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**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**APRIL, 2015**

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:**



**MEMORIAL DAY** Monday May 25, 2015

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 27th, 2015.

**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 **EACH** Saturday (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 inside, however, people indoors cannot always expect to hear the outdoor warning sirens. The sirens provide a warning for anyone who is out of doors to go indoors, if possible, and take shelter.

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.

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  
464-0411

James Mickley  
760-0401

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.
- City offices are **LOCKED** during a **tornado warning.**

**Recycling**

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday (9-3) and Sunday (1-3) 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 2015)



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 2015 to April 2016 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2014, January and February 2015. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2015 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2015 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.

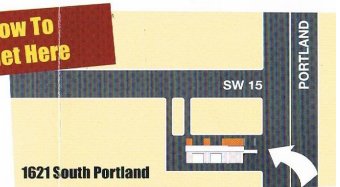
## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION is on 1621 SOUTH PORTLAND

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**



## 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.

## DURING AN EARTHQUAKE

**INDOORS:** The Earthquake Country Alliance offers the following tips:



1. **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake drops you!),
2. **Take COVER** by getting under a sturdy desk or table. If there is no table or desk near you, drop to the ground and then, if possible, move to an inside corner of the room. Be in a crawling position to protect your vital organs and be ready to move if necessary and cover your head and neck with your hands and arms.

3. **HOLD ON** to your shelter and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops.

### OUTDOOR SAFETY:

1. If you are outside, **STAY OUTSIDE**. Move away from buildings, utility wires, fuel & gas lines and get down low.

### AUTOMOBILES:

1. Stop as quickly and safely as possible. Move your car to the shoulder or curb, away from utility poles, overhead wires, and under or overpasses. Stay in the car, set the parking brake, and turn on the radio for emergency broadcast information.