



NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

JULY, 2024



SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

One injured child is one too many!

Please be aware that Putnam City Schools start **August 14th, 2024**



BACK TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School Bus Safety for Motorist:



- Motorists coming to a school bus from **EITHER** direction **MUST STOP** when the bus displays flashing red warning lights and extends the stop signal arm. These signals show that children are getting on or off the school bus.
- Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off. Passing when the flashing red warning lights are on and the stop signal arm is extended is illegal and can have tragic results.
- Violation of these laws can result in a citation and fine. In many places, school bus drivers can report passing vehicles.

School Bus Safety for Children:

- Wait for the bus away from traffic and the street.
- Do not head toward the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- When exiting the bus, walk away from the bus and keep a safe distance. A good rule is to take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen.
- Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped.

School Bus Safety for Parents:

- Supervise children as they wait for the bus, making sure they are away from the street.
- Instruct your child to ask the driver for help if he or she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick something up, the driver may not see him or her.
- Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.
- Check to make sure clothing and backpacks don't have loose drawstrings or long straps that can get caught in the handrail or bus door.

If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, you can talk to the school office or transportation director about changing the location.

Helpful Phone Numbers

City Hall	405-789-2892
Fax	405-787-5432
Police Department	405-789-3329
Fire Department	405-789-5912
Animal Control	405-789-9025
Municipal Court	405-495-3032
Inspections & Permits	405-789-2892
Sanitation Department	405-491-6474
Streets & Parks	405-787-1404
Sewer Department	405-491-6478
Putnam City Schools	405-495-5200

City Council Members

Mayor

Roger Godwin 405-651-0070

Ward 1

Jim Von Thaar
405-615-7966

Ward 3

Debbie Morris
405-973-8595

Judy Myers
405-722-1324

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Jon Evans
405-789-4764

Ward 4

Randy Prince
405-495-6499

Scott Tribbey
405-313-9197

Vickie Douglas
405-620-1296

City Facebook Pages

- **City Hall:**
<https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresCityHall/>
- **Police Department:**
<https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresPolice/>
- **Fire Department:**
<https://www.facebook.com/Warr-Acres-Fire-Department-123632811077770/>

Recycling

Recycling is available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue. The Recycle center will be open first Saturday of the month only from 8:30am until 11:30am. **The Recycle Center is not open in January or July due to the weather.** Closed during inclement weather. Warr Acres Recycle Committee 405-720-2949

From the office of the Mayor:

The City of Warr Acres is looking for citizens and business owners who would like to get and be more involved with the city. Please contact the mayor directly by email at mayor@warracres-ok.gov or by phone/text at 405-651-0070.

A Citizen's Guide for Stormwater Runoff and Pollution Prevention:

Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground. Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies where aquatic habitats live and that people use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Tips:

- ☐ Use pesticides/fertilizers very sparingly
- ☐ Don't overwater your lawn
- ☐ Consider collecting rainwater for reuse with a rain barrel
- ☐ Install a native plant rain garden on your property
- ☐ Keep yard waste out of the street, storm drain and ditch
- ☐ Pick up pet waste and properly dispose of it
- ☐ Put litter in the trash and not on the ground
- ☐ Properly dispose of hazardous household chemicals such as paints and solvents
- ☐ Repair vehicle leaks immediately and recycle used vehicle fluids
- ☐ Wash cars on the grass or at a commercial car wash

Adopt these healthy household habits and help protect our waterways!

