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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

March, 2023

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE

Good Friday - Friday, April 7, 2023

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day will be missed - there will be **CURBSIDE ONLY** pickup on: **Wednesday, April 5, 2023.**

APRIL IS RESIDENTIAL BIG TRASH PICKUP MONTH

Items must **NOT** be placed out for collection earlier than three (3) days preceding the regular scheduled big trash collection day.

- Ward 1 Wednesday April 5th, 2023
- Ward 2 Wednesday April 12th, 2023
- Ward 3 Wednesday April 19th, 2023
- Ward 4 Wednesday April 26th, 2023

Big Trash **INCLUDES**, but is not limited to: household appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, box springs, water tanks, fencing (up to 4 panels) and similar non-contracted items, bagged grass, and brush produced as refuse from single-family dwellings. Compressors must be removed from all appliances **BEFORE** collection may be completed. Doors on refrigerators and other bulky items **MUST** be removed before placement on curb.

Items **EXCLUDED** under the definition of big trash include hospital and medical waste, poisons, acids and caustics, explosives, dirt and rocks, sewage and liquid waste, nuclear materials, gasoline, kerosene, propane tanks, degreasers, lubricants, tires and rims, antifreeze, paint, and commercial construction debris, bricks or concrete. Call sanitation at 491-6474 if you have any questions.

SIZE OF MATERIAL: Big trash shall be a length not exceeding 10 feet or a weight exceeding 250 pounds. Tree trimmings and branches must be placed together in piles with individual branches no longer than 8 feet and dead trees (not more than 6 inches in diameter).

The **TOTAL** amount allowed at the curb is 8 cubic yards (equal to what you can place in the back of 2 full size pickup beds level with the top of the cab). There will be an additional fee of \$15.00 for each cubic yard of bulky waste collected in excess of eight (8) cubic yards

Helpful Phone Numbers

City Hall	405-789-2892
Fax	405-787-5432
Police Department	405-789-3329
Fire Department	405-789-5912
Animal Control	405-789-9025
Municipal Court	405-495-3032
Inspections & Permits	405-789-2892
Sanitation Department	405-491-6474
Streets & Parks	405-787-1404
Sewer Department	405-491-6478
Putnam City Schools	405-495-5200

City Council Members

Mayor

Roger Godwin 405-651-0070

Ward 1

Jim Von Thaer
405-615-7966

Ward 3

Debra Morris
405-973-8595

Judy Myers
405-722-1324

John Knipp
405-789-4690

Ward 2

Mike Schmidt
405-323-8933

Ward 4

Randy Prince
405-495-6499

Scott Tribbey
405-313-9197

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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. **The Recycle center will be open first Saturday of the month only from 8:30am until 11:30am.** We are still in need of volunteers: please consider signing up. The Recycle Center is not open in January or July due to the weather. Recycling includes plastic, aluminum and tin cans. Closed during inclement weather.

Warr Acres Recycle Committee 405-720-2949

For those of you on ebill:

This is not the same as auto pay or ACH. Signing up to make payments on the website allows you to make monthly payments online, this does not mean that the payment is auto paid. It emails your bill instead of receiving a paper bill and gives you the option to make online payments. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call City Hall.

ANNUAL THREE-MONTH AVERAGE WATER USAGE

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 consumption of water usage for each residential property. This means that your sewer bill from May 2023 to April 2024 could have an increase, decrease, or your rate could remain the same depending on how much water consumption you had during December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023. These new rates will be reflected on your May 2023 bill, which will be sent out around the 20th of May.

If your May 2023 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.

SPRING SEVERE WEATHER



For us in central Oklahoma, severe weather events are among the highest probability on our threat list. While all severe weather poses threats, tornadoes are particularly dangerous because, unlike a tracking hurricane, it is difficult to determine when or where a tornado may strike, and the sustained winds of even a F1 tornado on the Enhanced Fujita Tornado Intensity Scale can reach 110 mph.

Remember that a **tornado watch** is to let the community know that there could possibly be a tornado and to remain alert for approaching storms. And, a **tornado warning** is to let the community know that a tornado was seen on the ground, or activity of a tornado is forming. If you want to be notified of a tornado watch in Oklahoma County, please call the Warr Acres Fire Department to have your number added to the emergency call list. Call 405-789-5912 and ask for Chief Coy, or leave your number and a message of what you need.

We recommend that every home and business should be equipped with at least one Programmable All-Hazard Radio, equipped with a battery back-up for use should normal power be interrupted. As we approach spring, it is important that each of us develop a plan and maintain awareness. The City of Warr Acres, as with most cities, does not furnish public tornado shelters.