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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

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I WANT YOU TO VOLUNTEER

Volunteers Needed

Do you have experience in filing, answering telephones, data entry, operating a copier or just have extra time on your hands? We are looking for a few skilled people to assist throughout the City with volunteer projects. Several citizens have come forward volunteering their time and talents to assist the City staff in daily tasks as well as special assignments. If you are interested in giving some of your time please contact the Mayor's Office at City Hall 405-789-2892, by email at mayor@warracres-ok.gov or submit your information on the City web site at www.warracres-ok.gov/volunteer.

New Businesses

Warr Acres is pleased to announce the arrival of the newest Church's Chicken location. The new store held a ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the new location at 5950 NW Expressway in Warr Acres. A portion of proceeds was donated by Church's Chicken to a local non-profit group called Critter Tales. Pictured below are members of the Northwest Chamber at the ribbon cutting. To the right is Mayor Marietta Tardibono with Critter Tales director Jennifer Lance. www.crittertalesinc.com



Hideway Pizza is in the process of remodeling the former Chili's location at 5501 NW Expressway in Warr Acres. They expect the renovations to take some time, but we should look forward to another great addition to the Warr Acres family of businesses.



MacArthur Project Completion

The long time coming end of the MacArthur widening project is finally near. All the new lanes are open for traffic and the construction signs are down. For a short period the speed limit was kept at 25mph while crews worked on minor issues to complete the project. The City, in agreement with OG&E will be having new street lighting installed with old town type light poles. The City Council felt that this would give Warr Acres a more personal touch making it stand out from other cities around us.



School Is Back In Session

Area schools are back in session around the middle of August. Please be safe and courteous in areas where school busses are loading or unloading. School zones will be active and speeding fines are higher in school zones so watch your speed.

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

Marietta Tardibono

Ward 1

Stan Street
Jeff Martinez

Ward 3

Dean Johnson
Walter Johnson

Ward 2

Nancy Olson
Stewart Shapiro

Ward 4

Michael Gossman
Jason Eischen

Storm Shelters

Storm shelters are available at the following locations for citizens who are away from home when severe weather threatens the City of Warr Acres.

Cherokee Hills Park

NW 67th & Cherokee

Grandma's Park

NW 40th West of MacArthur

City Hall

5930 NW 49th

Recycling

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavnar Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond. Recycling includes paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans.

"A Spot for Tea" Takes Atlanta, Georgia by Storm

Owner, Tammy Seibert, and Manager, Ashlie Cravens, of "A Spot for Tea" (3812 N MacArthur) were featured speakers at the 2007 World Tea Expo in Atlanta. After viewing over 200 new specialty tea products, Tammy and Ashlie are sharing their discoveries with their customers here at home. The World Tea Expo was held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 9-11, 2007, with over 5,000 tea enthusiasts from the trade trying out the latest products in specialty tea. They were asked to speak for the event that has been deemed one of the 50 fastest growing expos in North America. The expo offered seminars in tea education by tea experts from all around the globe. "Nowhere else in the United States other than the World Tea Expo can a tea professional view all the newest innovations in tea and tea products under one roof," Seibert said. This is the third year for Tammy and Ashlie to attend the World Tea Expo and the second year they were asked to be speakers. We are proud to have a local business from Warr Acres in the national spotlight. Great job!



Large Trash Pickups Scheduled

Each year the City schedules dates for residents to place large trash items at the curb for pickup by the sanitation crews. This year's large trash days have been scheduled for Wednesdays in October. Each week will be for a different Ward. Items that can not be placed out for trash include tires, paint, chemicals, and refrigeration units such as refrigerators with Freon still in them. If you have questions about what can and can not be picked up please contact the Sanitation Department Supervisor at 491-6474.

Ward 1, Wednesday October 3rd
Ward 2, Wednesday October 10th
Ward 3, Wednesday October 17th
Ward 4, Wednesday October 24th



Upward Soccer Sign-Up

Church of the Savior at 5600 NW 63rd St in Warr Acres, has a soccer program for children 4 years to 5th grade. Registration costs \$60 and includes the jersey, shorts and socks. Sign ups and evaluations will be held at the church soccer field Tuesday, August 21 and Thursday, August 23 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Season starts, September 22, with all games on Saturdays at the church. For more information call Church of the Savior at 721-5241 or call Georgia at 721-4674. You may also register online at www.cotsokc.org.

Is Your Family Doing Their Part By Recycling?

The City of Warr Acres has provided recycling dumpsters for aluminum, paper, glass, plastic and even tin cans. On Hammond at about NW 52nd Street, there is an area designated at *Dorothy Cavnar Park* which currently houses dumpsters for citizens to place their recycled trash. A used aluminum can is recycled and back on the grocery shelf as a new can, in as little as 60 days. The average household throws away 13,000 separate pieces of paper each year. Most is packaging and junk mail. Americans use 2,500,000 plastic bottles every hour. Most of them are thrown away. Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator. Do your part and recycle!



Tired Of Mailing Your Payment Each Month?

If you get tired of spending the forty-one cents each month to pay your City sewer and sanitation bill sign up for direct pay. This is a service that the City offers at no cost to the citizens. Simply sign up for the automatic service by completing the form and your payment can be automatically deducted from your checking account each month. The form is available at City hall or on the web site at www.warracres.ok.gov/links.html. If you have questions about the process contact the utility billing clerk at City Hall at 789-2892.



Disaster Assistance Available For Flood Victims

If your property suffered damage due to the recent flooding you may be eligible for disaster assistance through the Federal Emergency Management Agency or FEMA. You can contact FEMA at 1-800-621-3362 to inquire about any available assistance for housing, repair, replacement, business related damage and other needs. Before calling please have the following information available during the call;

A phone number where FEMA can reach you	Social security number
Address of the affected property	Brief description of the damages
Current mailing address	Insurance information including policy number

You may also apply online at www.fema.gov

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