



CITY MANAGER'S

Sunshine

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February, 2009



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City Council meets the
second Tuesday of
every month

Planning Commission
meets the first Mon-
day of every month

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: Bonnie Price, Finance; William Cox, Parks; Daniel Hall, Sanitation; John Bivens, Repair & Maintenance; Ronald Mathews, Water & Wastewater; Shannon Jimenez, Fire; Donald Sanders, Police; Jacob Small, Streets; Lee Luton, Library; Karen Houston, Library, Part-Time Employee of the Year; and Jerry Regans, 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.

From the Police Department...

During the month of December the Police Department responded to 1727 calls for police assistance. A total of 69 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$166,730. A total of 201 Traffic Citations were issued, 23 Misdemeanor, 7 Felony and 5 DUI Arrests were made.

Children's Park

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

New 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.

We hope you are having an awesome new year! Don't miss our "Heart Hunt" on Feb. 11 & 12 at 11:30 a.m. in the Children's Park following library storytime. If you find a "heart" you win a treat!

We will soon be setting up the spray park for the reopening in May. Please make sure that you remember the park will begin staying open until 7 p.m. in May but will change again in June.

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 December, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 68 calls. There were 63 calls located within the city limits and 5 mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

| | |
|---------------------|----|
| Structure Fire | 3 |
| Cooking Fire | 1 |
| Vehicle Fire | 3 |
| Medical | 37 |
| Vehicle Crash | 8 |
| Natural Gas Leak | 1 |
| Service Call | 1 |
| Assist Police | 1 |
| Dispatched/Canceled | 1 |
| False Call | 4 |
| Illegal Burning | 2 |
| Smoke Scare | 3 |
| 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 -

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.

RECYCLING REMINDER -

Phone books and other items can now be placed in your Waste Management recycling bin! Please recycle.

Library Lines



New Books:

Scarpetta by Patricia Cornwell
Cross Country by James Patterson
Arctic Drift by Clive Cussler & Dirk Cussler
Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell
Dewey by Vicki Myron with Bret Witter
A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity by Bill O'Reilly
Multiple Blessing by Jon Grosselin
The Snowball by Alice Schroeder

New Books Audio/CD:

Just After Sunset by Stephen King
Ghost Train to the Eastern Star by Paul Theroux
Playing the Enemy by John Carlin
The Bodies Left Behind by Jeffrey Deaver
The World According to Bertie by Alexander McCall Smith
The Hour I First Believed by Wally Lamb

The Friends of the Niceville Library would like to invite you to attend - [IRONIES OF THE GREAT AMERICAN CIVIL WAR](#), presented by H. Dann Wallis, author of "Burnin' Daylight!"

The Civil War history is littered with ironies: Did you know that the two most famous Union Generals, the two who were likely most responsible for the ultimate Union victory, did not fight under the names given to them at birth by their families, not even close? One would even go on to be President of the United States using the wrong name. Mr. Wallis will share more "strange and unusual" ironies of the Great American Civil War and the people who were a part of it...

Niceville Community Center

206 N. Partin Drive

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

6:30 pm

Free to the public.

Please call the library at 729-4090 to reserve a chair.

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.

Feb. 4th&5th, "Snowed In"
Feb. 11th&12th, "Valentine Surprise"
Feb. 18th&19th, "Countdown"
Feb. 25th&26th, "A Bunch of Boxes"

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.

NO Baby Bookworms on Feb. 13th.

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

February 7th, "Valentine Crafts"; all ages

February 14th, "Valentine Storytime"; preschool-Grade 1

February 21st, "American Girl Book Club"; see below

February 28th, "Playing with Puppets"; Grades 1-4 make your own and learn fun ways to play with them.

American Girl Book Club-February 21st

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 Samantha" before our next meeting. Register in YS or call to reserve your seat 729-4554.

Afterschool Program-February 10th

This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 4:00-5:30 unless otherwise noted. The Time Trekkers will try "Living in the Stone Age". Our journey will take us back 3 million years to discover what life was like for those humans who came so long before us. Please call 729-4554 to reserve your seat.

Teen Space - Ages 13-17

Stop in and meet Mr. Tim Miller our Teen Coordinator. He wants to know what you'd like in the Teen Space. Are you interested in book clubs, activities, crafts, guest speakers? Do you have any books you would like us to add to the collection? Speak up! We'll do our best to make it happen. You are invited to participate in our First Annual Bookmark Contest. Winning bookmark will be printed for use in the library. Lots of other cool stuff will be awarded. Rules and registration forms are available in Youth Services or call 729-4554 for more information.

City of Niceville
Monthly Report to the City Manager

Department of Building Inspection

Month of Dec 2008

| Permits Issued | This Month | Last Month | Same Month Last Year |
|----------------------|------------|------------|----------------------|
| Building Number | 8 | 12 | 19 |
| Permit Fees | 228.00 | 1,030.00 | 1,329.00 |
| Value | 32,658.00 | 252,749.00 | 400,233.00 |
| Electrical Number | 6 | 4 | 7 |
| Permit Fees | 160.00 | 139.00 | 252.00 |
| Plumbing Number | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Permit Fees | 24.00 | 34.00 | 10.00 |
| Mechanical Number | 4 | 10 | 6 |
| Permit Fees | 142.00 | 1,644.00 | 260.00 |
| Gas Number | 7 | 4 | 8 |
| Permit Fees | 91.00 | 39.00 | 90.00 |
| Total All Fees | 645.00 | 6,252.00 | 1,941.00 |
| Water Taps | 0 | 2 4,831.88 | 3 4,728.26 |
| Sewer Taps | 2 6,330.00 | 1 5,830.00 | 4 64,130.00 |

| Nature of Building Permits | | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| # | Type | Dwellings | Valuation |
| | Single Family | | |
| | Two Family/Multi-family | | |
| | Commercial Buildings | | |
| | Industrial Buildings | | |
| | Swimming Pools | | |
| 1 | Signs | 30.00 | 3,600.00 |
| 1 | Sheds | 30.00 | 4,000.00 |
| 1 | Fences | 3.00 | 3,285.00 |
| | Garages | | |
| 1 | Repairs | 45.00 | 7,000.00 |
| | Other; | | |
| | Alterations/Additions | | |
| 4 | To Dwellings | 120.00 | 14,773.00 |
| | To Commercial Buildings | | |
| | To Industrial Buildings | | |
| 8 | Totals | 228.00 | 32,658.00 |

| Building Valuation | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| This Fiscal Year to Date | This Calendar Year to Date |
| 604,624.00 | 19,774,705.00 |
| Last Fiscal Year to Date | Last Calendar Year to Date |
| 5,596,883.00 | 24,495,612.00 |