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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

APRIL, 2013

SCHEDULE FOR PICKUP OF STORM DEBRIS

Due to the recent ice storm, many residents have broken limbs and trees in need of disposal. There will be a special pickup in May for Wards 1, 2, & 3. Ward 4 will need to place their limbs out with the normally scheduled Big Trash pickup on April 24th. Please place all limbs by the curb in lengths of 10' or shorter. The schedule for pickup is as follows:

- WARD 1: 1st week in MAY
- WARD 2: 2nd week in MAY
- WARD 3: 3rd week in MAY

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION

1621 SOUTH PORTLAND

Residents with leftover paint, stripper, drain cleaners, old batteries and other hazardous waste may load these items up

Collection Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

How To Get Here
 SW 15
 PORTLAND
 1621 South Portland

and bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 1621 South Portland. The Center is free for residents of Warr Acres, however you **must take a water bill or trash/sewer bill with you as proof of residency.**

ALARM PERMIT ALERT

City ordinance provides that alarms in excess of 12 in a 12 month period which are deemed to be false alarms are a violation. False alarms unnecessarily tie up police department resources. We request that you work to maintain your alarm in good working order and to ensure that all persons who would have access to your home or business understand the manner in which your particular alarm functions. Your cooperation in ensuring your alarm is working properly is appreciated.

DON'T DRIVE OR WALK THROUGH FLOODED AREAS



Flooding can occur in almost every part of the U.S. and during any month. In 2012, 39% of flood fatalities occurred from driving into flood water and 18% from walking into it. If you're driving or walking and encounter flood water, turn around, don't drown. It only takes six inches of water to knock over an adult and cause loss of control of a

vehicle. A foot of water will float many vehicles and only two feet of rushing water will carry them away, including pickups and SUVs.

The depth of flood water is not always obvious. It can be especially hard to judge at night. The best option is to play it safe and turn around.

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	Ward 3
Cathy Maxey 722-1045	Roger Godwin 473-2881
James Mickley 721-7959	Bill McClure 787-5374
Ward 2	Ward 4
Stephen Fuhrman 537-5415	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.

ANNUAL THREE MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE and HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR - MAY 2013 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 2013 to April 2014 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2012, January and February 2013. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2013 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2013 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.



REGIONAL FOOD BANK OF OKLAHOMA FOOD DRIVE

Some Warr Acres **businesses are participating** in the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's food drive that will run from **April 29th through May 24th**. This food drive raises shelf-stable food and funds to help the Regional Food Bank feed more hungry Oklahomans throughout the summer months, when school is out and utility bills are high.

Look for posters in the windows of those Warr Acres businesses who are participating by acting as a collection site for food. A collection box will also be at Warr Acres City Hall for food drop-off through May 24th.

All of the food collected in the last food drive was donated directly to the Warr Acres Food Bank for distribution to the citizens of Warr Acres in need of assistance.

KEEP POLLUTANTS FROM ENTERING STREAMS.

The excessive use of fertilizers, improper disposal of leaves and yard clippings, overuse of pesticides/herbicides and over-watering can result in the polluting of Oklahoma's streams, rivers and lakes.

The following yard care suggestions will minimize water pollution while keeping a healthy and attractive lawn:

- Keep leaves and grass out of streets, drainage ditches, storm drains and creeks
- Grass clippings can stay on the lawn. They are a natural fertilizer.
- Set blade higher on lawn mower. This reduces stress to the grass and helps develop a drought and pest resistant root system.
- Using too much fertilizer may affect water quality in your area. Nutrients from fertilizers –usually phosphates - enter rivers and streams and stimulate the growth of algae. Excessive algae growth reduces oxygen levels in lakes and ponds, thus killing fish and other aquatic life.
- Choose a fertilizer with a slow-release form of nitrogen to reduce the potential for leaching into groundwater.
- Do not apply fertilizer when heavy rain is forecasted.
- If you are trying to have a greener lawn during the summer, then use iron (chelated iron or ferrous sulfate) instead of nitrogen.
- When applying pesticides, spot treat only affected areas instead of widespread application (Widespread application can kill beneficial insects.)
- Some insects help keep pests under natural control without causing harm to humans. Some of the “good” **bugs** include: Lady Beetle, Assassin Bug, Earwig, Green Lacewing, Big-Eyed Bug, Syrphid Fly

