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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 18.

From the Police Department...

During the month of November the Police Department responded to 1765 calls for police assistance. A total of 70 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$107,750. A total of 204 Traffic Citations were issued, 8 Misdemeanor, 5 Felony and 4 DUI Arrests were made.

Children's Park

Phone: 642-3535

Park Manager - Jane Edge: 642-7457

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

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 71 calls. There were 66 calls located within the city limits and 5 mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	1
Forest Fire	1
Medical	38
Vehicle Accidents	6
Lock Out/In	1
Gasoline Spill	1
Natural Gas Leak	2
Electrical Equipment Problem	1
Service Call	2
Assist Police	1
Dispatched & Cancelled	8
Smoke Scare	2
False Call	5
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.