

Board of County Commissioners

Nassau County, Florida



HIGHLIGHTS

- Employee(s) of the Quarter
- Preparing for Hurricane Season
- Protecting Your Property from Flooding
- Annual Fire Rescue Awards Ceremony
- Registration for Summer Reading Programs Open



**Animal Care and Control
Appreciation Week**

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Employees of the Quarter

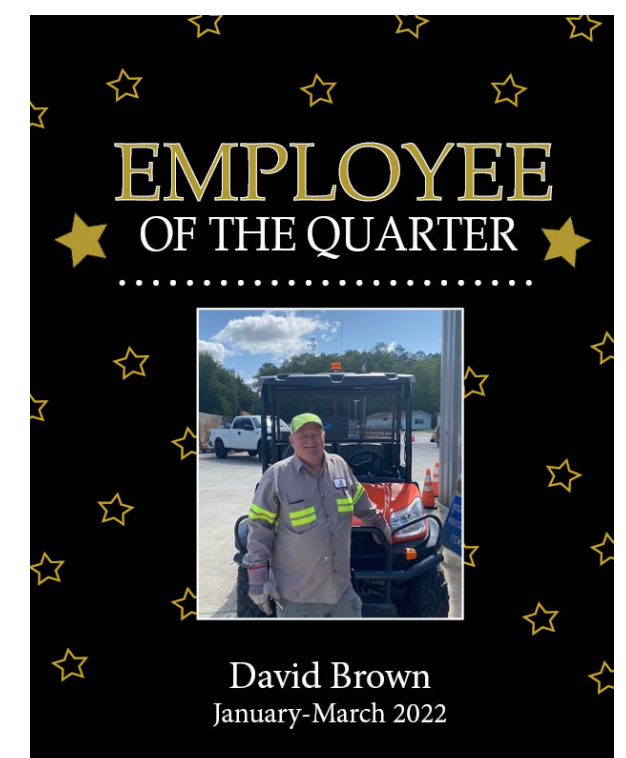
In January 2022, County Manager, Taco Pope, instituted new Customer Care Standards to govern both internal and external interactions and to create a more positive workplace environment.

Part of this initiative includes an Employee Recognition Program in which employees can nominate co-workers who have demonstrated Nassau County's Customer Care Standards and/or who has provided exceptional performance beyond established duties and responsibilities.

We are pleased to announce that we have two "Employees of the Quarter", John Horne and David Brown, for the period of January - March 2022. They were both given this award based on selfless actions they did together. They went above and beyond when a Nassau County resident entered the Convenience Recycle Center during a heavy rain storm and asked for assistance as she had two small children in her vehicle and was impacted by a flat tire. David and John immediately took action without regard to the weather and worked together to change her tire. Thanks to their efforts, this resident was able to get herself and her children home safely.

This is just one small example of their service and dedication to the County. Both employees work tirelessly to perform closure and post-closure activities as required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) for the County's landfill sites in Callahan, Bryceville and Lofton Creek. They also haul waste received at the Convenience Recycle Center to the Camden County Landfill and pull recycle bins from our sites around the County and hauls the materials to the appropriate recycling plant.

If you see John or David, be sure to congratulate them on being Nassau County's "Employee of the Quarter".



April Proclaimed Flood Awareness Month



DRC Coordinator/CRS Coordinator, Naomi Braff, with Chairman Aaron Bell at the March 28th meeting

In May 2017, the County completed the necessary steps to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program's (NFIP) Community Rating System. The CRS Program is a voluntary incentive program that recognizes and encourages community floodplain management activities that exceed minimum NFIP requirements. As a result, flood insurance premium rates are discounted to reflect the reduced flood risk. Property owners in the unincorporated areas of the County who reside in a Special Flood Hazard Area enjoy a 10% reduction in flood insurance premiums.

The County receives credits for sharing messages about flooding to the community. At the Monday, March 28th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-024 proclaiming April 2022 as Flood Awareness Month. Messages were released periodically through our blog and social media pages to remind residents of the importance of flood insurance and to encourage them to take steps necessary to protect their property.

Tips for Protecting Your Property from Flooding

Below are tips offered from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for protecting your property.

INSIDE THE HOME

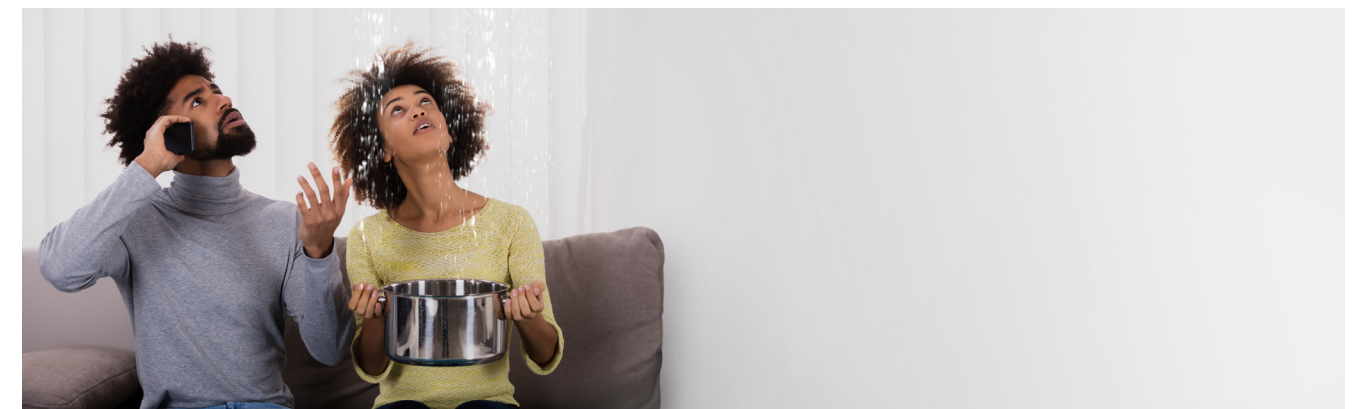
1. Prepare a list of belongings. Take photos of high-value items or do a video walkthrough of your home to document its contents. This can be helpful when filing an insurance claim.
2. Most homeowners insurance policies don't cover flood damage. Protect yourself by investing in flood insurance for your home, even if you don't live in a high-risk flood zone.
3. Elevate or floodproof mechanical units, furnaces, water heaters, electrical systems, and other utilities on masonry, concrete or pressure-treated lumber at least 12 inches above the base flood elevation of your home.
4. Replace carpeting with tile to reduce the possibility of water damage.
5. If you have a basement, minimize damage by floodproofing the basement and sealing walls with waterproofing compounds. Consider installing a sump pump.
6. Install flood vents in foundation walls, garages and other enclosed areas to allow water to flow through, drain out, and lower the risk of structural damage.

7. Flood-resistant insulation and drywall will help minimize damage and can be easily cleaned and sanitized.
8. Flooding can cause sewage backup into your home. Consult with a plumber and, if applicable, invest in a sewer backflow valve to prevent this potential health hazard.

OUTSIDE THE HOME

1. Elevating your home prepares your property against flooding. When a home is properly elevated, the lowest floor should be above the base flood elevation. Areas below should be used for parking, storage or to access the house above.
2. Secure items that could be swept away or damaged by floodwaters. Try anchoring or attaching them to more substantial structures.
3. Check caulking around windows and doors to make sure they're not cracked, broken or missing. Fill any holes or gaps around pipes and wires that enter your structure.
4. Build your home, garage, shed or any other building away from river channels and shorelines. If possible, build on higher ground.
5. If you have a single-family home be sure your yard slopes away from your structure and that water has a place to drain. Clear gutters, assess drainage issues or collect water in rain barrels.
6. Anchor any fuel tanks to the pad to prevent them from tipping over or floating away during a flood. Spilled fuel can create a fire hazard.
7. Add water-resistant exterior sheathing to walls and seal them to prevent shallow water from damaging your home.
8. If you have a manufactured home and you want flood insurance from the National Flood Insurance Program, your home must be affixed to a permanent foundation.

Source: [Federal Emergency Management Agency Website](https://www.fema.gov)



RESOLUTIONS FOR APRIL

In addition to Flood Awareness Month, several other Resolutions were adopted for April. They are as follows:



At the March 28th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-026, proclaiming the month of April 2022 as **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. This month is observed nationally to call attention to the prevalence of sexual violence and its widespread impacts, while promoting responses that lead to positive cultural change.

Pictured is Chairman Aaron Bell with representatives from the Women's Center of Jacksonville.



At the April 11th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-032 proclaiming April 2022 as **Keep America Beautiful Month** and commending Keep Nassau Beautiful.

For over 50 years, Keep America Beautiful has been recognized across the country to encourage citizens to do their part in keeping our communities clean.



Local non-profit organization, Keep Nassau Beautiful, works year-round to conduct and promote activities and educational opportunities. This volunteer based community action and education organization works to educate and encourage a clean, green and beautiful county through the reduction of litter and waste, increased recycling and beautifying of spaces.

In 2021, Keep Nassau Beautiful assisted in the collection of 57.6 tons of litter, recyclables and household hazardous waste; provided 4,549 total volunteer hours cleaning our community; educated 1,435 youth and adults on individual awareness and behavior change; planted 773 trees and 2,741 pollinator plants to reduce carbon dioxide levels.

We commend them on a job well done!

Pictured is County Commissioner, Jeff Gray; Lynda Bell, Executive Director for Keep Nassau Beautiful; and Mike Cole, Keep Nassau Beautiful Board Chair

At the March 28th meeting, the Board also approved Resolution No. 2022-025 proclaiming April 2022 as **Water Conservation Month**. April is designated because in Florida, conditions are typically dry and water demand is increased. Florida's Water Conservation Month educates citizens about how they can help save Florida's precious water resources.

Pictured is Chairman Aaron Bell and Douglas Conkey of the St. Johns River Water Management District.



At the April 11th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-033, proclaiming the week of April 10 - April 16, 2022 as **National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week**. This week is designated to recognize public safety professionals who respond to emergency calls and dispatch emergency professionals and equipment during a time of crisis.

Public Safety Emergency Telecommunicators are the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services. Their services are "silent" and seldomly observed by the public. Nassau County honors the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and residents safe.

Pictured: Commissioner Jeff Gray with the Nassau County's Sheriff's Office Dispatchers.



At the April 11th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-031 declaring the week of April 10 - April 16, 2022 as **Animal Care & Control Appreciation Week**. This week is recognized annually across the nation to recognize the hard work and efforts of animal control officers.

Nassau County Animal Services continues to qualify as a "no-kill" shelter due to their outstanding efforts in ensuring that animals entering the facility leave the facility through various avenues, including but not limited to, adoptions, fosters, return to owners, and transfers to animal rescue groups.

In Fiscal Year 2020/2021, Nassau County Animal Services responded to 4,600 calls for service. Additional efforts included adoption of 1,536 pets and hosting of 16 animal adoption events.

Pictured is Commissioner Thomas Ford; Animal Services Director, Tim Maguire (far right); shelter staff; and animal control officers.





At the April 20th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-034 proclaiming the week of April 18-April 24, 2022, as **National Crime Victim's Rights Week**. This week is recognized across the nation annually to bring awareness to the the efforts of Crime Victim's Advocates. 2022 actually marks the 40th anniversary of National Crime Victim's Rights Week.

Being a victim of crime and navigating the criminal justice system can be challenging. Crime Victim's Advocates help victims of crime tthrough a variety of services including emotional support, explanations of the investigative process, assisting with the injunction process, housing needs, and in some cases, relocation.

The Nassau County Sheriff's Office has employed a Crime Victim's Advocate since 2000. Currently, the position is held by Brittany Reynolds who attended the meeting for the reading of the Resolution. She is pictured above with Chairman Aaron Bell.



On April 22nd, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-099, proclaiming April 28, 2022 as **Worker's Memorial Day** in Nassau County. On December 28, 1970, President Richard Nixon signed into law the Occupational Safety and Health Act, which went into effect on April 28, 1971. Since 1989, community workers and local government leaders have gathered on April 28th to commemorate those who have lost their lives working to provide for their families.

Despite the OSHA Act which was intended to provide American workers the right to a safe workplace and requiring employers to provide safe conditions, tens of thousands of American workers are killed by workplace injuries and occupational disease every year. Tens of thousands more workers are permanently disabled. Each April, Worker's Memorial Day is observed to remember those who have suffered and died on the job.



Pictured is Chairman Aaron Bell and Joanna Norris of the Northeast Florida Safety Council.



At the April 11th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022- 029, **commending resident Garrett Bennett** for this achievements related to Nassau County 4-H.

Garrett has a medical condition that requires him to maintain a gluten free diet. He used to drink a special formula, however when his insurance company threatened to no longer supply this to him, he searched for alternative solutions to receive

the nutrition he needs. Raw, organic goat milk is naturally free of gluten so Garrett became interested in raising goats so he could have his own unlimited supply. He joined the Nassau County 4-H Program and was gifted his first goat by the Nassau County Farm Bureau. Garrett worked hard to obtain the necessary points to participate in the Northeast Florida Fair and eventually went on to compete in the State Fair.

Garrett also established a business model, and in January 2021, he opened Half-Pint Dairies, a local dairy farm where he produces goat milk. We commend him for his achievements and his efforts to create a more sustainable culture wihtin our community.

Pictured with Garrett is Commissioner Klynt Farmer.



At the April 11th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2022-030 **honoring Janet Wylie** on her retirement after 20 years of service.

Janet was hired as an Office Specialist II for the Code Enforcement Department on December 10, 2001. She worked in various positions over the years including Administrative Assistant, Office Manager, and most recently as Code

Enforcement Manager.

In each of these positions, Janet performed a variety of routine and complex administrative duties including, but not limited to, answering the phone, assisting office guests, preparing the department budget, processing invoices, researching compliants, opening case files for active code violations, closing case files upon compliance, preparing agendas for Code Enforcement Board meetings, and helping residents understand code regulations and actions needed to gain compliance. Janet's last day of employment was April 1, 2022 and she will be greatly missed by all of us.

Janet is pictured above with County Commissioner John Martin.

EMPLOYEE RECOGNIZED FOR YEARS OF SERVICE



At the April 20th meeting, Robyn Mobley was recognized for 25 years of service.

Robyn has many responsibilities but some of her main job duties include reviewing employment applications, coordinating interviews, assisting employees with their benefits, conducting background checks, arranging employee physicals, and coordination of new hire orientations.

County Manager, Taco Pope, stated, "Robyn is warm, kind, is always smiling and she just makes our days better". Human Resources Director, Ashley Metz added, "HR really wouldn't work well without Robyn. She is a great asset to the County".

Pictured: HR Director, Ashley Metz; Robyn Mobley; and County Manager, Taco Pope.

PREPARING FOR HURRICANE SEASON



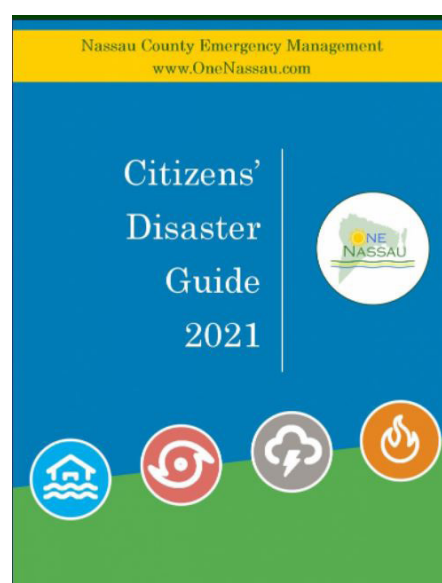
At the April 20, 2022 department head meeting, Emergency Management Director, Tim Cooper, spoke to the employees about the upcoming hurricane season. He also discussed roles at the Emergency Operations Center during an activation and what employees should expect if called upon to work during an emergency.

CITIZEN'S DISASTER GUIDE

"You could be anywhere when a disaster strikes....at work, in the car, at home, or at school. The situation could confine you to where you are, or force you to evacuate to a safer place. You could be left without basic services like electricity, clean water, or telephones. Emergency responders and relief workers will come, but they won't be able to help everyone right away. You need to be ready to be as self-reliant as possible. Knowing what to do before, during and after a disaster is everyone's responsibility".

The above quote was taken from the 2021 Citizen's Disaster Guide which was created to help residents plan for the inevitable including local emergencies and major disasters. Taking simple steps now can mean fewer losses and less recovery time later.

Download your copy today from One Nassau's website at www.OneNassau.com.



ALERT NASSAU CITIZEN ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

Keep informed about emergency conditions and other important community news by signing up for our Emergency Alert Notification System. This Citizen Alert system enables us to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, like when circumstances require evacuations or sheltering-in-place for your neighborhood, or unexpected road closures. You can receive voice-recorded alerts to your choice of home, mobile, or business phones, as well as text alerts and e-mail messages.

Register for Smart Weather Alerts to receive notifications whenever the National Weather Service issues a watch, warning, or advisory - you select which weather conditions and which severity levels.

Note: A "quiet period" has been enabled for weather alerts - they will not be broadcast between 9pm and 6am - except for tornado, hurricane, flash flood or tsunami warnings, which require immediate action.



SPECIAL NEEDS SHELTER AND EVACUATION PROGRAM

The Special Needs Shelter and Evacuation Program is designed for those who require daily help with their medical and/or functional needs and may need government assistance to evacuate to an emergency shelter during a disaster.

This program requires an annual enrollment to the Special Needs Registry which ensures that the County is aware of residents' special needs and is ready to accomodate them.

To access the Special Needs Registry Enrollment form, please visit www.OneNassau.com.

Shelters are opened on an as-needed, space available basis. Verify the opening/availability of shelters by listening to radio or television, calling the Citizen Information Line at (904) 548-0900, registering for Citizen Alerts at www.OneNassau.com, or by monitoring Nassau County Emergency Management's Facebook and Twitter pages.

Office of Management & Budget

Budget Division



Office of Management & Budget staff have been preparing for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 budget season. Activities include:

- Development of a five-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Development of the Fleet Replacement Plan
- Development of the Nassau Amelia Utilities Budget
- Development of the South Amelia Island Shore Stabilization Assessment (SAISSA) Project

OMB staff has also coordinated monthly meetings with Clerk Finance to promote understanding and establishment of procedural changes that will assist in streamlining processes between departments.

SHIP/Grants Division



Grants:

- Completed monthly and/or quarterly reporting for grant related activities as required.

SHIP:

- There is currently one home rehabilitation project which has been advertised for bid.

The Grants Specialist/SHIP Administrator also participated in two webinars this month for training on the new Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) software which is used for submittal of grant documents.

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To view all OMB activities for April 2022, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/168/Management-Budget>

Fire/Rescue

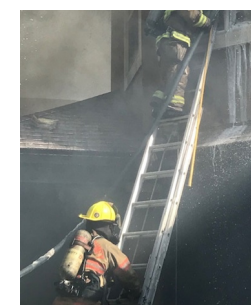
Call Type	# of Calls
Medical Calls	741
Fire Calls	126
*Other Calls	*4

*Examples of "other" calls include lift assistance, downed wires, stranded motorists, etc.

FIRE RESCUE AWARDS CEREMONY



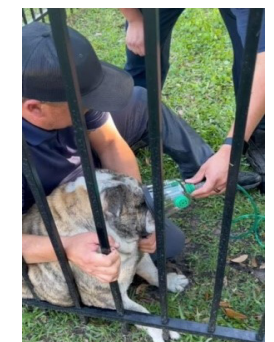
On Thursday, April 14, 2022, Nassau County Fire Rescue hosted an awards ceremony to recognize achievements of personnel within the department. The event was held at the Journey Church with Tax Collector, John Drew, serving as the Master of Ceremonies. Since there was no event in 2020, awards were given for both 2020 and 2021 for some categories. For information on employees that were recognized, please visit our blog at <http://www.thecountyinsider.com/home/fire-rescue-awards-ceremony>



NCFR members trying to reach the source of the fire involving a house on April 19th



Engineer Steven Henderson pumps Engine 71 at an abandoned mobile home fire on April 7th



NCFR responders rescued this English Bulldog, Bruce, from a housefire

Contact:
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96160 Nassau Place
Yulee, FL 32097
(904) 530-6600
brigdon@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Fire Rescue activities for April 2022, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/122/Fire-Rescue>

Library

The Library System circulated 14,931 items in March. This includes books, audio books, cds/dvds, and other items that can be checked out at any of the 5 library branches.



Activity	April 2022
Items Circulated	14,931
Library Cards Issued	226
Gate Count	7,552
Computer Use (hrs)	601
Computer Use (ppl)	745
Reference Questions	950

New Mango Language Program Announced



The Nassau County Public Library held a promotion for the month of April to celebrate both our new Mango Language program and Shrimp Festival.

The Mango dashboard provided statistics for the month of April: 223 people logged in and took one (or more) lessons. 113 used the link on the library website, 110 downloaded the app and used it on a device. The most popular language for April was Castilian Spanish, with Arabic second. 29 people learned Pirate in celebration of the upcoming Shrimp Festival activities.

Be the first at your branch location to bring in your Mango certificate of completion for any completed lesson and receive a gift card of your choice (Dunkin Donuts/Starbucks). All others presenting rewards will receive a Mango pen or Mango lip balm while supplies last.

(Pictured: Resident Alyssa at Callahan Branch Library learned French)

Passport Day a Success!

Passport Day was held on Saturday, April 23rd.

43 passport applications were processed and 47 passport photos were taken. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a success!



REGISTRATION OPEN FOR SUMMER READING PROGRAMS



Registration for summer reading programs has opened for all ages. There are 3 ways to sign up.

1. Scan the code shown on the flyer
2. Visit our local library and sign up in person
3. Sign up online by visiting www.nassaureads.com

Once you've registered, be sure to stop by your nearest branch and pick up a reading bag.

If you have any questions, please call (904) 530-6500 or email libraryinfo@nassaucountyfl.com

Contact:
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Fernandina Beach, FL 32034
(904) 530-6500
dbostwick@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Library activities for April 2022, please visit www.nassaureads.com

Animal Care & Control



A total of 90 pets were adopted in April!

April Activities		
	Dogs	Cats
Total In	49	148
Total Out	74*	106

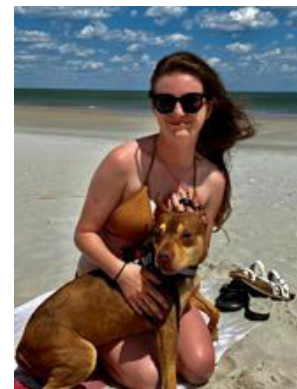
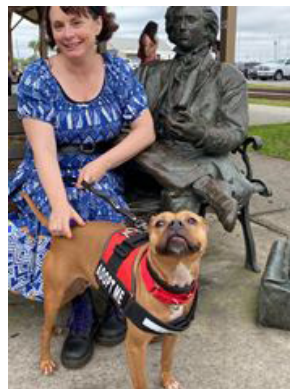
*includes animals at shelter from previous month(s)

DOGGY DATES

Did you know that you can take a shelter dog on a doggy date? Some photos of the dogs in this newsletter were taken during doggy dates. Doggy dates give the dog a break from shelter life, help us evaluate their behavior in the real world, expose them to potential adopters, and THEY ARE FUN!

DATE A DOG TODAY!

Call the shelter for details. 904.530.6150



UPDATE ON NYRO



Over the past several months, we have shared stories about Nyro, the German Shephard mix that was suffering from bilateral hip dysplasia.

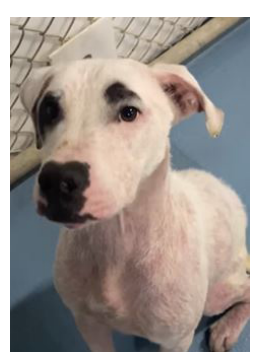
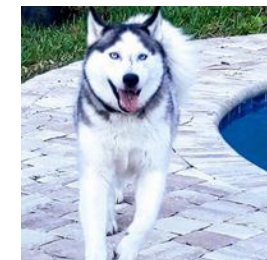
Thanks to our very generous donors, Nyro was able to have the surgery he needed to get better. His surgery took place Capital Veterinary Specialist of Jacksonville. One of his surgical techs, Heather, offered to foster Nyro during his recovery. We are so excited to announce that Heather ended up adopting Nyro and he now lives in a loving home with another dog and two cats!

Thank you, Heather, for taking in Nyro and giving him a chance to live a great life. And a big thank you to the donors. Because of your efforts, Nyro will now live his life without pain.

HOW YOUR DONATIONS HAVE HELPED ANIMALS IN NEED

NCAS is a small shelter and their budget doesn't allow for extraordinary vet care. Thanks to our generous donors, these pups received the care they needed to get better. If you're interested in helping a pet in need, please click the link below to make a donation and follow the prompts. Be sure to type "VET FUND" in the description. All donations are tax deductible.

DONATE: <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/918/DONATE>



Contact:
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To view all Animal Services activities for April 2022, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/845/Animal-Services>

Procurement

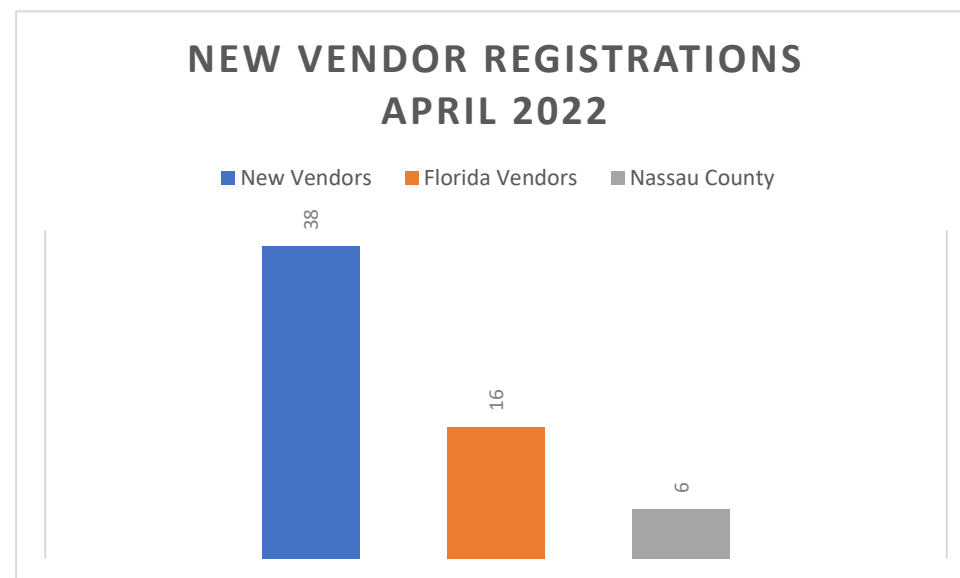
VENDOR INFORMATION SESSION: DEMYSTIFYING THE PROCUREMENT PROCESS

The Procurement Department is hosting two vendor information sessions, one in person and one virtually for the vendor community. Vendors will have the opportunity to learn about the Nassau County Procurement process, upcoming projects, and engage with County departments involved in the procurement process.

The sessions will be held on June 29, 2022 in person at 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee, Florida and on June 30, 2022 virtually via Zoom from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Current and prospective vendors can [register for a session here](#). For more information, please contact the Procurement Department at procurement@nassaucountyfl.com or call 904-530-6040.

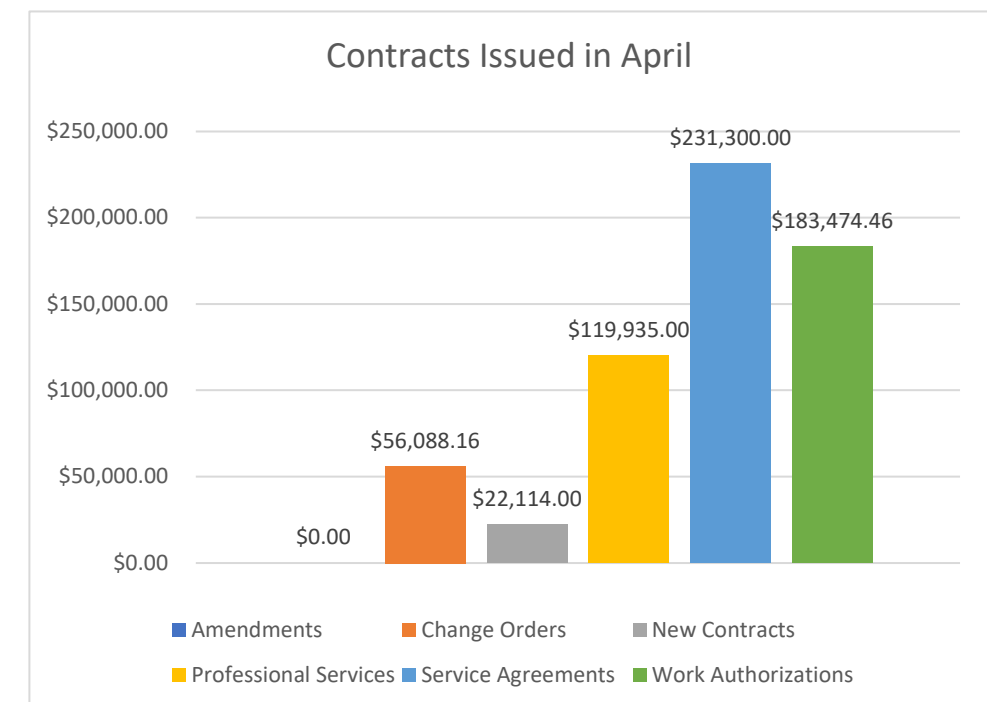
NEW VENDOR REGISTRATIONS

In April, a total of 38 new vendors registered with Nassau County. Of those, 16 were Florida vendors and 6 were Nassau County vendors.



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CONTRACTS ISSUED AND ASSOCIATED VALUE



Vendor Name	Description of Product of Service	Value
FDOT	Updated terms and conditions	\$0
S2Li	Time extension	\$0
S2Li	Time extension	\$0
North Florida Lawn Maintenance, Inc.	Contract increase for additonal mileage	\$56,088.16
CSX Transportation	Right of Entry Agreement for Henry Smith Rd. Project	\$22,114
Thomas May Construction	Reconstruction for CIP Project	\$34,935
Universal Engineering Sciences, LLC	Inspection Services	\$40,000
Periscope Intermediate Corp.	Staff augmentation services for Procurement Division	\$45,000
Republic Services of Florida	Recycling Services	\$45,000
Midwest Tape	Hoopla Digital Subscription Services for Library	\$60,000
Raconteurs	Sports Tourism and Marketing	\$86,300
Brooks Building Solutions, Inc.	Installation and retrofit - Public Services Building	\$40,000
S2Li	Topographic survey of the landfill	\$19,098.46
Grading and Bush Hog Services	Guardrail installation to bridge 744318	\$16,680
Perferred Material, Inc.	Ashpalt Services for County Road 121	\$147,696

County Attorney

Mission Statement:

The mission of the County Attorney's Office is to provide high quality, timely, professional, and cost-effective legal representation to the Board of County Commissioners, and to other officials of Nassau County as directed by the Board.

PUBLIC RECORDS:

Pursuant to Chapter 119, Florida Statutes and Article I, Section 24 of the Florida Constitution; it is the policy of this state that all state, county, and municipal records are open for personal inspection and copying by any person; providing access to public records is a duty of each agency. The definition of "public records" states that all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, tapes, photographs, films, sound recordings, data processing software, or other material, regardless of the physical form, characteristics, or means of transmission, made or received, pursuant to law or ordinance, or in connection with the transaction of official business by any agency.

The Records Management Department serves as a division of the County Attorney's office; it assists the Board of County Commissioners and Departments with records retention and destruction. Records Management is also responsible for receiving, fulfilling, and distributing all public records requests in an efficient and timely manner to ensure compliance with Florida Statutes and public records policy.

HOW TO REQUEST PUBLIC RECORDS:

Anyone can make a public records request via telephone, email, U.S. Mail, fax, or in person. Citizens are encouraged to contact Records Management with any public records requests.

96135 Nassau Place, Suite 6
Yulee, Florida 32097
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Fax: 904-321-2658
Email: records@nassaucountyfl.com
Website: <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/177/Records-Management>



41

Requests for Legal
Services Received/
Submitted



42

Requests for Legal
Services Completed



18

Public Notices
Processed



80

Public Records
Requests Fulfilled

Contact:

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

Public Works

Solid Waste

Total Recycling Collected
55.39 tons



Scrap Metal
16.72 tons



Cardboard
8.08 tons



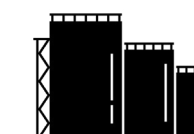
Single-Stream
18.69 tons



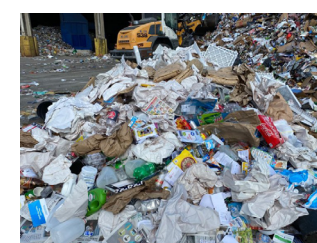
Tires Collected
11.9



154.28 tons of household
garbage collected and
hailed to Camden County
landfill



261,300 gallons of leachate
removed



Single-stream
recycling consists of
glass, aluminum, steel
cans, plastics 1 & 2,
paper, newspaper and
magazines



Cardboard recycling
consists of clean,
broken down boxes
free of packing
materials and food
products



Scrap metal recycling
consists of waste
metal, metallic
material and any
product that contains
metal

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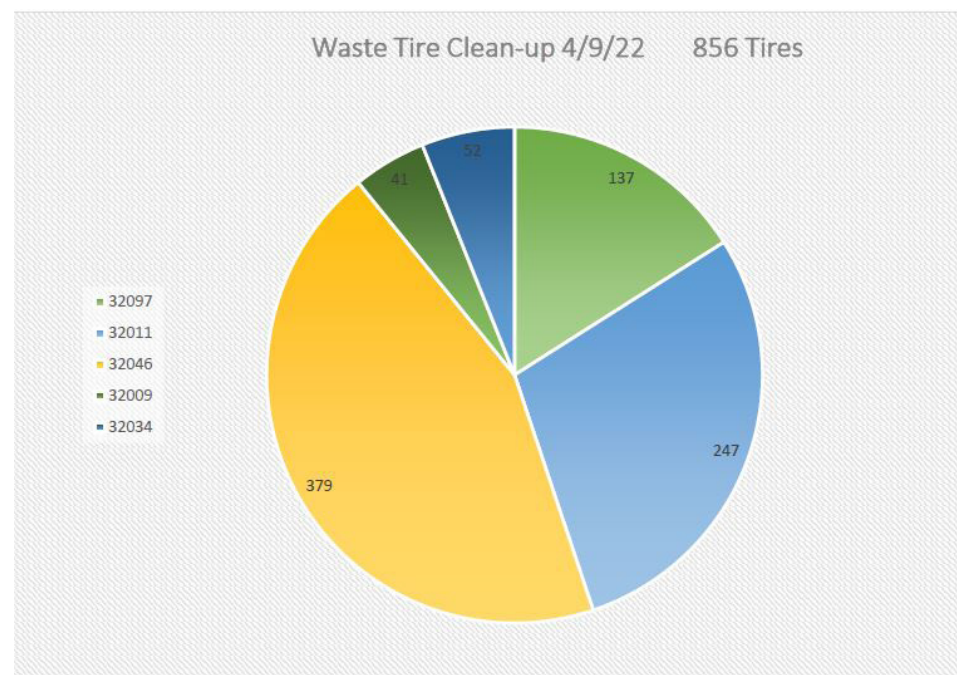
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To view all Solid Waste activities for April
2022, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/228/Solid-Waste>

April's Recycling Events a Huge Success

A **Waste Tire Amnesty Day** was held on Saturday, April 9th. This event allows Nassau County residents to dispose of up to 15 tires at no cost.

A total of 856 tires were collected and will be recycled. Below is a chart showing the number of tires collected from each zip code in the County.



On Saturday, April 16th, Nassau County Solid Waste and Keep Nassau Beautiful co-hosted the **Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event**. This event allows residents to safely dispose of items that are too harmful for the landfill. Examples include aerosol cans, oils/lubricants, pesticides, paint, batteries, electronics, and more.

During the 4 hour event, a total of 348 vehicles came through. The total amount of material collected is not known yet but that information should be received soon.



The event also included a food drive for Barnabas' Food Pantry. A total of 548 pounds of non-perishable food items were collected!



Public Works

Road Department

	April
 Work Orders Created	244
 Ditches Cleaned	1,900 LSF
 Storm Drains Cleaned	408 LSF

CONCRETE GRINDING IN-HOUSE SAVES COUNTY \$118,875

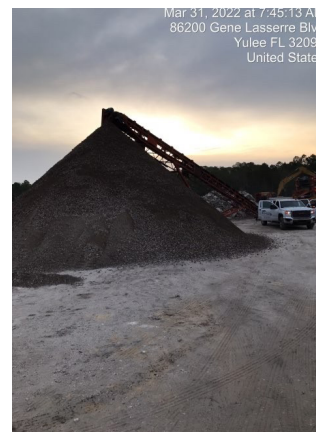
The Road Department was recently approved to advertise bid for concrete debris grinding services. The debris grinding's end product is crush-crete, a product that is used to stabilize and repair roads.

The prices for crush-crete ranges between \$25 - \$30 per ton, depending on vendor availability. However, by grinding debris in-house, the Road Department was able to grind 7,500 tons for \$12/ton, with a cost savings of \$118,875.

Additionally, a considerable amount of time was saved as they were able to produce this product in just a few days as opposed to waiting up to five months to get the materials from a vendor.



Concrete Pile



Pile of crush-crete following grinding

Work Order Highlights for April

Culvert Repairs

- Staff completed 9 work orders for various driveway repairs

Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Staff completed 17 drainage work orders digging ditches in various locations around the County

Dirt Road Maintenance

- Staff completed 20 work orders, adding additional materials to dirt roads

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Staff completed 8 work orders for storm drain and culvert cleaning utilizing the jet vac truck

Fleet Maintenance

- Performed 49 preventative maintenance work orders
- Performed 64 non-scheduled maintenance work orders
- Dispensed 2,303 gallons of diesel fuel

Paved Road Maintenance

- Staff completed 12 work orders for miscellaneous maintenance
- Staff completed 5 work orders for pot hole repairs
- Staff completed 7 work orders for roadway shoulder repairs
- Staff completed 9 work orders for tree/debris removal



Roadway striping on Amelia Island Parkway



Shoulder repairs on County Road 121



The Fleet Division replaced a seat in vehicle RB314



The Fleet Division fabricating a vice mount

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To view all Road Department activities for April 2022, please visit: <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/197/Road-Department>

Public Works

Parks & Recreation



On April 7 and April 8, 2022, Parks & Recreation Director, Jay Robertson, attended the 2022 Agency Summit at The Villages, Florida.

This event was hosted by the Florida Recreation and Park Association and included discussions on a variety of topics including ADA compliance, public/private partnerships, addressing staff shortages in parks and recreation, enhancing revenues and equity planning.

William Burgess Park Update

The William Burgess Community Park is a result of a public/private partnership between the County and the Nassau Crossing Development. The property was donated by the developer and the playground and other facilities installed by the developer's contractor. Per the interlocal agreement, Nassau County is responsible for providing landscaping and lighting throughout the park.

In March, the Board of County Commissioners approved an agreement with C&L Landscaping, LLC, for the installation of landscaping and irrigation at the park. Completing the landscaping moves us one step closer to being able to open the park for the community to use. The target date for opening is August 2022.



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To view all Parks & Recreation activities for April 2022, please view the Public Works report at <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/73/Facilities-Maintenance>

Public Works

Facilities Maintenance



Facilities Maintenance processed
1,129 work orders in April

Below are progress picture for the Miner Road Extension Office. Staff has been working diligently to complete its construction in June 2022. Below are some process pictures.



Miscellaneous activities



Office furniture moved
and reassembled



Hanging community art
project at James S. Page
Governmental Complex



New parking signs at
the Callahan County
Extension Office



Several exit signs were
repaired and/or replaced

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Engineering Services

Transportation Project Highlights

County Road 108 Safety

Improvements: Construction from Middle Rd. to US 17 is expected to begin in the Summer of 2022. Design is complete from Bay Rd. to Middle Rd.

Henry Smith Road Improvements:

Construction is awaiting FDEP permitting and is expected to start in the Summer of 2022.

Pratt Siding Road Improvements:

Plans 90% complete. Right-of-Way identification and acquisition are currently underway. Construction to begin Fall/Winter of 2022.

William Burgess Blvd: Right-of-way acquisition nearly complete. Final engineering plan submittal is expected in May 2022 with estimated construction to begin in the fall of 2022.

Note:

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

April Activities

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	121
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	286
Utility Permits Issued:	23
Building Permits Reviewed:	213
Borrow Pit Permits:	0
Drainage Concerns Logged:	17
DRC Pre-applications Reviewed:	6
Site Engineering Plans Reviewed:	20
Variance Requests Reviewed:	4

Development Review

Commercial properties reviewed in the Yulee area included a wireless tower, car wash and an industrial park. Near Callahan, an RV site was reviewed. On Amelia Island, a shopping area was reviewed.

Utility sites that were reviewed in the Yulee area included water pump station expansion. Near Callahan, a water pump station, wastewater pump station and an electrical substation were reviewed.

Stormwater and Drainage

THOMAS CREEK: The PAS Study for Thomas Creek has been received. Staff is working on an implementation plan. The Technical Engineering Report will be scheduled for Board consideration on June 13, 2022.

CHESTER ROAD: The drainage study report was received and is currently under review. A community meeting will be held in June to present the findings.

CLEMENTS ROAD: Improvements for the long-standing drainage issue is underway and expected to be completed in the Summer of 2022.

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Permits	# Issued in April
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	439
Mobile Home & Modular Home	10
Electrical	355
Mechanical	224
Plumbing	218
TOTAL	1,246
Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	41
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	143
Inspections Performed	4,132

Building Department

Community Feedback

Tiffany and Jenny were very helpful!

-C. Horne

Always helpful and informative. Your team rocks!

-S. Jorgeson

Tiffany and Jenny are the best!

-K. Riggan

UNSAFE STRUCTURE REMOVED

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-15, an unsafe structure was removed from property on Claxton Road. There are currently 46 unsafe structure cases under review.



BEFORE



AFTER

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Human Resources

April Activities

Employee Services		Employee Benefits	
New Hires:	5	Benefit Enrollment:	13
Terminations/Retirements:	4	Benefit Terminations:	4
Positions Posted:	14	Benefit Changes:	5

TIPS FOR SPRING ALLERGY RELIEF

Spring brings a welcomed change, especially after a long winter spent stuck indoors! While we are all excited to get outdoors more and enjoy the sunshine and new blooms, this time of year often causes allergy flareups for many people. The most common spring allergens are pollen and the symptoms include: congestion, runny nose, itchy and watery eyes, fatigue, trouble sleeping, and even asthma attacks. To help ease your allergy symptoms and ensure you enjoy all your favorite springtime activities, follow the tips below!

- Check the pollen count and smog levels and avoid going outside when they are high.
- Keep your doors and windows closed and use an air purifier.
- Clean the air filters in your home and car often.
- Dust bookshelves, vents, or anywhere else pollen could collect.
- Wash bedding, throw blankets, and rugs in hot water to get rid of dust mites and other allergens.
- Keep the humidity in your house between 30% and 50% so dust mites can't thrive.
- Pollen can collect on your clothes and in your hair, so take a shower and change your clothes after you go outside.
- Vacuum, especially if you have carpets, or sweep often.
- When it comes to mowing the lawn, consider wearing a dust mask to avoid grass pollen or look into a lawn service.
- If your spring allergies are severe, talk to your doctor about which allergy medicine might work best for you.

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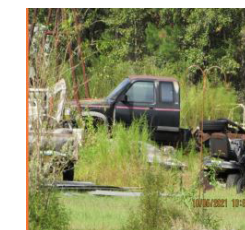


Code Enforcement

April Activities	
Complaints Received	74
Initial Inspections	63
Cases Complied	47
Cases Presented to Code Board	0
Lien Search Requests	187

Success Story:

A resident in Hilliard had been issued a citation for various code enforcement violations including unservicable vehicles, litter and debris, among other things. The resident needed assistance cleaning the property and was able to get assistance from a local non-profit organization. They were sure to keep in contact with Code Enforcement throughout the process. We are happy to report that the resident obtained compliance on April 29, 2022 and that the case will not be submitted to the Code Enforcement Board.



BEFORE



AFTER

DID YOU KNOW?

All driveway and/or drainage connections to and/or across public right of way shall require a permit. The pipe size and invert depth of all side drains / driveway culverts shall be approved by the County and set to the County specified grades. In cases where the driveway connection does not require a pipe, the driveway should be constructed with a minimum of six inches of reinforced concrete (3,000 psi) to conform with the existing flow line of the roadside swale, or as established by the Public Works Department. Swale driveways will not be allowed. You can obtain your driveway permit from the Public Service Building located at 96161 Nassau Place, Yulee, FL 32097.

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To view all Code Enforcement activities for April 2022, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/79/Code-Enforcement>

Planning Department

Pre-application Reviews		DRC Approvals/Recommendations	
Commercial Projects:	4	Subdivision Plans:	2
Subdivision Plans:	2	Subdivision Plans	0
Subdivision Plats:	1	Subdivision Plats	4

DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Joshua Macbeth for being promoted from Planner II to Senior Planner. Josh was hired on July 6, 2021, and since his arrival, Josh has proven himself as a valuable asset to the Planning Department.

His education includes a Bachelor of Design Degree in Architecture from the University of Florida; a Master of City and Regional Planning, Urban Design from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and a Master of Architecture from the

Georgia Institute of Technology.

In his position as Senior Planner, Josh has a high level of responsibilities, including but not limited to:

- Evaluating, analyzing, updating and implementing elements of the County's Comprehensive Plan
- Managing planning studies to address relevant issues and standards
- Recommending new and revised policies, codes, ordinances and regulations
- Preparing draft ordinances and amendments
- Assisting in the formulation, enhancement and testing of methods and procedures to monitor and evaluate impact on and the capacity of, public services, transportation facilities, parks, and capital expenditures
- Researching information pertaining to land development and transportation planning issues
- Assisting permit applicants and the general public to understand land development policies and procedures of the County

Congratulations on your promotion, Josh! We look forward to seeing all the great things you will accomplish on behalf of the County.

TREE PROTECTION STANDARDS

The Florida State Legislature is in the process of amending Florida Statute, Chapter 163.045, which currently limits the County's ability to enforce tree protection standards.

This Statute represents another infringement on home rule by the Legislature. Amendments to the statute will bolster local municipalities abilities to regulate tree removal, but the Statute will still leave ample room for nefarious action by disreputable tree care companies. County and City staff are taking this issue seriously and have been making efforts to educate the public to avoid unnecessary tree removals and fines for violators. Citizens can help by writing their State representatives to voice their concerns regarding this issue.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Nassau County is a voluntary member of the National Flood Insurance Program. This allows Nassau County residents to obtain flood insurance at a discounted rate. In order to maintain our low ratings, Nassau County releases periodic messages to remind residents about importance of purchasing flood insurance and ways to protect their personal property.

Other efforts include informational booths at community events. Pictured right is Nassau County's Development Review Coordinator/ CRS Coordinator, Naomi Braff, with the City of Fernandina Beach's Urban Forester, David Neville. The two recently shared an outreach table at the Fernandina Beach Farmer's Market to share information with the community.

If you have any questions about floodplain management, feel free to give Naomi a call at (904) 530-6300.

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County Extension

Services	Qty.	Estimated Savings to Residents
Total Programs/Activities	80	\$10,944
Site Visits	30	\$2,052
Phone, Email and Office Visits	358	\$6,121.80
Volunteer Hours	3	\$136.62
Newspaper Articles	1,715	\$45,138.80
Soil Analysis	19	\$380

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:

Family & Consumer Sciences Agent, Meg McAlpine, started a new 2022 program for Nassau County called the “Facilitated Income Tax Filing Assistance Program”. Participants increased their awareness about how to report income and deductions using the IRS TaxSlayer tax filing program. Three individuals who had paid tuition for classes learned that they could include their tuition payments as a tax deduction. Additionally, they reported giving to their church and other local charities throughout the year. They learned that they can also take a standard deduction of \$300 when filing as an individual or \$600 filing as married jointly. With this knowledge, these individuals increased their tax refunds by \$200.

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:

Water quality is a big concern for many communities throughout Nassau County. Homeowners Associations or other Planned Unit Developments are experiencing a rise of mosquitoes around retention basins, which is a major indicator of poor water quality. The retention basins include turfgrass buffers, which is know to negatively impact water quality due to

the increased risk of nitrogen, phosphorous, and fecal coliform contaminants entering the water. Maintaining a 10’ no to low-maintenance buffer around waterbodies helps protect and enhance water quality - in addition, when done correctly, significantly improves aesthetics and wildlife diversity while decreasing total maintenance, pesticides, and fertilizers. A local community was experiencing these issues. With the help of the horticulture agent, the community assembled a landscape design strategy to begin allowing members of their community to replace turfgrass around retention ponds with ornamental landscaping buffers. These changes required updates to the community’s restrictions and covenants but is expected to have an improving impact on the entire community.

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.

Success Story #1: (4-H Agent, Ted Karsch)

On April 8th, 20 Nassau County youth competed in the 4-H FPL County Speech Contest. The youth represented 8 Nassau County schools in the competition as the grade level winners from their schools in grades 4 through 8. Over 40 individual classrooms participated in this year’s contest which reached 800 youth in the county.

Success Story #2: (4-H Agent Kelsey Irvine)

On April 2nd and 3rd, eight Nassau County youth competed at the State Hippology Contest. Over the course of this 2 day competition, our youth placed 4 horse judging classes, industry item identification at over 20 stations, a 100 question written test, and team impromptu oral presentations... which took months of preparation and studying. As a special trip, the group was even able to tour and get some hands-on practice at the UF Equine Genetics Lab. With a lot of laughter and a lot of studying, we are happy to announce that we came home victorious!



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Public Information Office



April activities included:

- Monthly newsletter for March
- Attended and photographed various programs and events including:
 - Waste Tire Amnesty Day Event held on April 9th
 - Nassau County Fire Rescue Awards Ceremony held on April 14th
 - Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event held on April 16th
 - Shrimp Festival Parade held on April 28th
- Worked with Planning to create and distribute bi-weekly messages about Flood Awareness Month to obtain credits for our CRS Rating
- Attended 3CMA Conference in Savannah
- Attended Public Records Training
- Participating in virtual 3CMA Webinar related to video content, editing and production
- Collecting pledges for United Way Campaign
- 35 stories posted to The County Insider
- 38 Facebook posts reaching 215,617 people
- 32 Tweets
- 30 LinkedIn posts
- Press Releases issued: 5
- Resolutions prepared: 3

Social Media Followers as of April 30, 2022

FaceBook followers: 9,911
 Twitter Followers: 347
 YouTube Followers: 93
 LinkedIn Followers: 73

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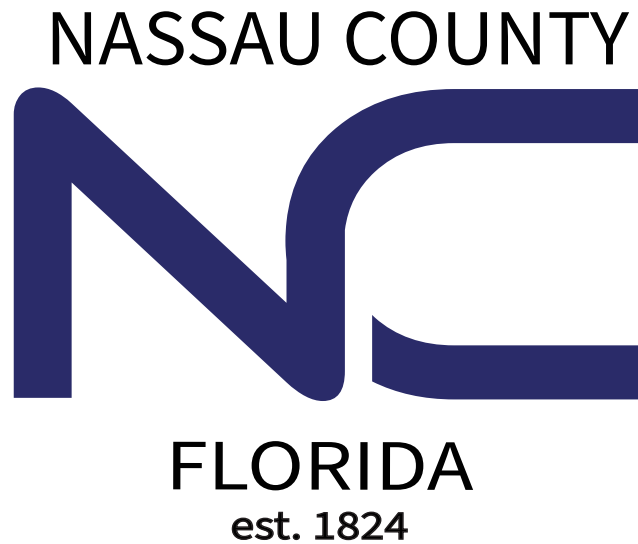
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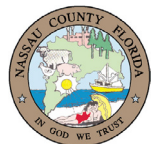
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