



**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**NOVEMBER, 2011**

**END OF THE YEAR DATES CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED**

Thanksgiving	Thursday	November 24, 2011
Thanksgiving	Friday	November 25, 2011
Christmas	Friday	December 23, 2011
Christmas	Monday	December 26, 2011

Remember: Due to the holidays, no trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. However, there will be (CURBSIDE ONLY) pickup for the entire city on Wednesday, November 23, 2011, and Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY**



All citizens of Warr Acres are invited to attend the ceremony on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 p.m. when the Mayor will light the tree. This will take place at the NW corner of 42<sup>nd</sup> and MacArthur. Music and refreshments will be provided. Please bring the entire family so we, as a community, can enjoy the festivities. Donations accepted.

**HOMELESS VETERAN STAND DOWN A BIG SUCCESS**



The American Legion Auxiliary members of Waggoner-Tremble Warr Acres – Bethany Unit 12 would like to thank community citizens for the donated items of used clothing given to homeless veterans in the Oklahoma City area.

The Department of Veteran Affairs (ODVA) and other non-profit organizations held the Stand Down on Thursday, October 13 and Friday, October 14 at the Homeless Alliance.

It is estimated that more than 450 homeless veterans in Oklahoma City sleep on the streets, under bridges, and wherever else they can find a place to lay their head. This year, the DOVA assisted 266 veterans (21 of which were women).

Veterans were given the opportunity to meet with doctors, received flu shots, see a dentist, talk with mental health and social work service providers, visit the barber for a haircut, take a shower, and make phone calls to loved ones.

**THANK YOU TO GOLDEN CORRAL** and other Warr Acres businesses who participated in Veteran's Appreciation Day by providing free meals to veterans and currently enlisted military personnel. Golden Corral estimates that 1100-1200 past and present members of our armed services were served free meals and approximately \$20,000 was raised for the Disabled American Veterans organization.

**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**

<b>Mayor</b>	
Patrick Woolley 409-4944	
<b>Ward 1</b>	<b>Ward 3</b>
Doug Davis 720-2799	Roger Godwin 473-2881
Cathy Maxey 722-1045	Bill McClure 787-5374
<b>Ward 2</b>	<b>Ward 4</b>
Blayne Allsup 603-6176	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 67<sup>th</sup> & Cherokee
- Grandma Lily'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.

## **HOLIDAY TIPS FROM OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Police Department would like to remind all citizens that as we approach the holiday season the incidents of larceny and burglary will increase. Please be safety conscious and remember the following tips:

- ❖ When shopping be sure that your personal property is in your possession at all times. Don't leave your purse or other property such as items from previous purchases in a cart or otherwise unattended.
- ❖ When shopping at multiple locations, secure all purchases in your trunk or in an area of your vehicle where they are not visible.
- ❖ As you are in a parking lot, especially after dark, be aware of your surroundings as you are walking to and from your vehicle.
- ❖ At your home, don't leave window blinds/curtains open when you are away that would allow a potential burglar to see inside where there may be wrapped gifts visible.
- ❖ Remember to keep your garage doors secure at night. Every year our incidents of garage doors being left open at night increases during the holiday season.
- ❖ Finally, if you see anything in your neighborhood that seems out of the ordinary, be it a person, vehicle or other activity that doesn't fit the "norm", call the police department.

## **STORMWATER QUALITY**

### **What is Stormwater?**

Stormwater is rain or melting snow that flows off of rooftops, paved areas, bare soil and lawns. This runoff flows into larger bodies of water (from puddles, to ditches, to streams, to lakes and rivers) until it eventually flows into the ocean.

### **What's the concern about stormwater?**

In its journey from a puddle to the ocean, stormwater picks up and carries many of the pollutants it encounters. These pollutants include sediment, pet waste, pesticides, fertilizers, automobile fluids (such as gasoline, oil and antifreeze), de-icing products, yard wastes, and litter.

### **What Can You Do?**

The most effective way to reduce stormwater pollution is to stop it from entering the system in the first place. In other words, if you guard our local drains, you can dramatically improve what happens in our creeks, rivers and lakes.

### **Outdoor Home Maintenance**

It is possible to have a beautiful yard and a healthy environment. You can prevent your lawn and garden from contributing polluted runoff to streams, lakes, and rivers.

### **Chemicals, fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticide**

- Apply these substances sparingly.
- Read labels carefully and do not apply if the forecast calls for rain. If it rains, products will wash off into waterways before they have a chance to work.
- Clean up any spills immediately, and store products so that they won't get wet or leak.
- Consider natural and nontoxic alternatives to pesticides.

## **DURING AN EARTHQUAKE**

### **INDOORS:**

1. DROP down onto your hands and knees before the earthquake knocks you down.
2. COVER your head and neck under the shelter of a sturdy table or desk. If there is no shelter nearby, get down near an interior wall or next to low-lying furniture that won't fall on you.
3. HOLD ON to your shelter
4. DO NOT stand in a doorway. You are safer under a table. In modern houses, doorways are no stronger than any other part of the house.

### **OUTDOOR SAFETY:**

1. If you are outside, STAY OUTSIDE. Move away from buildings, utility wires, fuel & gas lines and get down low.

### **AUTOMOBILES:**

1. Stop as quickly and safely as possible. Move your car to the shoulder or curb, away from utility poles, overhead wires, and under or overpasses. Stay in the car, set the parking brake, and turn on the radio for emergency broadcast information.

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