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## Hurricane Season is here again!!!

Prepare, prepare, prepare for whatever comes. The Florida Department of Health suggests a disaster supply kit for your home or an evacuation that includes items in six basic areas: (1) water, (2) food, (3) first aid supplies and medications, (4) clothing and bedding, (5) tools and emergency supplies, and (6) important family documents. Have enough food and water for 3-5 days, at least.

**Hurricane preparedness web sites and info lines include:**

- <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>
- <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Hurricane/documents/prepareenglish042.pdf>
- [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us) or [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org).
- The Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557
- Public Information Emergency Support Function: 850-921-0384

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## NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM FLOOD PROTECTION LIBRARY

The Niceville Public Library maintains a rack specifically for documents related to flood insurance, flood protection, and floodplain management as a service to our citizens. Also included are Niceville's Flood Insurance Maps, Floodway Map, and a guidebook explaining their use.

Feel free to visit this display on your next visit to the Library. If there are any additional documents you would like to see as part of this display, contact Sheila Bishop, Library Director, at 729-4070.

## FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAP DETERMINATIONS

The City of Niceville is a participant in the regular program of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and its Community Rating System. The City provides map determinations and Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) data to inquirers and provides information on the flood insurance purchase requirement as a service to its citizens.

City Staff assists citizens by reading the FIRM in response to telephone calls; helping a person who walks in to read the FIRM; and by completing forms and providing other pertinent information.

Niceville's Community Number is 120338, the date of our current FIRM index is December 6, 2002, and the National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 is the elevation datum used on our FIRM. The FIRM is available for review at the Building Department, City Hall Administration, and the Library.

We also provide the following information: Whether the property is located in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), what the FIRM zone designation is, the base flood elevation, and the FIRM panel number and suffix.

Also, elevation and floodproofing certificates dating back to October, 1992, are available for review at the Building Department.

Please contact us at 729-4008 for assistance in map determinations.

## From the Police Department...

During the month of April the Police Department responded to 2063 calls for police assistance. A total of 118 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$238,675. A total of 251 Traffic Citations were issued, 44 Misdemeanor, 32 Felony and 5 DUI Arrests were made.

| BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT APRIL 2007 |                         |                            |                      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Permits Issued                        | This Month              | Last Month                 | Same Month Last Year |
| Building Number                       | 29                      | 35                         | 27                   |
| Permit Fees                           | 5,059.00                | 2,902.00                   | 11,867.00            |
| Value                                 | 1,382,464.00            | 566,647.00                 | 4,870,449.00         |
| Electrical Number                     | 14                      | 14                         | 19                   |
| Permit Fees                           | 267.00                  | 566.00                     | 352.00               |
| Plumbing Number                       | 5                       | 7                          | 8                    |
| Permit Fees                           | 80.00                   | 514.00                     | 238.00               |
| Mechanical Number                     | 9                       | 10                         | 9                    |
| Permit Fees                           | 156.00                  | 210.00                     | 126.00               |
| Gas Number                            | 11                      | 7                          | 8                    |
| Permit Fees                           | 149.00                  | 85.00                      | 131.00               |
| Total All Fees                        | 5,711.00                | 4,277.00                   | 12,714.00            |
| Water Taps                            | 3 23,639.00             | 2 4,916.73                 | 11 16,979.00         |
| Sewer Taps                            | 10 67,405.00            | 6 7,130.00                 | 7 25,325.00          |
| Nature of Building Permits            |                         |                            |                      |
| #                                     | Type                    | Permit Fees                | Valuation            |
| Dwellings                             |                         |                            |                      |
| 1                                     | Single Family           | 616.00                     | 300,000.00           |
| 1                                     | Two Family/Multi-family | 1,603.00                   | 480,120.00           |
| Commercial Buildings                  |                         |                            |                      |
| Industrial Buildings                  |                         |                            |                      |
| 3                                     | Swimming Pools          | 390.00                     | 71,800.00            |
| 2                                     | Signs                   | 75.00                      | 10,200.00            |
| 3                                     | Sheds                   | 65.00                      | 4,854.00             |
| Fences                                |                         |                            |                      |
| Garages                               |                         |                            |                      |
| 5                                     | Repairs                 | 180.00                     | 24,620.00            |
| 1                                     | Other; mobile home      | 25.00                      | 3,500.00             |
| Alterations/Additions                 |                         |                            |                      |
| 12                                    | To Dwellings            | 1,045.00                   | 187,370.00           |
| 1                                     | To Commercial Buildings | 1,060.00                   | 300,000.00           |
|                                       | To Industrial Buildings |                            |                      |
| 29                                    | Totals                  | 5,059.00                   | 1,382,464.00         |
| Building Valuation                    |                         |                            |                      |
| This Fiscal Year to Date              |                         | This Calendar Year to Date |                      |
| 20,276,731.00                         |                         | 15,433,776.00              |                      |
| Last Fiscal Year to Date              |                         | Last Calendar Year to Date |                      |
| 23,393,252.00                         |                         | 43,805,987.00              |                      |

## Fire Department Report

During the month of April the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 81 calls. There were 78 calls located within the city limits and 3 automatic/mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

|                               |    |
|-------------------------------|----|
| Structure Fire                | 3  |
| Outside Equipment Fire        | 1  |
| Other Fire                    | 1  |
| Medical                       | 51 |
| Vehicle Crash                 | 15 |
| Unauthorized Burning          | 1  |
| Dispatched/Cancelled en route | 7  |
| Smoke Scare                   | 1  |
| Alarm Activation              | 1  |

For more information on the Niceville Fire Department, check us out on our web page at: <http://www.fire-ems.net/firedept/view/NicevilleFL/>

## City Notes

**Saving Water ~ Indoors:** Retrofit all wasteful household faucets by installing aerators with flow restrictors.

**Outdoors:** Check sprinkler systems and timing devices regularly to be sure they are operating properly. It is now the law that anyone who purchases and installs an automatic lawn sprinkler system MUST install a rain sensor device or switch which will override the irrigation cycle of the sprinkler system. Contact an irrigation professional for more information

**TECH BOWL 2007 SPONSORS~**  
**Diamond:** Okaloosa County School District; Niceville-Valparaiso Bay Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation  
**Platinum:** L-3 Communications; City of Niceville; Cox Communications; Jacobs Engineering  
**Gold:** Waste Management Foundation; Polyengineering, Inc.  
**Silver:** Gustin, Cothorn, & Tucker; American Athletic Uniforms, Inc.  
**Bronze:** Bay Area Awards

**We would like to thank all of our sponsors for making the Tech Bowl a huge success!**

# Library Lines



## New Books:

The Children of Hurin by J. R. R. Tolkien  
The Woods by Harlan Coben  
I Heard That Song Before by Mary Higgins Clark  
The Good Husband of Zebra Drive by Alexander McCall Smith  
Obsession by Jonathan Kellerman  
Fresh Disasters by Stuart Woods  
Kingdom Come by Tim LaHaye and Jerry B. Jenkins  
The Blue Zone by Andrew Gross  
Grace (Eventually) by Anne Lamott  
Einstein by Walter Isaacson  
Paula Deen: It Ain't All About the Cookin' by Paula Deen and Sherry Cohen

## Audios/CD:

Einstein by Walter Isaacson  
The Good Husband of Zebra Drive by Alexander McCall Smith  
Simile Genius by David Baldacci  
Heartstopper by Joy Fielding  
Hot Stuff by Janet Evanovich  
We Shall Not Sleep by Anne Perry  
Obsession by Karen Robards  
The Marriage Game by Fern Michaels  
The Last Empress by Anchee Min  
Hunter's Moon by Randy Wayne White  
The God of Animals by Aryn Kyle  
Daddy's Girl by Lisa Scottoline  
Nineteen Minutes by Jodi Picoult

## Gardening Program with Marie Harrison:

Award winning author and Master Gardener Marie Harrison will present a gardening program on Tuesday, June 5 at the Niceville Community Center. This program is provided by the Friends of the Library. Please call the library at 729-4090 for program time and to reserve your seat.

## Grand Opening of the Friends of the Library bookstore:

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony in the library on June 5 at 10 a.m. to celebrate the grand opening of the FOL bookstore. The store hours will be Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Friends of the Library host a Women's Health Series:

Dr. Larissa Timper will present a program on "Women in Midlife ~ Survival tips for a smooth transition in the decade before and during menopause." Please call the library 729-4090 to reserve a seat. Niceville Community Center, Thursday, June 14, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

## Adult Summer Book Discussions ~ Sponsored by the Friends

June 27 – *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger  
July 25 – *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte  
August 20 – *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee  
A limited supply of books will be available.

We will be meeting in the library at 10:30 a.m. If you have any questions, please contact Lora Glass at 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 our program room in Youth Services. Join us for our "Headline's summer program. See you in the Fall!

### Group Storytimes & Tours

For special groups, schools, clubs, etc. please call to make arrangements. Reservations required. Call 729-4554.

**Baby Bookworm** - Lapsits consist of music, stories and rhymes especially chosen to build the bond between you and your child. Please meet in our new program room in YS.

Fridays 9:30: Prewalkers, 10:30 Walkers

Summer Bookworms: This program will be presented on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays.

JUNE: 8 & 22, JULY 13 & 27, AUGUST 10 & 24

**Summer Reading**- "Read All about It" at your library this summer. Our Summer program begins June 13<sup>th</sup> with "Headlines" Kick-off in Youth Services. Come by any time between 10:00 a.m. and noon to pick up your schedule of events, reading logs and register for book club.

PreK & K programs will be held every Wed & Thurs at 9:30 a.m. in the YS program room.

Grades 1-3 programs will be held every Wed. at 11:00 a.m. in the YS program room.

Our 4 & 5 grade Brown Bag Book Club will meet every Thurs. at 11:00 a.m. in the YS program room.

Book Club books are limited and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Many good books, poetry, music, skits and fun are planned for everyone! Please call 729-4554 for more information.

**Teen Space** - Spectacular Tuesdays coming this summer in the Teen Space (ages 13-17) starting June 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-7:00 p.m. This time is all about making fun stuff! Learn how to glamorize your journal, make duct tape paraphernalia, create hemp jewelry, origami and much more. FREE supplies and snacks.

Love a good mystery? Our summer teen book club is "All About Mystery". All those interested in CSI, please register by calling 729-4554 or stop by YS and see Miss Paula.

Two different mysteries will be offered and special crime scene guests will share their skills at solving a mystery. Mystery games and activities will accompany book discussions on Thursdays from 5:30-7:30. Free Friday Flick June 8 beginning at 5:30 for ages 13-17. Stay after hours in the library and enjoy your space. Free popcorn, drinks and door prizes.

**Movies**- In honor of Fathers everywhere, we will be showing a favorite animated movie about a young fish who is separated from his father. Dad will go to all lengths to find his son and bring him home safely. Showing time: June 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. in YS program room. Feature length is 100 minutes, rated G. Popcorn and drinks provided. Admission is FREE. Call 729-4554 for more information.

**Family Night**- This program is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Our favorite magician, Beau Broomall, will

All programs are free!! Call 729-4090 for information.

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# Children's Park

## Park Hours: June

Tuesday thru Saturday: 8:30am to 1:00pm and 4:00pm– 8:00 pm

Sunday: 4:00pm to 8:00pm

The Children's Park is closed Mondays for maintenance.

Thanks for making the reopening of the water park a big success. We had a lot of fun!

The hours of the Spray Park will be 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Tuesday – Saturday and 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Sundays.

## **Don't forget your water and your sunscreen!**

We look forward to spending the summer with you at the Niceville Children's park.

For information, please call the Children's Park at 642-3535 or the Park Manager at 642-7457

## **Library Lines (continued from p. 3)**

### **amaze us with his slight of hand once more.**

Program is in the Community Center June 28, at 6:30 p.m.

All ages are welcome to attend this delightful show.

Admission is FREE.

**Afterschool Program-** A program for children 6-12 years old, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month 4:15-5:30 in YS program room. We look forward to more adventures beginning in September.

**American Girls Book Club** -We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the program room in YS during the school year for ages 7 and up. Have a great summer! See you in September.

### **Library Hours and Contact Numbers**

Tue & Thur 9 – 8

Wed & Fri 9 – 6

Sat 9 – 2

Closed Sunday & Monday

Renew Books — 729-4070 Circulation Desk

Questions and Interlibrary Loans — 729-4090 Reference Desk

Story Time and Youth Programs – 729-4554 Youth Services

[www.cityofniceville.org/library.html](http://www.cityofniceville.org/library.html)

## Tech Bowl 2007 Information

### **Elementary Division**

1. Edge
2. Shalimar
3. Valparaiso
4. Liza Jackson
5. Antioch
6. St. Mary
7. Edwins
8. Northwood
9. Laurel Hill
10. Kenwood
11. Bluewater
12. Florosa
13. Baker
14. Plew

### **Middle School Division**

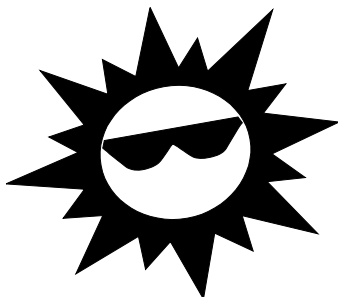
1. St. Mary's
2. Meigs
3. Liza Jackson
4. Ruckel
5. Pryor
6. Lewis
7. Davidson
8. Baker
9. Bruner
10. Laurel Hill

### **High School Division**

1. Niceville
2. Laurel Hill
3. Ft. Walton Beach
4. Baker
5. Choctaw

CITYMANAGER'S

# 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)

VISIT NICEVILLE ON THE INTERNET AT

<http://www.cityofniceville.org>