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South Santa Rosa Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan



Since 2006, there have been 110 crashes involving bikes or pedestrians in the south end of the county, resulting in 19 fatalities. In order to address the increasing conflict between cyclist, pedestrians, and motorist and to find ways to better order our streets for all users, planning department staff applied for a technical assistance grant from the Department of Economic Opportunity to conduct a Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan for the south end of the county. In October, the county received a grant in the amount of \$25,000 and staff is using this grant money to contract with the West Florida Regional Planning Council for technical assistance.

The end result of this planning project will be a citizen driven plan for physical bicycle and pedestrian related infrastructure improvements. Some of the infrastructure improvements discussed to date are things like installing sidewalks near schools, constructing a paved connector between Soundside Drive and the eastern side of the Tiger Point neighborhood as part of a designated bike loop, and marking or improving the paved shoulder on Gulf Boulevard to make it safer for bikes. Other critical plan components include the listing of bicycle and pedestrian goals to be used in prioritizing projects and the identification of funding sources. An example of a goal could be something like to increase opportunities for improved community health.

This planning project has been somewhat innovative for the county, in its use of social media such as Facebook, a dedicated project website, project logo creation and the use of internet based feedback mechanisms. So far, this has worked out really well in terms of getting a large amount of citizen input on the front end of the project as well as successfully informing citizens through two way education and information sharing. Through these easily accessible tools, the citizens were able to communicate ideas to staff that will be used to formulate plan recommendations.

The plan must be completed by the end of May per the grant specifications and is currently approximately 40 percent complete. Additional public meetings will be held in February to discuss final plan recommendations with the citizens. Additional information can be found by accessing the project Facebook page at www.facebook.com/ssrbpp or by searching for South Santa Rosa County Bicycle-Pedestrian Plan, or the project website at www.ssrbpp.org/.

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Pool Safety

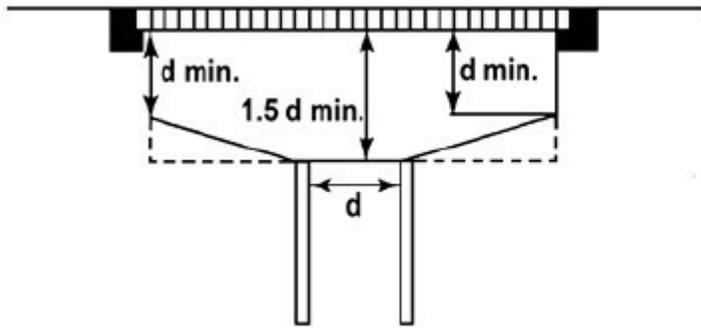
Recently, Santa Rosa County Development Services hosted a two hour contractor and inspector continuing education class on the pool safety act. One area of importance that was discussed was "field built sumps" that may be being built in an unsafe configuration creating a potential for entrapment.

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Santa Rosa's Development Service Center was created to provide a collaborative and comprehensive approach to customer service. The DSC enables residents and property owners to accomplish all of their development related county business at one location, with the help of well trained and organized county employees.

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Per Florida Building Code and the American National Standard for Suction Entrapment, ANSI/APSP-7, 2006 edition, when field built sumps are installed in pools, wading pools, spas, hot tubs and catch basins the top of the suction pipe must be one to one and a half times the inside pipe diameter from the bottom of the listed suction cover/grate. For example, if the inside of the suction pipe is two inches in diameter, the top of the pipe must be three inches below the bottom of the listed suction cover/grate.



d = inside pipe diameter

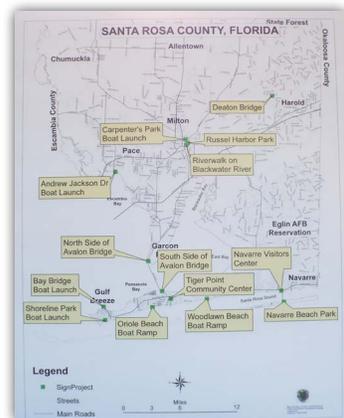
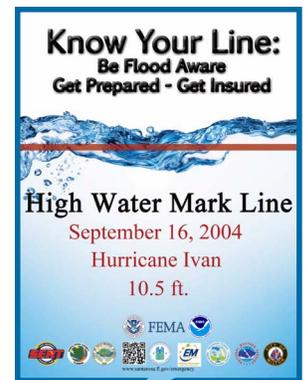
Field built sumps are required to be inspected by an inspector before filling the pool with water. Multiple outlets must be spaced three feet apart or on different planes so as to ensure that a single bather cannot block both outlets.

While the standard specifically allows pools and spas to be built without submerged suction outlets, if installed, they must be installed correctly to avoid entrapment. The five types of entrapment that must be protected against are hair, limb, body, mechanical entrapment such as jewelry and swimsuits, and evisceration. Pool contractors should educate themselves on pool regulation and consumers should educate themselves about the possible dangers in pools and spas from drain covers that are missing, broken, or that are non-compliant. When a drain cover is broken or missing, the pool or space must be closed to bathers until the proper drain covers are in place.

High Water Mark Initiative Event

Santa Rosa County partnered with FEMA and other partner federal agencies in a joint community awareness project called the High Water Mark Initiative in an effort to remind Santa Rosa County residents of past local major floods and encourage residents to prepare for the next one. Santa Rosa County is engaging in a campaign to raise awareness about flood risk. Karen Thornhill, floodplain manager, with the cooperation of the Flood Mitigation Task Force met several times to plan the event.

Through this cooperative effort, Santa Rosa County will install 13 signs around the county, each one marking the point of the highest water level during major flood events in our history. The signs were designed by students from the Gulf Breeze High School Academy of Multimedia Design and Technology and will be placed at designated locations throughout the county. On Tuesday, Dec. 9, the first high water mark sign was unveiled at Navarre Visitors Center located at 8513 Hwy. 98 in Navarre near the foot of the Navarre Beach Bridge.



Given the high propensity for flooding from hurricanes, storm surge and torrential rains, we customized the high water mark project to highlight the importance of flood insurance for all structures. The April/May flooding in our county was a wake-up call that flooding can and will happen anywhere, at any time, to anyone. It also highlighted the fact that homeowner's insurance does not cover flood damages, only flood insurance will.



If you need information on flooding, flood zones, flood insurance or a copy of an elevation certificate, please contact Karen Thornhill, CFM Floodplain Manager, at (850) 981-7029 or by email at karent@santarosa.fl.gov.

A driveway permit is automatically created with every new detached single family building permit, mobile home installation permit or substantial single family remodel permit issued by development services. That permit is passed to the public works road and bridge department for a pre-inspection to determine what type of driveway is needed. Platted subdivisions are the exception to this rule because the engineer of record often has determined what is needed prior to plat approval. A driveway information packet is mailed or emailed to all permit holders a few days after the building permits are purchased from development services.

Several different designs exist for driveways. Curb and gutter, swale, culvert or flat. The inspection process differs with each driveway type. Below is information on what is expected with each type.



Curb and Gutter

The use of curbs and gutters protects the edge of the asphalt from damage due to vehicle loads. Vehicles driving and/or parking too close to the edge of an asphalt driveway will cause the edges to buckle under the weight. The curb holds the asphalt in place, even if a vehicle drives or parks on the edge of the asphalt and also helps to channel water to inlets.

Inspection Process:

- Preliminary- Done once the permit is received.
- Pre-pour- This inspection should be requested by the contractor. The inspector checks:
 - o Form boards
 - o Curbing cut-out
 - o Debris is removed from area to be poured
- Final- This inspection should be requested by the contractor prior to needing a Certificate of Occupancy. The most common fail on final inspections is the lack of sod for erosion control. Two feet of sod is required around the poured driveway and right of way.

Culvert

A culvert is a structure that allows water to flow under a road, railroad, trail or similar obstruction and are most commonly constructed from corrugated metal or reinforced concrete.



Swale or Flat

Swale or flat driveways follow the same inspection schedule as culverts.

Inspection Process:

- Preliminary- Done once the permit is received. The inspector makes note of water flow on the property. This inspection is often conducted before the site has been cleared or just afterwards.
 - o Line and Grade- This inspection should be requested by the contractor. The inspector will visit the site and set a PK Nail in the center of the road to assist with the driveway location. An inspection report will be left in the job box stating what elevation will be needed for each end of the pipe. At this time, it will also be determined if pipe and stormwater inlets, or drop boxes, will be needed for the length of the right of way.
- Pre-pour- This inspection should be requested by the contractor. The inspector checks:
 - o Form boards
 - o Elevation of pipes and grade
 - o Stormwater inlet
 - o Debris is removed from area to be poured
- Final- This inspection should be requested by the contractor prior to needing a Certificate of Occupancy.

There has been an increase of existing driveways not being requested for final inspections, resulting in a delay in release of power. An inspection is necessary on existing driveways to ensure that the apron of the county maintained road is not damaged by the heavy construction vehicles. If there is damage to the county road, the damage must be repaired by the contractor prior to a passed driveway final inspection.

If you have questions about driveway inspections, please contact the public works department at (850)626-0191 or by email at public-works@santarosa.fl.gov.

Recently Approved Development Orders - Oct. 1 to Dec. 31

- Pediatric Associates, medical office, 4591 Santa Villa Dr., Pace
- Trahan Family Funeral Home, funeral home, 6539 Trammel Dr., Milton
- West Florida Medical Office, medical office, 4244 Avalon Blvd., Milton
- Greystone Summit Apartments, multi-family, 1900 Reserve Blvd., Gulf Breeze
- Gulf Breeze Construction, office/shop building, 3034 Westfield Rd., Gulf Breeze
- A Plus Mini Storage, self storage, 7030 Navarre Pkwy., Navarre

Assistance for Homeowners



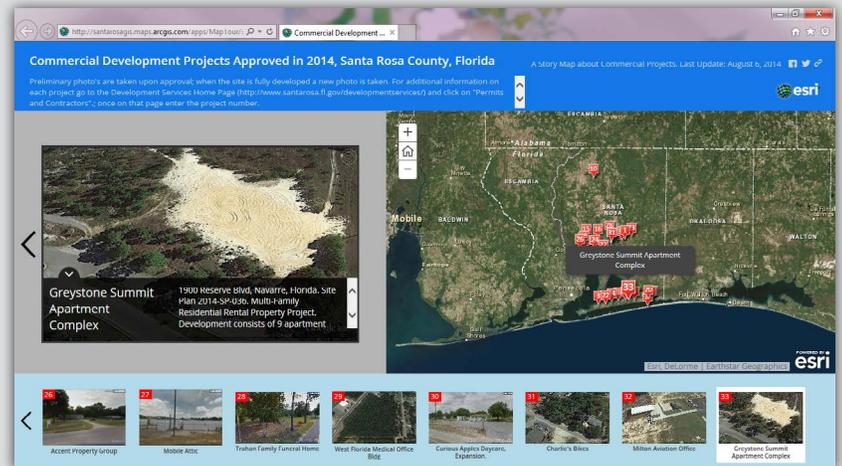
Are you a homeowner in need of home repairs? Santa Rosa County's Housing Department has state and federal funding to help homeowners with specific repairs such as septic tank troubles, roof repairs, HVAC problems, and plumbing issues. These funds are available to owner occupied low income families. For specific program guidelines and requirements, please contact our office at (850) 981-7076.

Recently Approved Certificates of Occupancy

- Pro Satellite Relo, new tower and equipment pad, COC- \$236,956, 4453 Gulf Breeze Pkwy., Gulf Breeze
- Pace Patriot Townhomes, 1 townhouse unit, COC- \$60,000, 4443 Governors St., Pace
- Deep South Investments LLC, interior remodel, COC- \$27,750, 8228 Gulf Blvd., Navarre Beach
- Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office, addition, COC- \$75,000, 5755 East Milton Rd., Milton
- Walgreens, interior remodel, COC- \$140,209, 3909 Highway 90, Pace
- Holley Navarre Water, interior remodel, COC- \$75,000, 8574 Turkey Bluff Rd., Navarre
- Shanks Office/ Edward Jones, interior remodel, COC- \$127,000, 215 & 217 Fairpoint Dr., Gulf Breeze
- Reserve Point, 8 townhouse units, COC- \$474,600, 2062-2076 Wilsons Plover Cir., Navarre
- Publix Super Markets, interior remodel, COC- \$550,000, 8244 Navarre Pkwy., Navarre
- Gulf Cable Properties LLC, new factory, COC- \$3,000,000, 5710 Industrial Blvd., Milton
- Fort Storage LLC, addition, COC- \$200,000, 4114 Avalon Blvd., BLDG A, Milton
- Pine Street Apartments, new duplexes, COC- \$139,500, 1270-1294 Pine St., Gulf Breeze
- Sound Haven, 2 townhouse units, COC- \$250,000, 1740 & 1772 Sound Haven Ct., Navarre

Commercial Development "Map Stories" Available Online

A new online mapping tool is available for Santa Rosa County residents. Story maps use geography as a means of organizing and presenting information. They tell the story of a place, event, issue, trend, or pattern in a geographic context. They combine interactive maps with other rich content—text, photos, video, and audio. For the most part, story maps are designed for general, non-technical audiences. Many story maps are aimed at everyone, that is, anyone with access to the Internet and a curiosity about the world. However, story maps can also serve highly specialized audiences.



Santa Rosa County's first story map contains commercial development projects that have been approved in 2014. The map has the name of the project, address, site plan number and type of project on a searchable county map with photos of the site. You can click on the thumbnails at the bottom, the numbers on the aerial photo or just simply scan through the photos. Links to the map are available on [Development Service's web page](#) under reports and statistics or by [clicking here](#).