



**NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES**

**DECEMBER, 2023**

*From the Mayor & city employees....  
"Have a Merry Christmas and a safe and  
Happy New Year!"*

**END OF THE YEAR DATES CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED:**

CHRISTMAS	Friday	December 22, 2023
CHRISTMAS	Monday	December 25, 2023
CHRISTMAS	Tuesday	December 26, 2023
NEW YEAR'S DAY	Monday	January 3, 2024

**Only city hall will be closed on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Trash service will be picked up on this day.** If your normal garbage day is missed due to a holiday, there will be curbside pick only on the following days;

**Wednesday December 27, 2023  
Wednesday January 3, 2024**

**Thank You** to all of the volunteers who made our Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony on December 2nd a success!! The hot drinks, snacks, and music were enjoyed by all who attended! Special thanks to our Police Chief and councilmembers, Shelly, Traci, Putnam City Silver Strings Orchestra, Cherokee Hills Christian Church, Putnam City United Methodist Church and Provisions Coffee Shoppe. And a special thank you to Santa! Also wanted to give a thank you to Chief Patty who lit the Christmas tree for us this year, his last year with the city. You will be missed! Happy retirement!

**Our ambulance service, Pafford has raised their rates with the new contract. It will require us to raise our fee by \$2 beginning with the January 2024 bill. If you have any questions, please contact the mayor at 405-651-0070**

**IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

The City of Warr Acres is working on a comprehensive program to improve our sanitary sewer system throughout the city. Starting this month our engineering firm SRB along with their sub-contractors (Woolpert & HydroMax) will be accessing the sanitary sewer manholes for inspections. The crews will also be using closed circuit cameras to video the lines and will be using vacuum trucks to clean the sanitary sewer lines as well. Public Works staff and our crews will be notifying residents by door hangers prior to accessing the yards.

**Important 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 Thaeer  
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

**Facebook Links**

**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.

# JANUARY IS RESIDENTIAL BIG TRASH PICKUP MONTH

Ward 1 Wednesday January 3, 2024  
Ward 2 Wednesday January 10, 2024  
Ward 3 Wednesday January 17, 2024  
Ward 4 Wednesday January 24, 2024

**Big Trash INCLUDES**, but is not limited to: household appliances, furniture, carpet, mattresses, box springs, water tanks, fencing 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 not 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**

Items cannot be placed out for pick-up earlier than **four** days preceding the regularly scheduled bulk waste collection day **FOR YOUR WARD**.

**PLACEMENT AND LOCATION** of big trash: Items shall be placed at least five feet (5') from mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with hand loading or mechanical equipment. Items shall be placed at least ten feet (10') away from utility poles, guywires, signs, fire hydrants and gas meters to allow mechanized pick up.

**\*RESIDENTIAL is defined as a SINGLE-FAMILY home OR a duplex**

## **Storm Water News**

*In 2021, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has added Lake Hefner as an impaired waters with mercury.*

*Citizens are encouraged to properly dispose of any items containing mercury at the City of Oklahoma City Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 901 South Portland, OKC and not in their regular household trash in which the truck could crush the container and disperse onto the sanitation equipment and the surrounding roadways.*

*Common items that could contain mercury are antique barometers, old thermometers measuring air temperature, old light switches, old wall thermostats for air conditioning systems. These would be found during demolition of a structure, replacement of existing electrical systems and cleaning out a shed, garage or even an entire house. The mercury contained in these items are usually sealed inside of a clear glass tube in which you can see the mercury inside. If found, carefully handle and place into a zip-lock bag and dispose of at the hazardous waste facility free of charge.*

## **Sanitation Department: Ice and Snow Information**

The sanitation department has always attempted to provide garbage service throughout the city regardless of the weather. When the city experiences ice storms, we must alter the way we gather the garbage for the safety of our workers. For the safety of our citizens, it is suggested that they hold their trash until the next scheduled pick-up day. When there is **ICE on the ground**, garbage **will not be picked up**. When there is **SNOW on the ground**, garbage **will be picked up curbside only**.

