



CITY MANAGER'S

Sunshine

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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.

City Council meets the second Tuesday of every month

Planning Commission meets the first Monday of every month

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the City of Niceville offices will be closed Monday, January 19.

From the Police Department...

During the month of November the Police Department responded to 1855 calls for police assistance. A total of 65 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$140,540. A total of 260 Traffic Citations were issued, 29 Misdemeanor, 9 Felony and 5 DUI Arrests were made.

Children's Park

Phone: 642-3535 Park Manager – Jane Edge: 642-7457

Park Hours:

Wednesday - Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

The Children's Park is now **closed on Mondays and Tuesdays** for maintenance each week.

Thanks to everyone for coming out and enjoying the holiday festivities with us this year. A special thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Claus for spending the evening with us too. We also enjoyed all the characters as well as the wonderful treats. A special thanks to City Councilwoman, Judy Boudreaux for the wonderful cookies that she bakes for everyone each year at the Santa in the Children's Park.

Just a reminder: we now charge \$50 for each party held in the park. This fee will cover reserving of the appropriate location for the party, the setting up of the table(s), the tablecloth(s), the helium balloons, and the child's name marking the location for their party. To book a party or for questions about our services or hours, please call Jane at 642-7457. We would love to help with your party needs!

Memory Bricks

- ❖ Standard 4" x 8" size for individuals and/or families at \$45 each;
- ❖ Businesses, teams and organizations at \$55 each;
- ❖ Large 8" x 16" size bricks are available for \$180 each.

Turkey Creek Park

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.

Fire Department Report

During the month of November the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 80 calls. There were 78 calls located within the city limits and 2 mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------------|----|
| Structure Fire | 3 |
| Cooking Fire | 1 |
| Medical | 54 |
| Vehicle Crash | 6 |
| Arcing/Shorted Electrical | 1 |
| Dispatched/Canceled | 4 |
| False Call | 4 |
| Hazmat Call/No Hazmat | 2 |
| Illegal Burning | 2 |
| Bomb Scare/No Bomb | 1 |
| Alarm Activation | 2 |

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

City Notes

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.

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.

Library Lines



New Books:

The Christmas Sweater by Glenn Beck
The Private Patient by P. D. James
The Hour I First Believed by Wally Lamb
Divine Justice by David Baldacci
Just After Sunset by Stephen King
The Gate House by Nelson DeMille
Dashing Through the Snow by Mary Higgins Clark
Extreme Measures by Vince Flynn
Do the Right Thing by Mike Huckabee

New Books Audio/CD:

Extreme Measure by Vince Flynn
Grace by Richard Paul Evans
Until We Reach Home by Lynn Austin
By Reason of Insanity by Randy Singer
The Demon of Dakar by Kjell Eriksson
Dead to the World by Charlaine Harris
Sugar Hole by Laura Lippman
Sinner by Ted Dekker

Wild Women Quilters on Tour: Trunk Show and Lecture with Karen McTavish and Sue Patten

The Friends of the Niceville Library are co-sponsoring this free lecture and trunk show with Katydid's and local Quilt Guilds. Wild Women Quilters on Tour will be held at the Niceville Community Center, 206 N. Partin Drive on Saturday, January 17th from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Karen McTavish and Sue Patten will offer helpful techniques, discuss useful products, and share their tips and tricks to success. You will get an opportunity to get up close and personal with their award winning quilts. They will display traditional wholecloth, trapunto and innovative thread art quilts. There will also be a book signing after the program. Karen and Sue's unique, completely opposite quilting styles and hilarious experiences are sure to entertain and amaze all that attend. If you are a quilter or would like to be this is a program you don't want to miss. Please call the Niceville Library at 729-4090 to reserve a seat or for more information go to <http://www.katydid's.net/>.

New Electronic Resources

We have also added two new databases, The Chilton Library and Learning Express Library. Both of these sites are free to patrons with a library card and can be accessed at www.readokaloosa.org or our library website cityofniceville.org/library.html.

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 Youth Services Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Jan. 7th&8th; "Cozy with Cookies"
Jan. 14th&15th; "Monkeying Around"
Jan. 21st&22nd; "Home Sweet Home"
Jan. 28th&29th; "What's Up Doc?"

Baby Bookworms

This lapsit program consists of music, stories and rhymes especially chosen to build the bond between you and your child. Program is suited for children from birth to age 3. Please meet in YS program room on Fridays, Prewalkers 9:30, Walkers 10:30. January programs begin again on the 2nd.

Saturday Morning Treasure Chest

For our families, something new each week will be offered for all age groups; story times, craft days, movies, guests, games, music, trivia and more! Drop in for a great family time between 10:00 a.m.-12:00
Jan. 17th; "American Girl Book Club" Please see below, registration required.
Jan. 24th; "A Rosemary Wells Birthday Celebration"
Jan. 31st; "Puzzles, Board Games & Library Trivia"

American Girl Book Club-January 17th

This club for ages 7 & up meets the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the YS program room. Please read the book "Changes for Addy" before our next meeting. Register in YS or call to reserve your seat 729-4554.

Afterschool Program-January 13th

This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 4:00-5:30 unless otherwise noted. "A Medieval World" is our next stop for the Time Trekkers. Kings, Queens, Knights and Ladies; Castles, Armor, Tournaments and Feasts are subjects to explore on our trip. Please call 729-4554 to reserve your trip.

Teen Space-Ages 13-17

Regular activities are planned for each month along with a book club. Interested? Have suggestions? We'd love to hear about them. Stop by the Teen Space to talk to one of the YS staff or call 729-4554.

City of Niceville
Monthly Report to the City Manager

Department of Building Inspection

Month of Nov 2008

| Permits Issued | This Month | | Last Month | | Same Month Last Year | |
|----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Building Number | 12 | | 32 | | 30 | |
| Permit Fees | | 1,030.00 | | 1,863.00 | | 4,316.00 |
| Value | | 252,749.00 | | 319,217.00 | | 1,753,961.00 |
| Electrical Number | 4 | | 8 | | 14 | |
| Permit Fees | | 139.00 | | 281.00 | | 779.00 |
| Plumbing Number | 1 | | 3 | | 5 | |
| Permit Fees | | 34.00 | | 592.00 | | 142.00 |
| Mechanical Number | 10 | | 9 | | 11 | |
| Permit Fees | | 1,644.00 | | 1,132.00 | | 394.00 |
| Gas Number | 4 | | 3 | | 11 | |
| Permit Fees | | 39.00 | | 33.00 | | 121.00 |
| Total All Fees | | 6,252.00 | | 3,901.00 | | 5,752.00 |
| Water Taps | 2 | 4,831.88 | 0 | | 6 | 12,486.26 |
| Sewer Taps | 1 | 5,830.00 | 2 | 11,380.00 | 1 | 5,830.00 |

| Nature of Building Permits | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|------------|
| # | Type | Dwellings | Valuation |
| 1 | Single Family | | 175,000.00 |
| | Two Family/Multi-family | | |
| | Commercial Buildings | | |
| | Industrial Buildings | | |
| | Swimming Pools | | |
| | Signs | | |
| | Sheds | | |
| 1 | Fences | 3.00 | 2,088.00 |
| | Garages | | |
| 4 | Repairs | 205.00 | 32,400.00 |
| | Other; | | |
| | Alterations/Additions | | |
| 5 | To Dwellings | 160.00 | 19,371.00 |
| 1 | To Commercial Buildings | 130.00 | 23,890.00 |
| | To Industrial Buildings | | |
| 12 | Totals | 1,030.00 | 252,749.00 |

| Building Valuation | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| This Fiscal Year to Date | This Calendar Year to Date |
| 571,966.00 | 19,742,047.00 |
| Last Fiscal Year to Date | Last Calendar Year to Date |
| 5,196,650.00 | 24,095,379.00 |