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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

APRIL, 2021

NO WINTER THREE-MONTH AVERAGE USAGE THIS YEAR

Every year the City of Warr Acres recalculates the next year's sewer rates based on a report from the Oklahoma City or Bethany Water Departments listing a three-month average from December, January & February consumption of water usage for each residential property. **This year the Warr Acres City Council voted to keep your sewer rates the same as last year.** With the extreme cold and everyone dripping or streaming water, we felt this would be unfair year to adjust your rates.

Ambulance Service Update:

The Samaritan Ambulance Service was purchased by Pafford Ambulance Service. There will be no change in your service. If you or someone in your residence uses the ambulance service, your ride will be covered by your insurance and your monthly city payment. However, if you have not met your deductible you will be charged that amount. This is the same as going to the doctor or a hospital and you haven't met your deductible; you would still be liable. This rarely occurs except for the first of the year for those who have not yet met their deductible. This is intended to cover your out of pocket expenses, not including your deductible.

Attention!!! For those who pay their utility bill through **their bank** with **ONLINE BILL PAY - REMEMBER** to change the mailing address for the City of Warr Acres. The post office will only continue to forward mail for a short period of time before they start returning mail to sender. This delay may make your payment late. This does **NOT** affect customers who set up auto withdrawal (ACH) through Warr Acres.

Also, please make sure the correct account number is referenced on the check.

This newsletter is produced by City Hall and is included in each monthly billing according to municipal ordinance. If you have any articles, comments, concerns or other information that you would like to have appear in this newsletter please bring your information to City Hall, email the editors at newsletter@warracres-ok.gov or call City Hall at 405-789-2892. The newsletters will also be viewable on the city website at www.warracres-ok.gov including previous issues.

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 Thaar
615-7966

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
464-0411

Pat Woolley
740-7357

John Knipp
789-4690

Ward 2

Kim Allsup
205-0829

Ward 4

William Tucker
613-2723

Jon Evans
520-5820

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831-6483

City Facebook Pages

Police Department:

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

City Hall:

<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. Due to the Easter holiday the next recycle weekend will be Saturday April 10th from 8-noon and Sunday April 11th from 1-3. **This is the last Sunday the recycle center will be open.** Recycling includes plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans. Closed during inclement weather.
Warr Acres Recycle Committee 720-2949.

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:

MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 31, 2021

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, June 2, 2021.

ROUTE 66 CELEBRATION

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

IS YOUR CONTRACTOR LICENSED?



If you are having work done that requires a contractor (electrical, mechanical, plumbing) they **MUST** be licensed in Warr Acres. This will help ensure that your contractor has the required licensure/CEUs/insurance/etc. Contact the Licensing Clerk at City Hall to check to see if your contractor is licensed **before** work begins. Permits must also be purchased by the contractor for all work done within the City of Warr Acres.

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.**

How To Get Here



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.