

## NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

June, 2006

### 2006-2007 BUDGET APPROVED

At a public hearing at the City Hall on June 12<sup>th</sup>, the City Council approved the City of Warr Acres Budget for fiscal year 2006-2007. The total approved budget was \$8.8 million.

### Big Trash Saturdays Discontinued

In the Council's efforts to control expenditures, they have decided to discontinue the First Saturday of the Month Big Trash Dump at the City Yard. The Council felt it was cost prohibitive. But the good news is that the Fall Big Trash Pick Up has been reinstated! On the four Wednesdays of October, the Sanitation Department will pick up all big trash placed on the curbs. Ward 1 will be picked up on October 4<sup>th</sup>; Ward 2, October 11<sup>th</sup>; Ward 3, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Ward 4, October 25<sup>th</sup>.

### ShareFest OK (Volunteering in Your Community)

On Saturday, June 10, 2006, the members of Church of the Savior's Sunday School Class participated in "ShareFest OK" by planting flowers at the Warr Acres future city hall at N. W. 42<sup>nd</sup> and MacArthur. The members pictured below are, left to right: Harold Swanson and Sule Andres, Marge Swanson and Patricia Martindale, and Jean Martindale.



### Children donate funds for bulletproof vest

The third grade class of Monroe Elementary School in OKC, saved their nickels and dimes to raise money to buy a bulletproof vest for our canine police officer Leery. An all school assembly was held in the auditorium and a presentation of \$108.33 was made to Officer Scott Schatzer, dog handler, to purchase the needed vest. Officer Schatzer answered questions from the children as Leery stood by. The children enjoyed petting Leery.



### 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>

## Honoring Senior Citizens

The "Citizens for a Better Warr Acres" are continuing their project to video the senior citizens of the City of Warr Acres in preparation for the upcoming 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the City in 2008. This month those interviewed were: Ms. Lorine Flood age 93, Ms. Margo Rost age 85, and Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Franklin age 90 and 87, respectively.

Ms. Flood and her daughter, Mary Lou Coppin (pictured at right), told how her family moved to her present residence at 5408 N.W. 45<sup>th</sup> Street on July 4, 1950. They could stand on their front porch facing north and plainly see Lake Hefner. It rained for the first three months, and they all shoveled mud from their front yard. John and Myrtie Bommer had moved next door in June so they borrowed water from them. The street was paved but had no curbs. Everyone walked to N.W. 39<sup>th</sup> Street to catch the bus. No one had a second car.



Ms. Margo Rost, now a resident of Southern Plaza Living Center, and her daughter, Kedre, (pictured at left) told us how her husband, the former Mayor John Rost, loved the City. He was a pharmacist and owned a drug store at 39<sup>th</sup> & MacArthur. They had the phone set up to transfer calls to their home at 36<sup>th</sup> & Ann Arbor after hours. When doctors called in prescriptions during the night, Mayor Rost would get up and go to the drug store to fill the prescriptions. One morning at about 1:00 a.m., he was driving to the drug store to fill a prescription when he noticed fire coming out of Putnam City Central Jr. High School. When he got to the drug store, he called the fire department. They came, put out the fire and saved the school. Mayor & Mrs. Rost sponsored the Miss Warr Acres Pageant for many years. Five of the winners went on to be Miss Oklahoma.

Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Franklin, now residents of Edmond, told of the early days of Warr Acres. Marvin served on the City Council under Mayor Bert Sheriff. He told us of his job in Washington, D.C., as Under Secretary of the Interior. When they first lived in Warr Acres, Putnam City Methodist Church was not very old. It was founded in 1938 and they are still members.

If you have memories to share, please call the mayor at 789-2892 to schedule an interview. We would welcome photos and any memorabilia of early Warr Acres brought to the Fire Department.



## Employee Spotlight

The employee spotlight for this month shines on Johnny Dickson, our Streets and Parks Supervisor (pictured). Johnny has worked for the City of Warr Acres for 27 years and as Supervisor for 10 years. He and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for 33 years and have 2 grown sons. Johnny's plan for extra drainage at 34<sup>th</sup> and Hammond has resulted in reduced flooding during rains in that flood prone area. He and his crew did the job without contracting it out resulting in a large savings to the city. Johnny lives in Twin Lakes at Crescent, OK, where he has been elected to two terms on their Board of Directors and is presently serving his second term. His hobby is playing the guitar.