



SCHOOL ZONE SAFETY

One injured child is one too many!

Please be aware that Putnam City Schools start **August 21st**



BACK TO SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School Bus Safety for Motorist:



- Motorists coming to a school bus from **EITHER** 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
Putnam City Schools	495-5200

City Council Members

Mayor

Jim Mickley 409-4944

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615-7966

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464-0411

Pat Woolley
740-7357

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789-4690

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Kim Allsup
205-0829

Ward 4

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789-8640

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520-5820

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831-6483

City Facebook Pages

- **City Hall:**
<https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresCityHall/>
- **Police Department:**
<https://www.facebook.com/WarrAcresPolice/>
- **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

City Project Updates



- Construction on the new city hall is progressing nicely. All of the interior walls are up and new plumbing, electrical and data connections are installed-sheetrock will be completed this week. This project is ahead of schedule.
- Construction has started on animal control with the slab being poured-walls will start very soon with construction complete in November.
- Police and fire department drawings are 100% complete and will be going to bid very soon.
- Repairs have started on residential streets and construction is on schedule.
- The South Macarthur Project is on schedule with right of way purchases nearly complete and right of way construction starting very soon. This project is also on schedule.



Stormwater Pollution

How you can help:

-- The best way to reduce stormwater pollution is to stop it at its source.

Remember that pollutants flushed down storm drains directly affects the quality of our waterways and could possibly make them unsafe for boating, fishing, swimming, and other water related activities.

-- Don't work on your car in a place where oil and grease could be washed into street gutters. Used motor oil should be contained and taken to a collection center. Most automotive shops provide this service.

-- Grass clippings should be bagged and disposed of with yard waste. Dumping grass clippings down a storm drain can slow stormwater flow and clog the drains.

-- Pet dropping should not be discarded into storm drains or left in the yard. Clean up pet droppings and dispose of them in trash bins, or in the toilet.

Fire Safety Tips From Your Fire Chief



1. Be a fire-safe smoker

Smoking is the No. 1 cause of home fire deaths across the country. You can prevent fires caused by cigarettes and other smoking materials. Also, smoke outside, don't smoke in bed and never smoke after taking medicine that makes you tired.

2. Test smoke alarms

Without a smoke alarm, you may not wake up from the smoke, and it can kill you in your sleep. This is why home fires are the most dangerous at night or when people are sleeping. Test your smoke alarms once a month.

3. Make sure you can hear your smoke alarm

The standard smoke alarm sound does not wake some people. If you cannot hear your alarm, you may need an alarm that has a different sound or one that comes with a bed shaker or strobe light.

4. Make an escape plan around your abilities

You may have less than three minutes to get out of your home if there is a fire. It is important to have an escape plan before a fire occurs, so everyone is prepared and ready to act.

5. Think about your needs

If you need to use a wheelchair or a cane, make sure you can get to them easily and get out quickly. If you wear a hearing aid or eyeglasses, put them next to your bed while you are sleeping. Have a phone near the bed in case of an emergency and know the local emergency number in case of a fire.

6. Stay in the kitchen when you are frying, grilling or broiling food

Use a timer to remind you that you're cooking.

7. Don't overload electrical outlets or extension cords