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Congratulations, Employees of the Year!

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: **Gail Arke, Finance; Curt Barto, Parks; Donnie Harrison, Sanitation; Waymond McGee, Repair & Maintenance; Robbie McCormick, Water & Wastewater; Tommy Mayville, Fire; Mary-Kathleen Devine, Police; Chad Morris, Information Systems & Community Center; Carol Stuth, Library; 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 for details.



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From the Police Department...

During the month of December the Police Department responded to 1,839 calls for police assistance. A total of 52 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$83,450. A total of 238 Traffic Citations were issued, 31 Misdemeanor, 19 Felony and 5 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT December, 2007

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	19	30	22
Permit Fees	1,329.00	4,316.00	2,816.00
Value	400,233.00	1,753,961.00	691,967.00
Electrical Number	7	14	9
Permit Fees	252.00	779.00	235.00
Plumbing Number	1	5	4
Permit Fees	10.00	142.00	90.00
Mechanical Number	6	11	3
Permit Fees	260.00	394.00	68.00
Gas Number	8	11	7
Permit Fees	90.00	121.00	90.00
Total All Fees	1,941.00	5,752.00	3,299.00
Water Taps	3 4,728.26	6 12,486.26	2 4,738.40
Sewer Taps	4 64,130.00	1 5,830.00	2 10,500.00

Nature of Building Permits		Permit Fees	Valuation
#	Type Dwellings		
1	Single Family	499.00	220,000.00
	Two Family/Multi-family		
	Commercial Buildings		
	Industrial Buildings		
	Swimming Pools		
1	Signs	25.00	2,200.00
	Sheds		
	Fences		
	Garages		
8	Repairs	430.00	66,675.00
1	Other;	25.00	61,000.00
	Alterations/Additions		
8	To Dwellings	350.00	50,358.00
	To Commercial Buildings		
	To Industrial Buildings		
19	Totals	1,329.00	400,233.00

Building Valuation	
This Fiscal Year to Date	This Calendar Year to Date
5,596,883.00	24,495,612.00
Last Fiscal Year to Date	Last Calendar Year to Date
4,842,955.00	28,969,093.00

Fire Department Report

During the month of December 2007, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 84 calls. There were 82 calls located within the city limits and 2 automatic/mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	2
Vehicle Fire	1
Cooking Fire	1
Outside Fire	1
Medical	51
Vehicle Crash	6
Fuel Spill	2
Arcing Shorted Electrical	2
Lock In/Out	1
Carbon Monoxide Incident	2
Dispatched/Cancelled en route	8
Service Call	1
Good Intent	3
Alarm Activation	2
Lightning Strike (no fire)	1

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

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.

*Happy
President's Day!*

Library Lines



New Books:

T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton
The Darkest Evening of the Year by Dean Koontz
Double Cross by James Patterson
Stone Cold by David Baldacci
World without End by Ken Follett
The Chase by Clive Cussler
Home to Holly Springs by Jan Karon
Boom by Tom Brokaw
An Inconvenient Book by Glenn Beck and Kevin Balfe
Good Dog Stay by Anna Quindlen
A Family Christmas edited by Caroline Kennedy

New Audios/CD:

Protect and Defend by Vince Flynn
Hog Pilots, Blue Water Grunts by Robert D. Kaplan
Chain of Evidence by Garry Disher
The Last Jew Standing by Michael Simon
Ham Bones by Carolyn Haines
A Killer's Kiss by William Lasher
The Tell-Tale Horse by Rita Mae Brown
Chocolate Chip Cookie Murder
Dark of the Moon by John Sandford
Exit Ghost by Philip Roth
Because You Loved Me by M. William Phelps
T is for Trespass by Sue Grafton

Friends of the Library General Meeting: Members as well as anyone interested in joining the Friends are invited to the FOL General Meeting. Niceville Public Library, Monday, February 11, 6:00 p.m.

Adult Library Programs:

Pamper Me Program for Women: Ladies, come and enjoy a stress-free morning relaxing with other ladies 16 and older in our community. This free program is provided by the Friends of the Niceville Library, the Niceville Library, and local participating businesses. Please call 729-4090 for more information. Registration is not necessary. Niceville Community Center, Saturday, February 9, 9 a.m. – noon

Discussion & Book Signing with Florida Mystery & Crime

Author, James O. Born: The Friends of the Niceville Library and Bayou Books and Hallmark Store would like to invite you to come and meet author, James O. Born. Born is a former U.S. Drug agent and Florida State Law Enforcement agent. Each of his critically acclaimed novels are based on some aspect of his career. His third novel, *Escape Clause*, won the inaugural **Florida Book Award for Best Novel**. Born's fifth novel, *Burn Zone*, features ATF agent Alex Duarte.

Niceville Community Center, Tuesday, February 26, 6:30 pm
Beginning Basic Investment Program - Presented by the Okaloosa County Cooperative Extension, Niceville Community Center, Wednesday, February 27, 10:30 a.m.

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.

Feb. 6th&7th; "Fun Frogs"

Feb. 13th&14th; "Hearts to You"
Feb. 20th&21st; "Hooray for Hippos"
Feb. 27th&28th; "Bathtime Blues"

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.

Feb. 2nd; Make Chinese Lanterns for Chinese New Year, all ages

Feb. 9th; Book Bingo "Make a Craft from a Book" day, supplies provided, families of all ages

Feb. 16th; American Girl Book Club; "Addy Saves the Day" **Registration Required Ages 7+**

Feb. 23rd; "Marvelous Movables" crafts, all ages

Rainforest Exhibit - Youth Services will host a Rainforest display from Teacher's Discovery beginning Feb. 5th through the 22nd. This is a great opportunity for families to share beautiful artwork and information about the world's rainforests. Come by YS anytime to see the display. A

Power Point presentation accompanies this display and will be shown at our special Family Night. (see below) For group or class tours, please call in advance for scheduling.

Family Night - SPECIAL NIGHT! Feb. 14th at 6:30 p.m.

This family night we will show the Rainforest presentation in the Youth Services Program Room. If you haven't seen the exhibit yet, come early and browse before the program.

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 "Addy 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. Hey baby its COLD outside!! It's seriously cold at our next destination: Greenland! How do Greenlanders keep warm or get to school? What can you do for fun in this climate? Bundle up and bring your passport and suitcase Feb. 12th. **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. Want to be a part of it all? Stop by the Teen Space or see Ms. Paula. You can also call 729-4554 or email pbonner@okaloosa.lib.fl.us

Feb. events include: A Valentine Craft; Feb. 5th, Board Games; Feb. 12th, Harry Potter 5 movie; Feb. 19th and Wii gaming; Feb. 26th. All programs are held from 3:00-5:00 in the Teen Space. **All Programs Are Free!** For more information or to sign up, call Youth Services at 729-4554.

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

Happy February from the Children's Park!

To celebrate Valentine's Day, we will be handing out candy in the park on Thursday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. We would like to invite you to stop by and see us.

The spray park remains closed through the winter months and is set to reopen in May. Please watch the City of Niceville web page for more information. [www.cityofniceville.org](http://www.cityofniceville.org)

The park will be closed for a week in March for repairs. Dates for closing will be announced in the March Sunshine Newsletter. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

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

We hope to see you at the Park!

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Take your Valentine to 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.

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.

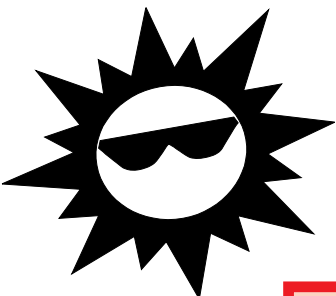
Take shorter showers. Replace your shower head with an ultra low-flow version. Some units are available that allow you to cut off the flow without adjusting the water temperature knobs.

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.

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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.



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