

THE COLUMN TO TH

NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

JANUARY, 2014

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:

PRESIDENT'S DAY Monday February 17, 2014

Remember, <u>NO</u> 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 19.

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."

FERTILIZERS AND WATER POLLUTION



Using too much fertilizer may affect water quality in your area. Nutrients from fertilizers – usually phosphates – enter rivers and streams and stimulate the growth of algae. Excessive algae growth reduces oxygen levels in lakes and ponds, thus killing fish and other aquatic life.

To help avoid this problem, try the following:

- Test soil for nutrient levels OSU Cooperative Extension Service county offices offer a residential soil-testing program; residents can submit a soil sample to be tested for a fee.
- Use the tests to choose a fertilizer that adds only the needed nutrients.
- Do not apply fertilizer when heavy rain is forecasted.
- Sweep up fertilizer that is spread out on sidewalks instead of using water to wash it off.

<u>UTILITY BILL PAYMENTS</u>, if made with a check or money order, <u>MUST</u> contain a reference to a Warr Acres utility account such as a Warr Acres account number and service address. Please ensure that the account number you put on the check is correct in order for the payment to be applied accurately.



Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain.

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	Ward 3
Cathy Maxey	Roger Godwin
722-1045	473-2881
James Mickley	Bill McClure
721-7959	787-5374

Ward 2 Ward 4

Stephen Fuhrman 537-5415

Stewart Shapiro Donnie Ryan 721-8230 831-6483

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(9-3) and Sunday (1-3) of each month. Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed during inclement weather.

COLD WEATHER SAFETY

The Centers for Disease Control offers the following tips for extreme cold weather temperatures:

SUPPLIES:

Stock up on food that needs no cooking or refrigeration, such as bread, crackers, cereal, canned foods (don't forget a non-electric can opener!) and dried fruits. Remember baby food and formula if you have young children.



- Water stored in clean containers (5 gallons per person)
- Medicines that any family member may need.
- Blankets, matches, first aid kit, battery-powered clock or watch and extra batteries.
- Help seniors prepare by storing food in the event that travel becomes hazardous. Prepare for power outages with working flashlights. Visiting Angels suggests providing a cell phone and charger for emergency use and for contact with others.

NAVIGATION:

- Walking and driving in harsh weather can be dangerous for senior citizens. Special devices can make shoes grab onto icy sidewalks, while door mats help absorb ice, snow and water.
- During winter, keep your vehicle's gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines. Keep your vehicle equipped with blankets, booster cables, flashlight, extra batteries, and a windshield scraper.
- Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice or snow; shattering may occur.
- Don't rely on a car to provide sufficient heat; the car may break down.

INDOOR SAFETY:

- Use fireplace, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters ONLY if they are properly vented to the outside and do not leak flue gas into the indoor air space.
- Ensure adequate ventilation if you must use a kerosene heater.
- Do not place a space heater within 3 feet of anything that may catch on fire.
- Store a multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher near the area to be heated.
- Monitor body temperature. Infants less than one year old should NEVER sleep in a cold room because
 - 1) infants lose body heat more easily than adults; and unlike adults, infants can't make enough body heat by shivering.
 - 2) older adults often make less body heat because of a slower metabolism and less physical activity.
- Eat and drink wisely. Eating well-balanced meals will help you stay warmer. Do not drink alcoholic or caffeinated beverages – they cause your body to lose heat more rapidly.

OUTDOOR SAFETY:



- Dress warmly and stay dry.
- The outer layer of clothing should be tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, to reduce body-heat loss caused by wind.
- Wool, silk, or polypropylene inner layers of clothing will hold more body heat than cotton.
- AVOID exertion. Cold weather puts an extra strain on the heart. If you have to do heavy outdoor chores, dress warmly and work slowly.
- Be safe during recreation:
 - 1) Notify friends and family where you will be before you go hiking, camping, or skiing.
 - 2) Do not leave areas of the skin exposed to the cold.
 - 3) Be prepared to take emergency shelter.
 - 4) Pack dry clothing, a two-wave radio, waterproof matches and paraffin fire starter with you.
- If you get stranded:
 - 1) Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna as a signal to rescuers and raise the hood (if it is not snowing)
 - 2) Move anything you need from the trunk into the passenger area
 - 3) Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets, or newspapers.
 - 4) Stay awake. You will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems.
 - 5) Run the motor (and heater) for about 10 minutes/hour. Make sure snow is not blocking the exhaust pipe.
 - 6) Do NOT eat un-melted snow because it will lower your body temperature