

Board of County Commissioners

Nassau County, Florida



Ribbon Cutting for Crawford

HIGHLIGHTS.....

- Completion of Crawford Road
- Repairs to County Road 121
- Redistricting update
- Annual Report for FY 20/21 Released
- CLAM Nomination Period Extended

Meet Covfefe



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Crawford Road Completed

On November 10, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners hosted a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony in celebration of the completion of the Crawford Road Project which consisted of paving the existing 6.5 mile-long, two lane dirt road connecting County Road 121 with the existing paved portion of Crawford Road, just west of US 301.

This \$6.95 million project is critical to improving mobility, promoting job growth and attracting industry to western Nassau County. The project is strategically located to become a future industrial and technological epicenter supported logistically by a robust roadway and railway transportation hub. The Board entered into an agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation in March 2014 for Small County Outreach Program (SCOP) grant funding to assist with project costs.

District Four County Commissioner and Chairman of the Board, Thomas Ford, stated, “The paving of Crawford Road was long overdue. I am really excited for the citizens of western Nassau. This investment not only makes our day-to-day lives better, it also opens up the opportunity to attract high-wage jobs to our community. This project will benefit the residents of Nassau County for decades to come”.



Pictured (left to right): Commissioner John Martin; Commissioner Aaron Bell; Commissioner Thomas Ford; Commissioner Klynt Farmer; Commissioner Jeff Gray; County Manager, Taco Pope

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Repairs to County Road 121

In June 2021, the Board issued a Press Release announcing that the County was successful in securing \$9 million in legislative funding to assist with repaving County Road 121. Several citizens appeared at the November 8, 2021 meeting expressing concerns about the current condition of the road and inquiring about what steps were taken in inspecting its condition prior to requesting money from the State.

The Board responded by issuing a Press Release. Below are excerpts from the Press Release that provides further clarification.

November 16, 2021 Press Release

“In recent weeks, the County has received questions related to the repair of County Road 121 from the Duval County Line to State Road 2/Crawford Road. Recognizing the critical nature of County Road 121, the Board, in collaboration with the Nassau County Legislative Delegation, secured \$9 million in State appropriations to resurface the road from the Duval County line to State Road 2. ([see June 4, 2021 Press Release](#))

In preparation for requesting State funding for resurfacing of CR121, in January 2021, the Board of County Commissioners conducted traffic counts along County Road 121 at three locations: north of County Road 108; south of Stokes Road; and south of SR 2 (north of Stokes Road). The traffic counts captured both the number vehicles and types of vehicles that use the roadway. Next, the Board of County Commissioners assessed the structural integrity of the road’s subbase, the supporting material under the asphalt surface, by taking a series of core samples from the roadway.

Based on the analysis, it was determined there are some areas of CR121 where the structural integrity of the subbase is sufficient to support heavy traffic and will only require resurfacing at a cost between \$160,000 to \$220,000 per mile. However, there are other areas of CR121 where a full reconstruction of the road, including the subbase, will be required at a cost of \$620,000 per mile. Based on the available data, the cost estimate is roughly \$500,000 per mile, or \$9,000,000, to complete the segment from the Duval County Line to SR2/Crawford Road, factoring in cost for design and contingency.

Project design is anticipated to begin in the late summer/early fall of 2022. The design portion of this project will include a deeper evaluation of the roadway’s structural integrity and identification of the best option for addressing the deficiencies found segment by segment (resurfacing, full reconstruction, etc.). Construction is anticipated to begin early 2023 and will take six to nine months to complete. Based on the anticipated timeline, the segment from Duval County Line to SR2/Crawford Road, should be complete by the end of 2023.

Given the approximately two-year process to complete repairing the southern half of the CR121 corridor, Nassau County Public Works and Road Department has an interim plan to address this segment of County Road 121. Commencing after Thanksgiving, Road Department staff will work diligently to repair potholes in this segment of the corridor by removing loose asphalt and debris; recompact the base; filling the holes with tackifier, a compound that increases stickiness; filling the holes with a new asphalt mix; and then tamping it into place, packing it tightly before leveling it to the surrounding road. The Road Department will also use a grader to remove the accumulation of soil along portions of the roadway’s shoulders to allow rain water to drain away more quickly from the paved surface”.

What’s Next?

Related to the above, on August 22, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners adopted a 22-year Pavement Management Plan valued at \$85 million dollars which prioritized roadways for treatment, based on current conditions. Segments of County Road 121 were identified as a top priority.

In addition to the \$9 million secured in the 2021 for the southern segment of CR121, the Board of County Commissioners is currently working with the Nassau Legislative Delegation to petition the State Legislature for an additional \$9 million to resurface the northern segment of County Road 121 from State Road 2 to US 1.

Interim Repairs Underway

As indicated in the November 16th Press Release, Road Department staff, began working on interim repairs to County Road 121 the week of November 29th and has made significant progress. This work will continue through December and into the new year with the goal of repairing all potholes for immediate improvements while waiting on the design of the first segment. Below are some photos of the work that is currently underway.



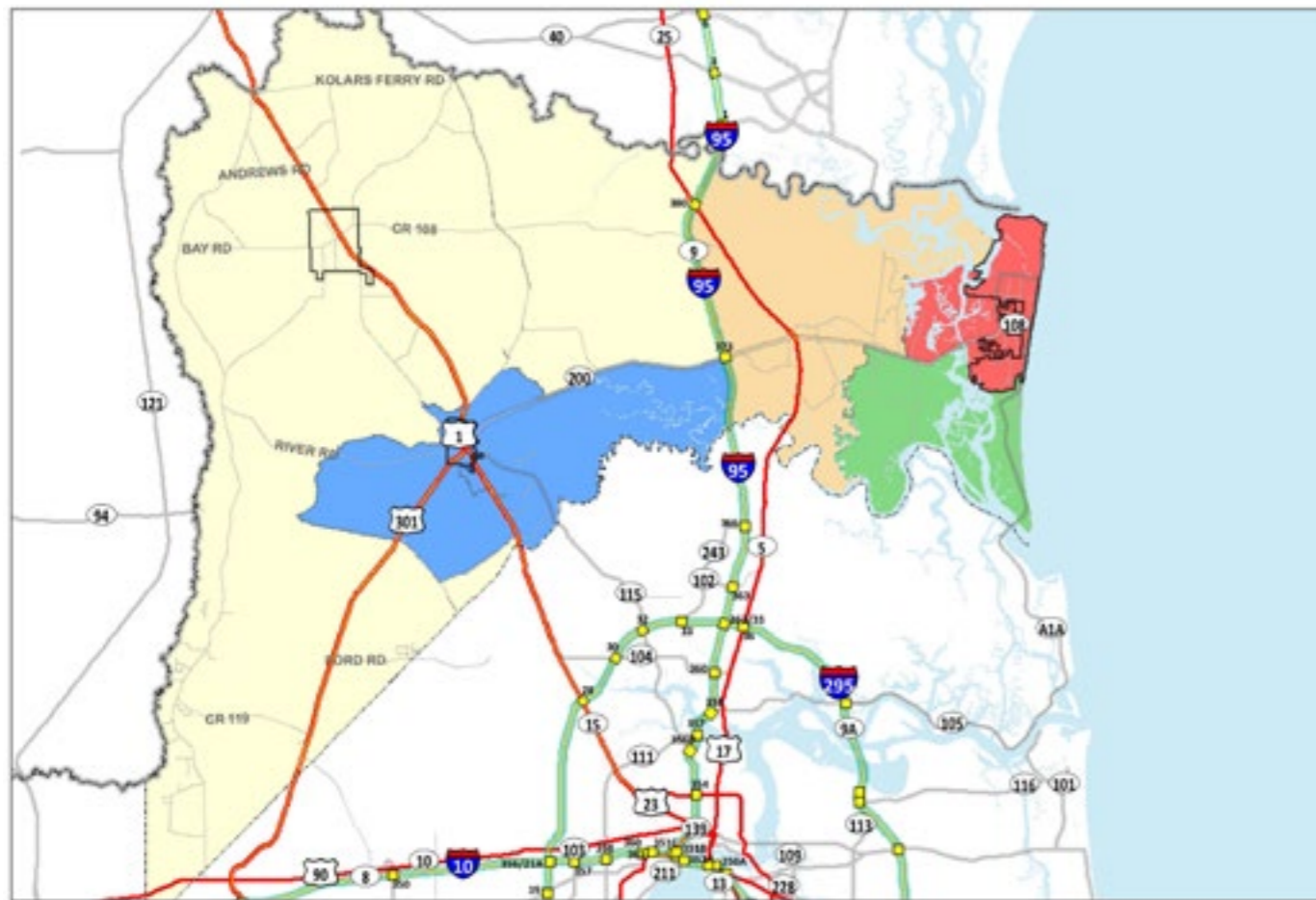
If you have any questions, please contact the Nassau County Road Department at (904) 530-6175.

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Update on Decennial Census and Redistricting

As previously announced, each county is required to adopt a new District Map to ensure that all residents are equally represented, following the new Census data collected in 2020. The Board hosted three community meetings in October to allow residents to ask questions about the redistricting process and to learn more about 3 proposed District Maps that were under consideration.

The Board held a joint Meeting with the School Board on Wednesday, November 3rd and then a Special Meeting on November 8th. The below map was ultimately selected and a public hearing was scheduled for Monday, December 10th at 6pm for approval by the Board.



An interactive map can be located on our website here: http://www.thecountyinsider.com/uploads/2/4/7/0/24700962/boccpoposedplan3_maps_without_the_population_numbers.pdf

This interactive document allows the user to zoom in to see streets and addresses and determine which district seat will represent them for the next 10 years.

Nassau Legislative Delegation



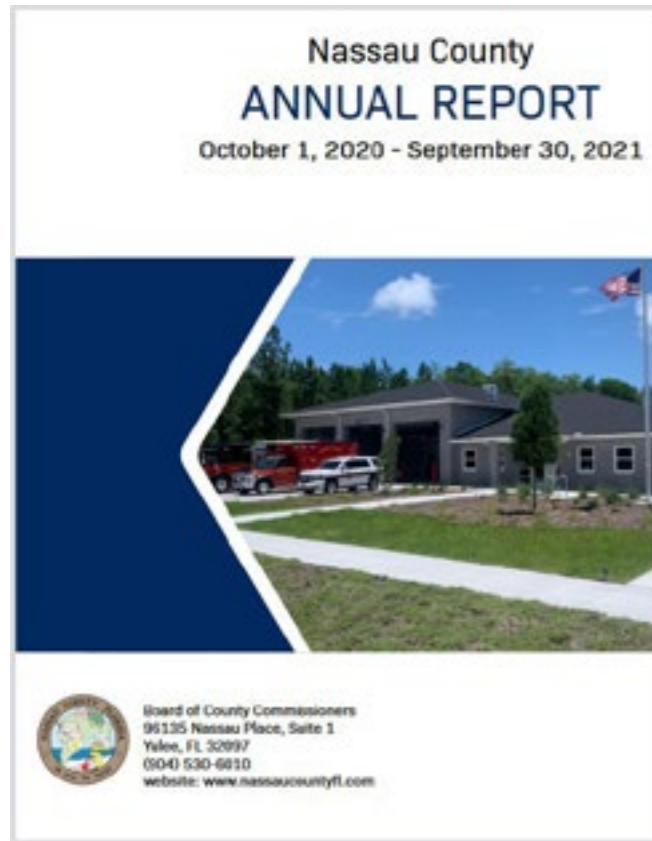
On Monday, November 10, 2021, the Nassau County Legislative Delegation convened in the County's Commission Chambers. Senator Aaron Bean and State Representative Cord Byrd heard from local municipalities, County government, and non-profit organizations about their need for funding ahead of the 2022 Legislative Sessions.

Nassau County's funding requests to the Florida Legislature are as follows (note: these are not in any particular order)

1. County Road 121: \$9 million requested to resurface the northern segment of CR 121 from State Road 2 to US 1.
2. American Beach Water & Sewer Project: \$1.85 million requested for the septic to sewer conversion project.
3. State Road 200/A1A Widening from CR 107 to Amelia Island Parkway: \$1.2 million requested for the County to conduct a feasibility study which will be used to determine if widening is possible to help increase capacity and eliminate the bottleneck at the entrance of Amelia Island.
4. Sheriff's Work Ethics and Training (SWEAT) Program: \$110,000 requested to continue offering this program for at-risk youth.
5. Northeast Florida Public Safety Training Facility - Phase 2: \$5.95 million requested to construct the indoor training facility and classrooms.
6. US Highway 301/Crawford Road Intersection Improvements: \$1.5 million requested to improve mobility and improve access to the Crawford Diamond.
7. Amelia Island Trail-Phase 4: \$5.1 million requested to expand the island trail network and further improve mobility in the community.
8. Tourism Expansion via Ecotourism/Water Access Improvements-Nassau River: \$755,025 requested to fund a commercial scale kayak launch and community dock at Tributary Regional Park.

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ANNUAL REPORT RELEASED



On November 23, 2021, the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2020/2021 was released. This document highlights activities and achievements from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. Examples include:

- The County's first Conservation Land Acquisition Program
- The County's first Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan
- The County's first Pavement Management Plan
- The 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan
- The County's Mobility Plan
- The Nassau Florida Prosperity Plan developed to guide the County in local application of American Rescue Plan Funding
- COVID-19 vaccination efforts
- American Beach Water & Sewer Conversion Project
- Growth Trends
- Community outreach and special events
- Department achievements
- Department goals

The Annual Report can be found at: <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/DocumentCenter/View/22167/Annual-Report-for-FY-20-21>

Community Feedback

The Nassau County Annual Report is exceptionally well done. Congratulations!
-D. Scott

Sabrina's work on this publication is absolutely phenomenal! She is an incredible asset to your team.
-C. Jackson

CLAM NOMINATION PERIOD EXTENDED

NASSAU COUNTY IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS OF PROPERTIES FOR POTENTIAL ACQUISITION THROUGH THE CONSERVATION LAND ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (CLAM)



Nomination Period Extended to January 31, 2022.

The Nassau County Conservation Land Acquisition and Management (CLAM) program was created to preserve and conserve the county's natural, historic, and working lands resources by identifying, ranking, and assessing conservation lands for acquisition and management.

The County is accepting nominations of properties for potential acquisition by the County through the CLAM Program from any person or organization, including the County, nonprofit organizations, and local, regional, state, or federal governmental entities. To nominate a property for potential acquisition, the nominator shall submit an application to the Nassau County Planning Department. Nominators may nominate an entire parcel for acquisition in fee simple or only a specific portion thereof or interest therein. In nominating properties, nominators should consider, at a minimum, the information contained in the Conservation Plan, the CLAM Resource Rankings Map, and the CLAM Manual.

Nominations must be received by the Nassau County Planning Department no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, January 31, 2022. Nominations received after the nomination period will not be considered. CLAM documents and nomination forms can be found at the following link or can be picked up and dropped off in person at the address listed below:

<https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/933/Conservation-Land-Acquisition-Management>

Nassau County Planning Department
96161 Nassau Place
Yulee, Florida 32097

If you have any questions, please call (904) 530-6300 or email planninginfo@nassaucountyfl.com.

2021 Peanut Butter Challenge a Big Success!



Every year, the Nassau County Extension Office, in conjunction with the University of Florida, hosts a Peanut Butter Challenge in celebration of Florida's agriculture and to help feed the hungry.

The challenge ran from October 1 through November 23, 2021. A total of 333 pounds of peanut butter was collected! A big thank you to everyone who made a donation and the Extension Office in all their efforts.

Office of Management & Budget



Budget Division

The Office of Management & Budget has been busy with close-out of the 2020/2021 fiscal year. This includes:

- Year-end review
- Working with departments to review accounts and to determine which projects have been completed and which ones are in progress and require a “roll-over” of funds to the current fiscal year
- Compiling a list of roll-overs for the Finance Department

OMB has also been developing workflow charts to establish an electronic process for budget adjustments.

Grants/SHIP Division

SHIP:

- Pre-bid inspection for SHIP Home Rehabilitation sent out to for bid
- Compiled the Essential Housing Advisory Committee (EHAC) review and recommendations report for the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval

Grants:

- Submitted documentation for compliance monitoring review of the SAFER Grant program

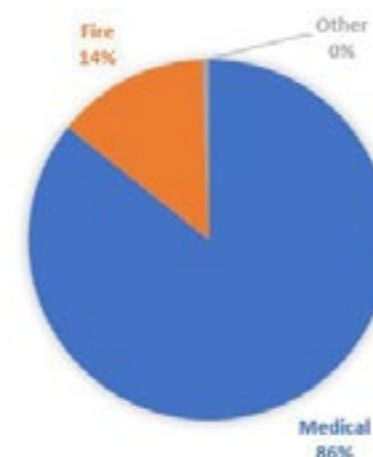
Procurement

- Attended two (2) pre-bid meetings
- Solicited formal bids for 8 projects

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arosen@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all OMB activities for November 2021, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/168/Management-Budget>

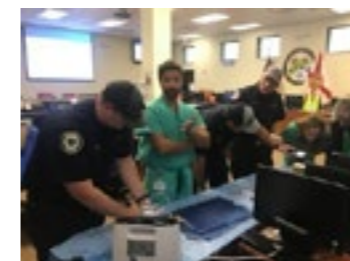
Fire/Rescue



- Medical Calls: 721
- Fire Calls: 115
- Other Calls: 5*

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

Fire Rescue Personnel Participates in Stroke Training



In November, Fire/Rescue personnel participated in stroke training classes presented by Baptist Health instructors. The classes were held at the Emergency Operations Center and participants learned more about how to better treat patients who are potentially having a stroke.

NCFR Leads Parade at Fallen Firefighter Memorial



Local 3101 members, Weston Gill and Josh Fitchett had the privilege of attending this year's Honor Guard Academy held at the Florida State Fire College. They spent five days practicing their marching skills, carrying colors for parades, planning funerals and



various other duties the Honor Guard is often asked to carry out. NCFR then had the honor of carrying colors and leading the nighttime parade in Ocala for the Fallen Firefighter Memorial. 18 fallen firefighters were honored this year.

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

Library

The Library System circulated 14,485 tems in November. This includes books, audio books, cds/dvds, and other items that can be checked out at any of the 5 library branches.



Activity	November 2021
Items Circulated	14,485
Library Cards Issued	182
Gate Count	7,602
Computer Use (hrs)	244
Computer Use (ppl)	335
Reference Questions	824

PASSPORT DAY!

FERNANDINA BEACH BRANCH LIBRARY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22ND

9am - 5pm

Appointments are strongly encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome!

www.nassaureads.com or call 904-530-6508

PASSPORT PHOTOS TAKEN ON SITE!

Let's Get Ready to Travel!

Sponsored by the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library

Passport Day has been scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the Fernandina Library Branch.

This event allows residents to obtain new passports and/or renew existing passports.

Appointments are strongly encouraged but walk-ins are welcome.

Appointments can be made at www.nassaureads.com. You can also call (904) 530-6500 or email libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl.com.

AUTHOR TALK



Author Talk with Best Selling NYT and USA Today Author, Karen White, was a great success. There were 65 people in attendance and many books were purchased and signed.

Karen announced that she will be the One Book, One Community Author in 2022 and will return to the Library on April 7, 2022 to present her new book *Shop on Royal Street*. The event will be held at the Fernandina Beach Golf Course from 4:00-6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available for purchase at www.nassaureads.com.

Join Amelia Island author, Tom Hitchcock, as he discusses hisbook, *Drowning....* a story of desire and betrayal on the high seas. A woman, and her beloved, dump her husband's body overboard. Problem is, he's not quite dead and the evil of their bad deed torments them. They can run from it, but they can't hide!

When: Thursday, January 13, 2022
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Fernandina Library Branch

Call (904) 530-6500 with questions.

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Author Talk

Tom Hitchcock

JANUARY 13th
6 PM
FERNANDINA BEACH LIBRARY

A story of desire and betrayal on the high seas. A woman, and her beloved, dump her husband's body overboard. Problem is, he's not quite dead. The evil of their deed torments them. They can run from it, but they can't hide.

Join Amelia Island author Tom Hitchcock for the story behind the story, a free-ranging discussion of his latest novel, *DROWNING*. How the plot, the characters, and the settings—the Chesapeake, Fernandina Beach, and the Caribbean—will be stage for a full drama.

Nassau County Public Library
25 N. 4th St.
Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034 | 904-530-6500
nassaureads.com

Contact:
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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
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dbostwick@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Library activities for November 2021, please visit www.nassaureads.com

Animal Care & Control

A total of 142 pets were adopted in November!



October Activities		
	Dogs	Cats
Total In	60	121
Total Out	70*	116

*includes pets that were at shelter the prior month

UPCOMING ADOPTION EVENTS

Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pet Supply Plus, 6500 GA Highway, 40 East, St. Marys, GA 31550

Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Petco, 11900 Atlantic Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32225

Saturday, January 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Pet Supply Plus, 6500 GA Highway, 40 East, St. Marys, GA 31550

Saturday, January 29, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Petco, 463713 State Road 200, Yulee, FL 32097

All pet adoptions are sponsored by Petco and Pet Supplies Plus. All pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and come with a microchip.

*Adopters at Petco will receive \$450 in discounts when they purchase Petco merchandise and services.

**Adopters at Pet Supplies Plus will receive 10% off their first order.

Don't Miss the Perfect Pet!



Register to receive VIP priority updates and to see some of Animal Services latest arrivals and special events. You can also sign up by texting "nassauadopt" to 22828. [Sign up here.](#)

NCAS Special Needs Vet Fund



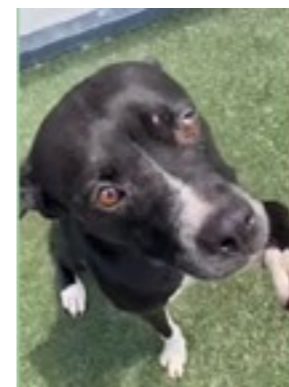
Nassau County Animal Services is a small County shelter. Their budget does not allow for extraordinary veterinary care. Thanks to many wonderful donors who contribute to the special needs veterinary fund, NCAS is able to give these animals the special care they need to get better.



Pictured here is Jaxson. Jaxson was found living in an abandoned home and was in horrible condition. However after some extra TLC and veterinary care, Jaxson was able to make a full recovery. He is now living in a loving home with two other dogs. We could not save dogs like Jaxson without the community's help.

If you would like to help other special needs animals like Jaxson, please consider contributing to our Special Needs Vet Fund. No donation is too small! Visit [NCAS website](#) and click "donate". Type NCAS VET FUND in the description section. Contributions can also be made by calling the shelter at (904) 530-6150. A receipt will be emailed to you as donations are tax-deductible.

Featured Pet



They don't come any sweeter than Covfefe. She is an adorable, timid, gentle 3-year old pup that loves people and any attention she can get. Covfefe is heart-worm positive and needs someone who can give her some extra care. NCAS will provide all the medicine for heart-worm positive pups in your care. Once they test negative, should you decide to adopt, NCAS will waive the adoption fee.

Cats & Kittens Galore!

NCAS has over 85 cats and kittens available for adoption. Adoption fees are \$25 for kittens and \$9 for adults. To meet the available cats and kittens, call the shelter to schedule a time to visit.



Contact:

Tim Maguire, Director
86078 License Rd.
Yulee, FL 32097
(904) 530-6150
tmaguire@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Animal Services activities for November 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

November 2021 Activities

	Work Orders Created	120
	Ditches Cleaned	26,400 LSF
	Storm Drains Cleaned	1,431 LSF
	Dirt Roads Graded	360 Miles



Ditch Cleaning



Tree Trimming

Work Order Highlights for November

Culvert Repairs

- Staff completed 15 work orders for various driveway repairs (208 man hours)

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Staff completed 7 work orders for storm drain and culvert cleaning (40 man hours)

Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Staff completed a work order on Quail Road which entailed digging 12,000 LSF of ditches (70 man hours)

- Staff completed a work order on Andrews Road which entailed digging of 8,200 LSF of ditches
- Staff completed an additional 5 drainage work orders around the County in various locations (154 man hours)

Paved Road Maintenance

- Staff completed 13 work orders for misc. maintenance around the County (285 man hours)
- Staff completed 18 work orders for pot hole repairs (150 manhours)

- Staff completed 7 work orders for roadway shoulder repairs (128 man hours)
- Staff completed 9 work orders for tree/debris removal (120 man hours)

Outfall Ditch Maintenance

- Staff completed 4 work orders for outfall ditch maintenance (132 man hours)

Dirt Road Maintenance

- Staff completed 5 work orders for adding materials to dirt roads (135 man hours)

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37356 Pea Farm Rd.
Hilliard, FL 32046
(904) 530-6175
chansen@nassaucountyfl.com

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

Solid Waste

Recycling Collected
53.15
Total Tons



Scrap Metal
19.05 tons



Cardboard
13.85 tons



Plastics
17.58 tons



Electronics
0.91 tons



Other activities included removal of 439,100 gallons of leachate and hauling 134.58 tons of household waste to Camden County.



Lynn Diden welding/repairing a recycling bin



Gas Well Line Repair



Flare Wheel Chart Recorder



Well Monitoring at Meadowfield Bluff (before repair)



Single-Stream Recycling delivered to Recycle Plant

Contact:
Doug Podiak, Public Works Director
46026 Landfill Rd.
Callahan, FL 32011
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To view all Solid Waste activities for November 2021, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/228/Solid-Waste>

Public Works



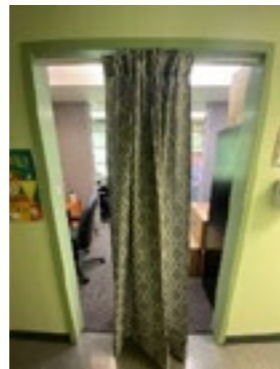
Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Maintenance processed 1,087 work orders in November

Facilities Maintenance had a very busy month! Below are examples of some of the repairs and/or renovations that took place at various County facilities.



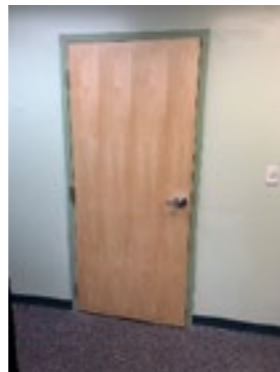
A weather resistant receptacle was installed on the balcony of the historic courthouse for the annual holiday light display



The Yulee Health Clinic needed additional secured space to hold supplies. This basic door opening was replaced with a new locking door



New Customer Only Parking signs were installed at the Public Services Building



Contact:
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Callahan, FL 32011
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dpodiak@nassaucountyfl.com

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

Parks & Recreation

Nassau Crossing Park

The developer continues construction of Nassau Crossing Community Park. The playground structure is nearing completion. The grounds have been prepared for vertical construction with initial construction beginning on the restroom facility. Phase One construction is anticipated to be complete in the late spring/early summer of 2022.



A citizen reported missing trash cans at the Scott Road Beach Access. Upon investigating, it was found that the posts were missing as well. Facilities staff built new stands and installed new cans to replace the missing ones.



A citizen called to report that the electrical panels at the Hilliard Ballpark were open and exposed. Staff arrived to find that not only had they been opened, someone had turned off the main breaker. The breakers were turned back on and locks were added to the breaker panel to secure them.



On November 9th, Parks & Recreation Director, Jay Robertson, presented to Leadership Nassau for Recreation, History & Arts & Environment Day. Jay shared information about the County's recreation initiatives including parks, programming and special events.

Note: Repairs and upgrades at recreational parks and facilities are conducted by the Facilities Maintenance Department.

Contact:
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Callahan, FL 32011
(904) 530-6120
jrobertson@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Parks & Recreation activities for November 2021, please view the Public Works report at <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/73/Facilities-Maintenance>

Engineering Services

Transportation Project Highlights

County Road 108 Safety

Improvements: Construction from Middle Rd. to US 18 is expected to begin in February 2022. Design is underway from Bay Rd. to Middle Rd.

Henry Smith Road Improvements:

Construction is awaiting FDEP permitting and is expected to start in early 2022.

Pratt Siding Road Improvements:

Plans 90% complete. Construction to begin Summer of 2022.

Pages Dairy Road Widening:

Construction began January 2021. JEA Watermain installation is complete. Construction is anticipated to be complete in April 2022.

Amelia Island Parkway Trail:

Construction for Phase One is anticipated to begin in the Winter of 2021/2022. Phased 2-4 are under design.

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.

November Activities

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	117
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	262
Utility Permits Issued:	8
Building Permits Reviewed:	169
Borrow Pit Permits:	2
Drainage Concerns Logged:	9
DRC Pre-Applications Reviewed:	4
Site Engineering Plans Reviewed:	18
Variance Requests Reviewed:	9

Development Review

Commercial properties reviewed include two church sites and a mini-storage facility in Yulee. In Callahan, a utility site was reviewed.

Stormwater and Drainage

Thomas Creek: The first draft of the Army Corps of Engineers report was presented at the September 27, 2021 meeting. The study is anticipated to be complete in December 2021 and a final report will be presented to the Board shortly thereafter.

Clements Road: Engineering is working to correct long-standing drainage issues on Clements Road. Expected completion is estimated for late Summer 2022.

Announcements

Engineering Services is seeking a Stormwater Engineer to join their team. Apply through the County's website at <https://nassauemployees.munisservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx>

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96161 Nassau Place
Yulee, FL 32097
(904) 530-6225
rcompanion@nassaucountyfl.com

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

Building Department

Unsafe Structures

In accordance Ordinance No. 2019-15, Unsafe Building Violations, two new cases of unsafe structures have been reported this month. Failure to comply will result in cases to the Construction of Adjustments and Appeals and eventually issuance of repair/demolition permits at the owner's expense.



November 2021 Activities

Permits	# Issued
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	488
Mobile Home & Modular Home	8
Electrical	360
Mechanical	190
Plumbing	174
TOTAL	1,180
Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	35
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	124
Inspections Performed	3,134

Community Feedback

Tammy and Jessica were fantastic!

-R. Six

Everybody was wonderful. It was a pleasure.

-K. Smith

Virgil was a tremendous help and went above and beyond!

-A. House

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Keith Ellis, Building Official
96161 Nassau Place
Yulee, FL 32097
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kellis@nassaucountyfl.com

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

Planning Department

Community Rating System 2021 5-Year Cycle Verification

Nassau County participates in FEMA's voluntary Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) which awards points for County floodplain management practices and allows discounted flood insurance rates for residents. The three goals of the program are to:

1. Reduce and avoid flood damage to insurable property
2. Strengthen and support the insurance aspects of the National Flood Insurance Program
3. Foster comprehensive floodplain management

Nassau County initially applied for CRS participation in 2016 and was ranked as a Class 8 Community, resulting in flood insurance premium reductions of 10% for residents within Special Flood Hazard Areas and 5% for residents outside the area. To date, the County has maintained its CRS class ranking through annual recertifications. Over the last few months, CRS Coordinator, Naomi Braff, along with staff from various County departments, have been documenting CRS activities and public outreach that was done to raise awareness about flood mitigation. A November 30th verification by an ISO representative revealed that not only is Nassau County on track to maintain its CRS Class 8 rating, there's a possibility Nassau County may be improved to a Class 7. Details to come soon!

Community Outreach



The County is awarded "points" through CRS for community outreach initiatives that spread awareness about flood protection. Often, Planning staff will have booths at various community events to share information with the public. Pictured to the left is the Planning Department's booth at the October 2021 Falling into Shrimp Event.

November Review

Pre-application Reviews	DRC Approvals
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 commercial plans - 2 subdivision plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2 Subdivision Plats - 1 Final Dev. Plan - 1 Re-plat

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

Code Enforcement



November Activities

Complaints Received	69
Initial Inspections	69
Cased Complied	68
Cases Presented to Code Board	2
Lien Search Requests	129

Did You Know?



Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2003-17, Section 3: "It shall be unlawful for the owner, lessee, and/or occupant of any real property in the unincorporated areas of Nassau County in the following Zoning categories: OR (three (3) acres or less), RS-1, RS-2, RM, RT, RG-1, RG-2, RMH, CN, CG, CI, Recreation and Open Space, and PUD, to cause, permit, and/or have stored thereon more than one (1) unserviceable vehicle(s), except for unserviceable vehicles stored within a completely enclosed building, or unserviceable vehicles stored on the premises of a properly zoned junkyard or vehicle repair or storage facility. One (1) unserviceable vehicle may remain on the property for a period not to exceed six (6) months.

For OR zoned properties of four (4) acres or more, unserviceable vehicles may be stored subject to the following:

- (1) No vehicle shall be within three hundred (300) feet of any boundary of such owner's land.
- (2) If the vehicle is visible from the adjoining property or road, as determined by a code enforcement officer, it shall be contained within a pole barn (properly permitted, if applicable) or in a completely enclosed permitted building.
- (3) Unserviceable vehicles shall not be left on public property, including rights-of-way for any period of time.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Code Enforcement Officer, Shawn O'Reilly, on being voted Vice President of the Northeast Association of Code Enforcement for 2022. In 2023, he will serve as President!

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County Extension

Services	Qty.	Estimated Savings to Residents
Total Programs/Activities	63	\$8,618.40
Site Visits	6	\$410.40
Phone, Email and Office Visits	405	\$6,925.50
Volunteer Hours	142	\$3,737.44
Newspaper Articles	2	\$237.76
Soil Analysis	6	\$28,977.00

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.

Success Story:

A Nassau County Veteran reached out to FCS Agent, Meg McAlpine, looking for help understanding his 2022 Medicare choices. When he came to the Yulee Extension Office, he received unbiased information about Medicare and applications were submitted on his behalf for Federal and State subsidy programs, due to his low income. Meg helped him complete applications which would provide him an additional \$260/month from Social Security Income. He also applied for assistance to pay all of his Medicare Health Costs, a savings of \$300/month. Beginning Jan. 1st, he have an additional \$560/month and as a result, will have additional funds needed to pay rent, buy food, and seek local medical care.

Horticulture

The mission of the Horticulture Extension Agent is to provide science-based horticulture recommendations for residents, green-industry professionals, planners, designers, and communities through educational resources, trainings, and outreach programs.

Success Story:

A local business owner contacted the County agent regarding declining plants in his landscape. He believed a pathogen or insect was destroying the plants and intended on spraying the landscape with difference pesticides. The agent encouraged the landscape managers to postpone any treatments until completing a diagnosis. After visiting the site,

the agent quickly determined there were no pests or pathogens causing plant decline. The plant death was related to root girdling, a problem typically associated with poor nursery management. Therefore, it was not a pest issue and no pesticides were required. The agent helped save the client money by preventing unnecessary applications of systemic pesticides.

4-H Positive Youth Development

The 4-H Agent mission is 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 recruits, trains, and retains youth and adult volunteers.

Extension Agent, Ted Karsch

In August 2021, Ted performed an informal needs assessment to gauge the community's interest in a youth sewing club. Based on responses received, he determined that there was a sufficient level of interest to pursue creating a club, however Ted doesn't have much knowledge of sewing. He began promoting the club in the monthly 4-H Newsletter, in an effort to find volunteers with knowledge in sewing.

In September, he was contacted by a Callahan resident who is an active member of an adult sewing club called the Quilting Guild which as 60 adult members. She informed him that she would be interested in working with 4-H to host a one-time event for youth to create a sewing project. He shared with her the history and educational philosophy of 4-H. As a result of their conversation, she became more interested in creating a longer-term program and recruited other members from her adult sewing group.

Ted met with the volunteer and two others from her group and began planning a one-time sewing event and the roll-out of a 6-session sewing club for youth ages 10 - 17.

In a separate meeting, she and another adult from her organization visited the Extension Office again to clean and evaluate the Extension's sewing machines. They were able to make 8 of the 10 machines operational for use in future programming. The first Nassau County Youth Sewing Club event has been scheduled for January 22, 2022.

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To view all County Extension activities for November 2021, please visit
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Human Resources

Job Opportunities

Nassau County has several job opportunities available. Below is a list of current vacancies (as of December 10, 2021)

- Administrative Specialist II
- Assistant OMB Director
- Chief Innovation Officer
- Custodial Worker
- Deputy County Manager
- Economic Development Director
- Facilities Technician I
- Facilities Supervisor
- Fire Inspection/Investigator
- Firefighter/EMT
- Firefighter/Paramedic
- Library Assistant I
- Maintenance Helper
- MIS Technician II
- Office of Management & Budget Director
- Procurement Director
- Procurement Manager
- Procurement Specialist
- Stormwater Engineer

To view job descriptions and salary ranges or to apply online, please visit our website.
<https://nassauemployees.munisselfservice.com/employmentopportunities/default.aspx>

Employee Wellness

In November, employees focused on diabetes and how type 2 Diabetes can lead to serious conditions use as heart disease, blindness, and kidney disease. Employees are encouraged to:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Reduce processed foods and foods with sugar and to increase intake of fruits, vegetables and whole grains
- Exercise regularly
- Quit smoking
- Manage stress
- Have routine health screenings

Employee Services		Employee Benefits	
New Hires:	6	Benefit Enrollments:	5
Terminations/Retirements:	3	Benefit Terminations:	14
Positions Posted:	13	Benefit Changes:	6

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Public Information Office

November activities included:

- Monthly newsletter for October 2021
- Finalized and released Annual Report for FY 20/21
- Coordinated Ribbon Cutting for Crawford Rd. opening
- Began weekly news/email blasts utilizing Constant Contact
- 30 Stories posted to The County Insider
- 31 FaceBook posts reaching 127,830 people
- 23 Tweets
- Press Releases issued: 2
- Resolutions prepared: 2
- Attended Legislative Delegation on Nov. 12th
- Attended Public Records Training on Nov. 19th
- Working with families of Steve Kelley and Bill Howard on road designations in their honor
- Coordinated call/meeting with FDEP re: odor complaints at Amelia Concourse

Social Media Followers as of November 30, 2021

FaceBook followers: 9,284
 Twitter Followers: 288
 YouTube Followers: 77
 LinkedIn Followers: 28

Follow Us on Social Media!



<https://www.facebook.com/nassaucountyfl/>



<https://twitter.com/FINassau>



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



<https://www.linkedin.com/company/nassau-county-board-of-county-commissioners>

Not on Social Media?

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 and case updates, special events and programs, project updates, County awards, meeting information, and more!

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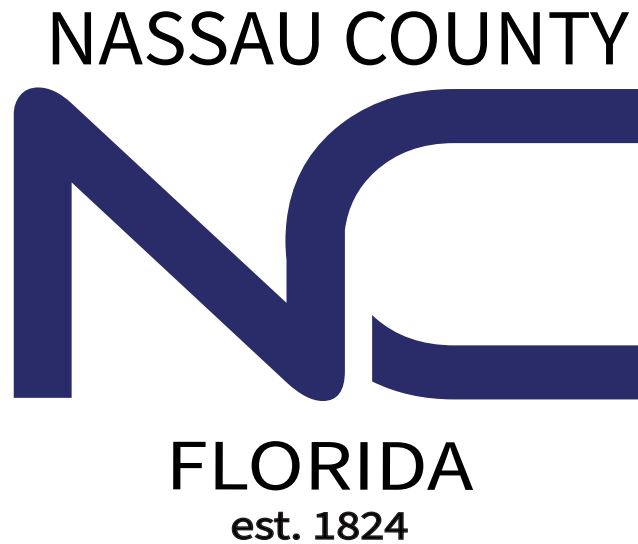
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