

**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**APRIL-MAY, 2006**

**Detective Honored by Governor's Commendation**

In a recent ceremony the Governor's office presented commendations to several people including one of our Warr Acres Police Detectives, Alan Davidofsky. The following text was submitted by Detective Beth Green while nominating Detective Davidofsky for this award;

"Alan Davidofsky has been a police officer with the Warr Acres Police Department for the past seven and 1/2 years. During this time, he has been a champion for the most delicate of victims: children. Detective Davidofsky has spent countless, tireless hours working with child physical and sexual abuse victims. He has gone above and beyond the call of duty in making certain these victims and their families have access to programs to assist them in dealing with the trauma that they have faced. Detective Davidofsky thoroughly investigates and prepares these cases, following through to the end to ensure that the victim's voice is heard..." For the complete text of this story go to [www.warracres-ok.gov](http://www.warracres-ok.gov).



**Does Warr Acres Have a Leash Law?** Several residents have mentioned animals being allowed to run loose in the City. City ordinances specify that your pets may not be "running at large" which implies that your pet cannot be allowed to leave your property without it being on a leash (Ordinance 6.08.090). Make sure you have updated your rabies vaccination and have your 2006 Warr Acres pet license. If you have not gotten your license yet, they are available at City Hall or at the Woodlake Animal Hospital, 6600 NW 63<sup>rd</sup>, or Cherokee Hills Veterinary Hospital, 7308 N. MacArthur.



**Lost Sales Tax Revenue Sniffed out by Bloodhound Committee**

Fight for Sales Tax Revenue on your Delivery, Online and Catalog Orders. Residents of Warr Acres can help the city and themselves by insisting retailers charge the accurate sales tax amount on items delivered to their homes. Many retailers use data systems that calculate sales tax based on zip code. The zip codes in Warr Acres 73122 and 73132 are shared with Oklahoma City and data systems usually charge the higher Oklahoma city tax rate instead of the lower Warr Acres rate. This also means your tax dollars are going to Oklahoma City instead of helping improve your community in Warr Acres. Insist the cashier or customer service representative use the correct Warr Acres tax rate of 7.5% instead of Oklahoma City's higher tax percentage. You'll save money and the sales tax will go to Warr Acres for use on capital improvements and general operations. If you have encountered a problem, please send a letter to City Hall, attn. Bloodhound Committee (sniffing out lost sales tax revenue).

**Do You have an Oklahoma City Alarm Permit?** Hopefully not because you do not need one. We have received several reports of residences and businesses with Oklahoma City Alarm Permits on the doors. Since your residence or business is not in Oklahoma City, you do not need their permit. Some alarm companies may insist that you send your hard earned money to Oklahoma City for a permit, but keep your money and register your alarm with the Warr Acres Police Department for free. No permit is necessary.

**A Statement from the Mayor**

Mayor Marietta Tardibono released a statement about the status of the MacArthur widening project. Go to [www.warracres-ok.gov](http://www.warracres-ok.gov) to read the Mayor's update.

**Helpful Phone Numbers**

City Hall	789-2892
Fax	787-5432
Police Department	789-3329
Fire Department	789-5912
Animal Control	789-9025
Municipal Court	495-3032
Inspections & Permits	789-2892
Sanitation Department	491-6474
Streets & Parks	787-1404
Sewer Department	491-6478
Community Center	789-9892
Putnam City Schools	495-5200

**City Council Members**

**Mayor**

Marietta Tardibono

**Ward 1**

Stan Street  
Jeff Martinez

**Ward 3**

Jimmy Alexander  
Walter Johnson

**Ward 2**

Nancy Olson  
Stewart Shapiro

**Ward 4**

Michael Gossman  
Rodney Nelson

**Storm Shelters**

Storm shelters are available at the following locations for citizens who are away from home when severe weather threatens the City of Warr Acres.

**Cherokee Hills Park**

NW 67<sup>th</sup> & Cherokee

**Grandma's Park**

NW 40<sup>th</sup> West of MacArthur

**City Hall**

5930 NW 49<sup>th</sup>

**Newly Elected Council Members Take Office** Recently elected City Council members Stan Street, Walter Johnson and Michael Gossman were sworn into their positions on the Council. Council member's pictures and information are on the City web site [www.warracres-ok.gov](http://www.warracres-ok.gov). All City Council meetings are televised on Cox Cable channel 20 and the agendas are available on the city web site.

**Large Trash Dumpsters Still Available** Do you have trash that will not fit into your can? Branches that you trimmed from your trees cluttering your yard? The City has made large dumpsters available for your large items. Bring your large trash to the City Yard (6045 NW 50<sup>th</sup>) on the first Saturday of each month from 9am to 1pm for a free dump. To keep this service free, you must bring your paid garbage bill and a photo ID that show your address within the City. Certain items cannot be placed in the trash such as oil, tires, paint, appliances with refrigerant still in them and some others. If you have any questions contact the Sanitation Supervisor at 491-6474

**Have You Registered Your Storm Shelter?** No it is not required, but the registration of your storm shelter lets the emergency services know that you have one. The police and fire departments keep a list of storm shelters to check in case of damage in the City. This will expedite aid to you if you might be stuck inside your shelter with debris on the door. Registration forms are available at City Hall or the Police Department. This information is kept confidential.



**City Seniors Honored** In anticipation of the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the City of Warr Acres in 2008, a group of citizens calling themselves "Citizens for a Better Warr Acres" has launched a campaign to honor our senior citizens by videotaping interviews about their early days in Warr Acres. The first ones to be interviewed were Mr. & Mrs. Roy Wagner (pictured) who still live in the same house on 40<sup>th</sup> Street they bought in 1945. (House picture to the right) We have included some of their comments below:



- N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> (Highway 66) was a two lane road with the Interurban down the center going through Warr Acres from OKC to El Reno.
- In 1947 MacArthur Blvd. was a two lane road. All mailboxes were located on MacArthur.
- All the homes had water wells and septic tanks. Side roads were all gravel. When N.W. 40<sup>th</sup> was paved each resident was required to pay \$900.
- There was a chicken farm owned by the Shriver family on N.W. 50<sup>th</sup> & MacArthur. They supplied all the chickens for Beverly's Chicken-in-the-Rough Restaurants.
- The Cecil Davis family operated the Coronado Theatre on 39<sup>th</sup> & MacArthur.
- There was only farm land north of 58<sup>th</sup> Street, and Northwest Highway was three lanes to Okarche.
- Putnam City United Methodist Church was founded in 1938 at 41<sup>st</sup> & MacArthur. The Wagners joined in 1947 and are still members.
- Mr. Wagner was Scoutmaster for several years with Boy Scout Troop 117 which is still active in Warr Acres.
- All Putnam City Schools from first grade through high school were on 39<sup>th</sup>.
- Roy Wagner and his brother owned and operated Wagner Photo Studio for many years.

Do you have some stories of the early days of Warr Acres you would like to share? Would you like to be interviewed? If you would like to make an appointment, please call the Mayor at City Hall 789-2892, or e-mail [mayor@warracres-ok.gov](mailto:mayor@warracres-ok.gov). If you have photos or memorabilia of the early days of Warr Acres and want these items to be included in a future museum, please bring them to the Fire House. Our Fire Department is collecting any historical item to be placed in the future Warr Acres Museum.

**Property of the Month** Citizens for a Better Warr Acres bestowed the honor of "Property of the Month" for May upon Ms. Sybil Robertson of 5804 Comanche Court. (See picture) Besides her beautiful front yard landscaping, Ms. Robertson takes pleasure in beautifying the median in the center of Comanche Court. (The neighbors love her!) Ms. Robertson will be recognized for her 20 years of tireless service to our city at the May 16<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting. Pictured presenting the recognition are (left to right) Michael Boatman, Ward 1 Citizens Committee; Ms. Sybil Robertson, property owner; Mayor Marietta Tardibono; JoAnn Johnson, Ward 1 Citizens Committee. Photos by Richard Bricker, Ward 4 Planning Commissioner. Color photos are on the City web site. [www.warracres-ok.gov](http://www.warracres-ok.gov).



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