



NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

FEBRUARY, 2012

EXPLANATION OF FEES ON TRASH/SEWER BILL

- RG – CG** – Residential Garbage and Commercial Garbage – for the pickup of refuse and operation of the sanitation department.
- RS – CS** – Residential Sewer and Commercial Sewer – for the sanitary sewer system, usage and maintenance.
- WF** – Waste Fee – Fee for solid waste removal.
- LM** – Line Maintenance – For the repair and maintenance of the sanitary sewer lines.
- RA – CA** – Residential Ambulance and Commercial Ambulance Fee – Subsidy fee for EMSA ambulance contract for the City of Warr Acres.
- RE – CE** – Residential EPA and Commercial EPA – EPA Federal mandate fee for storm water drainage.
- BKNG** – Any collection fee; hearing fee or return check fee.

WINDOW STICKERS AVAILABLE AT FIRE DEPARTMENT



If you have a pet living in your home, please come to City Hall and pick up a window sticker to place on your storm door or window. In case of a fire, this will alert firefighters to the presence of your pet(s).



Thank you! to the citizens and business owners of Warr Acres for their patience and understanding during the road construction being undertaken within city limits.

REMEMBER – VERIFY CONTRACTOR CREDENTIALS BEFORE HAVING WORK DONE



If having work done by a contractor, please verify that the contractors are licensed by the City of Warr Acres PRIOR to having the work done. Roofers MUST be licensed by the state and their credentials may be checked by going to the website: <http://cibverify.ok.gov/>. You may call the City to verify current licensing of Electrical, Heat & Air, Sign, and Plumbing contractors. Permits must be issued by the City of Warr Acres for any work being done inside city limits.

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

Doug Davis
720-2799
Cathy Maxey
722-1045

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
473-2881
Bill McClure
787-5374

Ward 2

Blayne Allsup
603-6176
Stewart Shapiro
721-8230

Ward 4

Jan Blake
550-1605
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

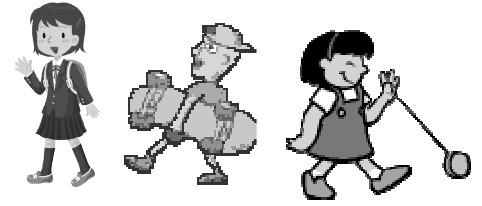
Recycling

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.

SAFETY TIPS FOR WALKING TO AND FROM SCHOOL

On January 25th, a student from Western Oaks Elementary School Student reported an attempt to abduct her while walking home from school. She hit the man and screamed, broke free and ran to her home.

This incident focuses on the need to educate our children on safety procedures to follow walking to and from school. The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children, as well as the National Missing Persons Examiner, recommends the following:



- Let your teacher and teacher aides, and even principal know that your child will be walking to and from school.
- Ask what the school rules are if your child does not show up for school. See if they will call you if your child does not show up.
- Talk to other parents that have children that walk the same route and tell them your child is walking home from school and ask if they can use their house as a safe haven, in emergencies.
- Instruct your children to always take a friend, always stay in well-lit areas, NEVER take shortcuts, and NEVER go into isolated areas. Teach them to stay aware of their surroundings.
- Walk the route to and from school with your children, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they're being followed or need help. Make a map with your children showing acceptable routes to and from school.
- If anyone bothers your children or makes them feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused, while going to or from school, teach your children to TRUST THEIR FEELINGS, immediately get away from that person, and TELL you or another trusted adult. Remember, grownups needing help should not ask children; they should ask other adults. Instruct your children to never approach a vehicle or accept money or gifts from anyone unless you have told them it is OK to accept in EACH instance.
- Instruct your children to leave items and clothing with their name on them at home. If anyone calls out their name, teach them to not be fooled or confused. Teach your children about the tricks someone may try to use to confuse them or engage them in conversation. Children should also be taught that they do NOT need to be polite if approached and to get out of the situation as quickly and safely as possible.
- Teach your children if anyone tries to take them somewhere they should quickly get away and yell, "This person is trying to take me away" or "This person is not my father/mother/guardian." Teach your children to make a scene and EVERY effort to get away by kicking, screaming, and resisting if anyone tries to grab them.
- Instruct your children to NEVER leave school with anyone until they've checked with a trusted adult. If anyone tells them there is an emergency and they want your children to go with them, teach your children to always CHECK FIRST with you before doing anything. Instruct your children to TELL a trusted adult if they notice anyone they don't know or feel uncomfortable with hanging around them.

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

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