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Niceville Community Christmas planned

The Niceville Community Christmas will kick off with a Town Hall Weekend Festival on November 30th and December 1st. A sampling of festival events includes strolling carolers, tree lighting, storytellers, local entertainers, plenty of children’s activities, food and craft vendors, a putting contest with prizes, an Elf Parade and of course, a visit from Santa at the Children’s Park.

The rest of the month will include indoor and outdoor displays, featuring an 18-foot Christmas tree, an indoor miniatures room sponsored by the local Miniature Club, main stage performances by local entertainers and church choirs, beautiful lighting displays, the Animation in Motion display by Kevin Payne and Debbie Lewis-Payne, the popular Boy Scout Christmas Tree Sale and much more!

There are still many opportunities to participate in the Niceville Community Christmas. Entertainers, craft vendors, organizations wanting to host bake sales and event volunteers should visit www.nicevillecommunityguild.com or call Connie at 678-7595 or Lynne at 678-3593 . Information on making a tax deductible donation is also available on the website.



Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
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Permit #1

In observance of Veteran’s Day, the offices of the City of Niceville will be closed November 12.

In observance of Thanksgiving, the offices of the City of Niceville will be closed November 22 and 23.

From the Police Department...

During the month of September the Police Department responded to 2127 calls for police assistance. A total of 99 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$189,300. A total of 287 Traffic Citations were issued, 36 Misdemeanor, 24 Felony and 5 DUI Arrests were made.

BUILDING INSPECTION REPORT September, 2007

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	23	21	36
Permit Fees	3,840.00	3,040.00	7,662.00
Value	1,011,318.00	907,233.00	3,691,966.00
Electrical Number	8	11	20
Permit Fees	163.00	229.00	1,052.00
Plumbing Number	4	3	6
Permit Fees	112.00	102.00	216.00
Mechanical Number	15	7	9
Permit Fees	682.00	128.00	158.00
Gas Number	4	2	9
Permit Fees	47.00	26.00	113.00
Total All Fees	4,844.00	3,525.00	9,201.00
Water Taps	2 4,682.90	4 5,237.00	12 26,104.59
Sewer Taps	0 00	3 16,930.00	3 12,300.00

Nature of Building Permits			
#	Type	Permit Fees	Valuation
Dwellings			
1	Single Family		
	Two Family/Multi-family		
1	Commercial Buildings	2,030.00	685,000.00
2	Industrial Buildings		
2	Swimming Pools	205.00	37,000.00
	Signs		
2	Sheds	30.00	1,370.00
1	Fences	3.00	625.00
	Garages		
7	Repairs	405.00	64,070.00
1	Other; void	0	0
Alterations/Additions			
7	To Dwellings	678.00	127,697.00
2	To Commercial Buildings	489.00	95,556.00
	To Industrial Buildings		
23	Totals	3,840.00	1,011,318.00

Building Valuation	
This Fiscal Year to Date	This Calendar Year to Date
23,741,684.00	18,898,729.00
Last Fiscal Year to Date	Last Calendar Year to Date
34,961,213.00	24,125,868.00

Fire Department Report

During the month of September 2007, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 90 calls - 86 located within the city limits and 4 automatic/mutual aid calls. Below is a breakdown.

Structure Fire	1
Grass/Woods Fire	3
Transformer Fire	1
Medical	45
Vehicle Crash	13
Elevator Rescue	1
Water Rescue	1
Power Line Down	1
Service Call	2
Good Intent Call	2
Dispatched/Cancelled	12
Smoke Scare	1
False Call	1
Alarm Activation	3
Lightning Strike no fire	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

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. 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 need to insure the payment reaches our office no later than the 10th of the month to avoid a late fee, and no later than the 20th to avoid disruption of water service. For more information, call 729-4000.



~Install a toilet dam or displacement device, such as a bag or bottle, to cut down on the amount of water needed for each flush. Be sure installation does not interfere with operating parts. When purchasing new or replacement toilets, consider low-volume units which use less than half the water of older models.
~Conserve water because it is the right thing to do. Don't waste water.

Library Lines



New Books:

The Wheel of Darkness by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
Dark Possession by Christine Feehan
Bones to Ashes by Kathy Reichs
The Elves of Cintra by Terry Brooks
Tree of Smoke by Denis Johnson
Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen
Songs Without Words by Ann Packer
Lord John and the Brotherhood of the Blade by Diana Gabaldon

Audios/CD:

Car Talk Classics by Tom Magliozzi
Dark Possession by Catherine Feehan
I Dare You by Joyce Meyers
Change Your Thoughts; Change Your Life by Wayne W. Dyer
Coal Black Horse by Robert Olmstead
Hillbilly Gothic by Adrienne Martini
A Woman's Place by Lynn Austin
Stolen in the Night by Patricia MacDonald
Mr. Littlejohn by Cameron Judd

Adult Library Program The Friends of the Niceville Library would like to invite you to come and hear Okaloosa County Property Appraiser, Pete Smith speak at the Niceville Community Center at 204 N. Partin Drive on Monday, November 19 at 6:30 a.m. Please call the Niceville Library at 729-4090 if you have any further questions.

My Safe Florida Home Program for Homeowners:

The State of Florida is providing free home inspections to eligible homeowners through the Florida Comprehensive Hurricane Damage Mitigation Program. This program will help Floridians identify how they can strengthen their homes against hurricanes and reduce hurricane damage exposure in our state and lower your homeowners' insurance premiums. After the program, computer assistance will be available if you wish to apply online. Monday, November 19 at 10:30 a.m. in the library. If you are interested in hearing more please call 729-4090 to reserve a seat.

www.mysafefloridahome.com or 1-866-513-6734 type code B-02

Sharing and Caring Food Drive ~You can donate non-perishable food items for Sharing and Caring during the month of November in lieu of overdue and accrued fines. **Donation should be close to or equal the amount of the fines owed.**

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.

Nov. 1st; "Moose Tails"
Nov. 7th & 8th; "Teddy Bears"
Nov. 14th & 15th; "Happy Thanksgiving"
Nov. 21st & 22nd; NO STORYTIME
Nov. 28th & 29th; "Kevin Henkes Stories"

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 YS program room. Fridays 9:30: Prewalkers, 10:30 Walkers
NO Programs Nov. 23rd.

Saturday Morning Family Treasure Chest-

Something new each week will be offered for all age groups; story times, craft days, movies, guest readers, games, music, trivia, and more! Drop in for a great family time between 10:00 a.m.-noon.

Nov. 3rd; Turkey Door Hangers—all ages
Nov. 10th; Turkey Tail Placemat—all ages
Nov. 17th; American Girls Book Club-ages 7+
Sign up is required. (See below)

Nov. 24th; Thanksgiving Leftovers"—all ages

Please call 729-4554 for more information.

Children's Book Week—Nov 12-18 ~ Stop by Youth Services to check out your favorite book and share it with a friend. Make and Take a bookmark supplies available all week.

NO Family Night this month-Happy Thanksgiving! Christmas Card Contest ~ "Create Your Own Christmas Card Contest" will be held for children ages 6-8, 9-12 and 13-17. Cards must be created on an 8 ½ x 11 inch sheet of paper, folded as desired. Categories are Whimsical, Artistic, and Religious and will be awarded 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each age group. All entries must be received in Youth Services no later than Saturday, Dec. 8th by 1:30 p.m. Judging will take place Dec. 10th and winners will be notified on Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Stop by Youth Services for full contest guidelines.

American Girls Book Club~We meet the 3rd Sat. of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the YS program room for ages 7 and up. Please register in YS or call to reserve your seat 729-4554. Please read "Kaya Shows the Way" before our next gathering.

Afterschool Program~A NEW DAY this year! This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2nd Tues. of every month at 4:00 p.m. We will continue our "Kids Around the World" series in the YS program room. We're traveling to France this Nov. 13th along with special guests to help us along the way. Bring your passport and suitcase and don't forget to call 729-4554 to reserve your seat.

Teen Space- Ages 13-17 ~ Regular activities are planned for each month along with a book club. There are craft and movie days, birthday celebrations, video gaming on the big screen and refreshments. Want to be a part of it all? Stop by the Teen Space or see Ms. Paula to get the full schedule. You can also call 729-4554 or email pbonner@okaloosa.lib.fl.us

Children's Park

Park Hours: November

Tuesday thru Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Sunday: 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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The Children's Park is closed Mondays for maintenance.

Thanks to all who came out to the Harvest Festival and enjoyed goodies with the staff in the Park. We had a lot of fun and we hope that you did also! November is bringing cooler weather and Daylight Savings Time, so the Park hours will be changing again.

Starting November 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008, we will be open Tuesday - Saturday, 8:30am - 5:30pm and Sundays, 1:00pm - 5:30pm. The Park will be closed for the Thanksgiving holidays on Thursday and Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, so our staff can enjoy the holidays with their loved ones. We apologize for any inconvenience and we will re-open on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

Remember that **Santa Visits the Park** again on Saturday, December 1st, at 5:00pm. Please bring the little ones to visit with Santa, build a gingerbread house, and enjoy some goodies! We hope to see you here!

Thanks for your support!

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

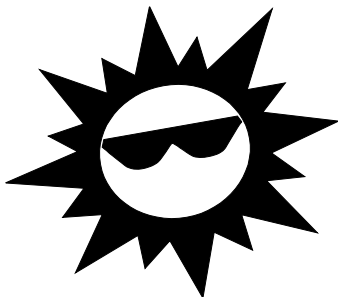
Become a Crisis Line Volunteer - Make a Difference!  
Training Class Saturday, November 10, 8 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.  
Materials provided. Breakfast and Lunch served.  
For information/registration call 244-9191 or 682-0101  
Or email Sybie Hobbs, Crisis Line Supervisor  
[shobbs@bridgeway.org](mailto:shobbs@bridgeway.org)  
A United Way Agency

**TURKEY CREEK REMINDER ~ 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.**

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# 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>