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CLEAN WATER IS EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS

10 Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution:

- Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks, and roads
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Vegetate bare spots in your yard
- Compost your yard waste
- Avoid pesticides; learn about Integrated Pest Management (IPM)
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway
- Check car for leaks, and recycle motor oil
- Pick up after your pet
- Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly

For more information, visit www.epa.gov/nps or www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

Mayor Randall Wise has proclaimed April 25 as Arbor Day.

Arbor Day was first observed in Nebraska with the planting

of more than a million trees. This holiday is observed

throughout the nation and the world with the planting of

trees. Trees are a renewable resource which gives us paper,

wood, fuel and wood products. Trees also increase property

values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas and

beautify the community. Join the City of Niceville on April

25 in celebrating Arbor Day to give the present and future

generations a prettier and healthier environment.



Bulk Rate
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From the Police Department...

During the month of February the Police Department responded to 1862 calls for police assistance. A total of 107 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$185,650. A total of 263 Traffic Citations were issued, 48 Misdemeanor, 13 Felony and 4 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT			
February, 2008			
Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	36	22	26
Permit Fees	7,351.00	3,741.00	26,664.00
Value	2,553,508.00	1,437,429.00	10,161,900.00
Electrical Number	14	6	12
Permit Fees	211.00	325.00	277.00
Plumbing Number	1	3	5
Permit Fees	6.00	36.00	121.00
Mechanical Number	9	12	7
Permit Fees	182.00	222.00	204.00
Gas Number	3	4	4
Permit Fees	39.00	50.00	51.00
Total All Fees	7,789.00	4,374.00	27,317.00
Water Taps	2 7,545.34	1 5550.00	9 22,558.34
Sewer Taps	3 35,080.00	0 00.00	11 52,755.00
Nature of Building Permits			
#	Type	Permit Fees	Valuation
Dwellings			
1	Single Family	487.00	108,900.00
1	Two Family/Multi-family	4,660.00	2,000,000.00
2	Commercial Buildings		
2	Industrial Buildings		
2	Swimming Pools	280.00	52,000.00
1	Signs	50.00	7,500.00
3	Sheds	75.00	8,309.00
3	Fences	9.00	3,000.00
	Garages		
9	Repairs	1,165.00	282,850.00
	Other;		
Alterations/Additions			
13	To Dwellings	530.00	76,285.00
2	To Commercial Buildings	95.00	14,664.00
	To Industrial Buildings		
35	Totals	7,351.00	2,553,508.00
Building Valuation			
This Fiscal Year to Date		This Calendar Year to Date	
9,587,820.00		3,990,937.00	
Last Fiscal Year to Date		Last Calendar Year to Date	
18,327,620.00		13,484,665.00	

Fire Department Report

During the month of February 2008, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 90 calls. There were 88 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
Medical	51
Vehicle Crash	11
Gasoline Spill/leak	1
Natural Gas Leak	1
Power Line Down	1
Arcing/shorted Electrical	2
Service Call/Other	3
Lock In/Out	1
Dispatched/Cancelled	6
Smoke Scare	2
Alarm Activation	8

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.

SAVING WATER OUTDOORS

If you live on waterfront property, use techniques that can reduce erosion when you landscape your property. Using terraces, swale and berm systems and landscaping timbers, or planting native ground covers help slow stormwater so it can seep into the ground.

Library Lines



New Books

The Appeal by John Grisham
7th Heaven by James Patterson & Maxine Paetro
Duma Key by Stephen King
Stranger in Paradise by Robert B. Parker
World without End by Ken Follett
The Senator's Wife by Sue Miller
Sizzle and Burn by Jayne Ann Krentz
Where the Heart Leads by Stephanie Laurens
Firefly Lane by Kristin Hannah
The Killing Ground by Jack Higgins
Celebutantes by Amanda Goldberg
New Books Audio/CD:
Paid in Blood by Mel Odom
The Killing Ground by Jack Higgins
The Devil's Bones by Jefferson Bass
Confessions of a Jane Austen Addict by Laurie Viera Rigler
The Third Jesus by Deepak Chopra
The First Patient by Michael Palmer
The Appeal by John Grisham

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**AARP Tax Assistance** ~ Volunteers from AARP Tax Aid will be at the library thru April 15. There is no cost for this service. Wed. thru Sat. 9 – 1

## ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS

**The Library is beginning a Knitting and Crochet Circle:** This group will meet the second and last Monday of each month from 10:00 a.m. till noon. Beginners as well as advanced are welcome! Please call 729-4090 to sign up.

**Presentation on Low Back Pain & Backache:** Dr. T.J. Stickel, from the Bluewater Bay Chiropractic Acupuncture will discuss natural and holistic ways to lessen or evaluate your lower back pain and backache. Niceville Community Center, Tuesday, April 1, 10:30 a.m. This program is free but registration is necessary. Please call the Reference Dept. at 729-4090 to reserve a seat.

**Spring into Organizing:** Professional Organizer **Lea Schneider**, as seen in *Woman's Day*, *Natural Health and Better Homes* and *Gardens Kids' Rooms* Magazines, will share tips and ideas on organizing your home and your life. This is a program you don't want to miss. YOU CAN ORGANIZE RIGHT NOW! To visit her website you can go to [www.organizerightnow.com/](http://www.organizerightnow.com/) Niceville Community Center, Saturday, April 26, 10:00 a.m. This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Please call 729-4090 to reserve a seat.

## 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. April 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>; NO storytime

April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>; "Let's Camp Out!"  
April 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>; "Dinosaur Rumpus!"  
April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>; "Color Your World"  
April 30<sup>th</sup> & May 1<sup>st</sup>; "Mother Goose Friends"  
**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 **NO program April 25<sup>th</sup>.**  
**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. **April 5<sup>th</sup>**; "Color Me a Rainbow" includes coloring and activities, all ages. **April 12<sup>th</sup>**; Guests from the **Wildlife Rehabilitators Partnership** will be here to educate us all on our local wildlife. They will tell us what to do if an injured or abandoned animal is found. Ms. Lisa will bring birds and any other wildlife they may be nurturing at that time. **April 19<sup>th</sup>**; **American Girl Book Club:** "Molly Saves the Day". Sign up is required. **April 26<sup>th</sup>**; "Go Fish" includes books, activities and a movie, all ages.

**Family Night- No program this month.** Look for a special "Walk about Puppets" show in May!  
**American Girls Book Club** ~We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 "Molly Saves the Day" before our next gathering.  
**Afterschool Program** ~ This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of every month at 4:00-5:30 p.m. Pack your bags for Sweden this month. From the long, dark days of winter to the warm summer days, discover what you have in common with Swedish. Special guest, Mrs. Anna Sandlin, will attend and share some of her Swedish heritage with us. **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](mailto:pbonner@okaloosa.lib.fl.us).

Upcoming events:

April 1<sup>st</sup>; "Paper Flowers" craft  
April 8<sup>th</sup>; "Apples to Apples" board game  
April 15<sup>th</sup>; movie "Princess Bride"  
April 22<sup>nd</sup>; Teen gaming "Mario Cart Double Dash" on the big screen.

# Children's Park

Park Hours: November - April

Tuesday thru Saturday: 8:30am to 5:30pm

Sunday: 1pm to 5:30pm

The Children's Park is **closed on Mondays** for maintenance

We at the Park want to send a very big THANK YOU to **RHUBAR's** Magic Show!!! The children, parents, and park staff really enjoyed the show and we hope to have him again in the future.

Thank you for your patience and understanding of the park being closed for a week. We had some much needed maintenance that had to be completed and some equipment that had to be replaced. Hopefully, you will see the improvements when you visit the park this month.

The Park staff is looking forward to celebrating Spring with a bang by re-opening the Spray park on Saturday, May 3, 2008, at 10am. Come enjoy the water features, the park, and the beautiful weather with us!!!

A reminder the park hours will soon change again. During the month of May the Park will be open Tues through Sat 8:30am to 7pm, and Sun 2pm until 7pm. In June, the hours will be Tues through Sat 8:30am until 1pm and 4pm until 8pm, and Sun 4pm until 8pm.

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!

**CUTEST BABY CONTEST**~ The City of Niceville Relay for Life Team is hosting a "Cutest Baby" Contest. All proceeds go to the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Entry deadline is April 18. For information call 729-4045.

## **RECYCLING . . . SO IMPORTANT, YET SO EASY!**

Recycling works when we all pitch in. Recycling will reduce our dependence on landfills. There is a good participation rate in Niceville, but we can do better! Do your part by helping us do our part. Simply place recyclables in your collection bin. Newspaper; Glass bottles and jars; Metal cans; Plastic bottles. That's all there is to it! For curbside collection schedule or service questions, contact Waste Management at 862-7141.

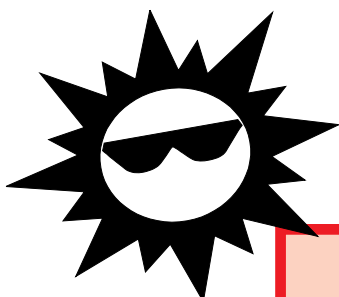
## **HELP PROTECT OUR WATER RESOURCES**

- Use only biodegradable and phosphate-free detergents and cleaning products. Phosphates are frequently the cause of high levels of algae and plant growth in surface waters.
- Restrict the use of other potentially harmful products, which may find their way back into our drinking water supply. Household products with high toxicity and some dyes used in paper products can pollute our water. Read product labels carefully and follow instructions for use.

**CUSTOMER CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAM** ~The City has implemented a customer water conservation/efficiency education program. Literature is available for pickup at the Utility Billing Office and Public Works. Also, plumbing fixture retrofit kits are available. These kits contain a water-restricting shower head, a toilet tank bladder and other miscellaneous items. These kits are available free of charge to our utility customers.

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

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