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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

MAY, 2013

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:



Monday, May 27, 2013 – Memorial Day

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day will be missed - there will be CURBSIDE ONLY pickups on:

Wednesday, May 29 , 2013

WARR ACRES TORNADO SIREN POLICY



The City of Warr Acres Emergency Management will sound the outdoor warning sirens when Oklahoma County comes under a tornado warning and the storm's path appears to be moving towards Warr Acres. The goal is to provide at least a 30 minute warning time, when possible.

The City of Warr Acres has 4 outdoor warning sirens strategically located throughout the city. These sirens are designed to warn the public during outdoor activities. Sirens are tested at noon on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month, weather permitting.

If you do not have a storm shelter or safe room at your home, the City of Warr Acres encourages you to make a plan of action for severe weather events. You should not be in a vehicle when a storm is imminent.

We encourage the use of weather radios and media. For additional information on preparedness, go to FEMA Ready.gov

PAYING YOUR TRASH/SEWER BILL. When paying your bill with a **CHECK** or **MONEY ORDER**, it is imperative that you identify the account for which it is to be applied by putting the **service address** or **account #** on it. If paying with a check and the address on the check is not the service address, write the service address in the notation line. Please make sure this information is **LEGIBLE** so that the payment will be credited to the proper account. Without proper identification of the trash/sewer account on the Check or Money Order, it is **IMPOSSIBLE** to apply it to the correct account. Thanks for your help!

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.

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

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
473-2881

James Mickley
721-7959

Bill McClure
787-5374

Ward 2

Stephen Fuhrman
537-5415

Ward 4

Jan Blake
550-1605

Stewart Shapiro
721-8230

David Dirkschneider
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 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.

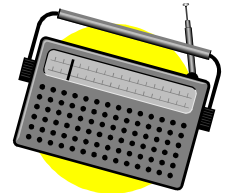
PLAN AHEAD FOR SEVERE WEATHER



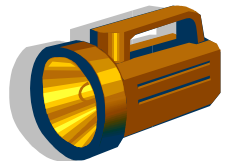
Because severe thunderstorms, damaging winds, hail and tornadoes are common, it is important for the residents of Warr Acres to have a plan on how to react to such events. Tornadoes can often have winds exceeding 300 miles per hour causing property destruction, injuries and death. That's why it's important to pre-plan by developing an emergency plan, assembling a disaster kit and learn some basic information about what to do before, during and after any type of severe weather.

Create an Emergency Plan. Creating an emergency plan for your family can help to ensure their safety when a severe weather incident occurs.

1. Discuss with your family the dangers of possible emergency events and how your family will respond to each.
2. Determine where you will take cover in your home if it becomes necessary and practice going into that safe place.
3. Purchase a NOAA all-hazards radio.
4. Discuss what to do in case of power outages or personal injuries.
5. Teach adults how and when to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches.
6. Teach all family members, even children, how and when to dial 9-1-1.
7. Because it is often easier to call long distance during an emergency than within the affected area, choose an out-of-state friend or relative whom all family members will call if separated during an emergency.
8. Pick two meeting places: 1) near your home 2) outside your neighborhood in case you cannot return home after an emergency
9. Take a basic first aid and CPR class.
10. Keep family records in a water/fireproof safe.



Prepare a Disaster Supply Kit. Store items in an easy-to-carry bag. The "go" kit can be stored in a plastic tub or garbage can and kept where you will take shelter. Items to include in your Disaster Kit:



1. At least a 3-day supply of water (1 gallon per person per day). Replace every 6 months.
2. A 3-5 day supply of nonperishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
3. A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes for each member of your family.
4. Blankets, bedding or sleeping bags.
5. A first aid kit and prescription medications (be sure to check expiration dates).
6. An extra pair of glasses or contact lenses and solution.

GARAGE SALES IN WARR ACRES: A PERMIT IS REQUIRED to hold a garage sale in Warr Acres. The first two in a calendar year are free with a fee of \$5.00 for every subsequent sale after that. Garage sales can be held no more than **once every three months**. Following is a list of helpful safety tips when holding a garage sale:



1. Do not advertise the sale as a "Moving Sale," which implies the house may be vacant for a long period of time.
2. Do NOT answer questions about alarm systems, daytime/nighttime occupancy, etc.
3. Keep a phone on your person to report any suspicious activity.
4. Place expensive items near you (usually by the checkout table)
5. Watch your cash box and keep only a minimal amount of cash on site.
6. It's preferable to not accept checks from strangers.
7. Always have at least two adults present during your garage sale.
8. **BE VISIBLE.** Do not go inside when there is no-one around. You may miss some customers and some of your merchandise while you are inside. Let one of your helpers know if you go inside.
9. Don't block the view to your front door or side gate.
10. **LOCK UP THE HOUSE.** Always keep your house locked and no windows left open.
11. **NEVER** allow anyone to go inside your house. If they need a toilet, direct them to the nearest gas station, fast food restaurant or shopping mall.