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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

OCTOBER, 2011

END OF THE YEAR DATES CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED

Veteran's Day	Friday	November 11, 2011
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.

MAYOR'S LUNCHEON WITH WARR ACRES BUSINESS OWNERS

Last Tuesday, October 11, fifty-six (56) Warr Acres business owners attended the mayor's luncheon. In attendance was the City Staff; City Council members Stewart Shapiro, Bill McClure, Roger Godwin, Jan Blake; Planning Commissioners Barry Curl and Rodney Dahlenburg; 50th and MacArthur SRB Engineering Project Manager Jason Thompson, and Connie Scothorn the project Landscape Architect.

Mayor Woolley explained to those in attendance that Warr Acres has an identity crisis and that for years Warr Acres had been viewed as business unfriendly, all of which has changed over the past two years. Many businesses are making the decision to relocate in Warr Acres. The city must repair the infrastructure of the city to enable the business districts to continue to grow. The city is only three and a half square miles, and by improving the infrastructure and the landscape of the city, additional businesses and people will choose to work and live in Warr Acres.

Jason Thompson outlined the scope of the project, including the widening of MacArthur at the 49th street intersection, allowing for a left turn lane to be incorporated. The entire project will include all concrete (not asphalt) roadways. Connie Scothorn presented a few drawings which included suggested landscaping. Sidewalks and street pedestrian crossings would be brick inlaid, and all four corners will have Warr Acres signs in brick.

CARE SHARE PROGRAM ASSISTS FAMILIES IN NEED.

Putnam City Schools is asking for more people and organizations to help children have a merry Christmas. Care Share is a volunteer effort that makes it possible for needy Putnam City families with children to receive Christmas presents.

People can help in two ways. First, individuals as well as businesses, churches and other organizations may choose to "adopt" a family.

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
Doug Davis 720-2799	Roger Godwin 473-2881
Cathy Maxey 722-1045	Bill McClure 787-5374
Ward 2	Ward 4
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 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.

Adopting a family means receiving a list of needs of each child in the family and shopping for those needs. The deadline for adopting a family is Thursday, November 3. Adoption registration forms are available through the Putnam City Schools Foundation website.

People may also donate to Care Share so that volunteers can purchase Christmas gifts for children. Checks may be sent to the Putnam City Foundation, made payable to Care Share, at 5401 NW 40th, Oklahoma City, OK 73122. Online donations may be made via the Putnam City Schools Foundation website at www.pcf4kids.org by clicking the "donate" icon located on the right side of the page and by making a note in the preceding comment section that proceeds are to be dedicated to Care Share.

THE "HUGS PROJECT" HELPING OUR TROOPS OVERSEAS AT CHRISTMAS.

Since June, 2004, the HUGS Project has devoted its efforts in letting our troops know they're not forgotten. The HUGS Project is a volunteer based and donation driven. Care packages are put together with donated food and supplies, as well as money collected from fundraisers and local business donations and grants.

Donated items can be dropped off at City Hall where a box will be available. Please contact Karen Stark. Phone: 405-651-8359, email: TheHugsProject@cox.net, Web: www.TheHugsProject.com

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS:

During September we experienced a number of daytime residential burglaries. On September 25th, Bethany Police requested our assistance on a burglary in their city. Witnesses provided a description of the suspects/suspect vehicle. Our officers began a search of the area around the offense and eventually checked an apartment complex in our city. Officer Peters, assisted by Officer Markstone, located the suspects/vehicle in the complex. Subsequently, several suspects were taken into custody and a significant amount of property was recovered inside an apartment in the complex, including items taken in burglaries in Warr Acres.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, IS TRICK OR TREAT NIGHT:

1. Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
2. Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see the children.
3. Examine all treats for choking hazards and tampering before allowing your children to eat them.
4. Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others to see you.
5. Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
6. Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips and falls.

Because there will be many of our children out about our community, all of us must be careful and watchful. Should anyone see anything suspicious, please don't hesitate to call the Warr Acres Police Department. Drivers, please drive carefully and watch out for children. Everyone can have a safe and wonderful Halloween if everyone is vigilant.



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 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.

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