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NEWS FOR THE CITIZENS OF WARR ACRES

JANUARY, 2013

CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED THE FOLLOWING DATE:

PRESIDENT'S DAY Monday February 18, 2013

Remember, NO trash will be picked up on the days City Hall will be closed. For those whose normal trash day is Monday - there will be a CURBSIDE ONLY pickup on Wednesday, February 20, 2012.

E-PAY AND E-BILL ARE HERE!



The City of Warr Acres now has E-bill and E-pay.
E-BILL – is receiving a bill by email and NOT by mail
E-PAY – is a payment option using a 3rd party company, such as paypal, to pay your bill online for a small, minimal fee.

You will need to enter a 5-digit **PIN NUMBER** when registering. This PIN NUMBER is located **ON YOUR UTILITY BILL** on the **top left**. To sign up, please go our website: www.warracres-ok.gov and follow the instructions.



CITY OF WARR ACRES

Two Years Progress Report for 2011 and 2012

Your City Council has accomplished numerous items that have improved the safety and well-being of the citizens, businesses and the employees in the City of Warr Acres.

Warr Acres is a community which relies on sales tax revenues to pay for much of the services we provide to our citizens and to our businesses. Warr Acres has been blessed with a wonderful business base along with many new businesses choosing to move into Warr Acres. Our City business base has provided us with steady sales tax revenue while most of the country has seen a dramatic reduction in their sales tax revenue because of the economic downturn.

This Warr Acres progress report, simply stated, is a report card as to how the City Council has spent your tax dollars and the progress that has been made in your City. The following are a few items that have been accomplished:

1. A new Animal Shelter has been budgeted and the funding approved for construction in 2013.
2. Secured \$500,000 in funding to resurface NW 50th Street between Meridian and Hammond with work to be completed the summer of 2013.

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

Patrick Woolley 409-4944

Ward 1

Cathy Maxey
722-1045

Ward 3

Roger Godwin
473-2881

James Mickley
721-7959

Bill McClure
787-5374

Ward 2

Stephen Fuhrman
537-5415

Ward 4

Jan Blake
550-1605

Stewart Shapiro
721-8230

David Dirkschneider
514-0340

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 Lily's Park

NW 40th West of MacArthur

City Hall

5930 NW 49th

Recycling

Recycling dumpsters are available at Dorothy Cavener Park, in the area of NW 52nd and Hammond Avenue on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month. Recycling includes paper, plastic, glass, aluminum and tin cans.

3. Obtained \$300,000 for improvements to all school zones throughout Warr Acres which will include new cross walk striping, school zone flashing lights and new in-pavement flashing LED lights in the center striping throughout the school zone.
4. Finished the first 2011 Sewer Grant Project (\$225,000 combined with City funds of \$335,000) which replaced controls and pumps in two lift stations, installed two generators for backup power and refurbished over 50 manholes.
5. Started the second 2013 Sewer Grant Project (\$100,000 combined with City funds of \$100,000) which will include sewer line upgrades.
6. The widening of the intersection of NW 50th and MacArthur through NW 48th Street will start in the summer of 2013. The project will include Warr Acres signage, landscaping, sidewalks, burying overhead utilities, and includes left turn lanes at NW 49th and MacArthur. Funding for the 2.6 million dollar project was secured in 2012 with the City's portion totaling \$425,000.
7. The City completed in 2012, \$128,000 of improvements to the Community Center which included new heating and cooling systems, replacement of the duct work, handicap door openers on both sets of exterior doors, repair and repainting of the exterior facades and installed a new irrigation system with new landscaping (\$110,000 in stimulus funds combined with \$18,000 City Funds).
8. The City completed a \$236,000 Energy Efficiency Grant for City Hall in 2012 which included a new entrance with handicap door openers, windows, roof for City Hall and new heating and air conditioning systems for the Police, Fire and City Hall buildings.
9. Upgraded a large portion of the street and sewer department equipment: snow plow, two salt spreaders, skid steer with sweeper, concrete breaker, planer, larger concrete saw (to improve efficiency of repairs). Installed new LED traffic signal lights at the NW Expressway and MacArthur and Cherokee Plaza which reduce maintenance and downtime.
10. Purchased a sewer jetting trailer and new pickup. This equipment will be used to proactively clean out problem manholes and sewer lines.
11. Purchased a crack sealing machine used to extend the life of the concrete which is used during the fall/winter months.
12. The Sanitation department for the past two years has been refurbishing the rusty white dumpsters for our businesses by cleaning, patching/welding and re-painting them green. This is work in progress.
13. The Police department in 2012 purchased a new K-9 German Shepard dog to replace the retired K-9. In 2011, the Police department upgraded their fleet with four new Crown Victoria Police cars. The Police department continues to upgrade and modernize our SWAT Team (Tactical Unit). The Police radio system was upgraded to the 800 MHz system which, for the first time, allows two way communications with the surrounding law enforcement agencies.
14. Expanded the Police patrol division by two officers which allows a more proactive approach in patrolling our neighborhoods and businesses.
15. Renovated the work space of the Police Station with upgrades to desks, computers, and cabinets, and completed interior painting.
16. Purchased fifteen sets of Wildland Fire Fighting Bunker Gear (lighter gear for summer time brush fires). Assisted other agencies in numerous wild fires in rural areas around Oklahoma City (numerous rural fires in the past two years).
17. Over 3000 hours of training for medical and fire rescue in 2012 (up from 2011 training hours). In 2012 the Fire Department responded to over 2000 calls, up 20% from 2011. Medical calls ranged from 86 to 143 calls monthly.