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Sunshine

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PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY FROM FLOOD - HERE'S HOW

Elevation - This method consists of raising a house on an elevated support structure to place it above future flood waters. The exact method can include a number of possibilities that depend on local conditions such as expected flood and wind forces, building type and size, and soil bearing capacity.

Relocation - Perhaps the only technique for completely preventing future flood damage, this method involves moving a house out of a flood area to a new location where there is no threat of flooding. The technique for moving most any house in good structural condition is well developed. It is generally more expensive and time consuming than most elevation techniques, but it can be a very feasible method in many cases.

Levees - A possible technique in areas of shallow and moderate flooding depths with low velocity, this is a method of creating a barrier of compacted soil to keep the water away from a house. It can be one of the least expensive techniques, and it can be attractively landscaped. Its construction, however, requires great care, and there must be continued attention and maintenance to prevent its failure.

Floodwalls - This method is sometimes practical for areas with low to moderate flooding depths and velocities. As with levees, floodwalls are designed to keep the water away from a house, but are constructed of materials such as masonry block and reinforced concrete. They are more expensive than levees, but if properly designed, do not require as much concern with continued inspection and maintenance.

Closures - Often used in conjunction with other techniques such as floodwalls and levees, closures involve techniques for protecting gaps that have been left open for day-to-day conveniences, such as walks, doors, and driveways.

Sealants - Sometimes referred to as dry floodproofing, this method can be used only in areas of very shallow flooding to completely seal a home against water. Because of the tremendous pressures that water can exert against a structure protected by this method the techniques can only be used on brick veneer or masonry construction in good structural condition, and then only when the flood levels cannot exceed two to three feet and flood velocities are negligible.

Utility Protection - Often very costly damage to utilities such as heating, air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing systems occurs during floods. Simple and relatively low-cost measures can usually prevent damage to these systems, which are essential to the habitability of a residence.

City Council meets the
second Tuesday of
every month

Planning Commission
meets the first Mon-
day of every month

In observance of Memorial Day, the City of Niceville offices
will be closed Monday, May 25.

From the Police Department...

During the month of March the Police Department responded to 1791 calls for police assistance. A total of 99 vehicles and 1 pedestrian were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$111,650. A total of 222 Traffic Citations were issued, 28 Misdemeanor, 15 Felony and 5 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 March, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 92 calls. There were 88 calls located within the city limits and 4 mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	2
Vehicle Fire	2
Medical	61
Vehicle Crash	14
Overheated Motor	1
Dispatched/Cancelled	3
Controlled Burning	1
Good Intent Call	3
Illegal Burning	1
Bomb Scare, No Bomb	1
False Alarm/False Call	0
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

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; Phone Books; Glass bottles and jars; Metal cans; Plastic bottles; and more. That's all there is to it! For curbside collection schedule or service questions, contact Waste Management at 862-7141.

SAVING WATER -

Encourage your friends and neighbors to be part of a water-conscious community. Promote water conservation in community newsletters, on bulletin boards and by example.

Support projects that will lead to an increased use of reclaimed wastewater for irrigation and other uses.