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KNOW WHERE TO PUT YOUR REFUSE

The City has been experiencing debris being dumped illegally in some areas. Trash should be placed in front of your residence, not on City right-of-ways or in front of other residences. This debris is not only unsightly, but it can create an unsafe line of vision for vehicles and pedestrians.

All solid waste materials picked up at curbside by the City must be transported and disposed of at different landfills, which are designated for that particular type of debris. The disposal site operators closely monitor the materials they receive at their landfill and will not accept any materials that are not permitted for disposal at that site. These guidelines require the City to separate debris.

In an effort to provide the most efficient curbside debris removal, we are requesting that residents place all loose debris in bags and separate all yard waste from miscellaneous large items such as construction debris, furniture and appliances.

The City sometimes receives calls regarding debris that may have been missed or only partially picked up. In most instances the materials are rescheduled for an additional pickup because of the different disposal requirements.

Homeowners are reminded that if a contractor performs work at your residence such as tree removal services, remodeling or roofing, the contractor is responsible for removal and disposal of the debris.

If you have any questions please call Public Works at 729-4064.

**Fireworks Extravaganza sponsored by the
Niceville-Valparaiso Chamber of Commerce
Foundation July 4th, 2008, at Boggy Bayou
between Lincoln Park and Lion's Park.**



**In observance of Independence Day,
the City of Niceville offices will be closed
Friday, July 4.**



Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
PAID
Permit #1

From the Police Department...

During the month of May the Police Department responded to 2163 calls for police assistance. A total of 105 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$203,475. A total of 437 Traffic Citations were issued, 31 Misdemeanor, 11 Felony and 7 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT			
May, 2008			
Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	32	36	25
Permit Fees Value	2,351.00 377,181.00	2,361.00 660,420.00	1,962.00 392,278.00
Electrical Number	9	12	12
Permit Fees	105.00	287.00	173.00
Plumbing Number	0	3	2
Permit Fees	00.00	76.00	142.00
Mechanical Number	8	18	10
Permit Fees	166.00	520.00	522.00
Gas Number	2	7	6
Permit Fees	22.00	94.00	76.00
Total All Fees	2,644.00	3,338.00	2,875.00
Water Taps	2 520.00	2 2,759.00	5 4,610.82
Sewer Taps	4 108,655.00	1 5,830.00	5 27,750.00

Nature of Building Permits			
#	Type	Permit Fees	Valuation
	Single Family		
	Two Family/Multi-family		
	Commercial Buildings		
	Industrial Buildings		
2	Swimming Pools	210.00	38,000.00
2	Signs	60.00	7,300.00
4	Sheds	180.00	28,330.00
1	Fences	3.00	100.00
	Garages		
10	Repairs	745.00	134,513.00
	Other;		
	Alterations/Additions		
13	To Dwellings	1,153.00	168,938.00
	To Commercial Buildings		
	To Industrial Buildings		
32	Totals	2,351.00	377,181.00

Building Valuation	
This Fiscal Year to Date	This Calendar Year to Date
10,926,651.00	5,329,768.00
Last Fiscal Year to Date	Last Calendar Year to Date
20,669,009.00	15,826,054.00

Fire Department Report

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

Structure Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	1
Vegetation, Brush or Grass Fire	4
Medical	44
Vehicle Crash	14
Vehicle Extrication	1
Lock In	1
Overheated Motor	1
Power Line Down	1
Lifeflight	1
Service Call/Other	1
Good Intent Call	1
Dispatched/Cancelled	6
Hazmat Investigation/no hazmat	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

OIL AND NATURE DON'T MIX - RECYCLE YOUR USED OIL

You can bring your used oil to the recycle bin behind the Community Center building on N. Partin Drive on Saturdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

STORMWATER ILLEGAL DUMPING REMINDER -

The City's stormwater drainage system helps protect our community from flooding and also treats pollutants prior to their reaching local water bodies. Illegal dumping into these systems can harm their ability to manage floodwater and/or allow pollutants to mix in with surface waters. If you observe any illegal discharge, connection, spill or dumping of pollutants into the stormwater system, please report it to the City's Public Works Department at 729-4064.

Library Lines



New Books:

Odd Hours by Dean Koontz
The Host by Stephenie Meyer
The Front by Patricia Cornwell
Sunday at Tiffany's by James Patterson & Gabrielle Charbonnet
Swine Not? By Jimmy Buffett
Careless in Red by Elizabeth George
Twenty Wishes by Debbie Macomber
The Steel Wave by Jeff Shaara
Unaccustomed Earth by Jhumpa Lahiri
Audition by Barbara Walters

New Books Audio/CD:

The Steel Wave by Jeff Shaara
Sophie's Dilemma by Lauraine Snelling
Skeletons at the Feast by Chris Bohjalian
The Magician's Assistant by Ann Patchett
Executive Privilege by Phillip Margolin
Talk of the Town by Lisa Wingate
A Lady of Hidden Intent by Tracie Peterson

Adult Library Programs:

Adult Summer Book Discussions ~ Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Wednesday, July 30 ~ *Curious Incident of the Dog at Nighttime* by Mark Haddon, Wednesday, August 27 ~ *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

A limited supply of books will be available. We will be meeting in the library at 10:30 a.m. Please call Lora at 729-4090 to reserve a book or if you have any questions.

Healthcare, Nutrition, & Weight Loss Class: A special presentation by Dr. T. J. Stickel and Bluewater Chiropractic/Acupuncture ~ sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Join us on Tuesday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Niceville Community Center for a refreshing look at how the body functions, how it needs to be treated and maintained holistically. Please call 729-4090 to reserve your seat.

Scrapbooking at the Library ~ Sponsored by the Friends of the Library ~ Saturday, July 26, 10 a.m.

Ages 13 - adult. Join instructor Debbie Creech as she leads you through making an explosion box. The cost for the complete kit is \$25.00. Space is limited, so pre-registration is required. For additional information and pre-registration, contact Lora at 729-4090 or Martha at 729-4554.

Knitting and Crochet Circle ~ Meets the 2nd and last Monday of each month in the library. Beginning and advanced are welcome. Monday, July 14 and Monday, July 28 from 10am - 12:00 noon. Call 729-4090 for information.

Quilling or Filigree Class ~ Discover the art of paper quilling or filigree July 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Services program room. This is a basic introduction to an ancient art form and is for ages 13 to adult. Supplies will be provided; registration is required. Call 729-4554 or 729-4090.

YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR

Group Storytimes & Tours ~ For special groups, schools, clubs, etc. call to make arrangements. Reservations required. Call 729-4554.

Baby Bookworms ~ Summer programs will be held the 2nd and 4th Friday June through Aug. Lapsits consist of music, stories and rhymes espe-

cially chosen to build the bond between you and your child. Please meet in YS program room 9:30: Prewalkers, 10:30 Walkers

Programs will be held July 11th & 25th only.

Catch the Reading Bug! Summer Reading Program

It's easy and it's fun to keep reading all summer with Youth Services! Our "buggy" July is full of excitement as we continue with our stories, crafts and special guests.

>>**Catch the Reading Bug! Preschool-Kindergarten (completed)**

Wed. and Thurs. mornings 10:30 a.m. Catch some great bug books, poetry, music and fun with Ms. Karen and Ms. Christina. There's lots of participation, giggles and prize drawings every week. Be sure to bring in your reading logs each week. No programs July 2nd or 3rd.

>>**Catch the Reading Bug! Grades 1-3 (completed)** On July 10th and 17th we will capture some good stories and read from our book club selection. We've got games and crafts and bugs to watch. Help tend the butterflies, ladybugs and worm farm, but there will be no programs on July 3rd. July 24th is a special craft and activity day for Grades 1-3. This is a free program, but please call to register or for book information at 729-4554.

More Summer Excitement! ~ Performing in the Council Chambers July 16th at 10:30 will be "The 2B Wild West Show"! Introducing Cowboy Bruce with "Catch the Reading Bug theme" including singing, poetry, trick roping, and the art of the bull-whip. Discover the days of the early cowboy, the American west and cattle drives. This program is best suited for elementary aged children but all ages are welcome. This is a free program
Nonie's Ark- Celebrate a summer of reading well done with Nonie July 31st at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers. She'll be sharing her unusual bugs as well as some of the animals that eat them! We will have drawings for all prizes not yet awarded as we wrap up our creepy-crawly reading series. This program is free and open to the public. All ages are welcome.

Teen Space Programs- Ages 13-17

>>**A scrap booking workshop** will be held for ages 13 to adult July 26th from 10:00 until 2:00. This program will be held in the Youth Services program room. Supply kit cost is \$25. The project this month is Explosion Boxes. Spaces are limited, so pre-registration is required. Please call in advance to reserve a seat. 729-4554 or 729-4090

>>**Knitting classes** will be held in the Teen Room from 10-noon every Wed. in July (except July 2nd) for those interested in learning to knit. All supplies will be provided free to make one project. Anyone wishing to learn to crochet may also attend. Please call 729-4554.

>>Discover the art of **paper quilling or filigree** July 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Youth Services program room. This is a basic introduction to an ancient art form and is for ages 13 to adult. Free supplies will be provided but registration is required. Call 729-4554 or 729-4090.

>>Celebrate the release of "**Breaking Dawn**", the last book in Stephanie Meyer's Twilight saga. Youth Services will present a two part book club for girls ages 13-17. The first meeting will take place July 17th, 6:30-7:45 p.m. in the YS Program Room. Please call 729-4554 to register.

>>The second meeting will take place after the release of "Breaking Dawn" in August. **Please read books 1-3 of the Twilight saga before the meeting.** Anyone interested in attending other teen book clubs should please call Ms. Christina @ 729-4554. Stop by the Teen Room for more exciting programs and activities throughout the summer!

All Programs Are Free! For more information or to sign up, call Youth Services at 729-4554.

Children's Park

New Park Summer Hours:

Wednesday thru Saturday: 9:00am to 1:00pm & 3:00pm – 7:00pm

Sunday: 3:00pm to 7:00pm

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The Children's Park is **closed on Mondays and Tuesdays**  
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Park contact numbers: Park – 642-3535; Park Manager – 642-7457

The park has been very busy this summer. We appreciate your understanding and acceptance of all the changes. We recommend that you bring plenty of sun screen and water with you as it is already extremely hot. The park will be closed on July 4th and will re-open July 5th at normal hours.

We now charge a \$50 fee for booking parties so if you are interested please call 642-7457 and we would love to help in your party needs.

Park and YS calendars will be available online for your convenience at <http://www.cityofniceville.org/docscal/ncvcal.pdf> or you can pick one up at the Park or in the Library.

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.

We look forward to having you visit the park!



Mosquitoes can put the sting on summer fun... Take action!

Not only are mosquitoes some of the most annoying insects on the face of the Earth, they can also be a serious health risk. Mosquitoes interfere with work and spoil leisure time. Mosquitoes cannot be eradicated, only controlled. Sources of standing water, where mosquitoes breed, should be eliminated or treated. Check your property for open containers or any other item that collects water after a rain or lawn sprinkling.

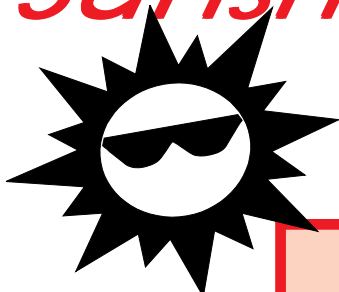
To protect yourself from mosquito bites, reduce or avoid outdoor activities from dusk to dawn, when the tiny pests are out looking for a nice juicy human to bite. Wear protective clothing, and apply insect repellent to exposed parts of the body. Make sure all your windows and doors are properly screened, so they cannot enter your home. Some protective measures are:

- Screening** - a fine screen (14 by 18 wires to the inch) is the best for excluding mosquitoes. Window and door screens should fit tightly and doors should swing outward and be self-closing.
- Insect repellents** - Several good insect repellents are on the market. Those containing diethyltoluamide (DEET) are the best. Use it whenever outside, whether camping or fishing or just enjoying the outdoors at home.
- Protective clothing** - Denim and other closely woven, heavy fabrics will give better protection than light or loosely woven garments. Wear long sleeves, socks and long pants.

Beginning October 1, Sunshine will be available exclusively on our web page at www.cityofniceville.org

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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

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<http://www.cityofniceville.org/>