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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

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RECYCLE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE REMINDER

If the scheduled recycle date falls within a holiday weekend, recycling will always be rescheduled for the following weekend. Please do not bring any items for recycling either before or after the designated times. Items that are left will be placed in trash bins and not recycled.

MAYOR'S LUNCHEON WITH WARR ACRES BUSINESS OWNERS SCHEDULED, OCTOBER 11

The Mayor has scheduled a luncheon to meet with Warr Acres business owners on October 11, 2011, 1:00 pm at Abel's Restaurant. Refreshments will be provided. The Mayor invites suggestions and concerns or suggestions which would improve the attractiveness of our business districts. The City currently is working with ODOT, (Ok Dept. of Transportation) for resurfacing and beautification of our key intersection of 50th and MacArthur. The project will include adding left turn lanes at 49th and MacArthur. The Fire and Police Chiefs will also be available to answer any questions or concerns.

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

America's finest men and women continue to serve in harm's way. 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.

Your donations make this project possible. The HUGS Project always needs volunteers and money for postage and supplies. You can help with donations or as a volunteer. Our troops are in need of so many items that can be found at the HUGS website. 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

FIRE DANGER STILL EXISTS!

Please be careful with outdoor cooking, trash burning and discarding of lit cigarettes.

SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

One injured child is one too many!

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	Bill McClure 787-5374
Cathy Maxey 722-1045	Roger Godwin 473-2881
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.

PRESCRIPTION PILL DISPOSAL SITE NOW IN WARR ACRES.

Warr Acres now has a locked (drop-off) box located in its police station lobby for prescription pill disposal. The lobby is open 24 hours a day and is located on the south side of the City Hall complex. The units are provided free to municipalities and Chief Roger Patty and Lt. Hugh Osborne worked hard to get this box for us through the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs.

For those of you who have lost loved ones, and have unused prescriptions to dispose of, this is great. This medicine will not go into the landfill or down the toilet to ultimately end up in our water supply. You **cannot** throw away liquids, syringes, glass or inhalers. Correctly disposing of prescriptions will also keep kids from finding and misusing these unused or expired prescriptions. In 2010 over 700 people died from drug overdoses due to drugs found in family medicine cabinets. I can't imagine the grief those parents and grandparents feel.

The drugs are collected from the disposal boxes and burned. So far this year the drug enforcement teams have disposed of over a ton (2000 pounds) of pills and pain patches. Drug enforcement is currently working on a program to purchase locking safes for people on fixed incomes. They are seeking donations for this program. Each safe cost \$100.00. This would be a great project for a church or organization to raise money to help keep drugs out of the hands of young people. **This is really a step forward for Warr Acres**

W.A. AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST SUPPORTING AMERICA'S MILITARY

Warr Acres' American Legion Auxiliary (ALA) Post members of Unit 12 support our community, children, veterans, and active military personnel. ALA upholds the principles of Americanism, justice, freedom, and democracy. ALA was founded in 1919 with a sense of individual obligation to our community, state, and nation. The Auxiliary Post assists homeless and hospitalized veterans, current active military personnel, mentor to junior members and support flag education in our public schools from PC Original, West and North, as well as Piedmont and Bethany High Schools. ALA provides a monthly fundraiser breakfast on the 4th Saturday of each month between 8:00 and 9:30 am, except during holiday months of November and December. For a \$5.00 donation, you get pancakes, eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, sausage and bacon, along with coffee and orange juice. For more information, contact Debra Densmore at 405-229-6522.



The American Legion Post 12 is taking donations to help the "**homeless veterans**". Donations include slightly used men's clothing (jeans, coats, gloves, and shoes) all sizes, as well as toiletry items of soap, deodorant, toothbrushes and paste to be distributed to the homeless veterans during the "Oklahoma City Stand Down." This event is sponsored by the Department of Veterans Affairs, Homeless Alliance, VA Hospital and many other Federal, State and non-profit organizations. The event will be held for two days October 13 and 14. Donations can be dropped off at Post 12 on Friday morning between 7 and 10 am at 6101 NW 50th St. For more information, please call 405- 787-6010.

"IF YOU SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING"

Be a good neighbor if you see suspicious persons or activity please don't hesitate to call 911. During the past few months, 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.

OCTOBER IS BIG TRASH PICKUP MONTH

Schedule for Big Trash pickup for each ward are:

Ward 1 Wednesday October 5, 2011

Ward 2 Wednesday October 12, 2011

Ward 3 Wednesday October 19, 2011

Ward 4 Wednesday October 26, 2011

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