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**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**MAY, 2017**

**NEW YEARLY SEWER AVERAGES FOR RESIDENTIAL SEWER BEGIN ON THIS BILL**

This is the first month that your new sewer average is reflected on your bill. Your sewer rates are calculated from your water usage we receive from Oklahoma City and Bethany Water Departments. Every year the Oklahoma City and the Bethany Water Departments forwards to the City of Warr Acres a three (3) months average consumption of water usage for each residential property for the winter months of December, January and February. These three months are used because they are the months with the least amount of water being used during the year. The City of Warr Acres then takes this three (3) months winter average and figures the next year's sewer rates. This means that your sewer bill starting this month through April 2018 may have an increase, decrease, or your rate may remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2016 and January and February 2017.

**SANITATION RATE INCREASE BEGINNING MAY, 2017 BILLING**

Due to increase cost, over the past 10 years, of the daily sanitation department operations, the City Council voted to increase the sanitation rate to make up for a **\$308,000 shortfall**, in 2016, between the sanitation revenue received and the cost of providing the Cadillac Sanitation Service (Better service than any other city) to you the citizens for many years. Below are a few of the cities around the metro, the service provided, and the current rates they charge.

**2017 Metro Sanitation Rates**

Warr Acres	\$11.00	Month	Twice a week beside house - quarterly bulky waste – 4 cu yd.
Bethany	\$16.60	Month	twice a week at the curb 4 cans and once a year bulky waste
Yukon	\$17.73	Month	Once a week - 2 carts - one free load to transfer station
OKC	\$21.14	Month	Once a week - 2 carts - monthly 2 cu yd. bulky waste
Village	\$23.05	Month	Once a week - 2 carts - monthly 3 cu yd. bulky waste
Edmond	\$14.23	Month	Once a week - \$4.15 extra cart - 6 bags @ 1.50 each

The City Council voted to raise the residential sanitation rates by \$6.00 per month (from \$11.00 to \$17.00 monthly) and the commercial rates by \$2.50 per cubic yard. The rate increase will collect approximately \$300,000 per year in revenue. The other cities in the metro all have gone to poly-carts to be placed by the curb for once a week pickup except for Bethany and they are evaluating that option. Comparatively, the new rate is \$6.05 a month lower than the Village's rate and \$4.14 lower than Oklahoma City's rate.

Typically, cities generate a majority of their revenue from sales tax, and utility billing. Cities must break even on their cost/revenue of their billing services. Some cities raise rates above their cost of service to help fund other expenses of their city. The City of Warr Acres has been subsidizing sanitation from a general fund for many years, but can no longer continue this practice.

**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**

Bo Broadwater  
517-0289

**Ward 3**

Roger Godwin  
464-0411

James Mickley  
760-0401

John Knipp  
789-4690

**Ward 2**

Stephen Fuhrman  
537-5415

**Ward 4**

Glen Lipinski  
789-8640

Mike Schmidt  
323-8933

Donnie Ryan  
831-6483

**Storm Safety**

**HAVE A SAFETY PLAN:**

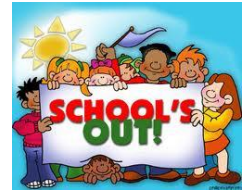
- Have a safety plan for wherever you might be when a tornado strikes – School, work, church, home, shopping, etc.
- Think through your plan in advance, since there may not be much time to act.
- Practice your plan and be sure all family members know what to do.

**Recycling**

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday 8-12 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.

## SCHOOL WILL BE OUT SOON & KIDS WILL BE PLAYING.

At the end of this month, school will be out for the summer. Our kids will be playing all around our city neighborhoods. They will be in the yards or coming back from the city parks. When driving around our neighborhoods and near our parks, please be mindful and watch out for our youth.



## CITY OF WARR ACRES



SATURDAY, JUNE 3, 2017 8:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

PUTNAM CITY HIGH SCHOOL PARKING LOT

**!!!MULTIPLE AGENCIES ON DISPLAY TO HELP YOU!!!**

**OKLAHOMA BLOOD INSTITUTE - BLOOD DRIVE - PLEASE SIGN UP**

**SUNBEAN SERVICES HEALTH & LIVING - AMERICAN RED CROSS**

**DELTA DENTAL - MIRACLE EAR**

**IDENT-A-KID REGISTRATION**

**OKLAHOMA ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION - OKLAHOMA CANCER SOCIETY**

**SNAP FITNESS 24-7 - WORKOUT JUNKIES**

**TAYLOR'S HERBS - DR. JEFFERY MUSSMAN DC**

**OKLAHOMA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT - OKC ARTS COUNCIL**

**OKLAHOMA CITY CENTER - HELPING CHILDREN WITH FOOD AND CLOTHING NEEDS**

**ALSO WITH THINGS TO DO FOR THE SUMMER SCHOOL BREAK**

**OKC ADULT WELLNESS CENTER - OKLAHOMA ALZHEIMERS ASSOC**

**SALVATION ARMY - FRANCIS TUTTLE VO-TECH**

**!!!ON DISPLAY!!!**

**WARR ACRES POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

**COME SIT IN A CAR OR FIRE TRUCK**

**EMSA - OKLAHOMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**LIFE FLIGHT HELICOPTER - SWAT TEAM TRUCK**

**SMOKE TUNNEL - LET YOUR CHILDREN SEE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE IN A SMOKE-FILLED**

**ROOM WITHOUT THE HARMFULL SMOKE**

**WE ARE SALUTING OUR VETERANS AT 10:00 A.M. IF YOU HAVE SERVED, PLEASE MAKE IT A POINT TO LET US SALUTE YOU IN APPRECIATION OF YOUR SERVICE**

**ACCEPTING BOTTLED WATER FOR OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT  
PLEASE DONATE WATER FOR THEM DURING THE HOT SUMMER**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE - INFORMATION FOR CHILDREN - YOUNG ADULTS - SENIORS**

