

Board of County Commissioners



HIGHLIGHTS

- Emergency Management and CSX host train derailment exercise
- New Sports Policy
- Household Hazardous Waste Recycling Event
- Employee of the Quarter
- Youth Emergency Team featured in Newsletter



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TRAIN DERAILMENT EXERCISE

During the week of February 27 - March 3, 2023, Nassau County Emergency Management and CSX Transportation hosted an exercise to train first responders on how to handle railcar hazmat incidents.

Nassau County Fire Rescue, Baker County Fire Rescue, City of Fernandina Beach Fire Department, Kingsland Fire Department, Kings Bay Fire Department, Camden County Fire Rescue, and Charlton County Fire Rescue all participated in the training from CSX. In total, 70 firefighters received hands-on training to better prepare them for a real-world incident in our region.

While they were training in the field, Emergency Management ran a tabletop exercise to the County’s capabilities on responding if this was to happen in Nassau County. Phil Eddins, from PEP Training Solutions, facilitated this exercise and challenged us to think through the different aspects of response including public information, traffic and evacuation plans, public health, and more!

Below are some photos taken throughout the training exercise.



Proclamations Issued



At the Monday, February 13, 2023 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-005 declaring February 2023 as Black History Month in Nassau County, Florida, to celebrate the cultural contributions made by black Americans in history, society and culture in the both the United States and Nassau County, Florida.

Residents were urged to familiarize themselves with black history by visiting one of the local museums (A.L. Lewis Museum at American Beach; the Amelia Island Museum of History; or the West Nassau Museum of History); by participating in black history events throughout the community; and by

reviewing additional resources available at the Nassau County Public Library.

Pictured: Commissioner John Martin; American Beach Water & Sewer District Advisory Board Chairman, Erving Gilyard; West Nassau Museum of History representative, John Hendricks; Executive Director of the Amelia Island Museum of History, Phyllis Davis; and Education Director for the Amelia Island Museum of History, Thea Seagraves

At the Wednesday, February 15, 2023 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-009, proclaiming the week of February 26 - March 4, 2023 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Week in Nassau County, Florida. We had two very special guests in attendance to accept the Resolution, both of which are children of Nassau County employees and both of which have shown courage and determination in their fights against childhood cancer.



Mary is 16 year-old high school student who is currently receiving treatment for Pineal Parenchymal Tumor Pineoblastoma. Levi is a 15 year-old student who completed treatments in June 2021 for Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma. Both are pictured here with Commissioner Jeff Gray.

During Childhood Cancer Awareness Week, residents were encouraged to recognize the impact pediatric cancer has on families within our community and to honor the children who have fought childhood cancer, and those whose lives were cut short.



At the Monday, February 27, 2023 meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-011 recognizing Callahan Little League on their 50th season. League President, Bill Cantrell, and Vice President, Shannon Cox, were in attendance to accept the Resolution.

Founded in 1974, Callahan Little League is run solely by community volunteers who devote countless hours to the betterment of the community. Callahan Little League has made a long-lasting footprint and has served thousands of youth, instilling them with self-confidence in the areas of leadership, teamwork, dedication, sportsmanship, respect and hard work.

The Board is appreciative of Callahan Little League for all their efforts in providing direction and guidance to local youth and wishes them well as they enter their 50th season. Pictured with Mr. Cantrell and Ms. Cox is County Commissioner, Klynt Farmer.

At the Monday, February 27th meeting, the Board approved Resolution No. 2023-013, declaring March 2023 as National Procurement Month in Nassau County, Florida. This month is recognized annually by the National Institute of Governmental Purchasing to recognize public procurement professionals who work hard everyday to ensure that cities and counties are securing the best price possible for goods and services.

In addition to overseeing the County's purchasing, Nassau County's Procurement Department prepares and solicits bids for RFPs (Request for Proposals) and RFQs (Request for Qualifications). They also work daily to ensure the most effective use of taxpayer dollars while maintaining the highest standard of service within a competitive, fair, open and transparent procurement process.

The Board commends Procurement Director, Lanaee Gilmore, and Procurement Specialist, Thomas "TJ" O'Brien, for all they do for Nassau County and the taxpayers. Pictured with Ms. Gilmore and Mr. O'Brien is County Commissioner A.M. "Hupp" Huppmann.



OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

The Office of Management & Budget is comprised of three divisions. The Budget Division provides administrative and financial support to the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager, and Department Heads to ensure the effective and fiscally sound delivery of services to residents. The Grants/SHIP (State Housing Initiative Partnership) Division oversees dozens of grants and administers the SHIP Program for down payment assistance and rehabilitation assistance of homes for individuals in need. Lastly, the Rescue Billing Division handles billing for ambulance/rescue services by filing insurance claims and collecting payments.

BUDGET DIVISION

Achievements and activities for February include:

- Hosted FY 23/24 Budget Kickoff Meeting
- Participated in the Fleet and Capital Improvement Plan meetings for the FY 23/24 Budget
- Continued FY 21/22 cash carry forward process, preparing draft calculations into FY 23/24
- Continued participation in the DebtBook Software review regarding lease and long-term debt tracking for GASB compliance
- Continued participation in Balancing Act Software review for budgeting use
- Request for Proposal (RFP) processed for selection of external auditors

SHIP/GRANTS DIVISION

- Presented to Palm III Realty on February 8th about the SHIP Program
- Hosted SHIP opening day on February 24th with 23 potential applicants. 10 applications were accepted with \$300,000 designated from available SHIP funds
- Completed training with the Florida Housing Staff



SHIP Opening Day

Congratulations

Congratulations to Margie Drawdy and Heather Lunt on their new positions. Margie has moved into a new position as Financial Management & Budget Coordinator for our Budget Division. Heather has moved into the position of Billing Supervisor for our Rescue Billing Division. We wish them much success and happiness in their new roles.

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COUNTY ATTORNEY

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.



53
Requests for
Legal



49
Requests for Legal
Services
Completed



15
Public Notices
Issued



253
Public Records
Requests Fulfilled

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEE

Please join us in welcoming Amy Grissinger to the County Attorney's Office as an Administrative Specialist II.

Amy's main responsibilities will include answering the phone, processing invoices, preparing Public Notices, and greeting visitors as they enter the office.

Amy is a life-long resident of Nassau County and currently resides in Callahan with her husband and 5 children. She is looking forward to learning more about legal procedures in government and serving her community.



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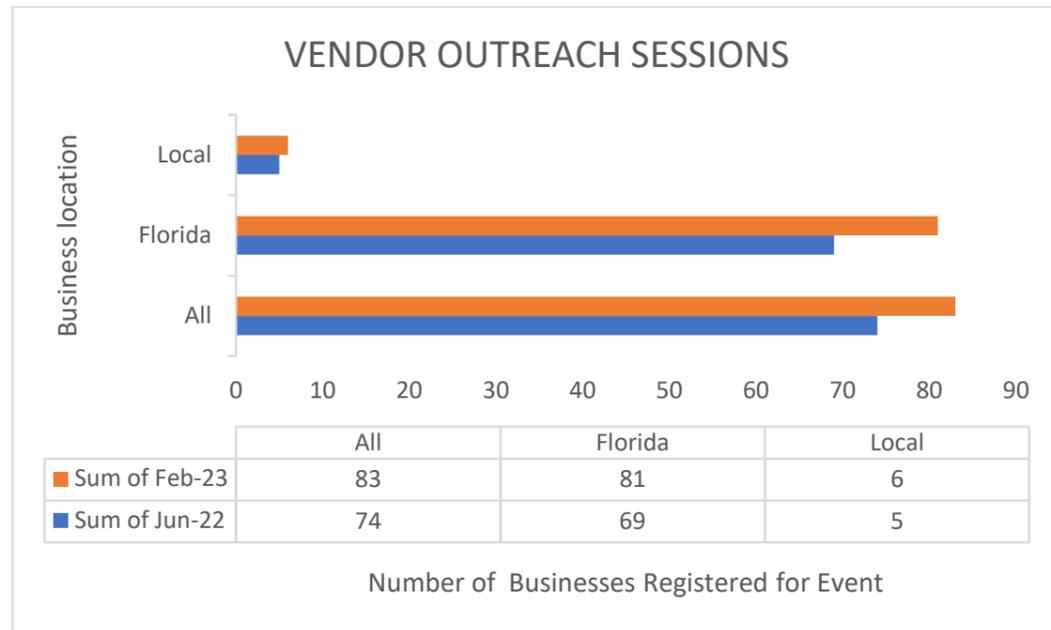
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PROCUREMENT

The Procurement Department functions as the central hub for purchasing for the Board of County Commissioners and ensures that the County receives the best price for goods and services. They work with the departments to create Requests for Proposals, Requests for Qualifications, and Invitations to Bid to solicit goods and services, as needed, as well as managing procurements below the formal procurement threshold.

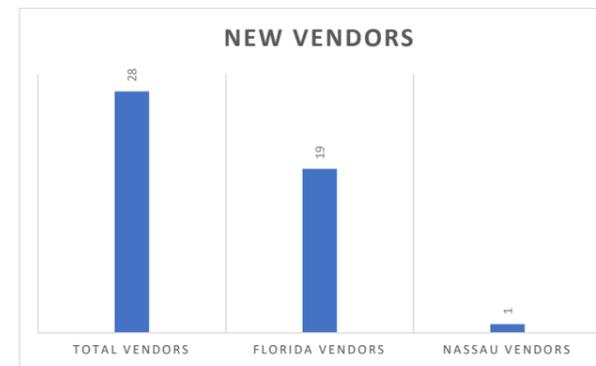
Vendor Outreach Sessions

The Procurement department continues to foster a fair, transparent and competitive procurement process. To support our efforts, Procurement has set a regular cadence of conducting vendor outreach sessions. Vendor outreach is an important part of the procurement process. It provides an opportunity for the procurement staff to educate businesses on the county's procurement process and for businesses to market their products or services directly to county staff involved in the procurement process, resulting in better sourcing and increased competition.



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NEW VENDOR REGISTRATIONS



There were 28 new vendors that registered to bid on new projects with Nassau County. Out of the 28 vendors, 19 were Florida vendors and 1 was a local, Nassau County vendor.

Contracts, Contract Amendments and Change Orders approved by the County Manager in February 2023

Vendor Name	Description of Product or Service	Value
ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corp.	Preventative maintenance contract for Historic Courthouse elevator	\$1,458
S2L, Inc.	Preparation of 2022 Annual Report to FDEP	\$11,067
S2L, Inc.	Time Extension to Contract	\$0
JLL Hotel & Hospitality	Time extension to develop tourism strategic plan for the Tourist Dev. Council	\$214,500
Fernandina Beach Songwriters Festival	Festival Sponsorship by the TDC	\$5,000 (TDT Funds)
Miles Partnership	Mobile app maintenance and optimization (for TDC)	\$34,000 (TDT Funds)
My Agency Savannah, LLC	Graphic design of marketing projects	\$49,800 (TDT Funds)
Salonen Marine, Inc.	Removal of derelict vessel	\$27,000
FireFlow, LLC	Annual testing of fire pumps, ground ladders and aerial ladders	\$17,150
FSCJ	Rental of David Yulee Room for Yulee Branch Storytime Events	\$440

LIBRARY

The Nassau County Public Library System provides residents and visitors with current materials for recreational reading, viewing and listening; general information to meet their needs related to work, school, personal growth and legal information; and assistance and training in improving the user’s skills for finding, evaluating and using information effectively.

Activity	February 2023
Items Circulated	16,124
Library Cards Issued	265
Gate Count	8,468
Computer Use (hrs)	824
Computer Use (ppl)	955
Reference Questions	1,168

The Library System circulated 16,124 items in February. This includes books, audio books, cds/dvds, and other items that can be checked out at any of the 5 library branches.

Art of the Car Exhibit

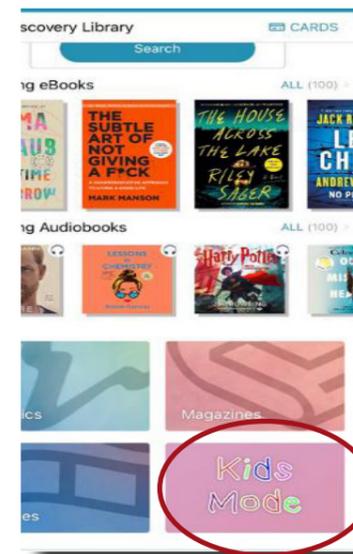
From March 3 - April 8, 2023, the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library are hosting a brand new exhibit, “Art of the Car”. Some of the items you will find on display include two signed prints from artist Alan Fearnley. Born in the United Kingdom, Fearnley is one of the leading automotive artists in the world. His oil painting techniques make the cars seem to come to life. “Art of the Car” will also feature a print from Nicolas Watts who, from an early age, fell in love with automobiles. A self-taught artist, Watts has devoted his career to capturing auto racing from different perspectives.



In addition to many pieces of framed art, the exhibit also features a museum quality model car collection on loan from Al Grammel, owner of Eight Flag Motorsports. Numerous other exhibit loans came from Jerry King, Peter Hill, Jo-Ann Leimberg, Brian Douglas, Jim Hogan, and many

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Cloud Library Kids Mode



The Cloud Library App has a new update! As of version 5.9, patrons can now access the new “Kids Mode”. Kids Mode offers a streamlined design with fun graphics, easy navigation with bigger buttons and kid appropriate browsing and searching.

To turn on Kids Mode, simply tap on the launchpad tile from the Home Screen. This will take you to the Account Menu where a simple tap of the Owl’s button will toggle it on and off.

Book Sale

The Friends of the Library will host a book sale at the Peck Center Gym located at 510 S. 10th Street.

The event begins on Thursday, March 29th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a special preview for Friends of the Library members. If you are not a member but wish to get a sneak peak of all the great things they have to offer, you can join at the door!

The doors will be open to the general public on Friday, March 31st from 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 1st from 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

All proceeds will benefit the Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library.

If you have any questions, please call (904) 530-6500, Option 1.

Friends of the Fernandina Beach Library

BOOK SALE!

Wed March 29, 5 – 7pm
Friends of the Library member-only preview sale. Non-members may join at the door.

Thurs March 30, 9:30am – 5pm

Fri March 31, 9:30am – 5pm

Sat April 1, 9:30am – 1pm

PECK CENTER GYM
 510 S. 10th St. Fernandina Beach

Want to volunteer? Contact: booksale@fermandinafol.org

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- Children & Young Adult
- Mysteries & Romance
- History & WWII
- Arts & Hobbies
- Biographies & Memoirs
- Cookbooks & Poetry
- Gardening & Decorating
- Religion & Philosophy
- Old & Unusual
- Large Print Books
- Coffee Table Books
- CDs, DVDs, LPs
- Puzzles & Games

Most items \$3 or LESS

JOIN NOW- GO TO FERNANDINAFOL.ORG Questions? Call 904.321.6529

All proceeds support the Fernandina Beach Library.

PUBLIC WORKS - SOLID WASTE

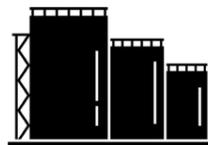
The Solid Waste Division provides collection and disposal of solid waste and recyclables, in addition to reporting and post closure procedures for five closed landfills.

February Activities

Total Recycling Collected 54.52 tons 	Scrap Metal 13.21 tons 	Cardboard 12.39 tons 
	Single-Stream 24.85 tons 	Electronics 4.07 tons 



150.98 tons of residential waste collected



228,600 gallons of leachate collected



171 tires collected for recycling

Gas Well Installation at West Nassau Landfill

The West Nassau Landfill has 66 gas wells which vent methane gas from the landfill and eliminates odors and emissions. Gas well #20 was found to be damaged so Solid Waste personnel abandoned the well and capped it off. A new gas well was installed the week of February 13th. Below are a few photos of the new gas well installation.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

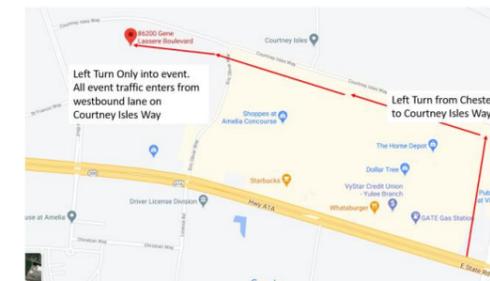


WHEN: APRIL 22, 2023, 8:00AM – NOON (OR UNTIL REACH CAPACITY)

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
- 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

The Road Department performs maintenance of County roads including paving, grading and the application of surface treatments. They also maintain drainage systems, mow rights-of-ways and ensures that roads are free of objects and debris for the safety of motorists.

February Activities

	Work Orders Created	167
	Ditches Cleaned	15,485 LSF*
	Storm Drains Cleaned	1,415 LSF*

* Linear Square Feet

Employee of the Quarter



Congratulations to David Hearn on being selected as Employee of the Quarter! David has worked for Nassau County in various capacities since March 1999, beginning as a Maintenance Helper, and working his way up to Assistant Road Director.

David is hard working, devoted and passionate about serving the County. He has worked tirelessly behind the scenes to develop a new Apprenticeship Program for the Road Department so that Road Department personnel have a clear, defined career path with

opportunities to advance. This program will ensure that employees obtain the skills needed to be successful in their positions and help them excel both professionally and financially. And true to David's commitment to success, David is working to provide a similar program for the fleet/mechanic division as well.

These are just a few examples of David's service and dedication to the County and its residents. If you see David, be sure to congratulate him on being our Employee of the Quarter!

Note: Since being named Employee of the Quarter, David has also accepted a new position as Assistant Public Works Director. Congrats David!

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Work Order Highlights for February

Culvert Repairs

- Completed 11 work orders for various driveway repairs

Roadside Ditch Cleaning

- Completed 13 work orders digging ditches in various locations around the County

Dirt Road Maintenance

- Completed 1 work order adding additional materials to dirt roads

Storm Drain Cleaning

- Completed 7 work orders using the jet vac truck

Fleet Maintenance

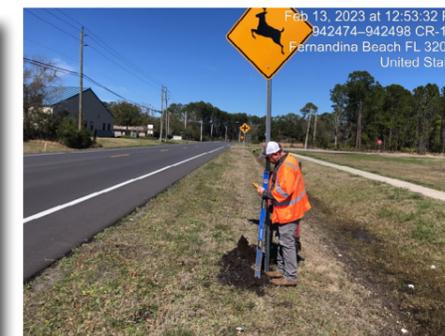
- Performed 10 preventative maintenance work orders
- Performed 74 hours on non-scheduled work orders
- Dispensed 1,404 gallons of diesel fuel

Paved Road Maintenance

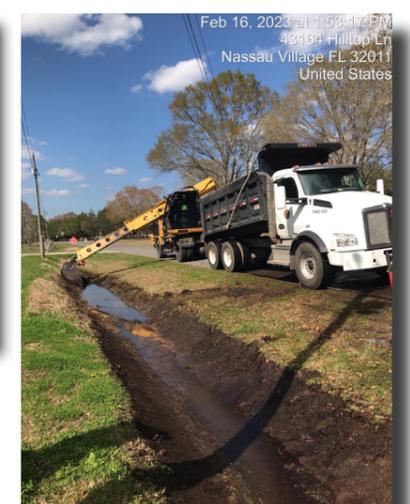
- Completed 2 work orders for various miscellaneous maintenance
- Completed 14 work orders for pot hole repairs
- Completed 11 work orders for roadway shoulder repairs
- Completed 6 work orders for tree/debris removal



Placing new cross drain on Woods Lane



installing a deer crossing sign on Old Nassauville Road



Clearing ditches on Hilltop Lane

HOW TO SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR ROAD ISSUES/REPAIRS



Did you know that you can submit maintenance requests and/or report road issues online? Visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/299/Maintenance-Request> and click on "Road Department Maintenance Work Request". This will direct you to our work order site, Dude Solutions. You will need to create a user profile but once you do, you can submit your work order and then the system will generate automatic emails to you, notifying you of updates as the work progresses.

PUBLIC WORKS - PARKS & RECREATION

The Parks & Recreation Division strives to provide high-quality facilities and recreational opportunities for the residents of Nassau County. They oversee County ballparks, beach accesses and boat ramps and also serve as a liaison between the County and youth sports organizations.

NEW SPORTS POLICY ADOPTED

On February 27, 2023, the Nassau County Board of County Commissioners adopted the Nassau County Sports Policy. This policy and subsequent agreements/documents give an overall set of guidelines for usage of the four sports complexes owned and operated by the County (Bryceville, Callahan, Hilliard, Yulee).

Outlined in the policy are facility/complex offerings, guidelines to become a recognized youth sports organization, concession regulations, weather policy, code of conduct, and more. For more information on this policy, please visit <https://bit.ly/NCSportsPolicy>



Ballpark Repairs



In February, repairs were made to the irrigation on the multi-purpose fields at the Yulee Ballpark. Pictured is Grounds Maintenance Technician, Mike McQueen, who has been working for the County for about a month. However he has 12 years experience in repairing and maintaining irrigation systems. Mike is mentoring Grounds Technician, Andrew Crawford, in irrigation.

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Boatramp Repairs



The most southern ramp at the Northend Boatramp (Dee Dee Bartels) was damaged and needed repairs. Jimmie Atkins, Nassau County's only Journeyman Welder, put his welding skills to action to repair the damaged piling. Here, he is seen educating junior Facilities Maintenance Technician, Jarod Connors.

PUBLIC WORKS - FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

The Facilities Maintenance Division maintains approximately 75 County buildings including repair and maintenance needs, grounds maintenance and janitorial services, to provide a safe and sanitary environment.

Shed Construction



Jimmie Atkins and Jarod Connors have been busy installing beams on the Lean-To shed being added to the current warehouse shed at the Facilities Maintenance department.

PROCESSING WORK ORDERS

Maintenance Technicians are assigned work orders each day. Each work order is different and varies in location and skill sets. Work orders range from painting, carpentry, plumbing, welding, air conditional, and electrical work.... just to name a few. Below are photos of some work orders being completed in February 2023.



Replacing restroom signs at Peters Point



Hanging plastic dividers at the Library



Replacing beach sign near Scott Rd. Access

Facilities Maintenance completed **1,244 work orders in February**

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FIRE RESCUE

Nassau County Fire Rescue responds to calls for service in Nassau County and surrounding municipalities through mutual aid agreements. This includes calls for fire service and for emergency medical emergencies.

Call Type	# of Calls for February
Medical Calls	738
Fire Calls	146
*Other Calls	7

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



On February 8, 2023, NCFR responded to a brush fire in the woods near Callahan



On February 10, 2023, NCFR responded to semi fully engulfed in flames on I-95



On February 23, 2023, NCFR responded to a vehicle crash that resulted in the woods catching fire near the CR108 overpass/I-95



On February 24, 2023, NCFR responded to a house fire



On February 27, 2023, firefighters Hunter Hutcherson (right) and Justin Miller (left), were recognized at Barnabas' Hometown Heroes Event. Also pictured is Justin's wife, Presley.

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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

The Development Services Department enhances health, safety and welfare within the County by providing economical, responsive, and effective professional engineering services.

	February
Driveway/Sidewalk Permits Issued	54
Driveway/Sidewalk Inspections Performed	316
Utility Permits Issued	10
Building Permits Reviewed	164
Borrow Pit Permits	4
DRC Pre-applications Reviewed	17
Site Engineering Plans Reviewed	14
Variance Requests Reviewed	1
Zoning Certifications	1

DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

Residential developments that were reviewed included two expansions to existing residential developments; one new residential development in Yulee; and one residential development near Hilliard.

Commercial properties reviewed included a driving academy, retail store, private school, coffee shop, daycare, professional office spaces, and a commercial park in Yulee. An RV park and professional office for Amelia Island was also reviewed.

For more information, visit <https://www.nassaucountyfl.com/1233/Development-Review-Committee-DRC>

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STORMWATER AND DRAINAGE

The Stormwater Drainage Division provides oversight to the water quality and water quantity in Nassau County. Staff is working diligently to create a comprehensive map of the County's entire stormwater system. This will help better serve citizens with stormwater flood protection and water quality projects. Staff work closely with Development Services and the Building Department to review development for applicable regulatory compliance.

February

Lot grading applications approved	74
Formboards approved	102
Drainage concerns reviewed	25
Development review projects reviewed	2
Cross drains mapped and/or verified	1,063
Ponds added to asset system	891

Other department activities include:

- Compiling and ranking potential stormwater projects to make the Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) candidate list
- Updating the Spring Lake Estates Construction Plans for rebid
- Waiting on Board directive for the Thomas Creek Watershed

Welcome New Employee

Please welcome our new GIS Analyst, Stephanie Walsh. Stephanie retired from the City of Jacksonville's Property Appraiser's Office after 21 years and is excited to be serving her community. Stephanie holds a Certified Florida Evaluator Certification and an Assessment Administration Designation. She also has a Bachelors Degree in Psychology from Flagler College and a Masters Degree in Organizational Psychology from California Coast university.



Rainfall Totals for Nassau

(from St. Johns River Water Management District)

February 2023: 1.28 inches
 Monthly Average: 3.24 inches



Stormwater Pollution

New construction around you? Not surprising with the amount of growth the County is seeing. The Stormwater Division reviews plans known as a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to confirm sites will be following the best management practices to keep our waters clean. These plans usually have silt fence, rock construction entrances, and proper dewatering plans.

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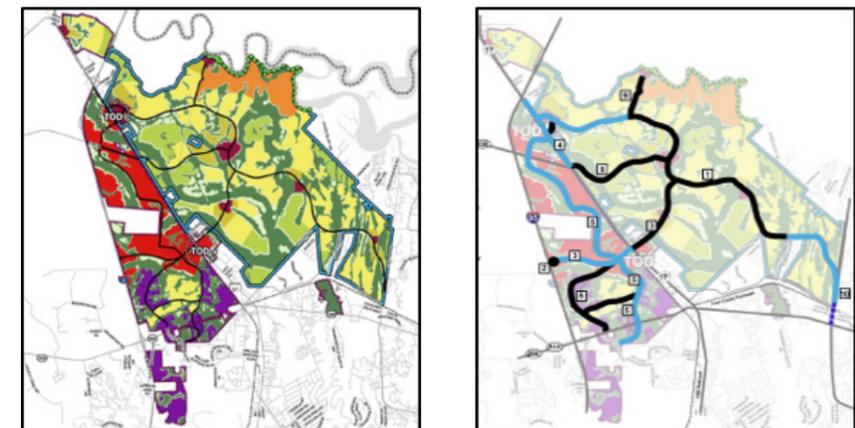
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

The Planning Department provides technical planning support to the Board of County Commissioners, County Manager, and other County departments. They perform the daily operations associated with the implementation of the Land Development Code and Comprehensive Plan and are the point of entry for site plan review and other applications for development orders.

LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE UPDATES

Staff is currently working on an update to the Land Development Code to streamline the development review process. Initial changes will include revisions to Article 3, Administration; Article 5, Procedures; and Article 25, Planned Unit Developments. Revisions will rectify inconsistencies, clarify language, and better organize code sections to improve efficiency.

WILDLIGHT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT



Staff completed its review of a nearly 15,000-acre amendment to the East Nassau Community Planning Area (ENCPA) Sector Plan, also known as Wildlight. The amendment area is located east of US 17, west of Chester Road, and south of the St. Marys River. Proposed changes include the revision of adopted land use subcategories to better define land use boundaries and updates to the mobility plan network. The proposed mobility plan includes additional roadway connections from Wildlight Parkway, a new east-west roadway, to connect Chester Road to Pages Dairy Road and US 17. The adopted sector plan is approved for 24,000 residential units and 11,000,000 square feet of nonresidential use. No change to total approved development rights is proposed. Public hearings to consider transmittal of the amendment to the Department of Economic Opportunity will occur in March and April.

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CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Capital Improvement Project Management Department serves the residents of Nassau County by providing efficient planning, design, design management, grant management, construction management, construction engineering inspection management, as well as budget and schedule administration for all transportation, facilities and parks & recreation Capital Improvements Projects.

Roadway Project Highlights

County Road 108 Safety Improvements: Construction from Middle Road to US 17 (Phase 1) and Bay Road to Middle Road (Phase 2) will commence in June 2023.

Henry Smith Road Improvements: Construction is anticipated to begin in July 2023.

Pratt Siding Road Improvements: Plans are complete. Right-of-Way identification and acquisition are currently underway. Construction anticipated to begin in the Summer of 2023.

William Burgess Blvd: Right-of-way acquisition is complete. Engineering plans are complete. Final permitting and specification are nearing completion. Construction expected to begin in July 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 top design firm was ranked and design is expected to begin in December 22/ January 23. The design timeframe is 6 months.

A second \$9 million to complete construction and resurfacing to US1 in Bolougne, was received and will come before the Board for consideration in March 2023.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Projects

Amelia Island Parkway Trail: Phase One

Bids have been received and a contractor has been selected, pending contract execution. Construction is expected to begin in June 2023.

Amelia Island Parkway Trail: Phases 2-4

Phase 2 design was completed in the first quarter of 2023. The advertisement for construction is expected in early summer. Phases 3 and 4 are under design.

Amelia Island Trail from Simmons Road to Hickory Street

This segment was funded by legislative appropriations from the State. The County grant agreement was executed and staff is preparing to advertise for design professional services.

Citrona Drive Pedestrian Improvements

Design is complete. Construction bid solicitation is complete. Construction anticipated to begin in April 2023.

Intersection Improvements

Pages Dairy and Chester Road Intersection Improvements

Design is nearing completion and construction is anticipated to begin in late Summer 2023.

William Burgess Boulevard and Harts Road Roundabout

Design is complete. Construction will be completed under a development agreement with costs shared by the developer and the County. Construction is expected in Summer of 2023.

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HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources is responsible for recruitment of qualified job applicants, securing competitive rates for employee health benefits, implementing programs that promote healthy lifestyles for the employees, and ensuring that the Board's employee policies and procedures are followed.

February Activities

Employee Services		Employee Benefits	
New Hires:	13	Benefit Enrollment:	17
Terminations/Retirements:	5	Benefit Terminations:	12
Positions Posted:	16	Benefit Changes:	6

Congratulations



Congratulations to Tina Keiter on 25 years of service!

Employee Wellness

In February, employees were encouraged to implement new habits to improve sleep quality and physical and mental health. Good sleep is also known to improve immune function and lower risk for heart disease. Most adults need between 7 and 9 hours of quality sleep every night.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The County offers free health benefits (for employees), paid time off, 13 paid holidays, educational reimbursement, and participates in the Florida Retirement System. Scan here to see job descriptions and associated salary ranges, or visit www.bit.ly/WorkforNassau



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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Code Enforcement’s mission is to protect, promote and improve the health, safety and welfare of the community through an effective code enforcement program. Primary functions include educating the public on code compliance and working with residents to ensure a safe environment.

February Activities	
Complaints Received	40
Initial Inspections	40
Cases Complied	22
Cases Presented to Code Board	2
Lien Search Requests	164
Snipe Signs Removed from right-of-way	214
Stop Work Orders Issued	8



Did You Know?

Ordinance No. 97-14 prohibits placement of signs in the County’s right-of-ways. Section 5: Commercial Use, states that “Prohibited commercial use includes, but is not limited to, the sale or display of any merchandise, servicing or repair of vehicle, storage or parking of vehicles, and the display of advertising of any sort”.

In February, 214 snipe signs were removed from the County’s right-of-way by our Code Enforcement Division and disposed of.

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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 February
New Builds, Additions, Rehabs, Roofs, Siding, Signs	341
Mobile Home & Modular Home	13
Electrical	273
Mechanical	161
Plumbing	370
TOTAL	1,158
Other Activities	
Contractor Licenses Issued	43
Certificate of Occupancies Issued	141
Inspections Performed	3,571

UNSAFE STRUCTURES

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-15, the following unsafe structure was removed from property on Greenberry Road.



WHAT OUR CUSTOMERS ARE SAYING

June Lance is awesome. Never even met her before and she made me feel important. And she handled my issue with superior customer service.
 -J. Jenkins

Jesica White is amazingly helpful. Thank you, Jesica!
 -D. Bailey

We are extremely pleased and happy we communicated with Tiffany Tallman. Great attitude and willing to help. Thank you so much for keeping a great staff member.
 -R. Onate

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DEPARTMENT OF STRATEGIC ADVANCEMENT

2022 Annual Report Published



A lot of time was spent in February 2023 finalizing the 2022 Annual Report to have it ready in time for the Winter Strategic Planning Session (WSPS) scheduled for March.

The WSPS is an annual event where the Board discusses the strategic direction of the organization, defines organizational priorities, allocates resources, and serves to “kick-off” the County’s annual budget process.

The 2022 Annual Report highlights the achievements, projects and initiatives of the Board, County staff, and management from for

the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. This report provides great insight into the County’s operations, progress in executing directives of the elected body, and priorities of the Board.

“A look back at 2022 illuminates the dedication of County employees, local leaders, and elected officials in promoting the long-term best interests of Nassau County residents. While Nassau is in the midst of extraordinary change, local leaders continue to champion a collaborative and community-based approach to governance that places quality-of-life and generational sustainability at the apex of decision making.” – Taco Pope, AICP, County Manager.

We would encourage residents, partner agencies, and interested parties to view the 2022 Annual Report at: <https://bit.ly/NC2022AnnualReport>.

HOMETOWN HEROES EVENT

The Director of Strategic Advancement, Brandy Carvalho, was invited to escort Firefighters Justin Miller (right) and Hunter Hutcheson (left) at the Barnabas’ Hometown Heroes Event on February 27th.



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PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

The Public Information Office strives to provide accurate and timely information to the residents, specifically as it relates to activities for departments under the Board of County Commissioners. This includes distribution of monthly newsletters, creation of news stories, management of the Board’s news blog and social media pages, and attending special meetings and events.

February activities included:

- Monthly BOCC Newsletter for January 2023
- Attended Emergency Management Trail Derailment Exercise/Training Event and served in the role of Public Information Officer
- Issued Special Event Permit for the Jail Break Run
- Created event flyer for Invasive Class Series on behalf of Public Works and County Extension
- Introduced new “County Corner” for the Yulee News
- Completed headshots for management staff
- 30 stories posted to The County Insider
- 27 FaceBook posts reaching 88,717 people
- 18 Tweets
- 5 LinkedIn posts
- Press Releases issued: 3
- Resolutions prepared: 2

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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	100	\$13,680
Site Visits	47	3,214
Phone, Email and Office Visits	286	\$4,891
Volunteer Hours	568	\$14,950
Newspaper Articles	5	\$594
Soil Analysis	38	\$760

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.

February activities:

In February, Horticulture Extension Agent, Dr. Taylor Clem, conducted performance appraisals on the Extension Agents. The Nassau County Extension is a partnership between the County and the University of Florida, established by the land-grant institute program. There are five extension agents (university faculty), one food and nutrition program coordinator, and two county staff members working in the county extension office. The extension agents' programs include: 4-H Youth Development, Horticulture, Agriculture, Natural Resources, Family Consumer Sciences, and volunteer management (4-H volunteers and Master Gardener volunteers). Last February, extension agents successfully completed their annual review process. Annually, agents must submit a report that highlights their program's outcomes and impacts. The data is also reported as part of state appropriation requirements. The District Extension Director and County Extension Director review the reports and give annual appraisals to each agent, including ways to include their overall program. This process also helps agents prepare for their permanent status and promotion process.

After completing final appraisals from 2022, we'd like to celebrate that every agent in the county extension office has far exceeded the minimum requirements for their programming and are all working successfully towards their permanent status and/or promotion. Some major highlights, include nearly 4 million gallons of water saved, 2,850 acres adopted invasive Best Management Practices (BMPs), half a million dollars of grants generated by others with assistance from the county extension office, and 3,542 youth demonstrating higher order

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 #1

Nassau county senior 4-H members Emma Nostrem and Garrett Bennett attended the Florida State Fair in Tampa. Emma and Garrett represented Nassau County and the 4-H program by competing in the goat and poultry shows as well as the skill-a-thons.

Emma, showing her senior Nubian goat "Sweet Pea", placed first in her division and advanced to the final drive where they competed against all the top contenders from each of the Nubian classes. It was such a wonderful experience watching Emma display such poise and skill in the show ring. Congratulations to Emma for winning the Grand Champion Nubian Senior! She also received a white ribbon in the senior youth goat showmanship competition.



Garrett also participated in both the youth and open goat shows. In the Youth show he placed third in the junior AOP division with his goat "Ghirardelli" and fourth in the open show. In the Senior Nigerian class he placed tenth in the youth show and seventh in the open show with his dry doe "Nala". He also received a red ribbon in the senior goat showmanship competition.

Garrett also competed in both the open and youth poultry shows. He earned a total of twelve Best of Breeds, nine Best of Varieties, one Medium Duck Champion, one Medium Duck Reserve Champion and two Medium Goose Champions. Garrett also won the Goose division earning two Champion Goose awards. Garrett also received a white ribbon in the senior youth poultry showmanship. He completed two posters and two record books earning a blue ribbon for each.

Congratulations to Emma and Garrett on their hard earned success!

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SUCCESS STORY #2

The Nassau County 4-H Youth Emergency Team was reached out to by the Newsleader to interview for a highlight piece on this fantastic program. Four graduates (Elena, Sophia, Gabe, and Natalie) represented this award-winning program well in answering all their questions and sharing about their experiences as a YETie. They came in official uniform with their go-bags ready to explain their many skills gleaned through YET. We are so proud of our youth in their confidence, professionalism, and passion for their group. Look for the article in an upcoming Newsleader paper and please celebrate all of our graduates for being a critical component of a resilient Nassau!



Family & Consumer Sciences

The Family and Consumer Sciences Agent works with residents and families on solving problems related to nutrition, food safety, food preservation and storage, wellness, financial management and more.

SUCCESS STORY #3

The Family and Consumer Sciences Agent partnership with the IRS's Free Income Tax Filing Assistance Program "VITA" assisted 35 Nassau County Residents during the month of February, saving each filer \$250 in filing fees, for a total of \$8,750 in savings, plus an additional \$47,810 refund dollars that went back to families in Nassau County. A combined total of \$56,560 was generated by the FCS Agent. Many times paid tax services charge clients to access credits that they automatically qualify for, like the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which can return nearly \$7,000 to eligible tax payers. But VITA provides access to the EITC and other common credits at no cost, helping to remove barriers so more people can access credits they're eligible to receive AND that can boost a return – and a budget.

Just how significant is the EITC? Each year it helps lift 6 million Americans out of poverty and into a more financially secure foundation. It connects people to additional services to build financial health and stability. What makes this partnership unique is the holistic approach it takes to help fight poverty and empower community members to take control of their finances. The FCS VITA tax program connects community members with an array of services to maximize their refunds and make smart decisions on how to use the money they get back. From information on building assets, credit counseling, saving and spending plans and benefits screening and enrollment, VITA empowers clients by equipping them with the resources and tools they need to break out of poverty and build a solid financial foundation – for now, and the future.

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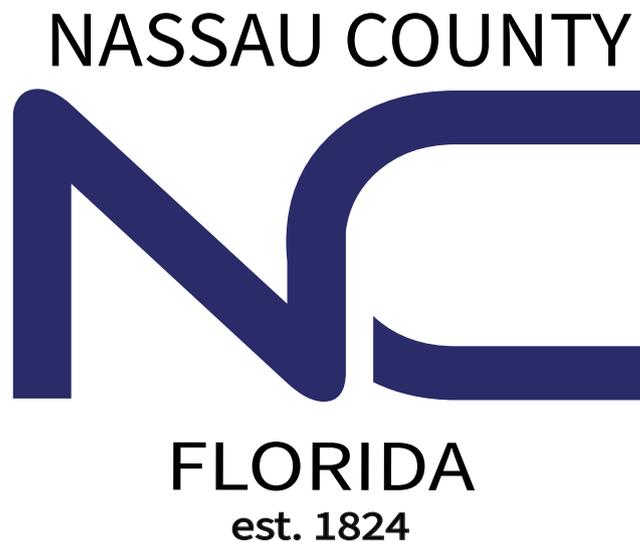
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