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CITY OFFICES AND FACILITIES CLOSED FOR 2008 HOLIDAYS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 08, 2008-- Most city government offices and facilities will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's Day on Wednesday, Dec. 24; Thursday, Dec. 25 and Thursday, Jan. 1. Closures for those three days include:

- City Hall at St. James, 117 W. Duval St.
- Ed Ball Building, 214 N. Hogan St.
- Yates Building, 231 E. Forsyth St.
- The Office of the Tax Collector, including all Tax Collector branch offices
- The Office of the Property Appraiser
- Duval County Courthouse, 330 E. Bay St.
- Supervisor of Elections, 105 E. Monroe St.
- Supervisor of Elections branch office, 5200-2 Norwood Ave.
- Recreation and Community Services Department offices, 851 N. Market St.
- Community and senior centers and gymnasiums managed by the Recreation and Community Services Department
- Jacksonville Children's Commission, 1095 A. Philip Randolph Blvd.
- Planning and Development Department administrative offices, 128 E. Forsyth St.
- Ritz Theatre & LaVilla Museum, 829 N. Davis St.
- Municipal Code Compliance administrative and operations offices, 1801 Art Museum Drive, Bldg. 3500, Suite 200
- Animal Care and Control Center, 2580 W. First St.
- Animal Care and Control Mandarin Adoption Center, 10501-2 San Jose Blvd.
- Victim Services Center, 403 W. 10th St.
- The Jacksonville Public Library (Main Library and all branches)
- Southside Park tennis courts, 1541 Hendricks Ave.
- Clanzel T. Brown Park tennis courts, 4575 Moncrief Road
- The Supervisor of Elections offices will also be closed on Friday, Dec. 26.
- The Ritz Theatre & LaVilla Museum will also be closed on Friday, Dec. 26 with regular operating hours resuming on Saturday, Dec. 27.
- The Jacksonville Public Library (Main Library and all branches) will close at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 31 (New Year's Eve).
- Residential garbage, yard waste and recycling will be collected as usual and the Trail Ridge Landfill, 5110 U.S. Highway 301, will maintain normal operating hours on Wednesday, Dec. 24. However, the Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 2675 Commonwealth Ave. will be closed on Wednesday Dec. 24.
- Residential garbage, yard waste and recycling will not be collected on Christmas Day. Residential garbage, yard waste and recycling normally collected on Thursday will be collected on Saturday, Dec. 27. The Trail Ridge Landfill and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility will be closed on Christmas Day.

- Residential garbage, yard waste and recycling will be collected as usual on New Year's Day. The Trail Ridge Landfill and the Household Hazardous Waste Facility will maintain normal hours of operation on New Year's Day.
- Huguenot Memorial Park will maintain regular hours. Day-use visitors may enter from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All but permitted campers and their authorized visitors must depart by 6 p.m. Visitors of campers should pre-register with the office and be issued a visitor pass to stay in the park until 10 p.m. Camping reservations can be made by phone Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Kathryn Abbey Hanna Park will maintain regular hours. Day-use visitors may enter from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All but permitted campers and their authorized visitors must depart by 6 p.m. Camping reservations close at 5 p.m. daily. Only campers with prepaid reservations can gain access from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. No access is permitted after 9:30 p.m.
- Kids Kampus, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd., will be open Christmas Eve but closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.
- The Boone Park tennis facility, 3700 Park St., will open on Christmas Eve from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. but will be closed on Christmas Day and New Years Day.
- The Cecil Aquatics Center, an indoor facility at 13611 Normandy Blvd., will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day. New Year's Eve hours of operation will be 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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