



CITY MANAGER'S

Sunshine

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December, 2008



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“A Niceville Community Christmas”

Drive/Walk-Around Display Dec. 5th – 26th

Niceville City Hall Complex

Be a Light on the Niceville Community Christmas Tree

You can Be a Light on the Niceville Community Christmas Tree and help support this annual event by making a tax deductible donation in person at the Water Department; or by mail to City of Niceville/Community Christmas, 208 N. Partin Dr., Niceville, FL, 32578. Please make checks payable to the City of Niceville/Community Christmas.

For more information, please call Connie at 678-7595 or Lynne at 678-3593.

The goal of the Niceville Community Christmas is to provide a free public event where residents and guests of our local community can come together to share in the beauty of the holiday season. The event will be reminiscent of an old fashioned holiday, complete with strolling carolers, plenty of local entertainment and a mix of homemade and professional displays.

City Council meets the
second Tuesday of
every month

Planning Commission
meets the first Mon-
day of every month

In observance of Christmas, the offices of the City of Niceville will be closed December 24 and 25. City offices will also be closed January 1, 2009, in celebration of the New Year.

From the Police Department...

During the month of October the Police Department responded to 2164 calls for police assistance. A total of 126 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$287,200. A total of 299 Traffic Citations were issued, 27 Misdemeanor, 9 Felony and 4 DUI Arrests were made.

Children's Park

Phone: 642-3535 Park Manager – Jane Edge: 642-7457

New Park Hours:

Wednesday - Saturday: 9:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday: 1:00pm to 5:00pm

The Children's Park is now **closed on Mondays and Tuesdays** for maintenance each week.

Santa will be visiting the Park on Saturday, December 6, 5pm to 8pm, and we look forward to seeing you. The Park will be closing at 12 noon that day and will reopen at 5pm in anticipation of Santa's arrival. There will be hot apple cider and cookies for everyone, beautiful lights to see, and fun to be had by all. We wish you and your family a very Happy Holiday Season and we can't wait to see you in 2009 at the Niceville Children's Park!

Just a reminder: we now charge \$50 for each party held in the park. This fee will cover reserving of the appropriate location for the party, the setting up of the table(s), the tablecloth(s), the helium balloons, and the child's name marking the location for their party. 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!

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.

Turkey Creek Park

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.

Fire Department Report

During the month of October, the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 97 calls. There were 96 calls located within the city limits and 1 mutual aid call. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	1
Vehicle Fire	1
Cooking Fire	2
Woods/Brush Fire	5
Outside Trash Fire	1
Medical	51
Vehicle Crash	18
Extrication	1
Service Call	2
Good Intent Call	1
Dispatched/Canceled	3
False Call	3
Hazmat Call/No Hazmat	1
Illegal Burning	3
Alarm Activation	4

For more information on the Niceville Fire Department, check us out on our web page at: <http://www.cityofniceville.org/fire.html>

City Notes

SAVING WATER INDOORS -

Verify that your home is leak-free because many homes have hidden water leaks. Read your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not show exactly the same readings, there is a leak!

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:

The Brass Verdict by Michael Connelly
The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks
The Most Wanted Man by John le Carre
One Fifth Avenue by Candace Bushnell
The Pirate King by R. A. Salvatore
The Fire by Katherine Neville
A Cedar Cove Christmas by Debbie Macomber
The Given Day by Dennis Lehane
The Snowball by Alice Schroeder
Dewey by Vicki Myron
Hot, Flat, and Crowded by Thomas L. Friedman

New Books Audio/CD:

Serena by Ron Rash
The Brass Verdict by Michael Connelly
The Given Day by Dennis Lehane
The Lucky One by Nicholas Sparks
Rough Weather by Robert B. Parker
Faefever by Karen Marie Moning

Have Fines? Pay them off with Non-Perishable Items and Canned Goods

The library will be accepting canned goods and non-perishable food items this month for Sharing & Caring in lieu of fines. These items will help families in our community enjoy this holiday season. The value of the canned goods and non-perishable food items should be close to the amount of the fine owed.

Patron Appreciation Party

Wednesday, December 10
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Lots of goodies and loads of fun ~ Come and enjoy!

New Electronic Resources

We have also added two new databases, The Chilton Library and Learning Express Library. Both of these sites are free to patrons with a library card and can be accessed at www.readokaloosa.org or our library website cityofniceville.org/library.html.

Library Holiday Closings

December 25 & 26 for Christmas
January 1, 2009 for New Years

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 Wednesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.
Dec. 3rd&4th; "I Don't Want to go to Sleep"
Dec. 10th&11th; "Happy Holidays"

Group Storytimes & Tours

For special groups, schools, clubs, etc. please call to make arrangements. Reservations are required. Call 729-4554.

Baby Bookworms

This lapsit program consists of music, stories and rhymes especially chosen to build the bond between you and your child. Program is suited for children from birth to age 3. Please meet in YS program room on Fridays, Prewalkers 9:30, Walkers 10:30.

December program dates: Dec. 5th&12th.

Saturday Morning Treasure Chest

For our families, something new each week will be offered for all age groups; story times, craft days, movies, guests, games, music, trivia and more! Drop in for a great family time between 10:00 a.m.-12:00

Dec. 6th; "Christmas Crafts to decorate YS"

Dec. 13th; "More Christmas Crafts"

Dec. 20th; "American Girl Book Club"

Holiday Happenings in Youth Services

Beginning Dec. 2nd our ever popular Guessing contest; how many pieces of candy are in the jar? One vote per visit, for children up to 13 years old.

The week Dec. 16th through Dec. 20th, something special will be offered for our youth patrons.

Dec. 16th; make a paper gingerbread man and ornaments to decorate Youth Services(all day) What holiday book do you love most? Vote all day. We'll post the favorite.

Dec. 17th; holiday activity sheets (as long as supply lasts)

Throw a "snowball" to win a treat. (all day)

Dec. 18th; Christmas movie 10:30 a.m.

Dec. 19th; Last day to enter Guessing contest. Winner will be announced that evening. Decorate your own holiday bookmarks; one to keep, one to give. (all day)

"Dark is Rising" Movie

Family book discussion group will follow up with the book to movie "Dark is Rising"

Thursday, Dec. 4th at 6:30 p.m.

American Girl Book Club-December 20th

This club for ages 7 & up meets the 3rd Saturday of every month from 10:00-12:00 in the YS program room. This month we celebrate "An American Christmas". Please register in YS or call to reserve your seat 729-4554.

Afterschool Program-December 9th

This program is for children 6-12 years old, held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 4:00-5:30 unless otherwise noted. "A Victorian Christmas" is our next venture for the Time Trekkers. Crafts, refreshments and Victorian traditions are all a part of this month's journey.

Please call 729-4554 to reserve your trip.

Twilight Discussion-December 16th

Stephanie Meyer "Twilight" discussion group meets again to discuss the movie release. Ages 13-18 meet in Youth Services 6:30-7:30. Call Ms. Christina to reserve a seat.

City of Niceville
Monthly Report to the City Manager

Department of Building Inspection

Month of Oct 2008

Permits Issued	This Month	Last Month	Same Month Last Year
Building Number	32	30	24
Permit Fees	1,863.00	5,396.00	9,857.00
Value	319,217.00	1,548,464.00	3,442,689.00
Electrical Number	8	19	10
Permit Fees	281.00	1,661.00	612.00
Plumbing Number	3	5	3
Permit Fees	592.00	128.00	88.00
Mechanical Number	9	2	12
Permit Fees	1,132.00	28.00	358.00
Gas Number	3	5	2
Permit Fees	33.00	68.00	26.00
Total All Fees	3,901.00	7,281.00	10,941.00
Water Taps	0	7	6
Sewer Taps	2	4	3
		16,704.88	140,433.89
		23,320.00	17,490.00

Nature of Building Permits			
#	Type	Dwellings	Valuation
	Single Family		
	Two Family/Multi-family		
	Commercial Buildings		
	Industrial Buildings		
1	Swimming Pools	170.00	32,000.00
	Signs		
	Sheds		
3	Fences	9.00	4,350.00
1	Garages	160.00	30,000.00
2	Repairs	65.00	8,800.00
	Other;		
	Alterations/Additions		
24	To Dwellings	975.00	136,067.00
1	To Commercial Buildings	484.00	108,000.00
	To Industrial Buildings		
32	Totals	1,863.00	319,217.00

Building Valuation	
This Fiscal Year to Date	This Calendar Year to Date
319,217.00	19,489,298.00
Last Fiscal Year to Date	Last Calendar Year to Date
3,442,689.00	22,341,418.00