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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

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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 2016 to April 2017 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2015, January and February 2016. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2016 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2016 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.



WARR ACRES RECYCLE COMMITTEE PHONE LINE

The Warr Acres Recycle Committee now has a phone line with recordings of current recycling dates and hours. An option to leave a message or questions is also available. Call the phone line at 720-2949.

FORMER CITY COUNCILWOMAN JAN BLAKE

Jan Blake passed away on January 18, 2016. Jan was a city Councilwoman from 2007 until 2013. Jan had a long career as a newspaper reporter, retiring from the Journal Record.

Jan's most successful project for the city was recycling. She gathered volunteers and with the mayor's assistance got the program started in 2008. The volunteers are known as the Trashy Friends and will continue to open the recycling center the first weekend of each month. Jan and her Trashy Friends were the recipients of the first Dean Johnson Volunteer of the Year award.

Jan was a strong advocate to make the city beautiful. She worked hard to achieve this with ideas such as the iris bed and the four season garden at City Hall and the gardens located in the medians of NW 39th Expressway at Ann Arbor and Hammond. In connection with Oklahoma Beautiful Jan came in 3rd place in the entire metro area for the Oklahoma Beautiful Volunteer of the Year award.

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

Bo Broadwater
517-0289

Ward 3

John Knipp
789-4690

James Mickley
760-0401

Jimmy Bullen
412-2318

Ward 2

Stephen Fuhrman
537-5415

Ward 4

Glen Lipinski
789-8640

Blayne Allsup
202-1584

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.
- 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. Closed during inclement weather. Warr Acres Recycle Committee 720-2949

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.



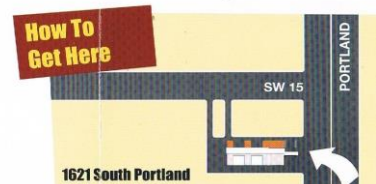
Activity schedules and lunch menus are available in the City Hall Lobby. Please **call 789-9892** if you have any questions or want more information.




HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION is on 1621 SOUTH PORTLAND

Residents with left over 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 must have a permit issued by City Hall 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.