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Outstanding employees selected

Employees were recognized for their dedicated service to the City of Niceville by the City Manager at the annual Christmas Dinner in December.

Selections for Employee of the Year Awards were: Danielle Holley, Finance; Charles Dunning, Parks; Jeff Brunson, Sanitation; Fred Small, Repair & Maintenance; Steve Early, Water & Wastewater; Terry Stone, Fire; Randy Sallee, Police; Eddie Bartlett, Community Center & Children's Park; Brenda Bradshaw, Library; Tim Brown, Part-Time Public Works; Joe Caudill, Part-Time Administration; and Ken Filson, Supervisor of the Year.

Congratulations to all of these employees.

THE QUIET AREA AT TURKEY CREEK WALK PARK
Because of the generosity of Dr. Michael Mihalcik, we were able to put together a project to establish a quiet area on Turkey Creek. This area is open to everyone but with a special emphasis on living parents who have lost a son or daughter. For those who have lost a child, you have the opportunity to place a plaque provided by Bay Area Awards in this area. Please contact Joan Young with Compassionate Friends at 243-6253, or Debbie Chapman at 729-4008 for details.



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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!

From the Police Department...

During the month of December the Police Department responded to 2365 calls for police assistance. A total of 82 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$150,600. A total of 296 Traffic Citations were issued, 24 Misdemeanor, 10 Felony and 1 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT DECEMBER, 2006

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	22	21	30
Permit Fees Value	2816.00 691,967.00	3,675.00 1,008,148.00	2,557.00 430,885.00
Electrical Number	9	11	8
Permit Fees	235.00	1,198.00	910.00
Plumbing Number	4	4	11
Permit Fees	90.00	312.00	422.00
Mechanical Number	3	5	17
Permit Fees	68.00	120.00	344.00
Gas Number	7	4	5
Permit Fees	90.00	46.00	74.00
Total All Fees	3,299.00	5,351.00	4,307.00
Water Taps	2 4,738.40	6 6,065.40	3 5,055.00
Sewer Taps	2 10,500.00	3 16,650.00	8 58,050.00
Nature of Building Permits			
# Type	Dwellings	Permit Fees	Valuation
2 Single Family		2,816.00	448,855.00
Two Family/Multi-family			
Commercial Buildings			
Industrial Buildings			
2 Swimming Pools		290.00	54,000.00
1 Signs		15.00	300.00
3 Sheds		150.00	23,450.00
1 Fences		3.00	300.00
Garages			
7 Repairs		420.00	68,550.00
Other;			
Alterations/Additions			
6 To Dwellings		550.00	96,512.00
To Commercial Buildings			
To Industrial Buildings			
22 Totals		4,244.00	691,967.00
Building Valuation			
This Fiscal Year to Date		This Calendar Year to Date	
4,842,955.00		28,969,093.00	
Last Fiscal Year to Date		Last Calendar Year to Date	
10,815,245.00		65,061,262.00	

Fire Department Report

During the month of December 2006, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 84 calls. There were 82 calls located within the city limits and 2 automatic aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	2
Cooking Fire	2
Vehicle Fire	1
Outside trash/waste fire	1
Medical	40
Lock In	1
Vehicle Crash	8
Vehicle Extrication	1
Assist Other Agency	1
Unauthorized Burning	4
Dispatched/Cancelled	14
Smoke Scare	1
Alarm Activation	8

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.

Library Lines



New Books:

Next by Michael Crichton

Hannibal Rising by Thomas Harris

Treasure of Khan by Clive Cussler

Brother Odd by Dean Koontz

The Boleyn Inheritance by Philippa Gregory

The Shape Shifter by Tony Hillerman

True Evil by Greg Iles

Audios/CD:

Love in the Present Tense by Catherine Hyde

Dance of the Gods by Nora Roberts

Rusty Nail by J. A. Konrath

The Shape Shifter by Tony Hillerman

Point to Point Navigation by Gore Vidal

The Gods of Newport by John Jakes

The Memory Keepers Daughter by Kim Edwards

Sharpe's Fury by Bernard Cornwell

Act of Treason by Vince Flynn

Stationary Bike by Stephen King

Pamper Me Program for Women ~ Ladies, come and

enjoy a stress-free morning relaxing with other ladies ages 16 and older in our community. Niceville Community Center, Saturday, February 10, 9 a.m. – noon.

This program is provided by the Niceville Public Library, the Friends of the Library and participating businesses. Signup is not necessary and admission is free. Please call 729-4090 for more information.

Emerald Coast Writers Meeting ~ The Emerald Coast Writers will have a general meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:15 p.m. in the Niceville Community Center (next door to the library). This free meeting is open to the public.

New Addition to our Library Collection:

The library now has a small beginning collection of adult Spanish fiction books.

Check out two new additions to our Webpage:

Thomson Gale's ~ Literary Resource Center This electronic database provides access to biographies, bibliographies, and critical analysis of authors from every age and literary discipline. It covers more than 90,000 novelists, poets, essayists, journalists, and other writers, with in-depth coverage of 2,000 of the most-studied authors. Search by author name, title, genre, literary movement or literary themes, or combine criteria to create a custom search path. **ReferenceUSA** is an electronic database that contains information on more than fourteen million U.S. businesses and over one million Canadian businesses. It also provides information on 855,000 Physicians & Dentists. Data is compiled from Yellow Page and Business White Page telephone directories; annual reports, 10-Ks and other SEC information; federal, state, provincial and municipal government data; Chamber of Commerce information; leading business magazines, trade publications, newsletters, major newspapers, industry and specialty directories; and postal service information. All you need to access

these electronic resources is a current Niceville Library card. For additional information or assistance please call the Reference Desk and ask for Lora.

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 on Wed. 10:30 a.m. & Thurs. 10:30 a.m. No sign up is required.

Feb. 7 & 8, "Draw Me a Tale"

Feb. 14 & 15, "Be My Valentine"

Feb. 21 & 22, "Give Me a "B!"

Feb. 28 & Mar. 1, "All Around the Kitchen"

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 YS. 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.

No program will be held Feb. 2nd.

Family Night - This program is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. A "We the People" presentation is scheduled for Feb. 22nd. The library was awarded a collection of classic books that explore themes in American history; especially the theme of "Becoming American". If you have a story to share about becoming a US citizen, we'd love to hear it. Books are available for checkout and we encourage anyone, young and old, to read and share their opinion. Valparaiso library will present information on how to start a family tree using their resources in their Genealogy Dept. Young volunteers will present a short Reader's Theater presentation based on one of the books. Refreshments will follow the program. Please call 729-4554 if you would like to share or attend.

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. A trip to Kenya is planned for Feb. 14th. Don't forget your passports and suitcases. Extra stamps will be given for books read about the countries we visit. Please call 729-4554 for information.

American Girls Book Club- We meet the 3rd Sat. of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the new program room in YS during the school year for ages 7 and up. Please read "Happy Birthday, Addy!" before our next meeting Feb. 17th.

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

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 will be handing out cookies and balloons for Valentines Day, so bring that special kid by and enjoy a day in the park. We are happy that Bouncy Dino has been repaired and as soon as the parts for our digger arrive it will be back in good working order.

Our hours remain the same until May. We are looking forward to the return of hot weather and the reopening of the water park in May.

Thank you for making 2006 a great year here at the Niceville Children's Park and we look forward to all that 2007 holds.

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

SAVING WATER INDOORS - Avoid flushing the toilet unnecessarily. Dispose of tissues, insects and other such waste in a trash container rather than in the toilet.

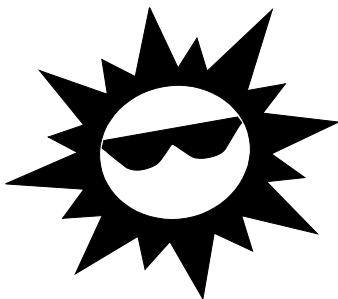
Take shorter showers. Replace your shower head with an ultra low-flow version. Some units are available that allow you to cut off the flow without adjusting the water temperature knobs.

Use the minimum amount of water needed for a bath by closing the drain first and filling the tub only 1/3 full. Put the plug or stopper in the tub before turning on water. The initial burst of cold water can be warmed by adding hot water later.

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>