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**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**FEBRUARY, 2015**



**ANNUAL THREE MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE**

Every year the City of Warr Acres recalculates the next year's sewer rates based on a report from the Oklahoma City Water Department listing a three

month average consumption of water usage for each residential property. 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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



**TEST YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS** monthly to ensure that they are functioning properly.

**REGISTER YOUR STORM SHELTER**



Storm shelters are a great way to protect your family and loved ones from the dangers of Oklahoma's unpredictable weather. While the shelter will protect them from the tornado and most debris, it may become a place where they become trapped

because of debris piled on the shelter. Because of this possibility, we request that you register your storm shelter with the Police Department so that emergency crews can check to make sure you are safely out of your shelter once the danger has passed. You may obtain a form from City Hall or register online through the city website.

**SAVE A LIFE!**



**ADOPT A PET!**

**ADOPT A FRIEND**

Warr Acres currently has a number of dogs in our shelter who are in need of a "forever" home. The cost of adoption is \$50.00 and includes spaying or neutering, rabies vaccination and a heartworm treatment.

Please call City Hall to inquire about viewing or adopting one of these animals.



**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  
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.
- 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 and Sunday of each month. Recycling includes, plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans.

## EMSA AMBULANCE FEE ON TRASH/SEWER BILL



Residents have occasionally called to question the “RA - CA” fee on the monthly trash/sewer bill. This is a Residential Ambulance and Commercial Ambulance Fee that entitles all permanent **residents** of your household to TotalCare membership benefits.

Utilities customers and/or their insurance providers are responsible for payment of ambulance services provided to them by EMSA. It is the responsibility of customers to provide EMSA with insurance and third-party payer information pertaining to them or anyone living in their household who received EMSA services; failure to do so nullifies this agreement. In consideration for payment of the EMS fee, customers hereby assign to EMSA all ambulance benefits that they or any member of their household may otherwise be entitled to receive from any insurance or other third-party payer for services provided under the TotalCare program. EMSA will accept this assignment as payment in full for emergency transports, and for non-emergency transports IF insurance or other third-party payer coverage provides benefits for the non-emergency transport. EMSA will file ambulance insurance claims for each covered person and is entitled to receive payment from all insurance or other third-party payers up to the amount of EMSA’s usual charges. If no insurance or other third-party payer benefits are available or if the insurance company or other third-party payer denies payment for non-emergency service, customers will remain responsible for payment of a reduced fee of 40% off EMSA’s standard non-emergency rate.

TotalCare members pay **NO** out-of-pocket costs – copayments, deductibles or other expenses – for **emergency** EMSA service. The amount paid through your utilities bill is considered payment in full.

The City of Warr Acres is **NOT** currently offering an Opt out option.

Any questions regarding an EMSA bill incurred by you or another resident in your household should be directed to EMSA at 405-396-2888.

**WARR ACRES COMMUNITY CENTER** is located at 4301 N. Ann Arbor Ave and hosts many activities including field trips for our seniors. The center is open 8:30 am to 3:00 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:30 am to 12:30pm on Friday. There are table games played every day. **Lunch is served daily at 11:30 am.**



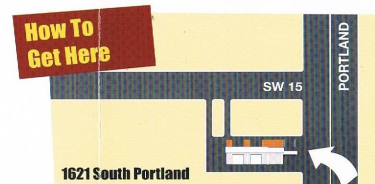
Activity schedules and lunch menus are available in the office. Please call **789-9892** if you have any questions or want more information.



**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.



## PEDDLER ALERT!



The police department would like to remind residents to be wary of persons selling items door-to-door such as magazines or cleaning supplies. Many of these persons are from out of state and are brought here by organized groups that end up defrauding them or the people who buy their products. Residents should be very careful in purchasing anything from someone selling in this manner. The incidents of Identity Theft are very high with these types of transactions. If you give anyone a check or credit card number for a purchase, you have given them all the information they need to counterfeit your checking account or make fraudulent purchases with your credit card.

**By City Ordinance, ANYONE selling items door to door MUST apply at City Hall.** They must show identification and be bonded by an insurance company. They will then be issued a permit to solicit. If you are approached at your home and they do not have a permit, contact the police department. Officers will check their permit status and can issue a citation or arrest the person.