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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

APRIL, 2020

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:



MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 25, 2020

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the day City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day is Monday - there will be a **CURBSIDE ONLY** pickup on Wednesday, May 27, 2020.

ANNUAL THREE-MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOUR NEXT MONTH'S SEWER BILL (MAY 2020)



It's that time of year again!!! Your sewer rates will be re-calculated using a report of water usage we receive from the Oklahoma City or Bethany Water Departments. Every year the Oklahoma City Water Department forwards to the City of Warr Acres a three (3) month 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) month winter average and figures the next year's sewer rates. This means that your sewer bill from May 2020 to April 2021 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2019, January and February 2020. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2020 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2020 bill reflects a substantial increase, it may be because you had a water leak, a toilet or faucet that continually ran during those three (3) winter months. If you had a plumber repair one of these problems during these months, then you can bring in the plumbing repair bill to Warr Acres City Hall. Our utility billing clerk can recalculate your average water usage for a lower sewer rate. But you **MUST** have a plumbing repair invoice indicating the problem occurred during the months stated above in order for your sewer rate to be recalculated.

REPORTING PROBLEMS OR COMPLAINTS

To report a violation or complaint, you may go to the city's web site; <https://www.warracres-ok.gov> home page. Then click "Contact" on the top right of home page. The next screen will be titled "Contact Your City". Listed are the different departments within the city, or if you would like to use our online reporting system choose [CLICK HERE](#) just under title "Contact Your City".

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

Jim Von Thaer
615-7966

Pat Woolley
740-7357

Ward 2

Kim Allsup
205-0829

Jon Evans
520-5820

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
464-0411

John Knipp
789-4690

Ward 4

Glen Lipinski
789-8640

Donnie Ryan
831-6483

City Facebook Pages

Police Department:

<https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresPolice/CityHall>:

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

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 full 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.

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ROUTE 66 CELEBRATION

The celebration has been cancelled this year due to Covid-19.

THE 2020 US CENSUS

The United States Census starts April 1st this year. You either have or will receive a census in the mail. It is a federal law that you fill this out or fill one out with a census taker. It is also extremely important to the City of Warr Acres that you fill this out as it makes a big difference in federal dollar the city receives. Also, the more people we have living in Warr Acres the easier it is to recruit businesses.

There are three ways to respond; You can respond online, by mail or by phone. Please note the census takers are not verifying your legal status or any living status but only that you live in Warr Acres or anywhere in the United States. They are simply trying to count everyone and determine what city you live in. If you have mailed, phoned, or sent your census online, simply tell the census taker that information.

This is only done every 10 years. Please stand up and be counted!!

NO PARKING IN YOUR YARD

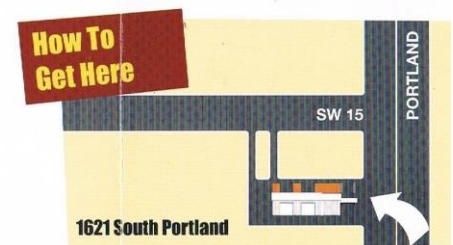
This is just as a reminder that parking in your yard is not accepted in Warr Acres. You can only park on a concrete or asphalt driveway that is sufficient in length and wide enough from side to side of the vehicles in excess of twenty-five feet or excess of two axles be parked stored or displayed on any residential lots. There is an easement in front of nearly all homes that usually extends 15 feet from the curb line. This to be considered the homeowners land and the city is able to use this easement in case of work needed for utilities. This does not mean that you may park there and should be considered as the homeowner's yard with the considerations as the rest of their yard. Illegally parking can result in a fine of 100 dollars and each additional day can result in another fine of 100 dollars.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

COLLECTION is on 1621 SOUTH PORTLAND

Residents with leftover paint, stripper, drain cleaners, old batteries and other hazardous waste may load these items up and bring them to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 1621 South Portland and they can be contacted at 682-7038. The Center is free for residents of Warr Acres; however, you **must take a water bill or trash/sewer bill with you as proof of residency.**

Collection Hours
Tuesday - Friday
9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Saturday
8:30 - 11:30 a.m.



KEEP POLLUTANTS FROM ENTERING STREAMS.

The excessive use of fertilizers, improper disposal of leaves and yard clippings, overuse of pesticides/herbicides and over-watering can result in the polluting of Oklahoma's streams, rivers and lakes.

The following yard care suggestions will minimize water pollution while keeping a healthy and attractive lawn:

- Keep leaves and grass out of streets, drainage ditches, storm drains and creeks
- Grass clippings can stay on the lawn. They are a natural fertilizer.
- Set blade higher on lawn mower. This reduces stress to the grass and helps develop a drought and pest resistant root system.
- Using too much fertilizer may affect water quality in your area. Nutrients from fertilizers –usually phosphates – enter rivers and streams and stimulate the growth of algae. Excessive algae growth reduces oxygen levels in lakes and ponds, thus killing fish and other aquatic life.
- Choose a fertilizer with a slow-release form of nitrogen to reduce the potential for leaching into groundwater.
- Do not apply fertilizer when heavy rain is forecasted.
- If you are trying to have a greener lawn during the summer, then use iron (chelated iron or ferrous sulfate) instead of nitrogen.
- When applying pesticides, spot treat only affected areas instead of widespread application (Widespread application can kill beneficial insects.)
- Some insects help keep pests under natural control without causing harm to humans. Some of the “good” **bugs** include: Lady Beetle, Assassin Bug, Earwig, Green Lacewing, Big-Eyed Bug, Syrphid Fly.