

Board of County Commissioners

Nassau County, Florida



HIGHLIGHTS

- Ribbon Cutting held for Public Safety Training Center
- Board approves Capital Improvement Plan Projects
- County Manager, Taco Pope, Receives Award for Personal & Professional Excellence
- Deputy County Manager/County Engineer, Robert Companion, named Florida Government Engineer of the Year
- Commissioner Martin Earns Advanced County Commissioner Level I Certification



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Ribbon Cutting for Public Safety Training Center

On July 13, 2022 the Board of County Commissioners and Nassau County Sheriff's Office hosted a Ribbon Cutting and Firing of First Shot Ceremony for Phase One of the Public Safety Training Center which consists of two new gun ranges, restrooms and temporary parking area.

During the event, Sheriff Leeper stated, "This new gun range will allow Nassau County Sheriff Deputies to train better, train smarter, and train more often. We will also be able to train with other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies. This is a professional range, one that is compliant with the Criminal Justice Standards and Training Commission and one deputies can be proud of."

Sheriff Leeper expressed his gratitude to Secretary of State (formerly State Representative) Cord Byrd and Senator Aaron Bean for their hard work in securing Legislative funding for Phase Two of the Facility, which will include a training classroom building, storage building, and paved parking lot. "This building is pivotal for the development of a training complex, which will eventually house our training unit. It will be a state-of-the art building with office space, a dispatch training room, several classrooms, a mat room, strength and conditioning room, as well as an airnasium for outdoor training", stated Sheriff Leeper.

The Facility will eventually have a less lethal and de-escalation training room, a shoot house, a jail training facility, a burn building, fire training tower, canine training and tracking area with kennels, special response team obstacle course, a pond for diving and boating rescue training and other endless possibilities.

In his closing comments, Sheriff Leeper stated, "As we conduct this ribbon cutting ceremony today, remember that this is just the beginning of the future of training public safety in Nassau County, which will ultimately provide better services to our residents. And who knows, if we dream big enough, we might just start our own Nassau County Law Enforcement Academy right here. Or what about a Nassau County Public Safety Police and Fire Training Academy? Wouldn't that be something".

Following the presentation, Sheriff Leeper performed the ceremonial ribbon cutting with the five County Commissioners and County Manager by his side. Then, Sheriff Leeper fired the first shot at the gun range.



BOARD APPROVES CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN PROJECTS

At the Board of County Commissioners' meeting held on Monday, July 11, 2022, the Board approved a Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan valued at \$133 million with \$49 million in CIP Projects funded for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. We are pleased to announce that the Board was able to determine funding sources that will not require the use of FY 22/23 projected ad valorem revenues earned from property tax collection, but instead utilize a diverse mix of funding sources including grants, impact fees, mobility fees, tourist development tax funds and other restricted funds.

What are capital improvement projects you ask? Capital improvement projects refer to physical assets that include the design, purchase, construction, maintenance, or improvement of public resources such as land, buildings, parks, public infrastructure, equipment and public spaces.

The 2022/2027 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is a working blueprint for building and sustaining the community's publicly funded infrastructure. It identifies capital improvement projects and funding sources; prioritizes improvements based on available funding; and provides an estimated timeline for completion of each improvements project.

The current CIP reflects the goals and objectives in the County's first interim Strategic Plan, adopted earlier this year. The interim Strategic Plan sets a definable course, expectations and fearless targets to work towards a more resilient, equitable, sustainable, and prosperous County. The Interim Strategic Plan can be found at <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/1282/Strategic-Plan>.

Projects identified in the updated CIP include a variety of ongoing and new projects focused on quality-of-life, public safety, economic development, job attraction, public facility needs, maintenance or replacement of existing facilities in infrastructure, and pavement management.

Sampling of Funded Projects for Fiscal Year 2022/2023 includes:

Transportation

- Extension of Amelia Island Trail from Simmons Road to Hickory Street
- Reconstruction of County Road 121
- US 301-Crawford Road Intersection Improvements
- Dove Road extension to William Burgess Blvd.

Parks, Recreation & Quality of Life

- Goffinsville Boat Ramp improvements
- New bleacher pads, new bleachers, and new shade structures at the Yulee, Hilliard, Callahan, and Bryceville Sports Complexes
- Nassau Crossing/William Burgess Community Park 'Splash Pad'
- Callahan "Town Center/Farmers Market"
- Bryceville Community Park "Town Center/Social Space"

Public Safety

- Public Safety Training Complex – Phase Two. The County celebrated the completion of Phase One at a Ribbon Cutting on July 13, 2022.
- Security camera replacement for the Detention Center
- Equipment update at the Emergency Operations Center

Stormwater/Drainage

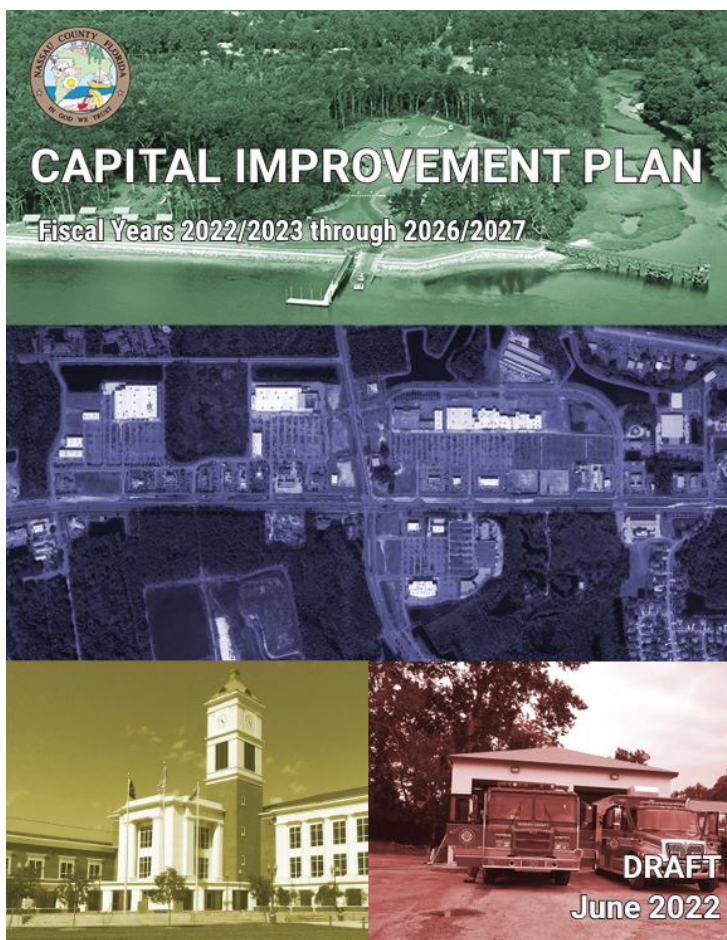
- Clements Road drainage improvements
- Thomas Creek mitigation project

Facilities

- Civic Center Campus conceptual design work and preliminary engineering
- New courtroom buildout
- Historic Courthouse window replacement

Again, this is just a sampling of capital improvement projects that have been approved for the next Fiscal Year. To see all projects in 5-Year CIP (fiscal years 2022/2023 through 2026/2027), including the current fiscal year (2021/2022), visit <https://bit.ly/NassauCIP>.

Please note that projects placed into the County's 5-year CIP are considered to be funded, however the CIP is subject to the adoption of the annual budget which is considered at two public hearings each September.



County Manager, Taco Pope, Wins Statewide Award for Personal & Professional Excellence



The Florida City-County Management Association (FCCMA) has recognized Nassau County Manager Taco Pope for his personal and professional excellence in local government administration. In July, the FCCMA publicly celebrated achievements of its members and their significant contributions to the management of local government as part of the association's annual State conference. County Manager Pope was one of only two City/County Managers selected statewide for the FCCMA's 2022 Who's Who Under 40 Award.

The Who's Who Under 40 Award was created by the FCCMA to acknowledge the industry's top emerging talent. To be considered, the recipient must have a great aptitude for local government work and must exemplify the tenets of the code of ethics established by the International City/County Manager's Association (ICMA).

FCCMA's Association Services Coordinator, Nykierama Cooper, stated, "The Who's Who Under 40 Award recognizes top local government leaders in Florida under the age of 40 for their personal and professional excellence. Those selected are among the industry's top emerging talent and will be an integral part of the FCCMA and local government administration for years to come. Mr. Pope was selected for this award because of his contribution to the field of Public Administration and for his positive community impact."

Board of County Commissioners Chairman Jeff Gray stated, "Taco is an excellent example of what a true public servant should be. He is devoted to the success of the County and the well-being of its residents. His long-term vision and strong work ethic provides the foundation needed to establish generational sustainability and a quality of life that our residents can enjoy

for years to come. We are happy to have him on our team and are excited about the County's future under his leadership."

In response to receiving the state-wide recognition, County Manager Pope stated, "I am humbled to be recognized by my peers from across the State. I am extremely appreciative to receive validation from a respected independent third-party like the FCCMA. This recognition reaffirms that we, as a collective community, are making tremendous strides forward. Ultimately, this is our home and it is what we make it."

As County Manager, Mr. Pope serves as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the county government. He provides fiscal, strategic, and operational leadership to the organization, as well as sound analysis and professional recommendations and implementation of the Board's policies. The County Manager promotes quality-of-life/quality-of-place and generational sustainability through the professional management of the organization's resources.

Mr. Pope is a native Floridian and 35-year resident of Northeast Florida. He is a certified professional planner through the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) with seventeen years of local government experience in the State of Florida. Taco has served Nassau County citizens as both a technical practitioner in the field of urban/community planning and as an administrator/program manager. Prior to accepting the position of Nassau County Manager in 2020, Taco served the citizens of Nassau County in several roles including, Assistant County Manager, Planning and Economic Opportunity Director, and as a community planner. He holds a Master's Degree in Public Administration and two Bachelor's Degrees in Business Administration.

Beginning this Fall, Mr. Pope will be hosting "Ask the County Manager" sessions across the county where citizens can discuss current topics with the County Manager and senior staff members. Be sure to sign up for the weekly County news blast at <https://bit.ly/NassauNews> to be notified of the meetings.



Commissioner Martin Achieves Advanced County Commissioner Level I Designation

Commissioner John F. Martin was presented with the Advanced County Commissioner Level I (ACC I) designation from the Institute for County Government (ICG) at an award ceremony held at the Florida Association of Counties (FAC) Annual Conference and Educational Exhibition in Orange County, Florida on June 30, 2022.

The ACC I designation signifies the commissioner's completion of a comprehensive study program designed by ICG. The ACC I education program, consisting of three two-day seminars and 27 hours of total coursework, focuses on leadership development with an emphasis on the future of Florida. Commissioners are given the opportunity to participate following their graduation from the Certified County Commissioners (CCC) program.

“As an optional program, it takes a commissioner who is truly dedicated to serving their community to pursue this designation and it speaks volumes about those who do,” shared the Institute for County Government’s Executive Director, Eric Poole. “This program brings together commissioners who are committed to facing Florida’s greatest challenges and allows them to collaborate and grow as they learn new strategies, which they may use to better their communities.”

Upon completing the program, Commissioner John Martin stated, “The Advanced County Commissioner Program has provided me with a better understanding of the complex issues that counties are facing around the State. This knowledge has further prepared me in planning for Nassau County’s future and will be useful in effectively representing our constituents. I highly recommend the Advanced County Commissioner program to any Elected Official who wants to expand their expertise in governmental affairs and maximize their leadership skills”.

The ACC I education program was launched in 2006 and commissioners must fully commit to the coursework to graduate from the program. Participants are challenged to act, think and lead during times of uncertainty and adversity. Alongside Commissioner Martin, 17 commissioners earned the designation at the 2022 award ceremony and a total of 285 commissioners have earned the designation since the inception of the program.



Deputy County Manager/County Engineer, Robert Companion, Named Government Engineer of the Year for 2022

At the Florida Engineering Society's (FES) annual conference held in late July, Deputy County Manager/County Engineer, Robert Companion, was named the FES 2022 Government Engineer of the Year.

As Deputy County Manager/County Engineer, Mr. Companion provides direct support to the County Manager as part of the executive leadership team charged with strategically aligning the County's goals and resources. He also oversees the County's Public Works and Community Development Divisions as they relate to community planning, capital improvement projects, stormwater/drainage improvements, and construction/maintenance of roads.

Taco Pope stated, "As County Manager, I am extremely proud of Robert. As a citizen of Nassau County, I am thankful that Robert has chosen to apply his professional talents to making our community the best it can be. Every day, I witness the time, effort and passion he puts into executing his craft on behalf of the residents and visitors of Nassau County".

Mr. Companion is a life-long resident of Nassau County who is committed to improving the quality of life for our residents. Mr. Companion's education includes an Associate of Science Degree in Computer Aid Drafting and Design (CADD) from ITT Technical Institute, as well as a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of North Florida.

Companion's work experience includes over a decade of roadway and development design experience in both the private and government sectors. He has served the Nassau County residents as both the Senior Transportation Engineer and County Engineer before being promoted to Deputy Manager/Assistant County Manager earlier this year. Mr. Companion also serves his community through volunteer efforts which have included the Relay for Life of Fernandina Beach / Yulee and most recently Kairos Prison Ministry.

In response to receiving the award, Mr. Companion stated, "It is a privilege to serve the residents of Nassau County every day and an honor to be recognized by FES for the good work we have been doing to better serve the citizens".



Robert Companion (left) with County Manager Taco Pope (right)

Office of Management & Budget



Budget Division

- Revised the Fiscal Year 22/23 budget to include the proposed Capital Improvement Plan
- Finalized the FY 22/23 budget presentation and presented to the Board at the July 25, 2022 meeting
- Prepared and submitted the annual Truth in Millage (TRIM) forms to the Property Appraiser, establishing a tentative millage, along with a date/time for the two public hearings for the budget: September 12th (first hearing) and September 26th (final hearing) at 6pm
- FY 22/23 Budget in Brief has been started and is expected to be completed in September 2022
- FY 22/23 budget book is in progress. Expected completion is the fall of 2022
- Work has began with a vendor to administer American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding
- Designated OMB staff have completed required FEMA training courses



Assistant County Manager, Marshall Eyerman, presenting tentative budget at the July 25, 2022 meeting

SHIP/Grants Division

SHIP:

- SHIP Funding opened on July 1, 2022 with a total of 10 applicants: 2 for down payment assistance and 8 for home rehabilitation

Grants:

- Awarded a 2022 Derelict Vessel Grant in the amount of \$77,500 for removal of 4 derelict vessels in the Nassau County waterways
- Expenditure review by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) for the 2020 JAG Florida Direct Grant found that operating activities were in compliance and did not result in any findings or areas of concern

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

Fire/Rescue

Call Type	# of Calls for July
Medical Calls	860
Fire Calls	138
*Other Calls	0

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



NCFR responded to a structure fire and arrived to find the garage in flames. No injuries were reported.



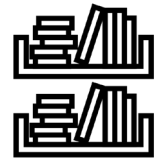
NCFR responded to a fire at this vacant home and found flames showing through the roof and windows. No injuries were reported.

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

Library

The Library System circulated 17,509 items in July. This includes books, audio books, cds/dvds, and other items that can be checked out at any of the 5 library branches.



Activity	July 2022
Items Circulated	17,509
Library Cards Issued	308
Gate Count	7,802
Computer Use (hrs)	534
Computer Use (ppl)	707
Reference Questions	977

LIBRARY INTRODUCES NEW APP

The Library is excited to announce the expansion of its digital library services with a new program for tracking reading. Beanstack, which will launch on Friday, August 12th, will provide readers with a digital way to participate in reading challenges, record reading progress and track reading goals. By participating in challenges in Beanstack, readers will be able to earn digital badges. The app and website are very intuitive and easy to use.

Once you download the app and complete the registration, visit one of the five library branches and receive a free gift.



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

Summer Reading Programs Wrap Up



The 2022 Summer Reading Program has come to an end and the Library has reported that this year's program was the most successful ever! Over 3,000 students and parents participated. Now that the program has ended, participants are asked to take the End of Summer Reading Program Survey. The results will assist them in evaluating this year's program and determining how to make next year's even better. The survey can be found at: <https://bit.ly/NCPLsummerreading2022>.

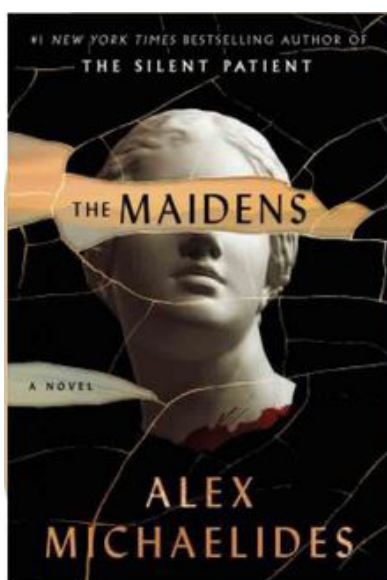
NEW STRATEGIC PLAN

After 9 months of surveys, focus group meetings and collecting data, the Library now has a draft of the new Strategic Plan. The new plan is required as part of the State Aid to Libraries Grant which provides funding for library supplies and programs. The Strategic Plan will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners for approval in September.

POPULAR FICTION BOOK CLUB

At the request of many Fernandina Beach residents, the Fernandina Library has started a popular fiction book club. Each month, a different book is selected. The current book is *The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides, a thriller about secret societies and a death at a university. September's discussion will take place on Monday, September 19th at 10:30 a.m. at the Fernandina Library Branch.

To see upcoming book selections, visit <https://nassaureads.com/events/fernandina-beach-library-book-club-4/>.



Animal Care & Control

July Activities

	Dogs	Cats
Total In	77	175
Total Out	71	121

Total out includes adoptions, return to owners, and transfers to rescue groups



A total of 144 pets were adopted in July!

Upcoming Adoption Events

Saturday, September 10th from 9am-3pm

Tractor Supply

463184 State Road 200, Yulee, FL 32097

Saturday, September 17th from 10am-3pm

Pet Supply Plus

6500 GA Highway, 40 E.Street, St. Marys, GA, 31558

Saturday, September 24th from 11am-3pm

Petco Atlantic Beach

11900 Atlantic Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32225



Contact:

Tim Maguire, Director

86078 License Rd.

Yulee, FL 32097

(904) 530-6150

tmaguire@nassaucountyfl.com

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

How Your Donations Help



NYRO ADOPTED

Over the last few months, we shared stories about Nyro, the German Shepherd mix who had bilateral hip dysplasia and needed femoral head ostectomy surgery. Thanks to our generous donors, Animal Services raised the \$6,000 needed for the surgery. One of his surgical techs, Heather R., offered to foster Nyro during his recovery. Heather recently announced that she had decided to adopt Nyro. He now lives in a loving home with another dog and two cats.

SUBAWOO NEEDS SURGERY

Poor Subawoo was thrown from a speeding car in Hilliard. Fortunately, a good samaritan saw him and rushed him to a veterinarian. Subawoo suffered from abrasions and a severe fracture to his right leg. The vet recommended that his leg be amputated or that he have a surgery that costs \$2,500. Like many times before, our generous donors scurried to raise the funds needed for Subawoo to have the surgery he needs. Thank you to everyone who contributed. We will keep you posted on his progress!



SPECIAL VET FUND

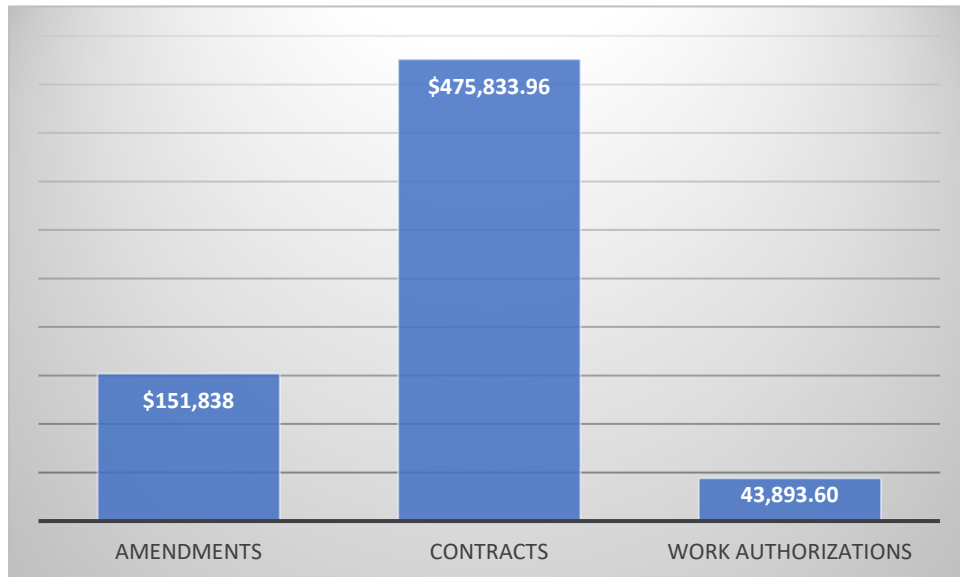
Nassau County's Animal Services doesn't have the funds necessary to accommodate special treatments such as surgery. However, donations by our generous donors often make this possible. Every amount donated, regardless of how small, helps tremendously.

If you're interested in making a donation to the special vet fund, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/918/DONATE>. You can also make a donation by calling the shelter at (904) 530-6150.

Donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

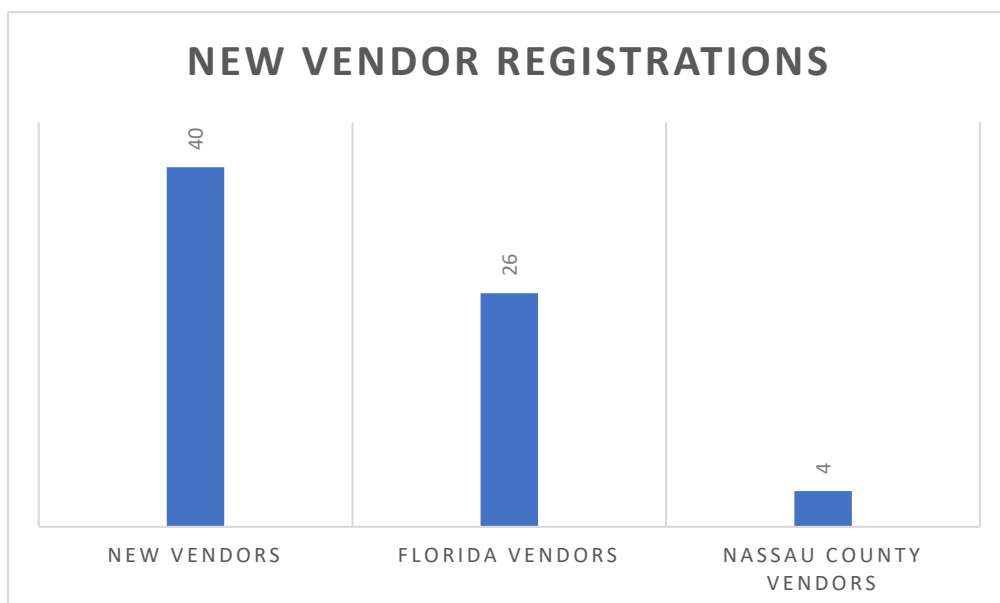
Procurement

CONTRACTS ISSUED AND ASSOCIATED VALUE



NEW VENDOR REGISTRATIONS

There were 40 new vendors that registered to bid with Nassau County. Out of the 40 new vendors, 26 were Florida vendors and 4 were local, Nassau County vendors.



JULY CONTRACTS

Vendor Name	Description of Product or Service	Value
Sea Bandit Construction	Additional bathroom locations for cleaning	\$57,015
Dawson Associates	Contract extension for beach signage	\$50,000
Water Recovery	Leachate Management Services	\$44,820
Chamber of Commerce	Promotional activities	\$30,000
Fouraker Mechanical Heating & Air	Replacement of 15 ton a/c unit at James Page Governmental Complex	\$33,976.43
Vigneaux Corp.	Roll up door replacement at Jail	\$14,997.19
Alert Checks, Inc.	Background screening services for employees and volunteers	\$10,000
MCS Mechanical	Installation of air system and foam insulation at the Sheriff's Mechanic Garage	\$198,733
First Coast Asphalt Solutions	Parking lot repairs, sealcoat and restriping at the Detention Center and Courthouse	\$49,880.94
Boomerang	Donor management software	\$3,488.80
Becky Trull	Creation of art inspired by local landmarks/activities for tourism/marketing	\$16,275
Deremer Studios	Photography services for Amelia Island events, businesses and places of interest	\$10,500
NEOGOV	Software for HR functions	\$107,982.60
Peters & Yaffee	Transportation study	\$43,893.60

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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.

Requests for Legal Services

The County Attorney's office implemented procedures for requesting legal services, which include two types of requests, general and contracts. General requests typically involve reviewing legal documents such as ordinances, resolutions, staff reports, and memorandums. These requests also include legal opinions on matters such as the interpretation or clarification of Florida Statutes and compliance with Nassau County's Code of Laws and Ordinances. Contract requests involve reviewing all materials associated with contracts and agreements, including draft contracts, amendments, auto renewals, work authorizations, change order requests, and piggyback agreements. These procedures ensure that all legal requests are carefully reviewed, revised, and resolved in a prompt and efficient manner.

JULY ACTIVITIES



38

Requests for Legal
Services Received



50

Requests for Legal
Services Completed



27

Public Notices
Processed



74

Public Records
Requests Fulfilled

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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

July Activities

Total Recycling Collected
53.08 tons



Scrap Metal
20.23 tons




Cardboard
9.29 tons



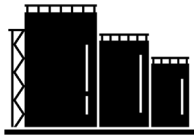
Single-Stream
19.25 tons



Electronics
4.01 tons




168.79 tons of household garbage collected and hauled to Camden County landfill



306,000 gallons of leachate removed



Routine maintenance at the West Nassau Landfill



Reading leachate tank meters



Checking methane gas emissions

Contact:
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dpodiak@nassaucountyfl.com

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



\$ FREE EVENT \$
Limit (15) Tires
Per Household

WASTE TIRE AMNESTY DAY

One Day Event will be held Saturday September 17th, 2022

8:30 am – 12:00 pm

(or until the Tire Trailer is full)

Location:

Nassau County Convenience Recycle Center

46026 Landfill Rd

Callahan FL 32011

(904) 530-6702



Waste tires are not only unsightly they are a health hazard for our community and our environment.

• **Must provide proof of Nassau County Residency.**

• Residents may bring up to 15 tires, for FREE disposal. Car and light truck tires only.

• Tires must be off the rim and free of debris. • No Commercial loads will be accepted.





**WHEN: OCTOBER 15, 2022, 8:00AM – NOON
(OR UNTIL REACH CAPACITY)**

**WHERE: NASSAU COUNTY ROAD DEPT.
86200 GENE LASSERRE BLVD., YULEE, FL**

Directions:

**Enter from
Chester Rd.,
Left turn onto
Courtney
Isles Way.
Left Turn into
Event. (Left
turn only into
event. Gene Lasserre Blvd. Gate will be EXIT ONLY)**



**Accepted Household
Hazardous Waste**

Aerosol Cans
Batteries (all types)
Cooking Oil (used)
Corrosives
Fertilizers
Fluorescent Bulbs
Gasoline / Fuels
Household Cleaners
Insecticides
Medications (no controlled substances)
Oil / Lubricants (used)
Oil Filters
Paints
Paint Thinners
Pesticides
Pool Chemicals
Propane Tanks
Radiator Fluid
Solvents

**No Controlled Substances
will be Accepted**

Accepted Electronics Waste

Camcorders
Computer Monitors
Computer Terminals
CPUs
DVD Players
Hard Drives (will be shredded)
Health & Beauty Appliances
Keyboards
Pagers
Power Tools

Printers
Radios
Scanners
Small Kitchen Appliances
Stereo Equipment
Desk & Mobile Telephones
Televisions
VCR Players

**Large Appliances may be
dropped at the Callahan
Convenience Recycle Center**

**NASSAU COUNTY
HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS
WASTE
COLLECTION**

AND FOOD DRIVE



**Please bring non-
perishable food items to
donate to the Barnabas
Food Pantry**

**PROOF OF NASSAU
COUNTY
RESIDENCY
REQUIRED**

**No Commercial
without prior
approval - Small
businesses should
call in advance for
pricing**

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Public Works

Road Department

JULY

	Work Orders Created	202
	Ditches Cleaned	2,150 LSF
	Storm Drains Cleaned	799 LSF

Traffic Sign Division

The Traffic Division is responsible for maintenance of over 80,000 traffic signs and markers. The three employees in this division make and install anything from small guardrail markers to large project informational signs. They also use the striping machining to perform small striping refurbishment jobs.



New turtle crossing sign
on Clyde Higginbotham Road



Parking lot striping
at the Emergency Operations
Center



Replaced "Adopt a Road"
sign on Sadler Road

Public Works

Work Order Highlights for July

Culvert Repairs

- Staff completed 9 work orders for culvert repairs

Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Staff completed 8 drainage work orders

Dirt Road Maintenance

- Staff completed 13 work orders to add stabilizing materials to dirt roads

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Staff completed 7 work orders for storm drain cleaning

Fleet Maintenance

- Performed 21 work orders for preventative maintenance
- Performed 54 non-scheduled maintenance work orders
- Dispensed 2,182 gallons of fuel

Paved Road Maintenance

- Staff completed 2 work orders for misc. maintenance
- Staff completed 11 work orders for pothole repairs
- Staff completed 7 work orders for roadway shoulder repairs
- Staff completed 27 work orders for tree/debris removal



Installing headwall on
Nottingham Drive



Repairing drainage in
Timbercreek Subdivision

Contact:
Cameron Hansen, Road Director
37356 Pea Farm Rd.
Hilliard, FL 32046
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chansen@nassaucountyfl.com

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

Public Works

Parks & Recreation

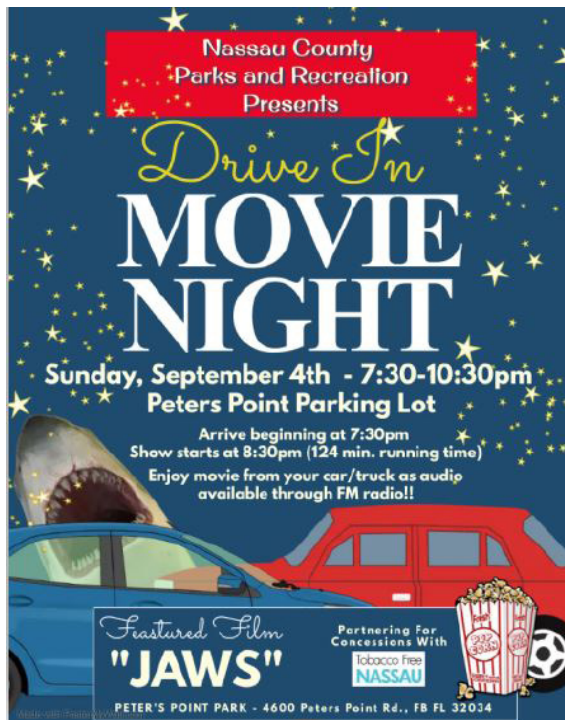
TRIBUTARY PARK



Foundation for the playground area was poured



The new concession stand and restroom building is going up



Parks & Recreation and Tobacco Free Nassau are hosting a Drive in Movie on Sunday, September 4th at Peters Point Beachfront Park. The featured movie is "Jaws" and has a running time of 124 minutes.

Parking for the event will open at 7:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 8:30 p.m. You will be able to tune in on an FM station and listen from your car. There will also be a small area where guests can watch from a chair or blanket outside of their vehicle.

The movie is free however there will be concessions available to purchase from Tobacco Free Nassau.

Call (904) 530-6120 with questions.

Contact:

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

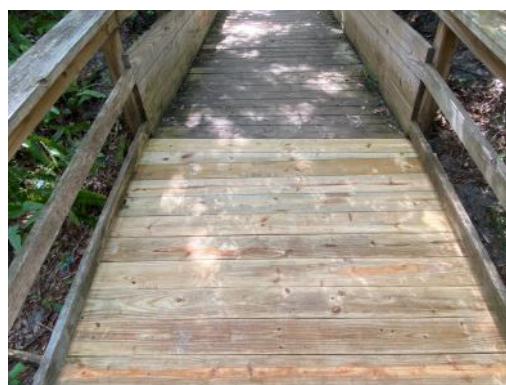
Public Works

Facilities Maintenance

Facilities Maintenance completed 1,463 work orders in July. Below are pictures from some of the activities that took place.



Boardwalk repair: before



Boardwalk repair: after



Dumpster area clean up: before



Dumpster area clean up: after

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Engineering Services

Transportation Project Highlights

County Road 108 Safety

Improvements: Construction from Middle Rd. to US 17 and Bay Rd. to Middle Rd. is expected to begin in the fall of 2022.

Henry Smith Road Improvements:

Construction is awaiting FDEP permitting and is expected to start in the Fall 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 is complete. Engineering plan received in May 2022.

Construction expected to begin in the Fall of 2022.

County Road 121 Improvements:

Design is out for bid. Phase One construction will begin in approximately April of 2023. Phases 2-5 are anticipated to begin in the late summer/early fall of 2023.

Note:

A full list of transportation projects can be located on Engineering's website.

July Activities

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	100
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	238
Utility Permits Issued:	13
Building Permits Reviewed:	191
Borrow Pit Permits:	2
Drainage Concerns Logged:	11
DRC Pre-applications Reviewed:	7
Site Engineering Plans Reviewed:	11
Variance Requests Reviewed:	3

Development Review

Commercial properties reviewed in Yulee included a car wash, commercial strip and a contractor facility. Near Callahan, a speedway was reviewed.

Stormwater and Drainage

The final report for the Planning Assistance to States (PAS) study for **Thomas Creek** is completed and staff is working on an implementation plan. A community meeting in Callahan was scheduled for August 5, 2022, to present the findings to the community.

The **Chester Road** drainage study was presented at a community meeting in June. Staff is conducting additional field investigations and developing a plan to address the issue.

The work on **Clements Road** to correct drainage issues is nearly complete. Staff will continue to monitor the improvements for performance.

Contact:

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To view all Engineering activities for July 2022, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/117/Engineering-Services>

Building Department

Permits	# Issued in July
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	376
Mobile Home & Modular Home	4
Electrical	326
Mechanical	222
Plumbing	158
TOTAL	1,086
Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	55
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	129
Inspections Performed	3,999

Community Feedback

Patty and Jessica were very informative, helpful and polite.

D. Rice

Patty has been very communicative and has done everything promised. Nice to have great customer oriented staff.

Name Withheld

Tiffany was very prompt and professional.

C. Goodwin

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To view all Building Department activities for July 2022, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/136/Building-Department>

Human Resources

July Activities

Employee Services		Employee Benefits	
New Hires:	3	Benefit Enrollment:	15
Terminations/Retirements:	8	Benefit Terminations:	6
Positions Posted:	11	Benefit Changes:	4

BOARD RECEIVES AWARD FOR HEALTHY WORKPLACE

Nassau County Board of County Commissioners is proud to announce that we have received an Above and Beyond Silver Level Aetna Workplace Well-being Award. As an employer with a strong commitment to improving the health of our employees, we feature a comprehensive well-being strategy that our employees are passionate about. This award is the culmination of our employees' desire to live healthier, more active lives and make well-being a priority.

Our workplace well-being program focuses on creating and maintaining an active lifestyle, mental health awareness and treatment, group and individual exercise programs, incentives for gym memberships, no-cost to the employee primary care visits, and much more.



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To view all Human Resources activities for July 2022, please visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/134/Human-Resources>



Public Information Office

July activities included:

- Issued the June 2022 newsletter
- Attended and photographed the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Public Safety Training Facility
- Attended virtual event: Crisis Response
- Completed required monthly cyber security training
- Currently reviewing two special event applications
- Working with I.T. and HR on development of a new social media policy
- Assisting in coordination of the American Beach Groundbreaking Event
- Working on Annual Report
- 28 stories posted to The County Insider
- 29 FaceBook posts reaching 112,682 people
- 23 Tweets
- 16 LinkedIn posts
- Press Releases issued: 3

SAVE THE DATE!

County Manager, Taco Pope, will host an Ask the County Manager Session on Friday, September 16th at 3:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers located at 96135 Nassau Place, Yulee.

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<https://twitter.com/FINassau>



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

Social Media Followers as of July 31, 2022

FaceBook followers: 10,052

Twitter Followers: 387

YouTube Followers: 94

LinkedIn Followers: 110

Planning Department

Pre-application Reviews		DRC Approvals/ Recommendations	
Commercial Projects:	3	Subdivision Plans:	0
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Subdivision Plats:	3	Subdivision Plats	1

ESSENTIAL HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Essential Housing Advisory Committee (EHAC) welcomed four new members in July and is now working at full capacity with 11 members. These members will serve to bring strategies to the Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP) will discuss general affordable housing topics in Nassau County.

During the July meeting, the EHAC reviewed the methodology behind the creation of the surplus lands inventory. The inventory will move to the Board of County Commissioners to be adopted by Resolution.

EHAC ended their meeting by making a recommendation to adopt a workforce housing program in Nassau County. This program would set policies to encourage developers to build more affordable units to the middle range of income earners in Nassau County.

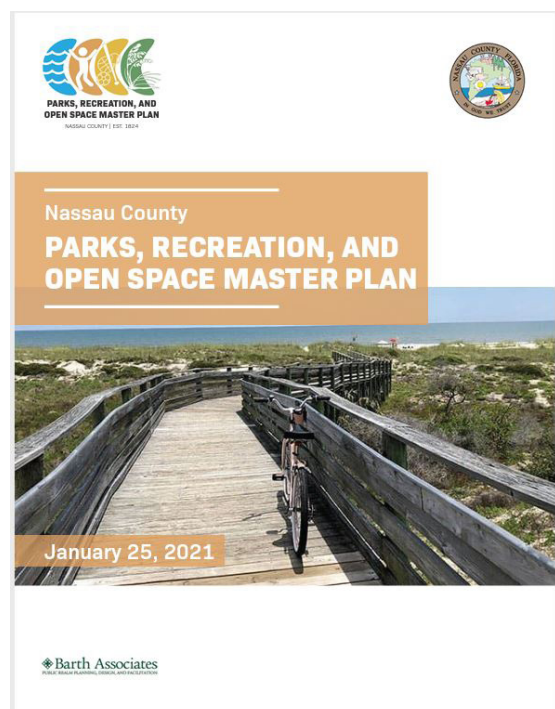


ACCOMPLISHMENTS

On July 15, 2022, the County was notified of two awards earned for projects and initiatives of the Planning Department.

The first award is the 2022 Award of Excellence in the Best Practices Category from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association for the Nassau County Parks, Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

The second award is the 2022 American Planning Association Award of Merit for the State Road 200 Master Corridor Plan. This is now the THIRD award the County has received for this innovative plan.



The State Road 200 Corridor Master Plan can be found at: <https://bit.ly/SR200MasterPlan>

The Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan can be found at: <https://bit.ly/PROSMasterPlan>

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To view all Planning Department activities for June 2022, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/107/Planning-Economic-Opportunity>

County Extension

The County Extension offers classes and information related to 4-H youth development, agriculture and natural resources, lawns and landscapes, and family and consumer services.

Services	Qty.	Estimated Savings to Residents
Total Programs/Activities	44	\$6,019.20
Site Visits	20	\$1,368.00
Phone, Email and Office Visits	345	\$5,899.50
Volunteer Hours	262	\$6,895.84
Newspaper Articles	4	\$475.52
Soil Analysis	22	\$440.00

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.

County Extension Director, Dr. Taylor Clem, presented at the National Association of County Agriculture Agent's Annual Meeting & Professional Improvement Conference. This year's theme was "Florida - Beyond the Beaches" which focused on all the agriculture and horticulture opportunities around the State. Topics included discussions on livestock, natural resources, sustainable agriculture, farm and ranch management, landscape horticulture and 4-H programming.

In addition to various general sessions and discussions, participants were also taken on various tours so they could become familiar with the native vegetation, wildlife and habitats found in Florida.

Extension Agent I, David Herbert, attended the 2022 Corn Silage and Forage Field Day. Attendees explored new materials and technologies on corn and sorghum production and participated in educational talks related to silage production.

In July, Mr. Herbert also spent time learning to visualize soil microbes under the microscope. These techniques will provide valuable insight into how microorganisms are organized in soils and how produce hormones that spur growth, stimulate plant immune systems, and trigger or stress responses.

4-H 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.

4-H Agents were busy in July with their summer programs. Below are a few photos they captured throughout the month.



4-H Cloverbuds learn about soda volcanoes



4-H Cloverbuds learn all about kindness



4-H Camp Night featured crafts, singing, and marshmallow paint wars

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To view all County Extension activities for July 2022, please visit
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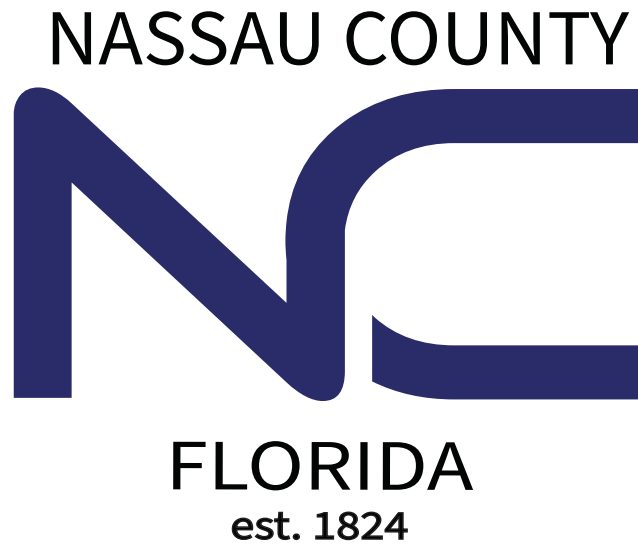
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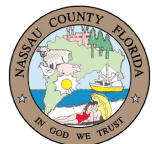


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