



### SEPTEMBER, 2013

### NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

# OCTOBER IS RESIDENTIAL\* BIG TRASH PICKUP

Items must **NOT** be placed out for collection earlier than four (4) days preceding the regular scheduled big trash collection day.



Ward 1 – Wednesday, October 2 Ward 2 – Wednesday, October 9 Ward 3 – Wednesday, October 16

Ward 4 – Wednesday, October 23

Big Trash INCLUDES, but is not limited to: household appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, box springs, water tanks, fencing (up to 4 panels) and similar non-contracted items, bagged grass, and brush produced as refuse from single-family dwellings. Compressors must be removed from all appliances **BEFORE** collection may be completed. Doors on refrigerators and other bulky items **MUST** be removed before placement on curb.

Items <u>EXCLUDED</u> under the definition of big trash include hospital and medical waste, poisons, acids and caustics, explosives, dirt and rocks, sewage and liquid waste, nuclear materials, gasoline, kerosene, propane tanks, degreasers, lubricants, tires and rims, antifreeze, paint, and commercial construction debris, bricks or concrete. Call sanitation at 491-6474 if you have any questions.

<u>SIZE OF MATERIAL</u>: Big trash shall be a length not exceeding 10 feet or a weight exceeding 250 pounds.

Tree trimmings and branches must be placed together in piles with individual branches not longer than 8 feet and dead trees (not more than 6 inches in diameter).

The <u>TOTAL</u> amount allowed at the curb is 8 cubic yards (equal to what you can place in the back of 2 full size pickup beds level with the top of the cab).



<u>PLACEMENT AND LOCATION</u> of big trash: Items shall be placed at least five feet (5') from mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with hand loading or mechanical equipment.

Items shall be placed at least ten feet (10') away from utility poles, guywires, signs, fire hydrants and gas meters to allow mechanized pick up.

\*RESIDENTIAL is defined as a SINGLE FAMILY home OR a duplex.

# **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

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Ward 1	Ward 3
Cathy Maxey	Roger Godwin
722-1045	473-2881
James Mickley	Bill McClure
721-7959	787-5374
Ward 2	Ward 4
Stephen Fuhrman	Jan Blake
537-5415	550-1605
Stewart Shapiro	Donnie Ryan
721-8230	831-6483

### **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 (9-3) and Sunday (1-3) of each month. Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed if temperature is over 95°F.



### **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE IN WARR ACRES**

Nonperishable food donations will be collected between the dates of October 1<sup>st</sup> and November 15<sup>th</sup> for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Most needed items include: canned meats, meat-based soups, canned fruits, canned vegetables, peanut butter, and rice and beans. Items for donation may be dropped off at City Hall where there is a collection box located in the lobby. All donated food will

stay in Warr Acres to help our own citizens in need.



## PROPERLY DISPOSE OF PET WASTE

If disposing of pet waste by placing it in your garbage containers, <u>PLEASE</u> first place it in a bag. Our sanitation workers would greatly appreciate your cooperation in following this policy.

Tails Pet Media Group, Inc. and DoodyCalls recommend scooping waste into a trash bag, then double-wrapping it with another bag **BEFORE** placing it in the garbage to be collected. Be sure to tie knots at the top of both bags to ensure the waste is properly sealed. This is to protect garbage collectors from coming into contact with the waste upon pickup.

Dog waste carries disease-causing bacteria that can be transmitted directly to humans and make them sick. Ringworm, roundworm, salmonella, and giardia are examples of such bacteria, all of which are found in dog feces and are easily transferable upon contact. Thank you for your help!

## STORM WATER QUALITY



#### What is Storm water?

Storm water 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 storm water?

In its journey from a puddle to the ocean, storm water 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 storm water 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.

## **RECYCLING IN WARR ACRES**

For those residents who want to participate in a recycling program, please take advantage of the monthly recycling that occurs on the first weekend of each month (Saturday 9-3, Sunday 1-3) at Dorothy Cavener Park (NW 52<sup>nd</sup> and Hammond Ave). Recycling includes plastic (with a "1" or a "2" inside the recycle

triangle), glass (clear, brown and green), aluminum and tin cans (NO foil or pie pans). Please rinse your items prior to donating. Please also be aware that the hours of recycling are contingent upon weather (excessive heat or cold).

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