



NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

MAY, 2012

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:

MEMORIAL DAY Monday May 28, 2012

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

Monday - there will be a <u>CURBSIDE ONLY</u> pickup on Wednesday, May 30, 2012.



SCHOOL WILL BE OUT SOON & KIDS WILL BE PLAYING.

At the end of this month, school will be out for the summer. Our kids will be playing all around our city neighborhoods. They will be in the yards and in our streets playing or coming back from the city parks. When driving around our neighborhoods

and near our parks, please be mindful and watch out for our youth.

POOL SAFETY TIPS:



Please be aware that the City of Warr Acres requires a permanent fence of not less than 6', including a locking gate, to be constructed around <u>ANY</u> in-ground or above-ground pool (including fish ponds) which is at least 24"

deep.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission has issued the following pool safety tips:

- Use non-slip materials on the pool deck, diving board and ladders
- The steps of the pool ladder should be at least three inches wide, and the ladder should have handrails on both sides small enough for a child to grasp. There should be a ladder at both ends of the pool.
- Mark water depths conspicuously. Use a safety float line where the bottom slope deepens.
- Teach children to float or swim as soon as possible
- Keep rescue devices and first aid supplies near the pool. A floating shepherds crook is useful.
- Keep electrical appliances such as radios out of the pool area because of the hazard of electrical shock.
- When using water slides, always go feet first.
- Never push others into the pool.
- Before diving, check to be sure that other swimmers are out of the way.
- Teach children what to do in case of an emergency. An alarm bell that could summon help would be a good idea.
- Even adults should never swim alone.

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

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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

Storm Shelters

514-0340

721-8230

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 and Sunday of each month. Recycling includes paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans.

STORM SHELTER RULES

All persons entering this shelter do so at their own risk.

Warr Acres public storm shelters will be opened and closed as needed, but remain unstaffed. During severe weather, no one will manage the shelter.

It is your personal responsibility to enter, safely utilize, and exit the shelter.

Parents are advised to maintain order of their children.

Alcohol and smoking are prohibited. No pets allowed.

Clean up after yourself and others.

NEW EMERGENCY LIGHTING has been installed in each storm shelter.

While Warr Acres does have several storm shelters located within our city limits, these are ONLY for those residents who find themselves in imminent danger from severe weather while visiting a park or are already en route to another destination and find themselves caught in the storm.

Please do NOT leave the safety of your home during severe weather and drive to a shelter. These shelters were <u>NEVER</u> intended to accommodate all the residents of Warr Acres. If you leave the safety of your home and go to one of these shelters, there is a high likelihood that you will find it full and be caught out in the storm completely unprotected.

In the event you find yourself needing to seek shelter, please be advised that <u>none</u> of these shelters are staffed by the City. It is up to the occupants to follow the posted rules for the safety and comfort of all who are sheltering there.

NEW YEARLY SEWER AVERAGES FOR RESIDENTIAL SEWER BEGIN ON THIS BILL

This is the first month that your new sewer average is reflected on your bill. Your sewer rates are calculated from your water usage we receive from the Oklahoma City Water Department. Every year the Oklahoma City Water Department forwards to the City of Warr Acres a three (3) months average consumption of water usage for each residential property for the winter months of December, January and February. These three months are used because they are the months with the least amount of water being used during the year. The City of Warr Acres then takes this three (3) months winter average and figures the next year's sewer rates. This means that your sewer bill starting this month through April 2013 may have an increase, decrease, or your rate may remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2011, January and February 2012.

WARR ACRES COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP ON APRIL 21 WAS A SUCCESS!!

The City Council and all citizens of Warr Acres wish to express our thanks to Jill McCartney, CEO/President, and the Northwest Chamber for organizing a Warr Acres city wide "Clean-Up" this past April 21, 2012. The clean-up was named the "Spring Service Safari" and dedicated to the memory of Safari McDoulett. Over 80 volunteers from local groups joined in walking our city's parks and streets picking up everything from empty boxes, paper, bottles, cans, and plastic material. County Commissioner Brian Maughan attended and provided crews to pick up filled trash bags that were placed at the curbside by the volunteers.



A special thank-you to the following groups that volunteered:

Members of the NW Chambers, Deaconess Hospital, Cherokee Hills Christian Church (largest group of volunteers), Putnam City North High School, Putnam City West High School, Bethany High School, Warr Acres Recycling members along with Mayor Woolley, Gethsemane Lutheran School, Church of the Savior, Chamber Volunteers, and Warr Acres City Council members – Doc Stewart Shapiro and David Dirkschneider with his three children.

A very special thanks to Mr. Abel Ramos, owner of Abel's Mexican Restaurant, who provided free lunches to all volunteers following the clean-up.



JUNE FOOD DRIVE IN WARR ACRES

Nonperishable food donations will be collected during the month of June for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Most needed items include: canned meats, meat-based soups, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and rice and beans. Items for donation may be dropped off at City Hall where there is a collection box located in the lobby.

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