



OCTOBER, 2012

NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

END OF THE YEAR DATES CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:



VETERANS DAY Monday November 12, 2012
THANKSGIVING Thursday November 22, 2012
THANKSGIVING Friday November 23, 2012
CHRISTMAS Monday December 24, 2012
CHRISTMAS Tuesday December 25, 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 missed</u> - there will be CURBSIDE ONLY pickups on:

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 Wednesday, November 21, 2012 Wednesday, December 26, 2012

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK

On November 4, the time will move back 1 hour.





CHANGE THE BATTERIES IN YOUR SMOKE DETECTORS AND CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)

DETECTORS The U.S. Fire Administration recommends that smoke/CO detectors be checked monthly and the batteries changed twice a year.

RECYCLE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REMINDER

Whenever the scheduled recycle date falls within a holiday weekend, recycling will always be rescheduled to the following weekend. Please do not bring any items for recycling either before or after the times we are open, all items left any day prior to after will be placed in trash bins.

VETERANS DAY - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012

The following businesses have scheduled a "Thank You" event for veterans of the U.S. military:

<u>GRANDY'S</u> will be offering a free coffee and cinnamon roll on **SUNDAY**, **Nov.** 11th from 7:00 am until 1:00 pm to veterans of the U.S. Military

GOLDEN CORRAL will host a free "Thank You" dinner on MONDAY, Nov. 12th – 4:00 PM to 9:00 PM for any person who's ever served in the U.S. Military.



Helpful Phone Numbers

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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 722-1045	Roger Godwin 473-2881
James Mickley 721-7959	Bill McClure 787-5374
Ward 2	Ward 4
Stephen Fuhrman	Jan Blake
537-5415	550-1605

Stewart Shapiro David Dirkschneider 721-8230 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.

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING"

Be a good neighbor if you see suspicious persons or activity please don't hesitate to call 911. On occasion, there have been day time burglaries and our neighbors have seen suspicious activities, yet did not call our police department. Your police officers need your help by being vigilant to your surroundings. When you see an unfamiliar vehicle or persons across the street please notify police. Many burglaries have been solved by neighbors calling in unusual activities in their neighborhood. We can arrive at the scene within a minute or two and determine if they have legitimate business in the area. The citizens can be our eyes and ears to assist us in apprehending persons bent on stealing from you and your neighbors.

ALERT!!!! RECENT RASH OF METRO AREA CAR BURGLARIES

Thieves have been targeting **un-locked** and **locked** cars in which owners have left valuables in plain sight on the seats, dashboards, and floors. Citizens are advised to not leave any purses, wallets, i-pads or other valuables where they are easily visible to those passing by **even if you plan on being gone for only a short time**. Leave valuables safely locked in your trunk if you do not plan on taking them with you and do so **PRIOR** to arriving at your destination so others do not see you do this. Also, with the arrival of colder weather, do **NOT** leave your car running

unattended to warm up - this is an open invitation to criminals.

WEDNESDAY, 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 in 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.

COLD WEATHER TIPS FOR YOUR HOME:

The U.S. Fire Administration is offering the following cold-weather tips:

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Use heating equipment that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory, such as UL and FM.
- All heaters need space. Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment.
- Plug space heaters directly into outlets and NEVER into an extension cord or power strip.
- Install and maintain CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS inside the home.
- Clear the area around the fireplace hearth of debris, decorations and flammable materials.
- NEVER use flammable liquids to start a fire in the fireplace or wood stove.
- Use only seasoned hardwood in fireplaces or wood stoves. Soft, moist wood accelerates creosote buildup.
- Never burn cardboard boxes, trash, lumber scraps, or debris in a fireplace or wood stove.
- Never leave a fire in the fireplace unattended.
- When cleaning out the fireplace ashes, they need to be soaked in water and placed into a metal container outside the home or garage.
- Keep the roof clear of leaves, pine needles or other debris.
- Cover the chimney with a mesh screen spark arrestor.
- Check smoke/CO detectors monthly; replace batteries twice a year.

