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Check if you need a permit before you build!

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.



Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
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Permit #1

**City Election will be held
Thursday, January 3, 2008
7 am – 7 pm
at the Council Chambers
located at 208 N. Partin Drive.**

From the Police Department...

During the month of November the Police Department responded to 1912 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 \$171,700. A total of 285 Traffic Citations were issued, 31 Misdemeanor, 14 Felony and 3 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT November, 2007

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	30	24	21
Permit Fees	4,316.00	9,857.00	13,675.00
Value	1,753,961.00	3,442,689.00	1,008,148.00
Electrical Number	14	10	11
Permit Fees	779.00	612.00	1,198.00
Plumbing Number	5	3	4
Permit Fees	142.00	88.00	312.00
Mechanical Number	11	12	5
Permit Fees	394.00	358.00	120.00
Gas Number	11	2	4
Permit Fees	121.00	26.00	46.00
Total All Fees	5,752.00	10,941.00	5,351.00
Water Taps	6 12,486.26	6 140,433.89	6 6,065.40
Sewer Taps	1 5,830.00	3 17,490.00	3 16,650.00

Nature of Building Permits			
#	Type	Dwellings	Valuation
3	Single Family		1,376,875.00
	Two Family/Multi-family	2,319.00	
	Commercial Buildings		
	Industrial Buildings		
2	Swimming Pools	350.00	65,500.00
1	Signs	35.00	5,000.00
	Sheds		
4	Fences	12.00	5,511.00
	Garages		
10	Repairs	520.00	77,676.00
	Other:		
	Alterations/Additions		
10	To Dwellings	1,080.00	223,399.00
	To Commercial Buildings		
	To Industrial Buildings		
30	Totals	4,316.00	1,753,961.00

Building Valuation	
This Fiscal Year to Date	This Calendar Year to Date
5,196,650.00	24,095,379.00
Last Fiscal Year to Date	Last Calendar Year to Date
4,151,258.00	28,277,126.00

Fire Department Report

During the month of November 2007, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 86 calls. There were 82 calls located within the city limits and 4 automatic/mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	5
Vehicle Fire	3
Boat Fire	1
Brush Fire	1
Medical	42
Vehicle Crash	10
Vehicle Extrication	1
Fuel Spill	1
Arcing Shorted Electrical	1
Lock In/Out	1
Dispatched/Cancelled	11
Service Call	1
Illegal Burning	4
False Call	1
Alarm Activation	3

For more information on the Niceville Fire Department, check our web page:
<http://www.cityofniceville.org/fire.html>

City Notes

The City's Utility Billing Office offers electronic drafts for our customer's utility payments. More than 1,900 customers use this method of payment. If you travel frequently, want to save on postage, or just save time, 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.

Save Water ~ Check for toilet tank leaks by adding food coloring to the tank. If the toilet is leaking, color will appear within 30 minutes. Check 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.

Library Lines



New Books:

Book of the Dead by Patricia Cornwell
A Lick of Frost by Laurell K. Hamilton
Now and Then by Robert B. Parker
Clapton by Eric Clapton
My Grandfather's Son by Clarence Thomas
Schulz and Peanuts by David Michaelis
Third Degree by Greg Iles
The Mermaid in the Basement by Gilbert Morris
Burnt Offerings by Laurell K. Hamilton
True North by Jim Harrison
The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman
The Morcat Battalion by Diana Palmer

New Audios/CD:

Flawless by Joshua Spanogle
Brother, I'm Dying by Edwidge Danticat
Sweet Revenge by Diana Mott Davidson
Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade by Diana Gabaldon

The Ghost by Robert Harris
Global Warming by Tim F. LaHaye
Kids are Americans Too by Bill O'Reilly
The Last Days of the Incas by Kim MacQuarrie

Attention Writers, Storytellers and Readers: The Friends of the Library invite you to attend a presentation on writing with full-time author Anne Haw Holt. Her presentation will provide helpful tips on writing, editing, promoting and publishing your work as well as hints for storytelling. Anne is a full-time author and serves as President for Tallahassee Writers Association. She is a member of the "Art in the Court" Committee of the Florida Supreme Court. She is also an active member of The Western Writers of America Association and a member of Women Writing the West and ALAN. She writes under A. H. Holt and her book titles include Silver Creek, Kendrick, Blanco Sol, and Riding Fence. This is a program you don't want to miss, so please call 729-4090 to reserve your seat. Niceville Community Center, Wednesday, January 23 11:00 a.m.

YOUTHSERVICESCALENDAR

Raising Readers-Preschool Storytime ~ Inspire your future reader at our preschool storytime. Join us for exciting stories selected just for children ages 3-5.

Jan. 2nd & 3rd; "Arctic Animals"
Jan. 9th & 10th; "Dream Snow"
Jan. 16th & 17th; "Purrific Cats"
Jan. 23rd & 24th; "Oh Messy Me!"
Jan. 30th & 31st; "Grandmas are Great"

Group Storytimes & Tours For special groups, schools, clubs, etc. please call to make arrangements. Reservations required. Call 729-4554.

Baby Bookworms ~ Lapsits consist of music, stories and rhymes especially chosen to build the bond between you and your child. Please meet in YS program room. Fridays 9:30: Prewalkers, 10:30 Walkers

Saturday Morning Family Treasure Chest ~ Something new each week will be offered for all age groups; story times, craft days, movies, guest readers, games, music, trivia, and more! Drop in for a great family time between 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Jan. 5th; "Family Book Bingo"; It's a family fun way to read this winter.

Jan. 12th; "Sprout a Pet"; Bring in an old pair of panty hose if you have any. Ages 5+

Jan. 19th; "American Girls Book Club"-ages 7+

Sign up is required. (See below)

Jan. 26th; "An a-MAZE-ing Day; mazes for all ages

Family Night ~ January 24th, 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Services program room. Those who have played our Family Book Bingo (see above) will have the opportunity to create their bingo banner at this family workshop. All supplies will be provided, as well as a few munchies. It's not too late for those who haven't completed or begun their bingo cards; this is a great time to choose those books to read together and find a quiet reading corner. Supplies will be available to finish your banner through February.

American Girls Book Club ~ We meet the 3rd Sat. of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the YS program room for ages 7 and up. Please register in YS or call to reserve your seat 729-4554. Please read "Kit Saves the Day" before our next gathering.

Afterschool Program ~ This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2nd Tues. of every month at 4:00-5:30 p.m. It's the right time of the year to enjoy the sights and sounds of the Caribbean Jan.9th in Youth Services program room. Bring hats and shades and of course your passport and suitcase. **Please call 729-4554 to reserve your seat.**

Teen Space- Ages 13-17 ~ Regular activities are planned for each month along with a book club. There are craft and movie days, birthday celebrations, video gaming on the big screen and refreshments and a monthly book club. Want to be a part of it all? Stop by the Teen Space or see Ms. Paula to get the full schedule. You can also call 729-4554 or [email pbonner@okaloosa.lib.fl.us](mailto:pbonner@okaloosa.lib.fl.us)

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, Interlibrary Loans — 729-4090 Reference Desk
Story Time and Youth Programs – 729-4554 Youth Services
www.cityofniceville.org/library.html

Children's Park

Park Manager – Jane Edge

Park Hours: November - April

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

Sunday: 1pm to 5:30pm

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The Children's Park is **closed on Mondays** for maintenance.  
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In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Niceville offices will be closed Monday, January 21.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday season and we wish a wonderful and safe 2008 for you and your family!

Thank you for coming out last month and making "Santa in the Park" a great success again this year.

We look forward to seeing you in the Park in 2008!

The water park is scheduled to open again in the Spring. Please watch the City of Niceville web page for more information. www.cityofniceville.org

To book a party or for information about the Children's Park, please call 642-3535, or the Park Manager, Jane Edge, 642-7457

Advertise community events in Sunshine 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!

Stormwater runoff can cause pollution

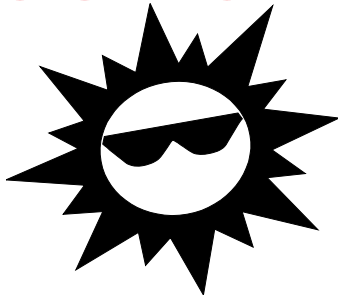
During rainstorms, water rushes over the land carrying debris and dissolved nutrients to natural or man-made waterways. The water and its contents are called *stormwater runoff*.

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.

A Winter Wonderland at Turkey Creek ~ A reminder for those senior citizens and handicap individuals who are not able to walk the Turkey Creek Walk 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

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<http://www.cityofniceville.org/>