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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

APRIL, 2014

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:



MEMORIAL DAY Monday May 26, 2014

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 28th, 2014.

OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN POLICIES



To eliminate any confusion, the City of Warr Acres Emergency Management would like to restate the policies for sounding storm sirens:

- Siren testing will be conducted **YEAR ROUND** on the first (1st) and third (3rd) Saturday of each month (weather permitting) at 12:00 Noon. This test is **NOT** conducted when threatening weather is in the area.

When activated due to storm alerts, the siren consists of a steady tone for a duration of three minutes. A second siren activation will occur **IF** the initial warning had been sounded more than ten minutes prior to the storm system's arrival to the city. The second activation will be another three-minute sounding.

- The City reminds residents that there will be **NO "all clear" sounded by the sirens.**

Outdoor warning sirens are activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning for Oklahoma County or when radar indicates that the City of Warr Acres is in the potential path of the tornado, along with sustained winds of 75 mph or greater.

The siren warning is an alert for people who are outside, and is not designed to be heard from indoors. The sirens provide a warning for anyone who is out of doors to go indoors, if possible, and take shelter. People indoors cannot always expect to hear the outdoor warning sirens.

Residents are also encouraged to watch the local television channels for updates and information about specific locations of storms.

Please do **NOT** leave the safety of your home during severe weather and drive to seek shelter. If you leave the safety of your home, there is a high likelihood that you will be caught out in the storm completely unprotected.

Residents are also encouraged to watch the local television channels for updates and information about specific locations of storms.

The Fire Department maintains a list of phone numbers which receive automated notifications whenever a tornado watch is issued for Oklahoma County by the National Weather Service. Please contact the Fire Department at 789-5912 if you would like to add your phone number.

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

Glen Lipinski
789-8640

Stewart Shapiro
721-8230

Donnie Ryan
831-6483

Storm Safety

HAVE A SAFETY PLAN:

- Have a safety plan for wherever you might be when a tornado strikes – School, work, church, home, shopping, etc.
- Think through your plan in advance, since there may not be much time to act once the tornado is approaching you.
- Practice your plan and be sure all family members know what to do.

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 plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans.

ANNUAL THREE MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR NEXT MONTH'S SEWER BILL (MAY 2014)

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 2014 to April 2015 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2013, January and February 2014. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2014 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2014 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.

SEWER RATE INCREASE BEGINNING NEXT MONTH - MAY 2014 BILLING The sewer charge reflected on your utility bill each month is determined by a fixed base rate and a usage rate. The usage rate is calculated based on winter average water usage for December, January, and February and reflected on your May billing. Due to increased cost of the daily operations of the Sewer Department and addition of one employee, for these reasons the City Council voted to increase the base rate fee only. This is the first base rate increase since 2006. Listed below is the rate increase chart.

RESIDENTIAL	
0 to 2999 Gallons	\$.72
Over 2999 Gallons	\$2.70
COMMERCIAL	
Base Fee	\$2.70
MULTI-DWELLING UNITS	
Base Fee	\$3.24

The City is aware of the need to replace/repair sewer lines and has been unable to address this need on its own due to a lack of funding. Past repairs have been accomplished with the help of matching Federal funds, however future projects will no longer qualify for this option. In order to address this shortfall, the City Council recently approved a Line Maintenance fee increase as follows:

MONTHLY SEWER LINE MAINTENANCE FEE INCREASE PER BILL
INCREASE FOR <u>ALL</u> CUSTOMERS FROM \$1.00 TO \$1.50

WATER RATIONING REMINDER The Warr Acres Fire Department would like to remind residents that Warr Acres uses Oklahoma City water and follows their watering restrictions. We are currently following a **MANDATORY odd/even watering system**. If your address ends in an even number, you can water on even-numbered calendar days. If your address ends in an odd number, you can water on odd-numbered calendar days. For the latest updates and information on the current restrictions, please go to the Oklahoma City website, squeezeeverydrop.com.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION is on 1621 SOUTH PORTLAND

Residents with leftover paint, stripper, drain cleaners, old batteries and other hazardous waste may load these items up and bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 1621 South Portland and they can be contacted at 682-7038. 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**.

Collection Hours

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

How To Get Here

