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Why worry about after the storm?

Most of us learn early, particularly here where thunderstorms can be a daily occurrence during summer months, what to do during a storm. But what about after the storm?

Storms can create problems even after they've passed through in the form of stormwater runoff. What is this and why is it a problem?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces, like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is this a problem? Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

The effects of this pollution are many. It has an effect on plants, fish, animals and people in the following ways:

- ~Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment can also destroy aquatic habitats.
- ~Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- ~Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- ~ Debris - plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles and cigarette butts that are washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate or disable aquatic life such as ducks, fish, turtles and birds.
- ~Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- ~Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Of course, we can't do much about Mother Nature's storms, and we need the rain they bring. But we can control how we dispose of household wastes.

Please dispose of potentially lethal household wastes like the ones mentioned above appropriately. If you don't know how, call the City at 729-4064 to find out.

From the Police Department...

During the month of January the Police Department responded to 1926 calls for police assistance. A total of 90 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$287,980. A total of 304 Traffic Citations were issued, 28 Misdemeanor, 5 Felony and 6 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT January, 2008

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	22	19	24
Permit Fees	3,741.00	1,329.00	8,506.00
Value	1,437,429.00	400,233.00	3,322,765.00
Electrical Number	6	7	12
Permit Fees	325.00	252.00	192.00
Plumbing Number	3	1	6
Permit Fees	36.00	10.00	688.00
Mechanical Number	12	6	4
Permit Fees	222.00	260.00	86.00
Gas Number	4	8	8
Permit Fees	50.00	90.00	114.00
Total All Fees	4,374.00	1,941.00	9,586.00
Water Taps	1 5550.00	3 4,728.26	5 34,528.00
Sewer Taps	0 00.00	4 64,130.00	7 138,150.00
Nature of Building Permits			
# Type	Dwellings	Permit Fees	Valuation
Single Family			
Two Family/Multi-family			
Commercial Buildings			
Industrial Buildings			
2 Swimming Pools			
Signs		325.00	61,000.00
Sheds			
1 Fences		3.00	1,600.00
Garages			
7 Repairs		978.00	824,495.00
Other:			
Alterations/Additions			
8 To Dwellings		345.00	50,334.00
4 To Commercial Buildings		2,090.00	500,000.00
To Industrial Buildings			
22 Totals		3,741.00	1,437,429.00
Building Valuation			
This Fiscal Year to Date		This Calendar Year to Date	
7,034,312.00		1,437,429.00	
Last Fiscal Year to Date		Last Calendar Year to Date	
8,165,720.00		3,322,765.00	

Fire Department Report

During the month of January, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 77 calls. There were 76 calls located within the city limits and 1 automatic/mutual aid call. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Vehicle Fire	1
Outside Trash Fire	1
Medical	55
Vehicle Crash	10
Service Call/Other	1
Public Service Assist	3
Lock In/Out	1
Dispatched/Cancelled	1
Smoke Scare	1
Alarm Activation	3

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

City Notes

For information on our stormwater programs and related information visit our website and look under "Planning". You can report suspected violations for impacts to stormwater from construction sites and other sources by calling 729-4064 or emailing Bruce Price, Director of Public Works, at the link provided.

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:

Plum Lucky by Janet Evanovich
People of the Book by Geraldine Books
Beverly Hills Dead by Stuart Woods
Blasphemy by Douglas Preston
The Shooter by W.E.B. Clancy
Blood Dreams by Kay Hooper
Real Change by Newt Gingrich with Vince Haley and Rick Tyler

Memo to the President Elect by Richard M. Cohen

New Books Audio/CD:

The Age of Turbulence by Alan Greenspan
Ageless Memory by Harry Lorayne
Autumn Lover by Elizabeth Lowell
Into the Wild by Jon Krakauer
The Ghost by Robert Harris
16 Lighthouse Road by Debbie Macomber
Why Mars & Venus Collide by John Gray

AARP Tax Assistance ~ Volunteers from AARP Tax Aid will be at the library Feb. 1-April 15 on Wed. 9 – 5 Thur. thru Sat. 9 – 1. There is no cost for this service. Adult Library Programs:

FLORIDA HUMANITIES PROGRAM ~ The Friends of the Niceville Library would like to invite you to attend **“Orange Blossom Memories.”** Take a musical journey through Florida. Singer/songwriter Chris Kahl tells original folk songs and stories about the Sunshine State. This program will be held in the Niceville Community Center on Thursday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. You don't want to miss this program! All ages are welcome. Please call 729-4090 to reserve a seat.

The Library is planning to host a **Wii Gaming Program for Senior Adults** ~ have you ever wondered what in the world Wii is and why children and teens are fascinated with it? Wii isn't only for the young it is for the young at heart. Senior adults are discovering the fun too. It's a great way to socialize and also has great health benefits such as improved blood pressure and weight control. Surprise your grandchildren with your talents and skill. If you would like to see what all the buzz is about, please call 729-4090. Don't miss out on the fun!!!

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. Wed. 10:30 a.m. and Thur. 10:30 a.m. March 5th&6th; “Lois Ehlert Stories”

March 12th&13th; “Growing Gardens”

March 19th&20th; “Happy Spring”

March 26th&27th; “Noisy Stories”

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.

March 1st; Make your own personal puzzle.

March 8th; “Paper Bag Puppets”

March 15th; American Girl Book Club; “Samantha Saves the Day” **Registration Required Ages 7+**

March 22nd; “Prize-winning Pinwheels “

March 29th; No Treasure Chest today.

Family Night- March Mystery Theater—

“Rock ‘n’ Roll Over Dead is an interactive mystery. Examine the evidence, listen to the suspects, determine the motive and solve the crime. Families or groups may work together to crack the case. Prizes will be awarded. Recommended ~ ages 8 - adult. Please call 729-4554 for more information or registration.

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 “Samantha 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. We're going to Greece! It's the land of the Parthenon, mythology and the first Olympics. We'll explore the ancient as well as the modern Greece. Grab your suitcase and passport and **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 Upcoming events: March 4th- Bring a t-shirt for decorating, March 11th- “Imagineiff” game, March 18th- movie, “Enchanted” and March 25th- Teen Gaming on the big screen. **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

Park is **closed on Mondays** for maintenance

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The Park has had a great start to the New Year!

The staff has replaced the old red play equipment with some new blue parts, and the replacement parts have been ordered for the climbing wall and it will soon be better than new. Like many of you, we are ready for warm weather, so we are cleaning and repairing equipment - getting the park ready for Spring!

**The park will be closed for the week of March 17 – 20** this year to do some repairs and major cleaning. We hope you understand that we do this for you.

**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)

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.



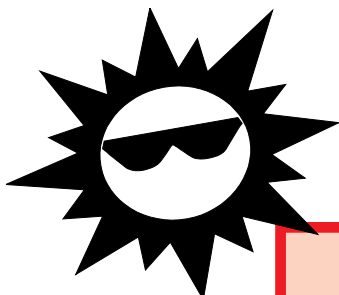
PUBLICNOTICE  
CITY OF NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FULL COST DISCLOSURE  
OCTOBER 1, 2006 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

The following information pertaining to full cost accounting for solid waste management, on an average basis, is provided in accordance with Florida Statute 403.

| CUSTOMER TYPE       | COLLECTION COST | LANDFILL COST | NUMBER OF CUSTOMERS | AVERAGE CUSTOMER COST |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Residential         | \$ 483,268      | \$ 180,190    | 5,384               | \$ 123                |
| Non-Residential     | 291,126         | 196,176       | 442                 | 1,102                 |
| Non-Household Waste | 897,204         | 78,535        | 5,826               | 167                   |

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# Sunshine



- 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](http://www.cityofniceville.org)

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