



CITY MANAGER'S

# Sunshine

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April, 2009



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**Randall Wise**

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City Council meets the  
second Tuesday of  
every month

Planning Commission  
meets the first Mon-  
day of every month

## CLEAN WATER - 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](http://www.epa.gov/nps) or [www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater)

Mayor Randall Wise has proclaimed April 24 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 24 in celebrating Arbor Day to give the present and future generations a prettier and healthier environment.

## From the Police Department...

During the month of February the Police Department responded to 1736 calls for police assistance. A total of 67 vehicles and 2 pedestrians were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$126,525. A total of 166 Traffic Citations were issued, 24 Misdemeanor, 12 Felony and 3 DUI Arrests were made.

## Children's Park

Phone: 642-3535

Park Manager - Jane Edge: 642-7457

The Children's Park is closed on Mondays and Tuesdays for maintenance each week.

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 February, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 76 calls. There were 70 calls located within the city limits and 6 mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	3
Trash/Rubbish Fire	1
Grass Fire	1
Medical	50
Vehicle Crash	7
Service Call	2
Good Intent Call	3
Dispatched/Canceled	4
False Alarm/False Call	2
Illegal Burning	2
Alarm Activation	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

### 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.

### 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.

# Library Lines



## **New Books:**

Heart and Soul by Maeve Binchy  
Fool by Christopher Moore  
The Yankee Years by Joe Torre and Tom Verducci  
The Associate by John Grisham  
Run for Your Life by James Patterson and Michael Ledwidge  
Multiple Blessing by Jon & Kate Gosselin

## **New Books Audio/CD:**

While my Sister Sleeps by Barbara Delinsky  
Heart and Soul by Maeve Binchy  
The Silent Man by Alex Berenson  
Cream Puff Murder by Joanne Fluke  
The Grand Finale by Janet Evanovich  
Fool by Christopher Moore  
Dog on It by Spencer Quinn  
A Darker Place by Jack Higgins

## **Author Book Discussion and Book Signing**

Local author Dr. Eileen A. Schweickert will share her story about how she went from being a small town family doctor to raising bucking bulls. She shares her experiences with M.S. and how her ranch has been key in recovering her health. These humorous animal stories will delight readers of all ages.

Niceville Community Center

Wednesday, April 29

10:30 a.m.

Free to the public.

Please call 729-4090 to reserve your seat.

## **Wii Bowling for Adults:**

Wii isn't only for the young it is for the young at heart. Many 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 children and grandchildren with your talents and skill.

Niceville Library – Program Room

Tuesday, April 28

9:30 a.m.

This library program is free.

If you would like to see what the buzz is about, please call 729-4090

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>; NO PROGRAMS

April 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>; “Splish, Splash Spring”

April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>; “One More Time with Nursery Rhymes”

April 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>; “Feathered Friends”

April 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>; “Garden Gems”

## **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 PROGRAM April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **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

April 4<sup>th</sup>; “Windy Weather”; Make rain and wind gauges, chart temperatures and more. Ages 6+

April 11<sup>th</sup>; “Easter Best” crafts for all ages

April 18<sup>th</sup>; “American Girls Book Club”, see below

April 25<sup>th</sup>; “Books to Movies”; *The Day Jimmy's Boa Ate the Wash and Chrysanthemum*, Preschool +

## **American Girls Book Club**

This club for ages 7 & up meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the YS program room. Please read the book “Changes for Felicity” before our next meeting. Register in YS or call to reserve your seat 729-4554.

## **Afterschool Program**

This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 4:00-5:30 unless otherwise noted. The Time Trekkers will venture “Into the Future”. Let's look ahead! What new discoveries might be uncovered in our lifetime?

What will school be like? Will there be homes in outer space?

Please call 729-4554 to reserve your seat.

## **Teen Space-Ages 13-17-**

Stop in and meet Mr. Tim Miller our Teen Coordinator.

Would you like to be on our new “Teen Advisory Council”?

We're looking for those who want to plan book clubs, activities, crafts and more.

Gaming and Movies shown regularly.

## **All Programs are Free!**

City of Niceville  
Monthly Report to the City Manager

Department of Building Inspection

Month of Feb 2009

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	20	12	36
Permit Fees	4,246.00	1,943.00	7,351.00
Value	1,153,304.00	442,320.00	2,553,508.00
Electrical Number	3	7	14
Permit Fees	50.00	102.00	211.00
Plumbing Number	5	3	1
Permit Fees	136.00	50.00	6.00
Mechanical Number	2	9	9
Permit Fees	44.00	192.00	182.00
Gas Number	3	5	3
Permit Fees	35.00	66.00	39.00
Total All Fees	4,511.00	2,353.00	7,789.00
Water Taps	0	1	2
Sewer Taps	4	5	3
		2,439.00	7,545.34
		29,150.00	35,080.00

Nature of Building Permits			
#	Type	Dwellings	Valuation
	Single Family		
	Two Family/Multi-family		
1	Commercial Buildings	1,960.00	650,000.00
	Industrial Buildings		
2	Swimming Pools	210.00	38,000.00
1	Signs	70.00	12,000.00
	Sheds		
2	Fences	6.00	1,600.00
	Garages		
4	Repairs	315.00	53,490.00
1	Other; carport	15.00	1,000.00
	Alterations/Additions		
8	To Dwellings	910.00	197,214.00
1	To Commercial Buildings	760.00	200,000.00
	To Industrial Buildings		
20	Totals	4,246.00	1,153,304.00

Building Valuation	
This Fiscal Year to Date	This Calendar Year to Date
2,200,248.00	1,595,624.00
Last Fiscal Year to Date	Last Calendar Year to Date
9,587,820.00	3,990,937.00