



### NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

## **JULY, 2012**

# PEDDLER ADVISORY

Please be aware that ANYONE soliciting door to door in the City of Warr Acres is REQUIRED to purchase a Peddler's License. Solicitors are allowed to sell door to door ONLY between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM. Ask to see the license of anyone who attempts to sell you a product or service by soliciting door to door and call the police immediately if they do not have one.

The City has received a number of requests for Peddler Licenses. PRIOR to issuing a Peddler License, the City requires the applicant to fully complete paperwork and makes every effort to insure that the salesperson has no past criminal record. REMEMBER - a Peddler License issued by Warr Acres is NOT an endorsement by the City of the company or their products; it simply means that the licensee has fulfilled the requirements necessary to obtain a license.

Citizens are urged to conduct their own research into the background of any company who has salespeople canvassing their neighborhood. An internet search or a call to the Better Business Bureau could expose past unethical business practices or customer complaints that you should be aware of prior to entering into a contract with any company trying to sell you a product or service.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR HOT DAYS OF SUMMER

- 1. Hydrate frequently; drink water before, during, and after outdoor activities.
- 2. Minimize time spent outside and take frequent breaks to cool off.
- 3. Plan laborious outdoor tasks for the cooler parts of the day.



- 4. Move to a cooler environment at the first signs of heat illness, which includes: headache. dizziness, nausea, muscle twitching/cramps, and dry, hot, flushed skin.
- 5. Check on the elderly neighbors and family
- 6. Never leave a child or pet in a vehicle unattended.
- 7. Make certain pets have plenty of water and shade
- 8. Seek medical attention for heat related incidents, calling 911 for an emergency.

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	Jan Blake
537-5415	550-1605

Stewart Shapiro David Dirkschneider 721-8230 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 Lilv'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.

## **DISASTER PLANNING FOR PETS**

The ASPCA has issued the following tips for pet owners to use in preparing a disaster plan for your pets:

1. <u>Get a Rescue Alert Sticker</u>. The Warr Acres Fire Department has Pet Alert stickers available for citizens to place in their front window or door for this purpose. These stickers can be picked up at City Hall.



- 2. <u>Arrange a Safe haven</u>. Arrange a safe haven for your pets in the event of evacuation, and NEVER leave your pets behind!
  - 3. <u>Make an Evac-Pack.</u> Keep an Evac-Pack and supplies handy for your pets. Make sure that everyone in the family knows where it is.
  - 4. <u>Choose a Temporary Caregiver.</u> Give a set of keys to someone who may retrieve and/or care for your pet in the even you can't get home during an emergency.
- 5. <u>Use Collars and Microchips.</u> Make sure all pets wear collars and tags. The ASPCA also recommends microchipping as a more permanent form of identification. For more tips, visit www.aspca.org/prepare.

# BACK TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS:

Children will be going back to school next month at all Putnam City Schools. Below are safety tips for our children, parents, and drivers: *School Bus Safety for Children:* 

- Wait for the bus away from traffic and the street.
- Do not head toward the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- When exiting the bus, walk away from the bus and keep a safe
  distance. A good rule is to take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face
  can be seen.
- Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped.

## School Bus Safety for Parents:

- Supervise children as they wait for the bus, making sure they are away from the street.
- Instruct your child to ask the driver for help if he or she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick something up, the driver may not see him or her.
- Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.
- Check to make sure clothing and backpacks don't have loose drawstrings or long straps that can get caught in the handrail or bus door.

If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, you can talk to the school office or transportation director about changing the location.

### School Bus Safety for Auto Drivers:

While riding the bus is safer than riding in a car, the great majority of bus-related injuries and fatalities occur as children enter and exit the bus. That's why it's important to follow our state's school bus stopping laws:

- Motorists coming to a school bus from either direction **MUST STOP** when the bus displays flashing red warning lights and extends the stop signal arm. These signals show that children are getting on or off the school bus.
- Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off.
- Drivers traveling in the same direction as the bus are always required to stop.
- Never pass on the right side of the bus, where children enter or exit. This is illegal and can have tragic results.
- Violation of these laws can result in a citation and fine. In many places, school bus drivers can report passing vehicles!

## CHURCH OF THE SAVIOR & NEWCHURCH OFFER UPWARD SOCCER & BASKETBALL

Please contact Eric at 593-7431, Georgia Gandall at 831-8666, or visit <a href="www.cotsokc.org">www.cotsokc.org</a> for more information on this program. The fee is \$75.00 if paid by August 11, and \$90 after August 11, with games to start September 15. The fee includes the soccer uniform-jersey, shorts, socks and end-of-the-season award from Upward. All games will be played on Saturdays at Church of the Savior, 5600 NW 63<sup>rd</sup>.

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