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NOVEMBER, 2023

END OF THE YEAR DATES CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:

THANKSGIVING November 23, 2023
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CHRISTMAS December 25, 2023
CHRISTMAS December 26, 2023

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day is missed - there will be **CURBSIDE ONLY** pickups prior to or after the Holidays;

Wednesday, November 22, 2023
Wednesday, December 27, 2023

Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family. May you enjoy the warmth of family this Thanksgiving and the harvest of the feast. If you are traveling, please have safe travels.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY:

The annual Christmas Tree Lighting will be Saturday, December 2, 2023, from 6 to 8 pm. It will be held at the City of Warr Police Department, 5901 NW 42nd St. There will be hot chocolate and goodies. The Putnam City Strings Orchestra will perform and Santa will make an appearance! We hope to see you there!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

If you receive a knock on your door, city workers are searching for manholes all over the city; as well as areas where there are issues from the pipes. We would appreciate it if you could please make sure your clean out cap is on your drain line. Thank you

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 Thær
405-615-7966

Ward 3

Debbie Morris
405-973-8595

Judy Myers
405-722-1324

Lynda Steele
405-414-0779

Ward 2

Mike Schmidt
405-323-8933

Ward 4

Randy Prince
405-495-6499

Scott Tribbey
405-313-9197

Vickie Douglas
405-620-1296

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Warr Acres Social Media Accounts

- 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. **The Recycle center will be open first Saturday of the month only from 8:30am until 11:30am.** The Recycle Center is not open in January or July due to the weather. Closed during inclement weather. Warr Acres Recycle Committee 405-720-2949.

Rate increase explanation

The City of Warr Acres occupies 2.8 square miles in Oklahoma County as part of the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area. The City is fully developed, being mostly residential with some commercial and business areas. The existing sanitary sewer (SS) system was installed gradually starting in the 1970s and consists of 15 subbasins with three lift stations. As a result, many of the lines are at or near the end of their service life. The City of Warr Acres is committed to maintaining and improving the SS system and is taking steps towards minimizing inflow and infiltration through the funding of the replacement of sewer lines throughout the City.

Earlier this year, we informed everyone an increase would be forthcoming, partially due to the fact that the Bethany/Warr Acres Sewer Treatment plant was not working properly. The Trust was forced to make some emergency decisions to insure the two cities were not negatively impacted by sewer overflows and backups. These decisions were not taken lightly and were mandatory by the DEQ and EPA. The City as well as Bethany are required to fund additional sewer treatment costs assessed by the Bethany/Warr Acres Public Works Authority for operating and maintaining the wastewater treatment facility. The issues with the plant have cost the joint trust hundreds of thousands of dollars in ongoing repairs, replacement of equipment and at times being forced to bypass the Bethany/Warr Acres facility and send the sewage to the OKC sewer plant for processing. In September, the Trust voted to increase the rates in order to keep the facility up and running. There are still many issues being addressed. We are aware the Trust will be asking for another increase once they are able to figure out what the cost will be.

The City hired a consulting firm to do calculations to determine what the rate increase needs to be. This will cover the rate already imposed by the Trust, as well as any additional increase the Trust will be requesting in the near future to ensure the City brings in enough revenue to fund work on the sewer lines within Warr Acres. On October 17, 2023, the City Council had to make a hard decision to approve a sewer rate increase to cover the cost of the sewer system for capital improvements and ongoing daily operations and maintenance.

Below is a chart showing where we were in the metro average and where we will be with the new rates.

