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Take some worry out of your life!

The City's RUOK (Are You OK?) System is 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.

PLANNING A COMMUNITY EVENT?

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. 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 1949 calls for police assistance. A total of 91 vehicles and 1 pedestrian were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$126,760. A total of 245 Traffic Citations were issued, 44 Misdemeanor, 12 Felony and 7 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT June, 2008

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	34	32	40
Permit Fees	3,070.00	2,351.00	3,806.00
Value	1,080,466.00	377,181.00	767,516.00
Electrical Number	4	9	14
Permit Fees	74.00	105.00	148.00
Plumbing Number	3	0	5
Permit Fees	38.00	00.00	134.00
Mechanical Number	15	8	9
Permit Fees	308.00	166.00	180.00
Gas Number	4	2	6
Permit Fees	47.00	22.00	67.00
Total All Fees	3,537.00	2,644.00	4,335.00
Water Taps	2 4,821.66	2 520.00	4 6,409.74
Sewer Taps	8 37,665.00	4 108,655.00	5 27,410.00

Nature of Building Permits		Permit Fees	Valuation
#	Type	Dwellings	
1	Single Family		750,000.00
	Two Family/Multi-family		
	Commercial Buildings		
	Industrial Buildings		
2	Swimming Pools	295.00	55,000.00
1	Signs	20.00	1,372.00
	Sheds		
8	Fences	24.00	11,364.00
	Garages		
5	Repairs	215.00	32,600.00
	Other;		
	Alterations/Additions		
17	To Dwellings	1,345.00	230,130.00
	To Commercial Buildings		
	To Industrial Buildings		
34	Totals	3,070.00	1,080,466.00

Building Valuation	
This Fiscal Year to Date	This Calendar Year to Date
12,007,117.00	6,410,234.00
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 108 calls. There were 105 calls located within the city limits and 3 mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls follows:

Structure Fire	2
Cooking Fire	1
Trash, rubbish fire	1
Vehicle Fire	1
Forest, woods fire	1
Medical	69
Vehicle Crash	11
Vehicle Extrication	2
Lock In	3
Natural Gas Leak	1
Arcing,/shorted elec equipment	1
Lifeflight	2
Service Call/Other	2
False Call	1
Dispatched/Cancelled	4
Smoke Scare	3
Alarm Activation	2
Lightning Strike (no fire)	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

General Tips - Saving Water ~ 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.

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

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 flow into ponds, rivers, lakes and bays, causing pollution problems for the natural environment and water quality.

Library Lines



New Books:

Sail by James Patterson

Nothing to Lose by Lee Child

Plague Ship by Clive Cussler

Love the One You're With by Emily Giffin

The Broken Window by Jeffrey Deaver

Married Lovers by Jackie Collins

When You Are Engulfed In Flames by David Sedaris

The Monster of Florence by Douglas Preston with Mario Spezi

New Books Audio/CD:

Trail to Cottonwood Falls by Dusty Richards

Deadly Trail by William W. Johnstone

Blood of Bass Tillman by Cotton Smith

Fearless Fourteen by Janet Evanovich

The Other Boleyn Girl by Philippa Gregory

The Falls by Ian Rankin

Not in the Flesh by Ruth Rendell

The Man Who Loved China by Simon Winchester

From Dead to Worse by Charlaine Harris

The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein

Escape from the Deep by Alex Kershaw

ADULT LIBRARY PROGRAMS:

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

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.

Writer's Workshop with Anne Holt ~ Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library invite you to attend "Polishing Your Writing for Publication" workshop with author Anne Haw Holt. Ms. Holt is a full-time author and serves as President for Tallahassee Writers Association. She is a member of the "Art in the Court" Committee of the Florida Supreme Court. She is also an active member of The Western Writers of America Association and a member of Women Writing the West and ALAN. She writes under A. H. Holt and her book titles include Silver Creek, Kendrick, Blanco Sol, and Riding Fence. After the lecture and question & answer portion of the program, Ms. Holt will accept writing samples to read and comment on. The writing samples should be five pages, double spaced, any genre.

Niceville Community Center Thursday, August 14, 10:30 a.m.

Please call the library at 729-4090 to reserve a seat.

Knitting and Crochet Circle

Meets the 2nd and last Monday of each month in the library. Beginning and advanced are welcome. Monday, August 11 and Monday, August 25 from 10am - 12:00 noon. Please call 729-4090 if you would like to attend or if you have any questions.

YOUTH SERVICES CALENDAR

Group Storytimes & Tours

For special groups, schools, clubs, etc. please 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 especially 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 Aug. 8th & 22nd only.

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 Wednesday and Thursday s at 10:30 a.m. Aug. 27th & 28th; "Turtle Time"

Catch the Reading Bug! Summer Reading Program

What a great summer at the library! Our bug jar is full of reading bugs! Congratulations to those who kept reading all summer, and to the winners of our Create-a-Bug contest! For more fun reading, don't forget our regular preschool storytimes will begin August. 27th & 28th.

More Summer Delight! Youth Services will present a Monet display from Teacher's Discovery Traveling Exhibits Claude Monet, French Impressionist painter, is well known for his water lily pond and Japanese bridge paintings inspired by his gardens at home at Giverny. Enjoy some of Monet's magnificent paintings on a grand scale Aug. 4th through Aug. 22nd. Visit YS anytime during normal library hours and sign our viewing guest book.

Teen Space- Ages 13-17 "Breaking Dawn" book club for girls will have its final session on Aug. 14th at 6:30 p.m. in the Youth Services program room. Discussion will focus on this last book in the popular Stephanie Myers' Twilight series. Please call 729-4554 for more information. Anyone interested in attending other teen book clubs should please call Ms. Christina @ 729-4554. The teen space sponsors game day, movies, craft day, and gaming on the big screen. Please call 729-4554 for upcoming events.

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 now **closed on Mondays and Tuesdays** for maintenance.  
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Park contact numbers: Park – 642-3535; Park Manager – 642-7457

The staff of the Children's Park hopes you are having a great summer, and that you have been able to visit and enjoy the Park and the Spray Park! We also wanted to let you know that the park is now closing on Tuesdays, as well as Mondays, due to budget reductions and that we do apologize for the inconvenience. Niceville takes great pride in providing a clean, pleasant, and safe park for our residents and our visitors but as a department of the City, when City revenues are reduced, our budgets are affected also, unfortunately. Some of these changes may continue in effect, but others may not stay in place if or when revenues increase again. Please remember that the heat can be extreme during this time of year so make sure that you stay hydrated and that you have plenty of sunscreen. We hope that you are having a great summer and that we will see you at the Children's Park!

Just a reminder that there is now a \$50 fee for booking parties in the park! To book a party or for questions about our services or hours, please call 642-7457. We would love to help with your party needs!

Park and Library Youth Services 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.

Thank you for supporting the Children's Park!!

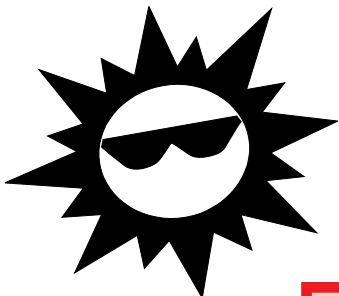


Beginning October 1, Sunshine will be available exclusively on our web page at www.cityofniceville.org

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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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