

CITY MANAGER'S

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## RUOK - A free daily check

Our RUOK (Are You OK?) System is presently in full operation at the Police Department and has several subscribers. This is our automated program which makes daily calls to those who wish it. If there is no answer, a second automated call is made and if there is no answer on that one, a police officer will go to the address to check on the residents. New subscribers can be accepted at any time. All that is needed is to call the Police Department, 729-4030, and request that you wish to be added to the system. An interview appointment will be scheduled and some forms will need to be completed. This service is available at no charge.

### Do you have a community event planned?

Let's get the word out! The City's website has a calendar of City and local organizations' events. Send us special events that are open to the public and once approved, they will be added to our community calendar. It is that easy to have your event listed online! Examples include festivals, charity events and holiday programs. See events online at [www.cityofniceville.org/cal.html](http://www.cityofniceville.org/cal.html). Also, add your local business to our community links page!



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## From the Police Department...

During the month of June the Police Department responded to 2160 calls for police assistance. A total of 79 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$224,650. A total of 346 Traffic Citations were issued, 41 Misdemeanor, 15 Felony and 11 DUI Arrests were made.

### BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT JUNE, 2007

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	40	25	28
Permit Fees	3,806.00	1,962.00	4,209.00
Value	767,516.00	392,278.00	1,289,776.00
Electrical Number	14	12	21
Permit Fees	148.00	173.00	530.00
Plumbing Number	5	2	4
Permit Fees	134.00	142.00	136.00
Mechanical Number	9	10	6
Permit Fees	180.00	522.00	132.00
Gas Number	6	6	4
Permit Fees	67.00	76.00	54.00
Total All Fees	4,335.00	2,875.00	5,061.00
Water Taps	4 6,409.74	5 4,610.82	12 13,693.68
Sewer Taps	5 27,410.00	5 27,750.00	7 39,050.00
Nature of Building Permits			
#	Type	Dwellings	Permit Fees
1	Single Family		235.00
	Two Family/Multi-family		
1	Commercial Buildings		928.00
	Industrial Buildings		
3	Swimming Pools		405.00
	Signs		
1	Sheds		30.00
	Fences		
	Garages		
6	Repairs		255.00
1	Other; void		0
Alterations/Additions			
27	To Dwellings		1,953.00
	To Commercial Buildings		
	To Industrial Buildings		
40	Totals		3,806.00
Building Valuation			
This Fiscal Year to Date		This Calendar Year to Date	
21,436,525.00		16,593,570.00	
Last Fiscal Year to Date		Last Calendar Year to Date	
27,912,331.00		17,076,986.00	

## Fire Department Report

During the month of June, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 88 calls. There were 84 calls located within the city limits and 4 automatic/mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Cooking Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	2
Brush Fire	1
Medical	46
Vehicle Crash	11
Vehicle Extrication	1
Elevator Rescue	1
Natural Gas Leak	2
Arcing Shorted Electrical	2
Service Call	3
Dispatched/Cancelled	10
Smoke Scare	2
Alarm Activation	3

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:** Never put water down the drain when there may be another use for it such as cleaning or watering a plant or garden.

**Outdoors:** Report all significant water losses (broken pipes, open hydrants, errant sprinklers, etc.) to the property owner or local authorities. Report abandoned free-flowing wells to the Northwest Florida Water Management District.

**TURKEY CREEK REMINDER ~** 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 that is convenient.

**Stormwater Runoff ~** During rainstorms, water rushes over the land carrying debris and dissolved nutrients to natural or man-made waterways. The water and its contents are called *stormwater runoff*. Fertilizers and chemicals that we add to our landscapes can be washed away by rain, or excessive irrigation, into storm drains, or percolates down through the soil into the aquifer. Oil and residue on roads, driveways and parking areas also end up in waterways through this route. The water from the storm drains flows into ponds, rivers, lakes and bays, causing pollution problems.

# Library Lines



## New Books:

**A Thousand Splendid Suns** by Khaled Hosseini  
**Blaze** by Richard Bachman  
**Double Take** by Catherine Coulter  
**The Harlequin** by Laurell K. Hamilton  
**The Good Guy** by Dean Koontz  
**On Chesil Beach** by Ian McEwan  
**The Reagan Diaries** by Ronald Reagan  
**Outrage** by Dick Morris and Eileen McGann  
**Lean Mean Thirteen** by Janet Evanovich  
**Innocent as Sin** by Elizabeth Lowell  
**The Quickie** by James Patterson

## Audios/CD:

**A Wanted Man** by Linda Lael Miller  
**Double Take** by Catherine Coulter  
**The Good Guy** by Dean R. Koontz  
**The Quickie** by James Patterson  
**Bungalow 2** by Danielle Steel  
**Lean Mean Thirteen** by Janet Evanovich  
**The Personality Code** by Travis Bradberry  
**Dying Crapshooter's Blues** by David Fulmer  
**A Thousand Splendid Suns** by Khaled Hosseini  
**The Library is Starting a New Evening Book Discussion**

**Group in September:** Good books are meant to be shared and discussed and we're looking for interested participants to join us for some stimulating experiences. We will be reading a variety of genres. If you are interested in joining our new evening Book Discussion group please call Lora at 729-4090.

Also if you love mysteries and want to get together with others to talk about them then we still have a few openings in our Mystery Discussion group. This group meets the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the library.

**How to Deal with Nuisance Wildlife:** presented by the Okaloosa County Extension Office, Niceville Community Center, Tuesday, August 7, 5:45 p.m., Free to the public

**Friends of the Library host a Women's Health Series:** Dr. Larissa Timper will present a program on "Aging Gracefully": feeling and looking your best through your 30's, 40's and beyond! This program will address lifestyle changes to add quality to your life and relationships. Please call the library 729-4090 to reserve a seat.

Niceville Community Center, Thursday, August 9  
6 p.m. – 8 p.m. This program is free.

**Women's Self-Defense Class:** presented by the Niceville Taekwondo School, Niceville Community Center, Saturday, August 25, 9:30 a.m. Free to women 15+ Please call 729-4090 to register

## Adult Summer Book Discussions ~ Sponsored by the

**Friends-** August 29 – *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. Contact Lora Glass at 729 - 4090 for

information.

**The Quilt: New Directions for a Florida Tradition ~ presented by the Heritage Museum and the Flying Needles Quilt Guild of Niceville** Quilt making is an ancient craft which has long served people by providing warmth and a mean of self-expression. Visit and learn about the history of quilting and the development of this early craft in Florida. Quilts from the permanent collection of the Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida will be on view. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Niceville Community Center, Thursday, August 30, 10:30 a.m. Free Program

## 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. Wed. and Thurs. 10:30 a.m. No sign up is required.

Aug. 22<sup>nd</sup>&23<sup>rd</sup>; "Nocturnal Nature"

Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>&30<sup>th</sup>; "Puppy Pals"

**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 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.

AUGUST 10 & 24

**Family Night** - This program is held the fourth Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Family movie night for all ages! Free admission, popcorn and drinks. Call 729-4554 for details.

**Blood Drive-**Parents! be a blood donor. The NWF Bloodmobile will be in the city complex parking lot from 5:30-7:30. Grab a book in the library, visit the

Bloodmobile and help save the lives of those here in your own community. Blood that is donated is distributed in over 20 hospitals in the local area. One pint of blood can save up to three lives! Hope to see you there!

**American Girls Book Club** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m.

**Afterschool Program-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of every month at 4:00 p.m. Both programs will begin again in Sept!

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

## **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)

# Children's Park

## Park Hours: August

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

Sunday: 4:00 pm to 8:00pm

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The Children's Park is closed Mondays for maintenance.  
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We ask when booking a birthday party that you have a "rainy day" backup plan as we are in the season for afternoon thunderstorms and it takes a while for the Park to dry out after a heavy downpour.

Our visitors have really enjoyed our Spray Park this year. We recommend that you bring plenty of sun screen and towels. Don't forget that our Spray Park hours are currently Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. - 6 p.m., and Sundays 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Thank you for helping us enforce the no running rule in the Spray Park, as we want everyone to have a good time and we don't want our little ones to get hurt.

Thank you for your cooperation in making the Park a safer place for families to enjoy, and we look forward to seeing you in the Park.

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

## Make it easy - pay your water bill electronically!

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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month to avoid a late fee, and no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> to avoid disruption of water service. For information, call 729-4000.

### FREQUENTLY CALLED CITY NUMBERS

WATER/SEWER PROBLEMS .....	729-4064
GARBAGE/TRASH .....	729-4064
PUBLIC WORKS .....	729-4064
UTILITY BILLING .....	729-4000
POLICE DEPARTMENT – NON EMERGENCY .....	729-4030
FIRE DEPARTMENT – NON EMERGENCY .....	729-4050
LIBRARY .....	729-4070
CITY HALL ADMINISTRATION .....	729-4008

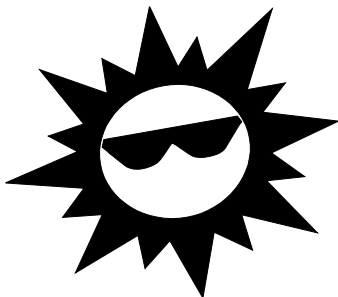
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- City Council meets the second Tuesday of every month.
- Planning Commission meets the first Monday of every month.
- Other meetings as announced in *Sunshine* and other publications.

## Sunshine Online...

at the City's website [www.cityofniceville.org](http://www.cityofniceville.org)



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<http://www.cityofniceville.org>