



#### NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

**JUNE, 2016** 

# CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED: INDEPENDENCE DAY

Monday July 4, 2016

NO trash will be picked up on the day City Hall will be closed. Due to the holiday being on Monday, residents north of NW 63<sup>rd</sup> will have curbside and big trash pickup on 7-6-16. Residents south of NW 63<sup>rd</sup> to NW 58<sup>th</sup> will not have curbside pickup on Wednesday, but will have regular pickup on Thursday.

## JULY IS RESIDENTIAL\* BIG TRASH PICKUP MONTH

Items must **NOT** be out for collection earlier than 4 days preceding

Ward 1 - Wednesday, July 6

Ward 2 - Wednesday, July 13

Ward 3 - Wednesday, July 20

Ward 4 – Wednesday, July 27

**INCLUDES** but is not limited to: household appliances, furniture, mattresses, fencing (up to 4 panels) and similar non-contracted items. Compressors must be removed from all appliances **BEFORE** collection. Doors on refrigerators and other bulky items **MUST** be removed.

Items **EXCLUDED** 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. For questions call sanitation at 491-6474.

<u>SIZE OF MATERIAL</u>: Lengths not to exceed 10 feet or a weight exceeding 250 pounds. Tree trimmings and branches must be 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 is 8 cubic yards (roughly equal to 2 full size pickup beds level with the top of the cab).

<u>PLACEMENT AND LOCATION</u>: Place at least 5 feet from mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with hand loading or mechanical equipment. Items shall be placed at least 10 feet away from utility poles, guywires, signs, fire hydrants and gas meters to allow mechanized pick up.

#### SAFETY TIPS FOR HOT DAYS OF SUMMER

- 1. Check on the elderly, neighbors, family, and pets daily.
- 2. Frequently drink water before, during, and after outdoor activities.
- 3. Minimize time spent outside and take frequent breaks to cool off.
- 4. Plan laborious outdoor tasks for the cooler parts of the day.
- 5. Move to a cooler environment at the first signs of heat illness, which includes: headache, dizziness, nausea, muscle twitching/cramps, and dry, hot, flushed skin. Call 911 for emergencies.
- 6. Never leave a child or pet in a vehicle unattended.
- 7. Make certain pets have plenty of water and shade.

# **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
Bo Broadwater	Jimmy Bullen
517-0289	412-2318
James Mickley	John Knipp
760-0401	789-4690
Ward 2	Ward 4
Ward 2 Stephen Fuhrman	Ward 4 Glen Lipinski
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# **Storm Safety**

#### HAVE A SAFETY PLAN:

- Have a safety plan for wherever you might be when a tornado strikes – School, work, church, home, shopping, etc.
- Think through your plan in advance, since there may not be much time to act.
- Practice your plan and be sure all family members know what to do.
- City offices are **LOCKED** during a tornado warning.

# 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 during inclement weather. Warr Acres Recycle Committee 720-2949.

**DEAR WARR ACRES CITIZENS**: At a June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016. Special Election, the City is asking for your consideration on 4 (four) proposed Charter Changes. Last year the Legislature passed new laws regarding how <u>and when</u> City elections are held. Our Charter now conflicts with State Law. The proposed changes would bring the Charter in line with the new laws. If the changes are not adopted, the City will not be able to utilize the County Election Board to hold our elections. The City would be forced to hold our own elections at a higher cost – additional personnel to man the polling places, the cost of printing special ballots just for Warr Acres, and the time and expense of processing the results. The following is a condensed version. Some wording has been marked through intentionally to denote changes. To view a full version, visit <u>www.warracres-ok.gov</u> or request a copy from City Hall.

#### **EXHIBIT NO. 1**

# PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY CHARTER OF THE CITY OF WARR ACRES, OKLAHOMA. ARTICLE 7. ELECTIONS

### Mayor And Councilmen Elected For Two-Year Terms; When Terms Begin:

Section 7-1. At the elections in every odd-numbered year, a mayor shall be elected at large, and a councilman shall be elected from and by each ward of the city. At the elections in every even-numbered year, a councilman shall be elected from and by each ward of the city. The mayor and all councilmen shall serve for terms of two years.

The terms of office of the mayor and councilmen to begin at 7:00 6:00 o'clock p.m. on the first Tuesday following certification of their election. If the mayor-elect or a councilman-elect fails to qualify within one month thereafter, his office shall become vacant; and the council shall fill the vacancy.

#### Primary Election; Filing:

Section 7-3. Any qualified person may have his name placed on the ballot for the primary election as a candidate for mayor or councilman from the ward in which he resides by filing, not more than one month and at least two weeks prior to the primary election with the city clerk, a sworn statement of his candidacy. with the County Election Board, during a three (3) day candidate filing period beginning not more than twenty (20) days from the date the resolution calling the election is required by law to be filed with the County Election Board. The filing dates shall be established by the Council and set forth in the resolution calling for the election. A sworn statement of his candidacy shall also be filed with the city clerk.

#### Primary Election; Time, Etc.:

Section 7-4. Unless otherwise provided by ordinance, a primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in March second Tuesday in February of every odd-numbered year to nominate candidates for mayor and councilmen to succeed those whose terms are expiring. A primary election shall be held on the first Tuesday in March second Tuesday in February of every even-numbered year to nominate candidates for councilmen to succeed those whose terms are expiring. If only one person is a candidate for an office to be filled, he shall be not only nominated, but also elected ipso facto; and his name shall not appear on the primary or general election ballot. Every qualified elector of the city shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for mayor, and every qualified elector of a ward shall be entitled to vote for one candidate for councilman from his ward.

#### ARTICLE 2. MAYOR AND COUNCIL

#### Mayor And Council; Vacancies:

Section 2-9. The council, by vote of a majority of all its members, shall fill a vacancy in the office of mayor and other vacancies in its own membership for the unexpired terms or until successors are elected and take office as provided in this section. If a vacancy occurs before the beginning of a regular filing period for candidates for councilmen, and the unexpired term extends beyond 7:30 o'clock P.M. on the next first Monday in May, then a mayor or councilman for that place shall be elected at the elections of that year to serve the rest of the unexpired term. beginning at 7:30 p.m. on said first Monday in May.

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