



### NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES



## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY One injured child is one too many!



Please be aware that Putnam City Schools start August 19

## BACK TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS:



Motorists coming to a school bus from <u>EITHER</u> 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.

- **NEVER** pass a school bus when the flashing red warning lights are on and the stop signal arm is extended. 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!

## **CITY STORM SHELTERS TO BE PERMANENTLY CLOSED**



After a lengthy study and discussion among city leaders, a decision has been made to permanently close all storm shelters in Warr Acres effective January 1, 2015.

A number of concerns prompted this decision. The city storm shelters were never intended to accommodate all the citizens of Warr Acres, nor

were they intended to serve as an alternative for residents sheltering in place in their own homes. Each shelter was only able to hold a maximum of 40 people and there was a concern that many people would leave their homes and travel to the storm shelters only to find them already full to capacity, leaving them exposed and vulnerable to the storm. Traveling to a public storm shelter immediately prior to or during a severe weather event exposes citizens to the very hazards they are attempting to avoid.

In addition, the storm shelters were not ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant and posed a risk to those with disabilities trying to access the shelters.

City office buildings do <u>**NOT**</u> meet the standards set by FEMA (Federal Emergency management Agency) and will be **LOCKED** during a tornado warning.

City officials suggest that people take shelter where they are when bad weather is approaching and have a personal emergency operations plan that they have practiced.

**JULY, 2014** 

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**

May	or
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	Glen Lipinski
537-5415	789-8640
Stewart Shapiro	Donnie Rvan

Stewart Shapiro 721-8230

# 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 takes place at Dorothy Cavener Park ((NW 52nd and Hammond Ave) on the first Saturday (9-3) and Sunday (1-3) of each month. Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed if over 95°

## 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 daily.
- 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.

### **BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA EAGLE PROJECT**



Reilly Otto, a Boy Scout who resides in Warr Acres, is organizing a FOOD DRIVE. A food drop-off/open house at the Dorothy Day Center, a branch of the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank, will be held on Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Dorothy Day Center is located at 4915 N. State St. in Warr Acres. Non-perishable food items,

along with basic toiletries and school supplies, will be accepted. All that's required is for you to drive by and someone will come out to your car and carry it inside. Residents are invited to tour the facility and learn of the many volunteer opportunities available. The Dorothy Day Center is completely organized by volunteers and specializes in home deliveries to those who do not have the means to leave their home. They look forward to meeting with you and answering any

questions you may have!

## RECYCLING SCHEDULE



Recycling in the City of Warr Acres occurs on the first <u>FULL</u> weekend of each month. The hours are 9-3 AM on Saturday and 1-3 PM on Sunday. If a holiday falls on one of these days, then recycling is held the following weekend. If a holiday falls on the preceding Friday, recycling <u>WILL</u> be held as scheduled. Recycling dumpsters are located at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52<sup>nd</sup> and Hammond Avenue and are <u>only</u> available on recycling weekends.

### **INFORMATION FOR PET OWNERS**

ADOPT A PET - SAVE A LIFE



Warr Acres requires a city license for all dogs and cats in the City. The cost is \$5.00 for a new license and \$2.50 for a renewal. This license is good for a calendar year, and must be renewed every January. This license may be obtained at the Police Department and requires certification of rabies vaccination by a licensed veterinarian within the last twelve months. The license assists the animal control officer in returning animals to their owners if they happen to get out of the house or yard. Animals found

without a license may be impounded and owners subjected to impound fees.

EXPIRED HOME FIRE EXTINGUISHERS may be dropped off at the Fire Department for disposal.





Warr Acres currently has a number of dogs in our shelter who are in **URGENT** need of a "forever" home. The cost of adoption is \$50.00 and includes spaying or neutering, rabies vaccination and a heartworm treatment.

Please call City Hall to inquire about viewing or adopting one of these animals.



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