



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

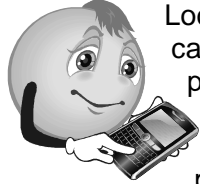


PRESIDENT'S DAY Monday February 20, 2012

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day is

Monday - there will be a CURBSIDE ONLY pickup on Wednesday, February 22, 2012.

**9-1-1 OFFICIALS REMIND PARENTS THAT CELL PHONES ARE NOT TOYS**



Local public safety officials are urging citizens to be more cautious with the disposal and distribution of used cell phones. During the holiday season last year, public safety answering points in the Central Oklahoma region encountered several 9-1-1 calls from children who were playing with used cell phones.

Because of Federal Communication Commission rules, all cell phones, even those with inactive accounts, are pre-programmed to make a live call if 9-1-1 is dialed. As a result, kids playing with used cell phones may be inadvertently calling 9-1-1 while "just pushing" buttons.

"It is important for parents to understand this issue," said John G. Johnson, executive director of the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments. "If you are going to discard an old wireless phone, simply take the battery out to make sure it is not operational. This will eliminate the problem."

Parents are urged to teach their children the proper way to use 9-1-1 in an emergency. The information needed by a 9-1-1 call taker goes beyond just the phone number and address. When calling from a wireless phone, the street address of your location is not available to the call taker. A child must be able to provide the address. If a child doesn't know the address, it is important to teach them to describe any landmarks or descriptions to assist the call taker in directing emergency responders.

Children must also be aware that any accidental or prank calls to 9-1-1 could result in emergency responders being dispatched to the location of where the call is being made. This diverts the emergency responders from attending to real emergencies. In the event of an accidental call to 9-1-1, the child should know to remain on the line to confirm to the call taker that there is no emergency and that the call was accidental.

**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

**Ward 3**

Roger Godwin  
473-2881

Cathy Maxey  
722-1045

Bill McClure  
787-5374

**Ward 2**

Blayne Allsup  
603-6176

**Ward 4**

Jan Blake  
550-1605

Stewart Shapiro  
721-8230

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 67<sup>th</sup> & Cherokee

**Grandma Lily's Park**

NW 40<sup>th</sup> West of MacArthur

**City Hall**

5930 NW 49<sup>th</sup>

**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.

## **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.



## **MILITARY APPRECIATION DAY WAS A HUGE SUCCESS AT GOLDEN CORRAL**

On Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, Golden Corral served over 1,000 free meals to military personnel and raised \$20,230 in contributions for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV). This is the third year in a row that the Warr Acres Golden Corral Restaurant has raised more contributions for the DAV than any other participating Golden Corral Restaurant in the country.

As in the past, Dewey Smith, a WWII veteran, greeted customers as they came in the door.

A special "Thank You" to Dewey Smith, his wife, Manager Brent Nash and staff of Golden Corral, who greeted everyone and solicited for donations. Thank you also to all the citizens and veterans that contributed to the DAV.

## **SANITATION DEPARTMENT – ICE AND SNOW**

The sanitation department has always attempted to provide garbage service throughout the city regardless of the weather. When the city experiences ice storms, we must alter the way we gather the garbage for the safety of our workers. For the safety of our citizens, it is suggested that they hold their trash until the next scheduled pick up day.

When there is **ICE on the ground**, garbage "will not be picked up." When there is **SNOW on the ground**, garbage "**will be picked up Curbside only.**"

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