



#### NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

**JULY, 2018** 



## SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

One injured child is one too many!

Please be aware that Putnam City Schools start **August 16**<sup>TH</sup>

# BACK TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

## School Bus Safety for Motorist:



 Motorists coming to a school bus from <u>EITHER</u> direction MUST STOP when the bus displays flashing red warning lights and extends the stop signal arm. These signals show that children are getting on or off the school bus.

Vehicles may not pass until the flashing red lights and signals are turned off. Passing when the flashing red warning lights are on and the stop signal arm is extended is illegal and can have tragic results.

• Violation of these laws can result in a citation and fine. In many places, school bus drivers can report passing vehicles.

#### School Bus Safety for Children:

- Wait for the bus away from traffic and the street.
- Do not head toward the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
- When exiting the bus, walk away from the bus and keep a safe distance. A good rule is to take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, or until the driver's face can be seen.
- Look left-right-left when coming to the edge of the bus to make sure traffic is stopped.

#### School Bus Safety for Parents:

- Supervise children as they wait for the bus, making sure they are away from the street.
- Instruct your child to ask the driver for help if he or she drops something near the bus. If a child bends down to pick something up, the driver may not see him or her.
- Have your child use a backpack or book bag to keep loose items together.
- Check to make sure clothing and backpacks don't have loose drawstrings or long straps that can get caught in the handrail or bus door.

If you think a bus stop is in a dangerous place, you can talk to the school office or transportation director about changing the location.

# **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

Jim Mickley 409-4944

Ward 1	Ward 3
Bo Broadwater	Roger Godwin
517-0289	464-0411
Pat Woolley	John Knipp
740-7357	789-4690
Ward 2	Ward 4
Ward 2 Kim Allsup	<b>Ward 4</b> Glen Lipinski
Kim Allsup	Glen Lipinski

#### Facebook

#### Warr Acres' Facebook Pages

• City Hall

https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresCityHall/

• Police Department:

https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresPo

• Fire Department:

https://www.facebook.com/Warr-Acres-Fire-Department-123632811077770/

# 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

## **Waste Fee Increase**

On June 19, 2018 at the City Council meeting, the City Council voted to increase waste fees. The rates were approved to be increased to \$1.00 per month for residential and \$5.00 per month for commercial.

#### REMINDER FOR TRASH PICKUP

If you have bags left or cans that haven't been emptied after the trash route has been completed, it is probably because the bags or cans **EXCEEDED** the weight limit of 50 lbs. While the trash cans cannot exceed 40 GALLONS, the **WEIGHT** of those cans cannot exceed 50 lbs. If the bags or cans exceed the limit, they will pose a risk of injury to our sanitation workers. Please observe the

following rules for putting out your residential trash:

- ALL trash <u>MUST</u> be placed in a can or trash bag. Loose items are ONLY allowed to be placed at the curb for bulk trash month on your designated pickup day.
- 2. GRASS AND WEED cuttings **MUST** be placed in trash bags, securely tied, and placed **AT THE CURB.**
- 3. If you get a red tag on your trash can it means that your can is too big, over 40 gallons, and therefore will not be picked up.
- 4. Do not place loose leaves on top of your household trash. They must be bagged separately or the whole can will not be picked up. Branches in trash cans will not be picked up. They must be in 3 foot bundles and tied.
- 5. Trash in cardboard boxes will not be picked up. The trash must be in a bag in a can and cardboard boxes must be flattened and bundled.

## **Helpful Websites for Seniors**

- The website site SeniorGuidance.org is a great resource for assisted living information for seniors and families. Please feel free to visit their site at https://www.seniorguidance.org/assistedliving/oklahoma/ for more information.
- The Salvation Army of OKC has numerous programs for seniors. These programs include health clinics, transportation and hot lunches. Please feel free to visit their site at http://salvationarmyokcac.org/senior-programs/
- The website Benefits Check Up was founded by the National Council on Aging and their website can help identify what benefits a senior is eligible to receive their site address is https://www.benefitscheckup.org/

## Free or Low Cost Spay/Neuter Clinics

A compassionate society knows there is a better way to solve overpopulation than needlessly euthanizing unwanted animals. Down below is list of low cost spay and neuter clinics. If you need specific information regarding a particular spay and neuter clinic, please contact them directly. Please call and make an appointment for your furry friend today.



Central OK Humane Society 405-947-7729 Animal Wellness of OKC 405-896-2120 Spay Way 405-414-8142 Animal Birth Control Clinic 405-625-6574

If you want to adopt a new furry friend to love, please call the Warr Acres Animal Shelter at 405-789-9025.

## Peddler Alert

The police department would like to remind residents to be wary of persons selling items door-to-door such as magazines or cleaning supplies. Many of these persons are from out of state and are brought here by organized groups that end up defrauding them or the people who buy their products. If you give anyone a check or credit card number for a purchase, you have given them all the information they need to counterfeit your checking account or make fraudulent purchases with your credit card.

By City Ordinance, ANYONE selling items door to door MUST apply at City Hall. They must show identification and be bonded by an insurance company to be issued a permit to solicit. If you are approached at your home and they do not have a permit, contact the police department. Officers will check their permit status and can issue a citation or arrest the person.

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