Fire Rescue Station 71
- Posted final draft of Video Tour Book to County webpage
- Managed Coronavirus information on official County webpage. Kept current with all local and State Executive Orders and Resolutions for local State of Emergency
- 39 Stories posted to The County Insider
- 35 FaceBook posts reaching 130,243 people
- Tweets: 38
- Press Releases Issued: 3
- Resolutions Written: 1

Social Media Followers as of June 30, 2021

FaceBook followers: 8,678

Twitter Followers: 215

YouTube Followers: 68

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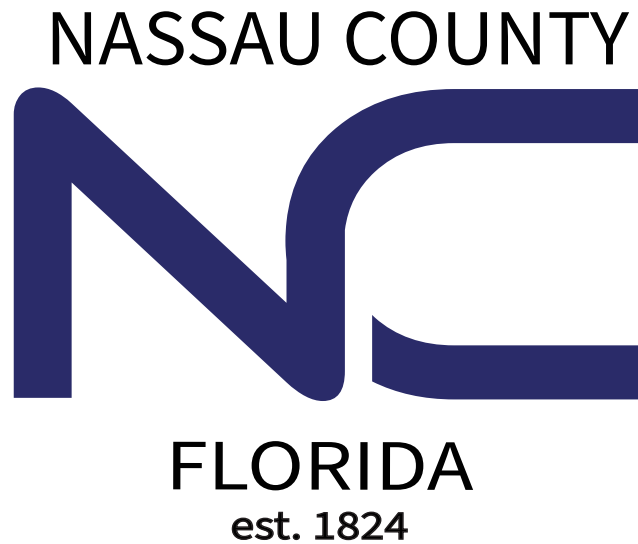
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