



NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

APRIL, 2012

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:



MEMORIAL DAY Monday May 28, 2012

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the day City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day is Monday - there will be a **CURBSIDE ONLY** pickup on Wednesday, May 30th, 2012.

ANNUAL THREE MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE and HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR - MAY 2012 SEWER BILL

It's that time of year again!!! Your sewer rates will be re-calculated using a report of water usage we receive from the Oklahoma City Water Department. Every year the Oklahoma City Water Department forwards to the City of Warr Acres a three (3) month average consumption of water usage for each residential property for the winter months of December, January and February. These three months are used because they are the months with the least amount of water being used during the year. The City of Warr Acres then takes this three (3) month winter average and figures the next year's sewer rates. This means that your sewer bill from May 2012 to April 2013 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2011, January and February 2012. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2012 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2012 bill reflects a substantial increase it may be because you had a water leak, a toilet or faucet that continually ran during those three (3) winter months. If you have a plumber repair one of these problems during these months, then you can bring in the plumbing repair bill to Warr Acres City Hall. Our utility billing clerk can recalculate your average water usage for a lower sewer rate. But you **MUST** have a plumbing repair invoice indicating the problem occurred during the months stated above in order for your sewer rate to be recalculated.

NIGHT DROP REMINDER



Please put checks or money orders **ONLY** in the night drop. Also, please include an account number, name, or address with your payment so that it may be applied to the correct account.

Thank you for your cooperation

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

Patrick Woolley 409-4944

Ward 1

Cathy Maxey
722-1045

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
473-2881

James Mickley
721-7959

Bill McClure
787-5374

Ward 2

Stephen Fuhrman
537-5415

Ward 4

Jan Blake
550-1605

Stewart Shapiro
721-8230

David Dirkschneider
514-0340

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 67th & Cherokee

Grandma Lily's Park

NW 40th West of MacArthur

City Hall

5930 NW 49th

Recycling

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. Recycling includes paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans.

SEVERE STORM PREPARATION

First and foremost, stay tuned to radio and television for up to the minute weather information. Have a safety plan for wherever you might be. Know where safe rooms or shelters are located in your workplace or school. Think through and practice your plan in advance so all family members know what to do.

TORNADO SAFETY!

When warning sirens are sounded, **DO NOT** drive to City Hall or City Park Storm shelters. These shelters are intended for those persons that are out in the parks or driving down the street when the sirens sound. Know where the closest safe room or shelter is to where you are. Every year people get in their cars, drive to City Hall and find no room in the shelter. This puts you in more danger.

Get to know your neighbors and find out if they have a storm shelter that you may be able to go to in the event of a tornado.

INFORMATION FOR PET OWNERS

Warr Acres requires a city license for all dogs and cats in the City. The cost is \$5.00 for a new license and \$2.50 for a renewal. This license is good for a calendar year, and must be renewed every January. This license may be obtained at the Police Department and requires certification of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian with the last twelve months. The license assists the animal control officer in returning animals to their owners if they happen to get out of the house or yard. Animals found without a license may be impounded and subject to impound fees.

Animals, including cats, are prohibited from running at large. Animals may not leave the property controlled by the owner. If animals are found running at large, the animal is subject to being impounded by the Animal Control officer, impound fees and a citation with a fine. If you will be outside the confines of your fenced yard, please have your pet on a leash. Residents of Warr Acres are limited to 3 pets. This includes cats and dogs.

Please be considerate of your neighbors and keep your animals from making noise. This includes barking dogs, howling cats and others. If your animal is making noise it may be disturbing your neighbors.

CAR SEAT SAFETY FOR BABIES UNDER 2 - Safe Kids USA recommends the following:

- Keep your baby in a rear-facing child safety seat in a back seat for as long as possible – up to the height or weight limit of the particular seat.
- Keep a baby rear-facing in a convertible seat until he or she reaches the maximum height or weight allowed by the manufacturer. For many children that will be 30, 35, or even 40 pounds. Rear-facing occupants are safest.
- Use your baby's car seat rear-facing and semi-reclined to no more than 45 degrees, so the baby's head stays in contact with the seat and the baby's airway stays open. Read the car seat instructions.
- Make sure the buckled harness straps that keep your baby properly positioned and secured in the car seat fit snugly. Loose harness straps don't provide maximum protection. Be sure the harness is tight enough that you cannot pinch webbing at the shoulder.
- Position the shoulder straps through the slots at or below your baby's shoulders.
- Adjust the chest clip to armpit level.
- Use EITHER the car's seat-belt or LATCH system to lock the car seat into the car. Do NOT use both systems at the same time.
- Your car seat should not move more than one inch side to side or front to back. Grab the car seat at the safety belt or LATCH path to test. It.
- Every car seat has an expiration date. Generally, it is six years from manufacture. Many have the expiration date stamped on the seat.
- Never buy a used car seat if you don't know its full history.
- Do not use any products that did not come from the manufacturer in or with the car seat.
- Add-on toys can injure your child in a crash.
- Find the frontal airbags in your vehicle by checking the owner's manual. NEVER put a rear-facing car seat in front of an active frontal airbag. Children are always safest in a back seat.
- Have your car seat checked by a currently certified child passenger safety technician to make sure it is properly installed.
- NEVER leave a child alone in a vehicle – not even for a minute.

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