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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

JANUARY, 2016

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:



PRESIDENT'S DAY Monday February 15, 2016

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 17th.

REMOVAL OF STORM DAMAGED TREE BRANCHES

The City has hired a contractor to remove the remaining disaster-related debris. They will begin the first pass on January 19th, completing the first pass on February 5th. They will then begin the second pass on February 8th, completing the job on February 19th. If your storm-related debris is not at the curb ready for pickup before the second pass begins, it will not be picked up by the debris management company. Only storm-related debris will be picked up. No metal, no furniture, no treated wood, no tires.

Please move all vehicles out of the road and do not park on roadways during the debris removal periods. The contractors will be working Mondays through Saturdays. You must pile the debris in open space, on the public right of way. Tree branches should be placed at least five feet (5') from mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with removal. Tree branches should be placed at least ten feet (10') away from utility poles, guywires, signs, fire hydrants and gas meters to allow mechanized pick up.

The City of Warr Acres is making every effort to get our community back to pre-disaster condition. Just as the City has been working hard to accomplish, the debris management company will be working to pick up, chip and shred, and haul away the branches from the winter ice storm we experienced. Let's all do our part to make sure the debris is ready to be picked up and the roadways are clear for the large trucks and equipment to safely work. Thank you.

BIG TRASH WILL RESUME IN APRIL

Due to the on-going removal of downed tree branches, Big Trash will resume in April.

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."

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

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John Knipp
789-4690

James Mickley
760-0401

Jimmy Bullen
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537-5415

Ward 4

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789-8640

Blayne Allsup
202-1584

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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(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.

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, flashlights, extra batteries, and a windshield scraper.
- Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice or snow; shattering may occur.

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.
- Monitor body temperature. Infants less than one year old should **NEVER** sleep in a cold room because infants lose body heat more easily than adults; and unlike adults, infants can't make enough body heat by shivering.

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.



Firefighter Pet Alert !



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405-789-5812

Pets that live here:

_____ Dogs

_____ Cats

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).

RECYCLING NEWS:

Just a reminder that the **ONLY** plastic items that the recycling dumpsters can accept are those with a "1" or a "2" inside the recycle triangle. Most butter bowls, yogurt, cottage cheese and sour cream containers are **NOT** eligible for recycle with us. These are guidelines set by Waste Management. Please remember to rinse your items prior to bringing them to the recycling dumpsters. Please note the following items that are accepted:

- Aluminum cans, **NO** foil or pie pans
- Tin cans
- Glass – clear, brown and green

Please note the following locations for recycling of other items:

- Phone books, paper, cardboard, styrofoam – Goodwill at 6305 N MacArthur
- Plastic bags – Wal-Mart



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