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Need a permit or not? Here's the answer

There are two ways to look at the need for building and construction permits and licenses. One view might be that permits are simply interference in private affairs, while the other view might be that the public should have some protection from shoddy workmanship, poor or incorrect materials and unlicensed, untrained contractors. Our view is most certainly the latter.

To construct anything these days is a considerable investment of hard-earned dollars. This makes it even more important to have it done legally and correctly the first time. So, who knows what kind of work requires a permit and what doesn't? Only your building inspector knows for sure!

The City Building Inspector is Don Baccadutre. His office is located in the Public Safety Building at 212 N. Partin Drive and his phone number is 729-4056. We urge you to give him a call before you begin any construction, even if you plan to do the work yourself.

Do you have a community event planned? Let's get the word out! The City's website has a calendar of City and local organizations' events. Send us special events that are open to the public and once approved, they will be added to our community calendar. It is that easy to have your event listed online! Examples include festivals, charity events and holiday programs. See events online at www.cityofniceville.org/cal.html. Also, add your local business to our community links page!



Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #1
Niceville, FL 32578

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
the City of Niceville offices will be closed
Monday, January 15.

From the Police Department...

During the month of November the Police Department responded to 1794 calls for police assistance. A total of 88 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$202,300. A total of 286 Traffic Citations were issued, 20 Misdemeanor, 1 Felony and 2 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT			
NOVEMBER, 2006			
Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	21	24	32
Permit Fees Value	3,675.00 1,008,148.00	10,028.00 3,143,110.00	8,146.00 555,198.00
Electrical Number	11	17	13
Permit Fees	1,198.00	647.00	376.00
Plumbing Number	4	2	6
Permit Fees	312.00	64.00	206.00
Mechanical Number	5	6	4
Permit Fees	120.00	302.00	103.00
Gas Number	4	4	11
Permit Fees	46.00	49.00	187.00
Total All Fees	5,351.00	11,090.00	9,018.00
Water Taps	6 6,065.40	5 8,848.38	8 42,332.00
Sewer Taps	3 16,650.00	9 44,400.00	6 28,575.00
Nature of Building Permits			
# Type	Dwellings	Permit Fees	Valuation
3 Single Family		1,641.00	625,332.00
Two Family/Multi-family			
Commercial Buildings			
Industrial Buildings			
2 Swimming Pools		375.00	70,100.00
1 Signs		20.00	1,950.00
1 Sheds		40.00	6,000.00
2 Fences		6.00	4,344.00
Garages			
5 Repairs		205.00	28,271.00
1 Other: carport		25.00	2,500.00
Alterations/Additions			
5 To Dwellings		1,043.00	204,651.00
1 To Commercial Buildings		320.00	65,000.00
To Industrial Buildings			
21 Totals		3,675.00	1,008,148.00
Building Valuation			
This Fiscal Year to Date		This Calendar Year to Date	
4,151,258.00		28,277,126.00	
Last Fiscal Year to Date		Last Calendar Year to Date	
10,384,360.00		64,630,377.00	

Fire Department Report

During the month of November 2006, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 78 calls. There were 75 calls located within the city limits and 3 automatic aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows

Structure Fire	1
Cooking Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	2
Dumpster/Other Trash Fire	1
Medical	36
Vehicle Crash	12
Vehicle Extrication	1
Arcing/Shorted Elec Equip	1
Unauthorized Burning	2
Dispatched/Cancelled	15
Smoke Scare	1
Alarm Activation	5

For more information on the Niceville Fire Department, check us out on our web page at: <http://www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/NicevilleFL/>

City Notes

The City's Utility Billing Office offers electronic drafts for our customer's utility payments. We now have **over 1,900** customers that use this method of payment. If you travel frequently, want to save on postage, or just save time with the process please consider this option. To sign up for the service visit our office at 208 N. Partin Drive to complete the necessary paperwork and provide us with a voided check. Some of our customers use the services of their financial institution to pay their City Utility Account. Customers who choose this method of payment need to insure the payment reaches our office no later than the 10th of the month to avoid a late fee, and no later than the 20th to avoid disruption of water service. For more information, call 729-4000.

SAVING WATER INDOORS ~ Consider installing an instant water heater on your kitchen sink so you don't have to let the water run while it heats up. This will reduce heating costs for your household. Insulate your water pipes. You'll get hot water faster plus avoid wasting water while it heats up.

Library Lines



Library Hours and Contact Numbers

Tue & Thur 9 – 8

Wed & Fri 9 – 6

Sat 9 – 2

Closed Sunday & Monday

Renew Books — 729-4070 Circulation Desk

Questions and Interlibrary Loans — 729-4090 Reference Desk

Story Time and Youth Programs – 729-4554 Youth Services

www.cityofniceville.org/library.html

New Books:

Cross by James Patterson

Dear John by Nicholas Sparks

Nature Girl by Carl Hiaasen

Wild Fire by Nelson DeMille

Born In Death by J. D. Robb

Santa Cruise by Mary Higgins Clark & Carol Higgins Clark

Palestine Peace Not Apartheid by Jimmy Carter

The Audacity of Hope by Barack Obama

Audios/CD:

Lisey's Story by Stephen King

On Truth by Harry G. Frankfurt

H.R.H by Danielle Steel

Cross by James Patterson

Darkfever by Karen Marie Moning

Nature Girl by Carl Hiaasen

The Best Investment Advice I Ever Received by Liz Claman

On Agate Hill by Lee Smith

Motor Mouth by Janet Evanovich

Finding Noel by Richard Paul Evans

"Thank you for your support of our library and the staff this past year and for your understanding during the construction project! We hope that you enjoy the new space provided by the expansion and that you continue to be happy with the library and the services provided by our staff. Happy New Year to you and to your family!"

YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR

Raising Readers-Preschool Storytime

Inspire your future reader at our preschool storytime. Join us for exciting stories selected just for children

ages 3-5 years old. Programs will be held in our new Program Room in Youth Services.

Wed. 10:30 a.m. & Thurs. 10:30 a.m.

No sign up is required.

Jan. 3&4, "Favorite Flannel Stories"

Jan. 10&11, "It's All About Me"

Jan. 17&18, "I Spy-Books without Words"

Jan. 31&Feb.1: Stories with Puppet Friends"

Group Storytimes & Tours

For special groups, schools, clubs, etc. please call to make arrangements.

Reservations required. Call 729-4554.

Baby Bookworm- Lapsits consist of music, stories and rhymes especially chosen to build the bond between you and your child. Please meet in our new program room in Youth Services.

Fridays:

9:30: Prewalkers

10:30 Walkers.

Please note***Each program will be limited to 15 children per session. If there is a consistent overage, we will hold another program at 11:00.

Programs begin Jan. 15.

Family Night - This program is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

It's a multicultural night, Jan. 25th. Join us for musical and dance performances.

More details will be available in Youth Services or call 729-4554.

Afterschool Program - A program for children 6-12 years old, held the 2nd Wednesday of each month 4:15-5:30. Every month we'll put another stamp on your passport as we journey across the continents via our "Kids around the World" series. This month, we travel to Japan.

Experience the country through art, music and demonstrations. Please bring your passport and suitcase.

American Girls Book Club -We meet the 3rd Sat. of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the new program room in Youth Services during the school year for ages 7 and up. Please read "Happy Birthday Molly" before our next meeting Jan. 20th.

All Programs Are Free! For more information or to sign up, call Youth Services at 729-4554.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Children's Park

Park Hours: January - April

Tuesday thru Saturday: 8:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday: 1pm to 5:30pm

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The Children's Park is closed Mondays for maintenance.  
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We hope you had a wonderful holiday season. We would like to say thank you for coming out and making "Santa in the Park" a great success. We look forward to the up coming year and hope to have a great deal of fun. The water park is scheduled to open some time around the end of May. The park hours will remain the same until May, at which time they will change to 8:30 am – 7:00 pm.

For information, please call the Children's Park at 642-3535 or the Park Manager at 642-7457.

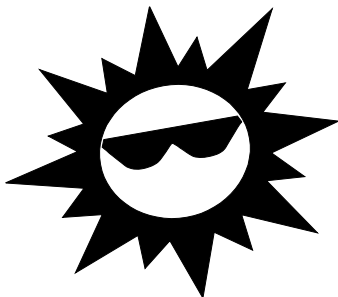
Stormwater Runoff ~ During rainstorms, water rushes over the land carrying debris and dissolved nutrients to natural or man-made waterways. The water and its contents are called *stormwater runoff*. Fertilizers and chemicals that we add to our landscapes can be washed away by rain, or excessive irrigation, into storm drains, or percolates down through the soil into the aquifer. Oil and residue on roads, driveways and parking areas also end up in waterways through this route. The water from the storm drains flow into ponds, rivers, lakes and bays, causing pollution problems for the natural environment and water quality.

SAVING WATER INDOORS ~ Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear within 30 minutes. Check the toilet for worn out, corroded or bent parts. Most replacement parts are inexpensive, readily available and easily installed. THEN, remember to flush as soon as the test is done, since food coloring may stain the tank

Turkey Creek is calling....A reminder for those senior citizens and handicap individuals who are not able to walk the TurkeyCreekWalk nature trail but would like to enjoy this wonderful part of Niceville, we will conduct free rides up the creek on a golf cart. All you have to do is contact Curt Barto at 642-7454 and he will schedule it for a time which is convenient for you. So, come on out and experience a great adventure.

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- City Council meets the second Tuesday of every month.
- Planning Commission meets the first Monday of every month.
- Other meetings as announced in *Sunshine* and other publications.

Sunshine Online...

at the City's website www.cityofniceville.org

VISIT NICEVILLE ON THE INTERNET AT
<http://www.cityofniceville.org>