Newsletter April 2024



Updates

Where can you find us?

April 20 Earth Day Turtle Fest at Main Beach in Fernandina Beach 10am to 3 pm.

April 20 Fernandina Beach Market Downtown Fernandina 9 am to 1 pm.

May 18 Wild Amelia Nature Festival 10 am to 3 pm at 2500 Atlantic Ave. Fernandina Beach.

Weedi Warriors meet in the Garden at Egans Creek Park Saturday April 13 at 8 am and Wednesday May 15 at 4 pm.

> Check our calendar for ongoing community events



What's New On Our Website

<u>Nassau Conservation Network</u> is a group of Nassau County non-profits working to support our communities, wildlife, and landscape. We are pleased to be a place for you to learn more about these committed and active groups. Visit our website to learn more about the groups that collaborate with us. Whether you love birding, want to support native plants, or love our waterways and beaches--you can find a place.

Our <u>community calendar</u> lists happenings of interest around Nassau County.





Egans Creek Park Garden

Our garden is thriving and getting attention as people come out in the lovely spring weather. Lively yellow coreopsis and dune sunflowers bring sunshine, little dots of blue-eyed grass accent edges, and bright red salvia is just getting started. As usual, the pollinators are finding their favorite flowers!

Conserve Nassau follows current events and has provided input to:

- Florida Department of Environmental Protection regarding <u>RYAM's proposed</u> <u>bioethanol plant</u> and held a community meeting on March 18 together with Sierra Club and Stop the Domino Effect.
- Florida Forever on the Atlantic to Okefenokee (A2O) Conservation Corridor proposed by Nassau County and North Florida Land Trust.
- Georgia Dept. of Environmental Protection regarding the Twin Pines mines on the edge of the Okefenokee and St. Marys River.

Check our calendar for more upcoming events concerning these and other issues

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Join Us in Making a Difference!

Dear Conservation Enthusiasts,

Are you ready to roll up your sleeves and make a positive impact in your community? We're thrilled to announce several exciting volunteer opportunities. Whether you're passionate about gardening, advocating for environmental causes, or simply looking to lend a helping hand, we have something for everyone!

Wildflower Garden Weeding PartyApril 13th Time: 8:00 AM - 10:00 AMand May 15 Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm.Join us for rejuvenation and restoration as wegather to tend to our beautiful wildflower garden.Come and weed for 20 minutes or as long asyou'd like. Don't miss this chance to learn aboutour native plants and connect with nature andfellow enthusiasts!

Farmer's Market Booth Volunteers

Date: April 20th Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM and future dates TBD

We're seeking enthusiastic volunteers to help man our booth at the Farmer's Market. Share your passion for conservation and engage with the community as we promote eco-friendly practices and support local farmers.

Festival Volunteers

Date: April 20th Time: 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM Celebrate Earth Day by lending a hand at our Turtle Fest event! Dive into conservation efforts as we raise awareness about protecting these beloved creatures and their habitats.

<u>Air Quality Initiative Group Backyard Testing</u> <u>Volunteers</u>

Are you interested in contributing to vital research on air quality in our community? We're seeking volunteers to participate in backyard testing initiatives. Help us gather valuable data to support efforts in improving air quality and creating a healthier environment. To participate in any of these rewarding volunteer opportunities, please contact info@ conservenassau.org and provide your availability and area of interest. Your dedication and support are invaluable as we work together to conserve and protect our natural world.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to environmental stewardship!

Birds and Turtles Birds are migrating through our shores and woodlands and sea turtles will soon nest on our beaches. Both groups benefit from dark skies/lights out as they navigate. Bright lights disorient birds from their migratory path, turn them off at night. Lights near the beach confuse mama sea turtles as they nest or hatchlings that need to find the safety of the ocean.

Remember to keep the beach clean, dark, and flat.

Hurricane Season begins in June! <u>Nassau Emergency Management is the</u> place to receive accurate and up-todate information about preparedness. You can sign up for AlertNassau, find out how to make a plan and build a hurricane kit. Sign up for the Weather STEM Dashboard to find out about real-time weather where you live.

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