



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## CITY COUNCIL

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### Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission  
March 6th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting  
March 13th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority  
March 13th  
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment  
March 21st  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee  
March 28th  
8:30 am at City Hall

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## Business Is Picking Up!! Oops, I mean, Pick Up Your Business!

Time for a reminder about, um, well, Dog Poop. There's no polite way to put it. And that's the bottom (no pun intended) line. Most everyone knows that it is rude to allow one's dog to poop in someone else's yard, or to poop in the parks. Maybe you think, "Hey, nobody is watching so it's o.k." Or the little baggy stations at the park are empty, and "just this once" won't matter. If you don't have little kids, imagine how icky it is for the little ones to play at the parks and encounter mounds of, um, "business" in the play areas.

Perhaps you haven't stopped to consider that it is not only Rude, but it is also UNLAWFUL under Nichols Hills Code Section 5-74! The baggies placed at the parks are a convenience, but their absence is no excuse for not picking up poop. Think how embarrassing it will be to get a citation for not picking up poop! Make it a habit to tuck a couple of those newspaper plastic bags in your pocket when you go out with your dogs. Use them to pick up poop and you are not only avoiding a hefty fine, but you are also repurposing and reusing! And about "nobody watching" -- don't kid yourself! They ARE watching and they're calling ME!

**Sody McCampbell Clements, Mayor**

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### TRAIL GRANT AWARDED

The City is pleased to announce that on February 9, 2012, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) awarded the City of Nichols Hills a \$200,000 Federal Grant for a Pedestrian Trail and Share-the-Road Signage along NW Grand Boulevard between Greystone Avenue and Nichols Road. This is an Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) 100% Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Grant.

The City has worked hard for the last several years to fund a project that would connect Nichols Hills to the Oklahoma City Bike Trail between Lake Hefner and 63<sup>rd</sup> Street. We would like to thank ACOG, ODOT, Vice-Mayor & Nichols Hills ACOG representative Peter Hoffman, City Manager David Poole, Public Works Director Randy Smith, and City Engineer Karl Baldischwiler for their efforts regarding this important community project.

Work on the trail is scheduled to begin this summer, in conjunction with the resurfacing of NW Grand Boulevard.



NH Public Works Director Randy Smith  
NH Vice-Mayor Peter Hoffman  
ODOT Area Engineer Rosemarie Case  
ACOG Division Director Doug Rex

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

The 30th Anniversary of the Redbud Classic is just around the corner, April 14 -15. We want to make you aware of the event dates so you can plan accordingly for travel throughout Nichols Hills on event weekend. As your residence is located on or near the immediate vicinity of the Redbud courses, participants will be traveling by or near your home. A map of the 2 mile, 10k and 5k course is attached for your review.

**On Saturday, April 14**, the Bicycle Events will begin at 7:15am at the Waterford Complex. Participants will travel east on 63<sup>rd</sup> Street; therefore, 63<sup>rd</sup> Street between Grand and Penn will be closed, and traffic from Nichols Hills' street will have limited access into this area until approximately 11:00am. At 11:00 am, the Children's Fitness Run will kick off at Nichols Hills Plaza. The children will travel down Trenton to Marlboro, returning on Avondale. For the safety of the participants, traffic will be restricted in this area until 1pm.

**On Sunday, April 15**, the footraces, wheelchair event, 2 mile walk and baby stroller derby will encompass a large area of Nichols Hills. As a result, traffic will be restricted in your area between 12pm-4pm as these events proceed. We apologize for any inconvenience that may occur, but we assure you that all streets will re-open immediately as the last participants clear your area.

We hope you will join us for all of the festivities on April 14, 15. Thank you.



For more maps or information, visit [www.redbud.org](http://www.redbud.org)

## PUBLIC WORKS

Altas Paving started replacing the 1600 block of Camden Way. Camden Way will be closed from Penn to Brentwood. If the weather is good it should not take long. We are hoping everything goes good for them so they can get Camden Way open again.

Blastco finished painting the south water storage tank. The city and the city engineer have completed the final inspections and it is back in service.

There are some changes to the Nichols Hills recycling center. It is located in the same place but the hours have changed and it will be staffed. The new hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and it will be open from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the first Saturday of each month. Ted White will staff the recycling center and he will be there to assist in any way he can. Entrance to the center will require some kind of Nichols Hills identification (i.e. utility bill, drivers license).

The Nichols Hills codes department is working hard to maintain compliance with the EPA stormwater rules. The main objective is to keep mud, dirt and sand out of the street. Construction sites will need to have their silt fencing in order, stock piled materials covered and vehicles to stay out of yards. If you see anything that might cause a problem, please call Public Works.

Pet and lawn wastes are another part or of the Storm Water rule. It seems that fewer and fewer people are picking up after their pets. The city tries to keep plenty of bags available to properly dispose of pet wastes.

If you have any problems we can help with please call 843-5222.

## ANIMAL RESCUE FRIENDS

If anyone wants to assist ARF in it's mission of saving unclaimed, impounded pets in Nichols Hills, they can donate time, old collars, leashes, crates, dog beds, food, treats, toys and, of course, money by mailing checks to Animal Rescue Friends, Inc of Nichols Hills, C/O Public Works, 1009 N.W. 75th Street, Nichols Hills, OK 73116 or by calling 843-4222 about donating items. ARF will respond by sending a 501 c 3 tax deduction letter (and offering a cat or a dog!).

### FEBRUARY'S FEATURED PET



Daniel is a 66 pound lab pit mix, approximately 12 months old now. Neutered, heartworm tested negative & fully vaccinated. A wonderful, loving dog!