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Why worry about after the storm?

Most of us learn early, particularly here where thunderstorms can be a daily occurrence during summer months, what to do during a storm. But what about after the storm?

Storms can create problems even after they've passed through in the form of stormwater runoff. What is this and why is it a problem?

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces, like driveways, sidewalks and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is this a problem? Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly into a lake, stream, river, wetland or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the water bodies we use for swimming, fishing and providing drinking water.

The effects of this pollution are many. It has an effect on plants, fish, animals and people in the following ways:

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment can also destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris - plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles and cigarette butts that are washed into water bodies can choke, suffocate or disable aquatic life such as ducks, fish, turtles and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.
- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Of course, we can't do much about Mother Nature's storms, and we need the rain they bring. But we can control how we dispose of household wastes.

Please dispose of potentially lethal household wastes like the ones mentioned above appropriately. If you don't know how, call the City at 729-4064 to find out.

City Council meets the second Tuesday of every month

Planning Commission meets the first Monday of every month

From the Police Department...

During the month of January the Police Department responded to 1706 calls for police assistance. A total of 90 vehicles were involved in reported crashes. The estimated amount of damage to these vehicles and related property was \$232,450. A total of 169 Traffic Citations were issued, 12 Misdemeanor, 15 Felony and 1 DUI Arrests were made.

Children's Park

Phone: 642-3535

Park Manager - Jane Edge: 642-7457

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

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 January the Niceville Fire Department responded to a total of 108 calls. There were 102 calls located within the city limits and 6 mutual aid calls. A breakdown of these calls is as follows:

Structure Fire	2
Medical	58
Vehicle Accidents	15
Elevator Rescue	1
Natural Gas Leak	1
Service Call	6
Lockout	1
Illegal Burning	1
Dispatched/Cancelled	10
Smoke Scare	4
False Call	1
Alarm Activation	8

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 PROGRAMS -

For information on our stormwater programs and related information visit our website and look under "Planning".

You can report suspected violations for impacts to stormwater from construction sites and other sources by calling 729-4064 or emailing Bruce Price, Director of Public Works, at the link provided.

YOUTH CENTER -

The Youth Center has been affected by our slow economy resulting in minimal participation during the weekdays, even though the weekends are still somewhat busy. In light of this, we have decided to close during weekdays and remain open on weekends only. If the economy starts to pick back up, we will reconsider opening on weekdays. Special arrangements for parties of 20 or more can be arranged during the week. Please leave a message at 729-0758.