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## CAN I PARK ON MY STREET?

*On-Street Parking ~ Parking of any vehicle along the edge of the streets or alleys or between the edge of the streets and alleys or owner's property lines is prohibited; except that any number of "a personal or regular vehicle" may park in such area so as to leave available no less than ten feet of the width of the roadway open for free movement of vehicular traffic; provided, such parking does not exceed the width of his property, parking across the street from his property, in front of any other resident's property, or across the street from the driveway of another residence. (Ordinance No. 00-08-03)*

**Definition of Vehicles.** All vehicles shall include devices used for transportation of persons and objects whether self-propelled, motordriven or propelled by any other means, including, but not limited to, automobiles, trucks, camper trucks, buses, mobile homes, trailers, motor homes, tractors, motorcycles, bicycles and all other like devices; *except and provided however, that "a personal or regular vehicle" is defined as a standard passenger automobile including pickup trucks used for regular transportation without carrier attachments, trailers attached or other modifications or alterations.*



**In observance of Labor Day, the City of Niceville offices will be closed Monday, September 1.**

Bulk Rate  
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## From the Police Department...

During the month of July the Police Department responded to 1983 calls for police assistance. A total of 78 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$153,201. A total of 300 Traffic Citations were issued, 55 Misdemeanor, 15 Felony and 5 DUI Arrests were made.

### BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT July, 2008

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year	
Building Number	34	34	35	
Permit Fees	16,307.00	3,070.00	1,934.00	
Value	7,038,999.00	1,080,466.00	386,608.00	
Electrical Number	15	4	8	
Permit Fees	219.00	74.00	96.00	
Plumbing Number	3	3	4	
Permit Fees	164.00	38.00	98.00	
Mechanical Number	6	15	8	
Permit Fees	162.00	308.00	138.00	
Gas Number	4	4	9	
Permit Fees	54.00	47.00	127.00	
Total All Fees	16,906.00	3,537.00	2,393.00	
Water Taps	4 16,110.11	2 4,821.66	1 677.00	
Sewer Taps	5 59,177.50	8 37,665.00	5 27,430.00	
Nature of Building Permits				
#	Type	Dwellings	Permit Fees	Valuation
2	Single Family		1,685.00	853,000.00
	Two Family/Multi-family			
	Commercial Buildings			
	Industrial Buildings			
6	Swimming Pools		715.00	131,000.00
1	Signs		15.00	1,000.00
	Sheds			
	Fences			
	Garages			
6	Repairs		740.00	158,481.00
1	Other: Church Addn		12,132.00	5,736,000.00
Alterations/Additions				
16	To Dwellings		880.00	141,107.00
1	To Commercial Buildings		105.00	18,411.00
	To Industrial Buildings			
34	Totals		16,307.00	7,038,999.00
Building Valuation				
This Fiscal Year to Date		This Calendar Year to Date		
19,046,116.00		13,449,233.00		
Last Fiscal Year to Date		Last Calendar Year to Date		
21,823,133.00		16,980,178.00		

## Fire Department Report

During the month of July 2008, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 67 calls. There were 66 calls located within the city limits and 1 mutual aid call. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	3
Vehicle Fire	2
Medical	48
Vehicle Crash	5
Lock In	1
Arcing, shorted elec equipment	1
Service Call/Other	4
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

**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.

**Saving Water Outdoors** ~ Don't over water your lawn. As a general rule, lawns only need watering every 5 to 7 days in the summer and every 10 to 14 days in the winter. A hearty rain eliminates the need for watering for as long as two weeks. Plant it smart – Xeriscape™. Xeriscape™ landscaping, which is a great way to design, install and maintain both your plantings and irrigation system, will save you time, money and water.

**Saving Water Indoors** ~ Repair dripping faucets by replacing washers. If your faucet is dripping at the rate of one drop per second, you can expect to waste 2,700 gallons per year, which will add to the cost of water and sewer utilities.

# Library Lines



## New Books:

**Tribute** by Nora Roberts

**Fearless Fourteen** by Janet Evanovich

**The Last Patriot** by Brad Thor

**Swan Peak** by James Lee Burke

**Chasing Darkness** by Robert Crais

**Silent Thunder** by Iris and Roy Johansen

**Somewhere in Heaven** by Christopher Anderson

## New Books Audio/CD:

**The Last Patriot** by Brad Thor

**Damage Control** by J. A. Jance

**Swan Peak** by James Lee Burke

**The Last Oracle** by James Rollins

**The Aviary Gate** by Katie Hickman

**Audition** by Barbara Walters

**The Plague of Doves** by Louise Erdrich

## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY USED BOOK SALE

The Friends of the Niceville Library Book Sale will be held in the Niceville Community Center on Saturday, September 13 from 8:30am – 2:00pm. We have something for everyone ~ bestselling authors, classics, and much more. All proceeds from the sale directly support programs and services at the Niceville Public Library. Spread the word to your friends and neighbors, too.

**SWEETS AT SUNSET** The Friends of the Niceville Public Library invite you to enjoy “Sweets at Sunset” at the Niceville Community Center on Saturday, September 27, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

The evening’s entertainment, presided over by guest Master of Ceremonies James Campbell, will feature a gourmet coffee bar, an assortment of desserts, door prizes, and live music by the Mike Mancini Band.

The highlight of the event will be a silent auction of items donated by local businesses, as well as those sent by celebrities. Some of the items offered include sports memorabilia golf packages, restaurant gift certificates, tickets to local attractions, autographed books, and salon services. A live auction of special items will be held at 9:00 p.m.

Admission is \$10.00 per person. For information about tickets, contact Kay McNeese at 678-6470. This event is a fundraiser for Friends of the Niceville Public Library, a group of volunteers dedicated to supporting and promoting the library.

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM

The Niceville Library is sponsoring this two day/eight hour classroom refresher for anyone age 50 or older.

The fee for this course is \$10.00 per person. Registration can be made at the Reference Desk or if you need further information please call 729-4090. This program

will be held at the Niceville Community Center on Monday, September 22 and Tuesday, September 23 from 9:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.

## 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 Wednesday and Thursday s at 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup>; “Amazing Animals”

Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>&11<sup>th</sup>; “Hug a Monster!”

Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>&18<sup>th</sup>; “Up, Up & Away!”

Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>&25<sup>th</sup>; “Beautiful Books”

**Baby Bookworms-**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 Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> only.**

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

**Afterschool Program** - This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month 4:00-5:30 in the YS program room. This year we become “Time Trekkers” and will venture to many different eras in history. We’ll visit the Wild West and cowboys, pirates and treasures, cavemen and wooly beasts, along with other extraordinary times and adventures. Sign up Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> during our “Welcome to Time Trekkers” open house. We’ll have our itinerary and registration forms available along with refreshments and activities. Call 729-4554 for more information.

**American Girls Book Club** - For ages 7 & up, we meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the YS program room. Participants must read the selected book of the month prior to the program. September book selection is “**Changes for Kirsten**”. Reservations are recommended. Please call 729-4554 or stop by Youth Services and sign the registration sheet.

**Teen Space- Ages 13-17 -** The Teen Space sponsors game day, movies, craft day, and gaming on the big screen. Your opinion counts; tell us what movies, crafts and books you are interested in. Please call 729-4554 for input and upcoming events.

***Book clubs are held periodically throughout the year, anyone interested in attending teen book clubs should please call Ms. Christina @ 729-4554.***

**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 Tuesday for maintenance.  
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Park contact numbers: Park – 642-3535;      Park Manager – 642-7457

It's been a great summer. The Spray Park has been a nice place to stay cool and have some fun. Just a reminder that the Park is now closed on Mondays and Tuesdays. The last day for the Spray Park is August 31.

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 will visit the Park as the weather cools down this Fall. See you at the Children's Park!

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 Jane at 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!!

The City's Utility Billing Office offers electronic drafts for our customer's utility payments. We now have over 2,100 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 more information, call 729-4000.

Turkey Creek ~ 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.

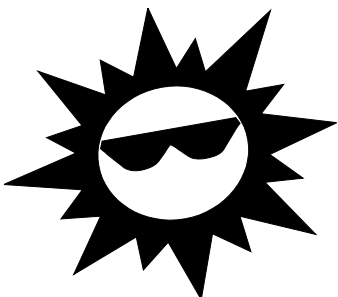


Beginning October 1, Sunshine will be available exclusively on our web page at [www.cityofniceville.org](http://www.cityofniceville.org)

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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](http://www.cityofniceville.org)

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