

# Board of County Commissioners

Nassau County, Florida



Groundbreaking for American Beach Water & Sewer Conversion

## HIGHLIGHTS

- New Commissioners Elected
- Update on American Beach efforts
- Purrfect Cat Cafe
- Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event
- Second Annual Halloween Festival
- Update on Thomas Creek
- Update on CLAM



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New Commissioners Elected

As a result of the Primary Election held on August 23, 2022, the County will have two new Commissioners serving us in November. A.M. Huppman will represent District Two and Alyson McCullough will represent District 4.

Swearing in ceremonies will be held in November. At these ceremonies, the Commissioners will take their Oath of Office before they begin their 4-year terms.

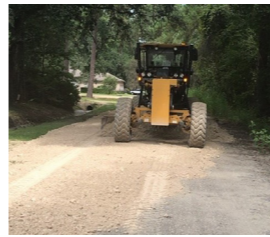


A.M. "Hupp" Huppman



Alyson McCullough

Employment Opportunities for the Road Department



The Nassau County Road Department has several job opportunities available. Working for the Road Department will provide you with a defined career path with opportunities to advance. This is a great opportunity for anyone wishing to work local, learn a trade, build a career and serve their community.



Scan for job opportunities

- Benefits of working for the County:
- Free health benefits (for employee)
  - Florida Retirement System
  - Paid time off
  - 13 paid holidays
  - Educational reimbursement
- Additional benefits for Road Department employees:
- Apprenticeship program offers employees a clear and defined career path
  - Become a Maintenance Operator in just 3-4 years
  - Pay increases as you progress through the program
  - Learn a trade
  - Obtain a Class "A" CDL Drivers License
  - Learn to operate heavy equipment

Questions? Contact Nassau County Human Resources at (904) 530-6075.

## AMERICAN BEACH EFFORTS

On Saturday, August 6, 2022, the County hosted a community meeting at American Beach to share updates on several initiatives impacting the American Beach Community. Below is a list of topics discussed.

Topics discussed:

- [American Beach Community Master Plan update](#)
- [American Beach Water & Sewer District project update](#)
- [Evan's Rendezvous Structural Assessment Report update](#)
- [Burney Park/Beach Harmonization project update](#)

Video presentation can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JqM4vQ8oj1g>



## GROUNDBREAKING FOR AMERICAN BEACH WATER & SEWER CONVERSION PROJECT

On Wednesday, August 31, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners and the American Beach Community hosted a groundbreaking ceremony in celebration of the American Beach Water & Sewer Conversion Project. Guest speakers included:

- Erving Gilyard, American Beach Water & Sewer District Advisory Board Chairman
- Pastor Carlton Jones (providing the invocation)
- Steve Spratt, Florida Government Utility Authority
- Chairman Jeff Gray
- County Manager, Taco Pope
- Congressman John Rutherford
- Senator Audrey Gibson
- Senator Aaron Bean

Approximately 75 people were in attendance for the celebration. Information was provided regarding the community's desire for public water and sewer and years of efforts that have taken place to get us where we are today. In the next few weeks, residents will see construction materials and equipment delivered for the upcoming construction.



A video of the event can be found at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I-3ejLX\\_s4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4I-3ejLX_s4)

## RESOLUTIONS FOR AUGUST



At the Wednesday, August 3, 2022 meeting, the Board of County Commissioners approved [Resolution No. 2022-152](#), proclaiming the week of July 30-August 6, 2022, as “GullahGeechee Nation Appreciation Week.”

Gullah Geechee Nation Appreciation Week began in 2012 and is meant to celebrate the living legacy of Gullah/Geechee history, heritage, and culture of the Gullah/Geechee people. Their extensive history in Nassau County includes both the enslavement and self-determination of the Gullah/Geechee

people through the history of Amelia Island, Old Town, Yulee, Nassauville, Franklinton, and American Beach.

Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation, accepted the Resolution. Several individuals attended as well, representing local families who are descendants of the Gullah/Geechees including the Wood family of Nassauville; the Hooper family of Nassauville; the Thomas family of Yulee; the Blue family of Fernandina Beach; the Albertie family of Nassauville; and the Morris and Simmons families of O’Neil.

## Employees Recognized



At the August 24, 2022 meeting, the Board recognized Facilities employee, David White, on 20 years of service. County Manager, Taco Pope, stated, “David does an incredible amount of work. I’ve seen him take bare rooms and turn them into very nice spaces. He works extremely hard. There’s so many things that the general public doesn’t see that he does with effort and craftsmanship for the residents”.

The Board also recognized Animal Control Officer, Marty Pruitt, on being named as the Board’s Employee of the Quarter. Mr. Pruitt has demonstrated the County’s adopted Customer Care Standards.

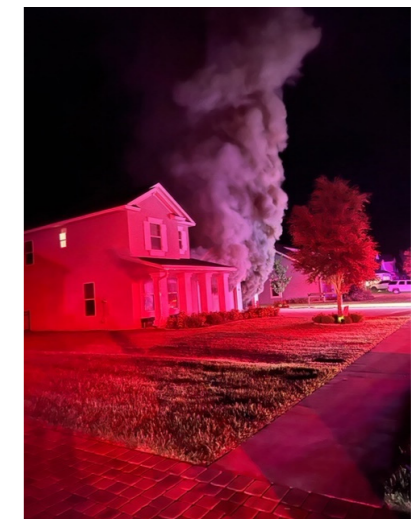
Animal Control Director, Tim Maguire, stated, “Marty is an outstanding employee who always goes above and beyond the call of duty. In fact, I often get letters from the public about his outstanding work. I really can’t say enough great things about him.”



# Fire/Rescue

Call Type	# of Calls for August
Medical Calls	501
Fire Calls	155
*Other Calls	3

\*Examples of “other calls” include lift assistance, downed wires, stranded motorists, etc.



Nassau County Fire Rescue was dispatched to a house fire on August 7th. Fortunately, the fire was extinguished and a majority of the home was saved. Great job NCFR!

Contact:  
 Brady Rigdon, Fire Chief  
 96160 Nassau Place  
 Yulee, FL 32097  
 (904) 530-6600  
[brigdon@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:brigdon@nassaucountyfl.com)

To view all Fire Rescue activities for August 2022, please visit <https://bit.ly/FRActivities>

# Office of Management & Budget



## Budget Division

- The 2022-2023 Budget In Brief is in progress with expected completion in September 2022
- The 2022-2023 Budget Book is in progress with expected completion is in the Fall of 2022
- Work is currently in progress with Grant Thornton to administer ARPA funding
- The 2021-2022 cash forward projections for 2022-2023 FY have been started
- OMB staff participated in Munis budget module demonstration

## SHIP/Grants Division

### SHIP

- A Request for Bids was issued for one rehabilitation project

### Grants:

- Expenditure Review by FDLE for the 2019 JAG Drug Eradication and Special Response Team Grant found the operating grant activities were in compliance and did not result in any findings or other areas of concern.
- 2021 JAG Countywide grant application period opened and Carol Gilchrist was appointed as Coordinator for the grant program.

Chris Lacambra, OMB Director  
 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2  
 Yulee, FL 32097  
 (904) 530-6010, option 2  
 clacambra@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all OMB activities for August 2022,  
 please visit  
<https://bit.ly/OMBActivities>



The Library System circulated 18,893 items in August. This includes books, audio books, cds/ dvds, and other items that can be checked out at any of the 5 library branches.



Activity August 2022

Items Circulated	18,893
Library Cards Issued	327
Gate Count	9,001
Computer Use (hrs)	736
Computer Use (ppl)	947
Reference Questions	1,194

## LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

The Library Advisory Board will have their next meeting on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Callahan Library located at 450077 State Road 200, Suite 15. The public is invited to attend.

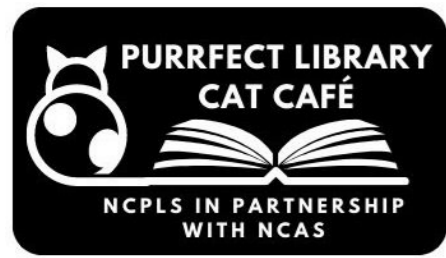


### Bryceville Library Book Sale

Many thanks to all the people that showed up on August 27 for the Bryceville Friends of the Library Book Sale. All the money raised by the Bryceville Friends benefits programs and services at the Nassau County Public Library.

Contact:  
 Dawn Bostwick, Library Director  
 25 N. 4th Street  
 Fernandina Beach, FL 32034  
 (904) 530-6500  
 dbostwick@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Library activities for August 2022,  
 please visit [www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com)



The Nassau County Public Library and Nassau County Animal Services are teaming up to bring a pop-up Cat Café to the library.

Grab a drink, read a book, and cuddle with friendly, adoptable felines! The Library will also have a special Story Time with the Cats on November 1 where you can hear a special cat themed

story by Miss Michelle and read to the cats.

Tickets are \$10 for each person visiting the cats and can be purchased at [www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com). Coffee, tea, and hot chocolate will be available for purchase, along with t-shirts, coffee mugs and tumblers.

We are looking for loving families for the cats, but adoption is not necessary to participate in this event.

Event is sponsored by Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library, American Flooring, Petco, and Pet Supermarket.

# careeronline™ HIGH SCHOOL

Career Online High School (COHS) is an online private high school diploma and career certification program available through some of Florida’s public libraries, including Nassau County. This program offers free enrollment to a limited number of qualified adult students. Through this program you can earn your High School diploma; and a certificate for one of ten careers.

Certificates are available for: Hospitality & Leisure, Food & Hospitality, Retail Customer Service, Office Management, Security Professional, Home Care Professional, Child Care and Education, and Commercial Driving.

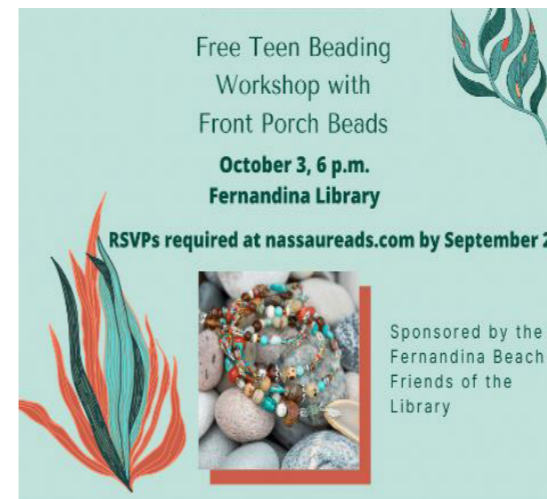
You can complete the entire course at the Public Library. Or you can use your own computer or laptop. COHS is now also available on fully internet accessible tablets.

You can explore the program by visiting: <https://fl.careeronlinehs.org/>

Once you’ve decided if the program is right for you, visit the Library’s website at [www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com) and fill out an information request to be contacted by a Library staff member.

FAQ’s about the program can be found here: <https://nassaureads.com/careerhs/>

## HIGHLIGHTS OF UPCOMING EVENTS



WHAT: Free Teen Beading Workshop with Front Porch Beads

WHEN: Monday, October 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fernandina Beach Library, 25 N. 4th Street, Fernandina Beach

This event is free however RSVPs are required by September 28th. Visit [www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com) to register.

Event is sponsored by the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library



WHAT: Crafternoon at the Bryceville Library

WHEN: Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.

WHERE: Bryceville Library, 7280 Motes Road, Bryceville, FL

This event is free and open to ages 18 and up. Registration is required at [www.nassaureads.com](http://www.nassaureads.com).

Event is sponsored by the Friends of the Bryceville Library



WHAT: Teen Murder Mystery

WHEN: Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

WHERE: Fernandina Beach Library, 25 N. 4th Street, Fernandina Beach

Event is sponsored by the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library and the Fernandina Beach Police Department

A complete listing of library programs can be found at [www.nassaureads.com/upcomingevents](http://www.nassaureads.com/upcomingevents)

# Animal Care & Control

August Activities		
	Dogs	Cats
Total Intakes	61	124
Total Outcomes	72	168*

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



A total of 170 pets were adopted in August!



Nassau County Animal Services and Keller Williams Realty have partnered for **TINK OR TREAT MONTH** for the month of October. Drop off food, treats and toy donations to Keller Williams Realty located at 4800 First Coast Highway, Suite 230 (in the Harris Teeter Shopping Plaza).

You can also order from the NCAS Wishlist on Amazon at this link: <https://amzn.to/3eAJq9U>



## Upcoming Adoption Events



October 13-23:

Animal Services will have a booth at the Callahan Fair in the livestock building where they will have cat and dog adoptions every night from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

October 28:

Animal Services will have a booth at the Halloween Festival (see page 23) with a haunted house, candy, and animals available for adoption.

October 30-November 1:

Animal Services will participate in a Pop up Purfect Library Cafe at the Fernandina Library with adoptable felines (see page 10 for details)

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

To view all Animal Services activities for August 2022, please visit <https://bit.ly/ACActivities>

## HOW YOUR DONATIONS HELP ANIMALS IN NEED



Last month, we told you about Subawoo, the pup that was thrown out the window of a speeding car in Hilliard. Fortunately, a good Samaritan saw him and rushed him to the veterinarian. Thanks to everyone who made donations to help save Subawoo and provide for his surgery. We are excited to announce that Subawoo is being adopted by the clinic's surgical assistant!



This poor little two-month-old Beagle pup came in with a broken leg. She required surgery that cost \$2,500! Thanks to all of you, enough money was raised for surgery and her leg was saved!

# Procurement

Below are contracts, contract amendments and change orders that were approved by the County Manager in the month of August.

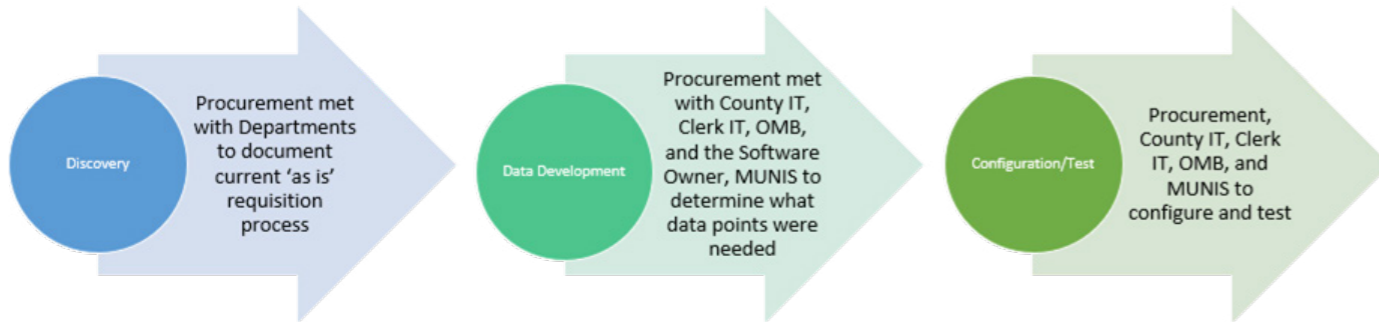
Vendor Name	Description of Product or Service	Value
Nassau Oaks Volunteer Fire Department	Extension of Reserve/Support Agreement	\$1.00
Florida Dept. of Transportation	Amendment to Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement	\$110,217
Purvis Gray & Co.	Extension to Auditor Services Contract	\$201,480
Florida Dept. of Transportation	Agreement to provide grant funds for County Road 108 resurfacing project	\$3,197,768
Smarsh	Renewal of contract for archiving services	\$20,131.38
Dawson Associates	Amendment to contract for additional services for the Amelia Island Tourist Dev. Council	Up to \$65,000
Geo One Tech	Amendment to contract for planning software	Up to \$20,001
Equus Innovative Solutions	Professional Transportation Planning Consulting for western Nassau	Up to \$40,000
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Nassau County School Board	Amendment to Proportionate Fair Share Agreement	\$34,845.54
Florida Dept. of Environmental Protection	Amendment to revolving loan agreements	\$605,414
Local Government Solutions	Extension of technology software	\$17,820
Grading & Bush Hog Services	Contract extension for materials	\$810.00
PlanetBids	Agreement for E-Procurement software	Up to \$27,509.38
S2L, Inc.	Measuring of inward gradient conditions at landfill	\$12,003
S2L, Inc.	Groundwater and surface water sampling at landfill	\$25,000
S2L, Inc.	FDEP compliance and reporting for landfill	\$49,499.69

Preferred Materials, Inc.	Change Order to add additional locations to original contract for road overlays	\$224,735.80
Sawcross, Inc.	Change Order to delete two low pressure pumps from contract	-\$12,877.91
Asphalt Paving Systems	Change order for price increase for double chip seal materials	\$28,445.76
ACME Barricades	Change order to remove products from contract that are no longer needed	-\$1,150
Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission	Agreement for grant funding to remove derelict vessels from waterways	\$77,500
Aetna Life Insurance Co.	Agreement for Health Care Reimbursement Plan	\$75,000
City of Fernandina Beach	Amendment to Interlocal Agreement for mutual aid fire services	\$66,000
Nassau County School Board	School Mitigation Agreement	N/A
Chamber of Commerce	TDC Material Distribution	\$90,000
Thomas May Construction Co.	Roof replacement for Callahan Ballpark Concession Stand	\$14,830
Thomas May Construction Co.	Roof replacement for Bryceville Ballpark Concession Stand	\$18,785
MCS Mechanical Contractor	Installation of outside air system and foam insulation for Sheriff's mechanic garage	\$198,733
Jason Woods Professional Services	Installation of outside air system and foam insulation for Sheriff's mechanic garage	\$62,500.60
Kudzue 3 Trucking	Driveway repairs - multiple locations	\$10,175.30
Aquino Construction	Installation of JEA taps, valves, backflow preventors, etc. for Extension Office	\$46,760
NEOGOV	Agreement for Human Resources software	\$107,982.60
Florida Governmental Utility Authority	Replacement of fire hydrants and gate valves	\$64,503.18
Florida Governmental Utility Authority	Sewer main replacement	\$72,605.28



# Procurement

The Procurement Department, with the assistance of the Clerk IT Department and departments of the Board, has been making great progress in streamlining the process for departments to secure a Purchase Order.



### Benefits of Automation:

- Increase efficiency
- Streamline process
- Boost productivity
- Improve data integrity
- Improve transparency
- Enhance internal controls

The Procurement Department is committed to using technology tools that will improve service and reduce costs. This is one facet in our ongoing effort to streamline the procurement and contracting process.

## NEW VENDOR REGISTRATIONS

In August, 63 new vendors registered to bid with Nassau County. Out of the 63 new vendors, 37 were Florida based vendors and 2 were local, Nassau County vendors.

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 Lanaee Gilmore, Procurement Director  
 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 2  
 Yulee, FL 32097  
 (904) 530-6040  
 Lgilmore@nassaucountyfl.com

# County Attorney

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

Did you know that there are two types of public hearings: non-quasi-judicial (legislative) & quasi-judicial (administrative)?

Legislative hearings are conducted to formulate and establish county policy for future application, and quasi-judicial hearings apply those adopted policies to factual situations. Quasi-judicial hearings are less formal than actual court proceedings but include similar procedures, such as ex-parte disclosure, acceptance of documents into the record, and the finding of competent substantial evidence. Ultimately, the policies adopted during legislative hearings construct the framework for which decisions are made during quasi-judicial hearings.

During the August 29, 2022, Nassau County Board of County Commissioners meeting, a legislative hearing was held to consider an ordinance allowing for the expenditure of funds for refreshments at county-sponsored events; the hearing was legislative because it considered adopting a new policy. During that same meeting, two quasi-judicial hearings were held to consider approval of a Final Development Plan and a Rezoning Application, both of which required consistency with criteria outlined in the Comprehensive Plan and the Land Development Code, and the final decision to approve both applications relied upon competent substantial evidence in the record and testimony received during the hearing.

Not all boards and committees hold public hearings; some simply act as advisory boards that make recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners; however, the Planning and Zoning Board, Code Enforcement Board, Conditional Use and Variance Board, and the Construction Board of Adjustments and Appeals hold public hearings regularly. Nassau County citizens are strongly encouraged to attend the public meetings; after all, public meetings are held specifically for the general public to provide input on proposed issues or actions.

## AUGUST ACTIVITIES

56	44	16	148	30
Requests for Legal Services Received	Requests for Legal Services Completed	Public Notices Processed	Public Records Requests Fulfilled	Items Reviewed in DocuSign

Contact:  
 Denise May, County Attorney  
 96135 Nassau Place, Suite 6  
 Yulee, FL 32097  
 (904) 530-6100  
 dmay@nassaucountyfl.com

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

# Public Works

## Solid Waste

### August Activities

Total Recycling Collected  
**45.51 tons**



Scrap Metal  
12.61 tons



Cardboard  
6.9 tons



Single-Stream  
24.80 tons



Electronics  
1.2 tons



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



282,500 gallons of leachate removed

### LANDFILL MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES



Gas Well Line Repairs



Leachate Removal



Compacting Trash

Contact:  
Doug Podiak, Public Works Director  
46026 Landfill Rd.  
Callahan, FL 32011  
(904) 530-6700  
dpodiak@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Solid Waste activities for August 2022, visit <https://bit.ly/SWActivities>

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE RECYCLING EVENT AND FOOD DRIVE FOR BARNABAS



**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**

**352-334-0440**

[KNB@KEEPNASSAUBEAUTIFUL.ORG](mailto:KNB@KEEPNASSAUBEAUTIFUL.ORG)

**904-261-0165**






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# Public Works

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## Road Department

AUGUST

	Work Orders Created	272
	Ditches Cleaned	945 LSF*
	Storm Drains Cleaned	1,074 LSF*

\* Linear Square Feet

### Level & Overlay Projects

21/22 Level & Overlay Projects have began. The following roads were completed in August:

- Dove Road
- Harts Road
- Harts Lane
- Duane Road
- Roses Bluff Road

Level & Overlay Projects still in the pipeline for completion as of August 31st include:

- Benchmark Avenue
- Durden Road
- Pirates Bluff Road
- Greenberry Road
- Henricks Road
- Arbor Lane
- Old Nassauville Road (from SR200 to Winterberry Ave)
- Bailey Road
- Musselwhite Road
- Magnolia Street
- Susan Drive
- Ocean Forest Drive
- Ocean Forest Lane
- Bonnieview Road
- Cayman Circle
- O'Neil Scott Road
- S. 4th Street
- S. 5th Street
- Bill Johnson Road
- Charlotte Drive
- Clinch Drive
- Greenery Road
- Will Hardee Road
- Barnwell Road
- Thomas Road
- Luther Street

## Work Order Highlights for August

### Culvert Repairs

- Completed 21 work orders for various driveway repairs

### Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Completed 3 drainage work orders in various locations around the County

### Dirt Road Maintenance

- Completed 5 work orders adding stabilizing materials to dirt roads

### Storm Drain Cleaning

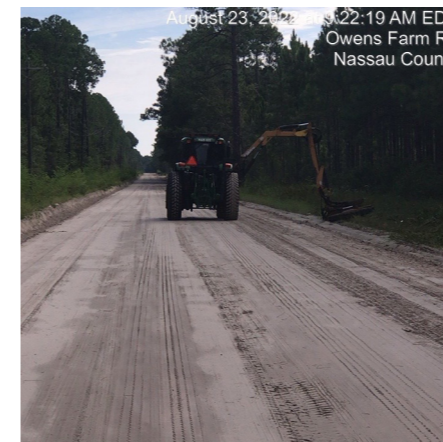
- Completed 12 work orders for storm drain cleaning

### Fleet Maintenance

- Performed 26 work orders for preventative maintenance
- Performed 82 non-scheduled maintenance work orders
- Dispensed 2,389 gallons of fuel

### Paved Road Maintenance

- Completed 4 work orders for misc. maintenance
- Completed 18 work orders for pot hole repairs
- Completed 12 work orders for roadway shoulder repairs
- Completed 38 work orders for tree/debris removal



Side Cutting on Owens Farm Road



Drainage repairs on Yahtzee Lane



Trimming limbs on Pages Dairy Road

Contact:  
Cameron Hansen, Road Director  
37356 Pea Farm Rd.  
Hilliard, FL 32046  
(904) 530-6175  
chansen@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Road Department activities for August 2022, please visit:  
<https://bit.ly/RDActivities>

# Public Works

## Parks & Recreation

In August, the Parks & Recreation Director attended the annual Florida Recreation & Park Association Conference. Professionals from around the country attend this conference to hear from industry leaders on topics related to parks, recreation, athletics, aquatics, park maintenance and more.



Restroom/concession building installed at Tributary Park, along with new trees, benches and lighting



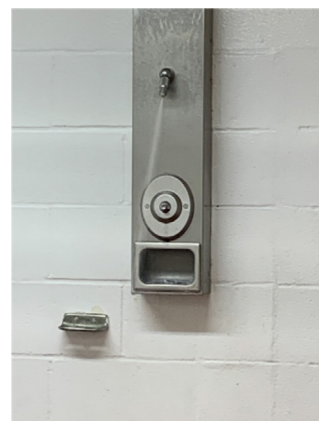
Playground installation at Tributary Park



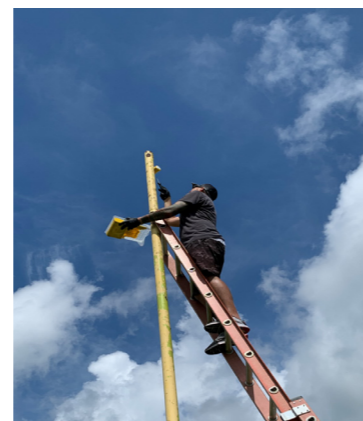
Beach Walkover Repairs



Fence relocation and new sod at Hilliard Ballpark



Repaired shower head at Peters Point



Field goal cleaning and painting at Callahan Ballpark

Contact:  
 Jay Robertson, Parks & Rec Director  
 45195 Musselwhite Rd.  
 Callahan, FL 32011  
 (904) 530-6120  
 jrobertson@nassaucountyfl.com

To view all Parks & Recreation activities for August 2022, please view the Public Works report at <https://bit.ly/PublicWorksActivities>

**HALLOWEEN FESTIVAL**

NASSAU COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION PRESENTS

**THE BIGGEST HALLOWEEN PARTY IN TOWN**

**OCTOBER 28th**

FROM 5:00 - 8:00PM

YULEE ATHLETIC COMPLEX  
 86142 GOODBREAD RD,  
 YULEE FL

904-530-6127

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

5:00 - 7:00pm - Trick or Treat Alley

5:30 - 6:30pm - Costume Contests  
 (Child, Adult, Family, Pet)

5:00 - 8:00pm - Bounce Houses,  
 Concessions (benefitting Yulee Athletic  
 Association), Face Painting, Halloween  
 Themed Games, Hay Rides, Much More!

## Facilities Maintenance

The Facilities Maintenance Division maintains approximately 74 County buildings including repair and maintenance needs, grounds maintenance and janitorial services, to provide a safe and sanitary environment.

Facilities Maintenance completed 1,181 work orders in August. Below are pictures from some of the activities that took place.



Intalling new concrete pad for new fire station generator



Replacing ceiling tiles at Animal Control



Installing sewer lines



Wasp nest removal from beach walkover

## Building Department

The Building Department provides professional certified services for the enforcement of the County's codes related to land development and the State of Florida for the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors of Nassau County.

Permits	# Issued in August
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	450
Mobile Home & Modular Home	9
Electrical	393
Mechanical	231
Plumbing	197
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,280</b>
Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	47
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	116
Inspections Performed	4,577

Tiffany was very helpful. She was able to quickly research and provide answers to questions I had.  
- Name withheld

My two recent trips to the Building Department were very smooth and pleasant thanks to Ms. Patty.  
-Kayla D.

The whole staff was so friendly and helpful!  
-Robert M.

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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 Spring of 2023.

### Pratt Siding Road Improvements:

Plans are 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 spring of 2023.

### County Road 121 Improvements:

The County received a State grant for \$9 million for reconstruction and resurfacing of CR 121 from Duval County to CR 119. A second \$9 million is expected in 2023 to complete the reconstruction and resurfacing from US 1 to Boulogne.

### Note:

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

## Announcements

The Engineering Services Department is reorganizing to become Development Services to better serve Nassau County. Key Staff from Planning and the Building Department will join for development purposes to create a single department for anyone doing business with the County a single source for information and coordination. This new department will be lead by the Development Services Director, Caleb Hurst. The re-organization will be completed by October 1, 2022.

## August Activities

Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued:	63
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed:	314
Utility Permits Issued:	15
Building Permits Reviewed:	190
Borrow Pit Permits:	2
Drainage Concerns Logged:	15
DRC Pre-applications Reviewed:	5
Site Engineering Plans Reviewed:	20
Variance Requests Reviewed:	3

## Development Review

Commercial properties reviewed in Yulee included 2 church expansions, a training facility, industrial park, a fast-casual restaurant and a vet clinic. On Amelia Island, a mixed use development, RV park and a small warehouse were reviewed.

Utility site reviewed in the Yulee area included a water and sewer pump station expansion.

## Thomas Creek Study

Flooding along Thomas Creek has been an area of concerns for many years. Previous efforts to mitigate flooding with structural components, drainage system maintenance, and snag and clearing have been futile. In November 2017, a meeting was held between representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers, Senator Aaron Bean's Office, State Representative Cord Byrd, and various County staff to discuss other possible solutions. It was discovered at that time that there are programs available under the Army Corps of Engineers' Continuing Authority Program (CAP). Subsequently, the Board sent a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers requesting an investigation of the problems under the authority of Section 205 of the Flood Control Act of 1948. The letter was signed at the December 11, 2017, Board of County Commissioner's meeting.

In April 2018, the County was notified that the project would exceed the limitation of the CAP Program and was recommended to seek a Planning Assistance to States (PAS) Study to help the County identify solutions to resolve the flooding issues. The study began in 2019. It entailed extensive modeling with multiple scenarios considered. The Board of County Commissioners approved the final report in June of 2022 with a directive to staff for an Implementation Plan to be presented in six months.

Part of the Implementation Plan includes community involvement. As such, Engineering staff hosted a community meeting the evening of Friday, August 5th to discuss the results of the (PAS) Study and to determine interest in the different types of grant opportunities (buyout or modification of structures).

Many in attendance questioned why the County isn't dredging Thomas Creek. To do so would require a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and at this time, the Army Corps has NOT granted approval. This was discussed in great detail during a presentation made by Senior Stormwater Engineer, Katie Peay. The presentation can be found at <https://bit.ly/ThomasCreekStudy>.

"Dredging did not lower flood waters out of ANY structures. The biggest impact of 8 inches was never in someone's home. This was mostly wetland areas or the Duval side. We are still looking at options with the Army Corps. Nassau County did install a rain gage and sensor on the Creek to continue to truth the model with actual rain events. Gage link can be found at: <https://bit.ly/ThomasCreekRainGage>

Engineering staff was very pleased with the community turnout and looks forward to working closely with the residents as we move forward. Multiple homeowners offered to walk with Engineering staff to review areas with debris and blockages including the stagnation around the railroad bridge and beaver dams.



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# Human Resources

## August Activities

Employee Services		Employee Benefits	
New Hires:	7	Benefit Enrollment:	6
Terminations/Retirements:	3	Benefit Terminations:	9
Positions Posted:	6	Benefit Changes:	7

## Employee Wellness Initiatives

As part of our wellness initiatives, employees are currently learning about healthy habits for optimal physical health. Below are 9 tips provided to the employees:

- Get active! It is recommended to perform at least 150 minutes of moderate exercise or 75 minutes of intense exercise per week.
- Eat a healthy, balanced diet. Focus on including fruits, vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy products, poultry, fish, and nuts and limit your intake of processed foods and sugar.
- Get quality sleep. Sleep restores us and has a huge effect on our physical health. Establish a night time routine and aim for 7-8 hours of sleep each night.
- Never smoke or stop smoking. After just one year of not smoking, your risk of heart disease is already lower.
- Maintain a healthy body weight. Your doctor can help you figure out your BMI and let you know if you are at a healthy weight. The above tips can help you get to a healthy weight and maintain it!
- Manage your blood sugar levels. Avoid foods that cause blood sugar spikes such as soda, candy and sugary desserts and try to not skip meals to avoid a blood sugar crash. This can help prevent type II diabetes down the road.
- Monitor your blood pressure. Roughly 45% of adults in the United States have hypertension. During each doctor's visit, take note of your blood pressure and ask questions if you are not sure. Catching high blood pressure early and making lifestyle changes is key.
- Get your cholesterol levels checked. It's crucial to get your cholesterol checked because your doctor will be able to advise you on how to maintain healthy levels, which in turn lowers your chances of getting heart disease and stroke.
- Don't miss appointments and screenings.

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# Public Information Office

## August activities included:

- Created monthly newsletter for July
- Created recruitment video for the Road Department
- Assisted in coordination of the Groundbreaking Event for the American Beach Water & Sewer Conversion Project
- Attended and photographed Groundbreaking Event for the American Beach Water & Sewer Conversion Project
- Attended and photographed the Thomas Creek Community Event
- Created turtle lighting brochure and mailed letters to beach front property owners in County limits
- Participated in webinar regarding social media and the first amendment
- Issued Special Event Permit for the 2022 Endless Summer Watermelon Ride
- Working on Annual Report
- Working with IT and HR on development of a social media policy
- Met with Tributary Reps on upcoming Tributary Park Ribbon Cutting Event
- 38 stories posted to The County Insider
- 33 FaceBook posts reaching 191,605 people
- 23 Tweets
- 13 LinkedIn posts
- Press Releases issued: 1
- Resolutions prepared: 2

## Follow Us on Social Media!



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



[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPcL9uy37-oy\\_iX1ka\\_fW8Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPcL9uy37-oy_iX1ka_fW8Q)



<https://twitter.com/FINassau>



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

## Social Media Followers as of August 31, 2022

FaceBook followers: 10,360  
Twitter Followers: 393  
YouTube Followers: 94  
LinkedIn Followers: 116

# Planning Department

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

## Conservation Land Acquisition and Management (CLAM) Committee Vacancy

The County is seeking one individual to serve on the Conservation Land Acquisition and Management (CLAM) Committee. The application period ends September 30, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Candidates should, at a minimum, have skills, expertise, or demonstratable experience that relates to the acquisition of lands in one of the following areas:

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

For more information about the CLAM program, visit <https://bit.ly/CLAMInfo>.

If you have specific questions about the CLAM program or the role of the Committee, please contact Holly Coyle at (904) 530-6010 or by email at [hcoyle@nassaucountyfl.com](mailto:hcoyle@nassaucountyfl.com).

Applications will be accepted through 5:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2022.

# Code Enforcement

August Activities	
Complaints Received	65
Initial Inspections	50
Cases Complied	35
Cases Presented to Code Board	3
Lien Search Requests	202

## CODE ENFORCEMENT COMPLAINTS

Senate Bill 60 prohibits investigation of anonymous code enforcement complaints. Persons reporting potential code violations are required to provide their name, number and/or email address. However please note that this information is subject to public records laws so we have to provide it to anyone who asks for it.

You can file a complaint by phone or through the website using this website: <https://bit.ly/NassauCodeComplaints>.

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# 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.

**Success Story:**

Gardening is an activity for healing. Recently, after completing a gardening program, a local Nassau County resident began speaking with the horticulture agent about their personal healing from gardening and gardening-related activities as result of attending horticulture extension programming. This specific individual spoke about their daily battles with anxiety and depression. Gardening became a positive outlet for this individual, helping manage their sickness in a beneficial and positive way. Therapeutic Gardening is the formal garden-based therapeutic sessions with licensed practitioners, but anyone can directly benefit from their personal experiences with gardening. Our horticulture program impacts usually relate to environmental and economic impacts - but gardening is a powerful tool for ourselves and our community.

## 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.

**Success Story:**

“A cowboy is a man with guts and a horse.” – William James, Western writer

There’s something to be said about an aspiring cowboy, then there’s who the young cowboy aspires to be. In Nassau County 4-H Charlie Norstrem has been training and competing in the ranch show divisions since 2018. In pursuit of mastering roping he has put in countless hours of practice, clinics, wins and losses, and life lessons. He has learned how to read cow body language, build a better partnership with his horse, and enjoy the ride along the way. This past summer Charlie earned a scholarship to attend a weeklong riding clinic at the University of Florida. He came back promising his agent and he UF mentor Mr. Joel to make them proud at this year’s show. At the Area North show Charlie roped his cow but failed for his honda to release, losing him the top spot in the class. Not to be defeated he entered at the state horse show and took home 3rd place. He qualified for the big regional horse show and continued to practice hard and keep his nerves low. It all paid off and he placed first in his roping class out of 25 other riders, with only 5 other youth making the shot in the class altogether! Charlie continues to grow his character and skills by staying true to an old horse show adage, to practice like you’ve never won and to compete like you’ve never lost. We’re so proud of this young, accomplished cowboy!”



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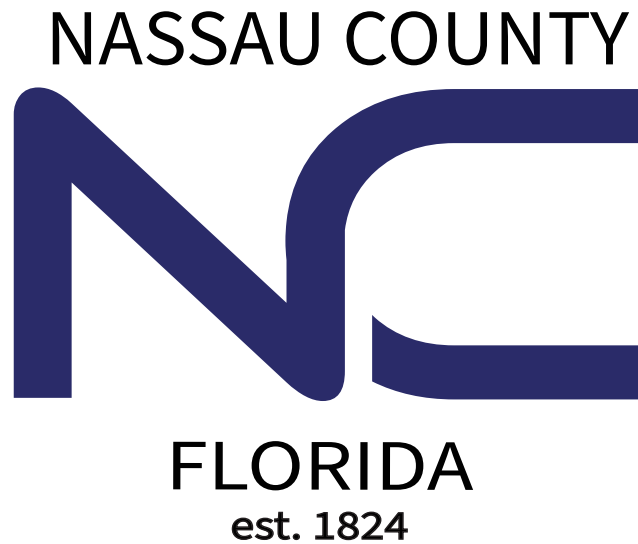


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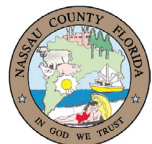
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