



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## CITY NEWS

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### Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting  
March 12th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority  
March 12th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment  
March 20th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee  
March 27th  
8:30 am at City Hall

The 31st Anniversary of the Redbud Classic is just around the corner, April 6-7. We want to make you aware of the event dates so you can plan accordingly for travel throughout Nichols Hills on event weekend. If your residence is located on or near the immediate vicinity of the Redbud courses, participants will be traveling by or near your home.

**On Saturday, April 6**, 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' streets 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 7**, 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 several areas 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.

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



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### Christmas Tree Recycling

This year Nichols Hills joined forces with a local company, RECYCLING THE HILLS, in an effort to recycle Christmas trees. The event was aimed at saving our City money, helping our sanitation crews during this busy time of year, and saving valuable landfill space. Together we collected hundreds of trees and turned most of them into mulch. Thank you to all the citizens who participated in this effort.



## CITY NEWS

### CHECKLIST AND TIPS FOR SAFE WINTER DRIVING

#### Get your car serviced now

No one wants to break down in any season, but especially not in cold or snowy winter weather. Start the season off right by ensuring your vehicle is in optimal condition.

Visit your mechanic for a tune-up and other routine maintenance.

Have your entire vehicle checked thoroughly for leaks, bad worn hoses, or other needed parts, repairs, and replacements.

#### Check your battery

When the temperature drops, so does battery power. For gasoline-powered engines, be aware that it takes more battery power to start your vehicle in cold weather than in warm. For electric and hybrid vehicles, the driving range is reduced and the battery systems work better after they warm up. Make sure your battery is up to the challenges of winter by:

Having your mechanic check your battery for sufficient voltage;

Having the charging system and belts inspected;

Replacing the battery or making system repairs, including simple things like tightening the battery cable connections;

Making sure to keep fresh gasoline in an electric vehicle, to support the gasoline system

#### Check your cooling system

When coolant freezes it expands. This expansion can potentially damage your vehicle's engine block. Don't let this happen to your vehicle this winter. You should:

Make sure you have enough coolant in your vehicle and that it's designed to withstand the winter temperatures you might experience in your area.

See your vehicle owner's manual for specific recommendations on coolant. A 50/50 mix of coolant to water is sufficient for most regions of the country.

Thoroughly check the cooling system for leaks or have your mechanic do it for you.

Check to see if your system has been flushed (draining the system and replacing the coolant). If it hasn't been flushed for several years, have it done now. Over time, the rust inhibitors in antifreeze break down and become ineffective. Coolant also needs to be refreshed periodically to remove dirt and rust particles that can clog the cooling system and cause it to fail.

#### Fill your windshield washer reservoir

You can go through a lot of windshield wiper fluid fairly quickly in a single snowstorm, so be prepared for whatever Mother Nature might send your way.

Completely fill your vehicle's reservoir before the first snow hits.

Use high-quality, "no-freeze" fluid.

Buy extra to keep on hand in your vehicle.

#### Check your windshield wipers and defrosters

Safe winter driving depends on achieving and maintaining the best visibility possible.

Make sure your windshield wipers work and replace worn blades.

Consider installing heavy-duty winter wipers if you live in an area that gets a lot of snow and ice.

Check to see that your window defrosters (front and rear) work properly.

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### Verify floor mat installation to prevent pedal interference

Incorrect or improperly installed floor mats in your vehicle may interfere with the operation of the accelerator or brake pedal, increasing the risk of a crash. Remember these tips when installing new floor mats to ensure safe operation of your vehicle:

Remove old mats before the installation of new mats.

Never stack mats, as that may increase the potential for pedal interference.

Be sure to follow the manufacturer's instructions for mat installation and use the available retention clips to secure the mat in the proper position. This will prevent the mat from sliding forward.

Check that the mats are the correct size and fit for the vehicle and do not interfere with the full operation of the foot controls (accelerator, brake and clutch pedals). Whenever the interior of the vehicle is cleaned or the mats have been removed for any reason, verify that the driver mat has been reinstalled correctly.

### Inspect your tires

If you plan to use snow tires, have them installed before the snow storms hit. Check out [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov) for tire ratings before buying new ones. For existing tires, check to ensure they are properly inflated (as recommended by your vehicle manufacturer), the tread is sufficient with no uneven wear, and that the rubber is in good overall condition. Note that tire rubber starts to degrade after several years, and older tires need to be replaced even if they have not seen much wear.

Regardless of season, you should inspect your tires at least once a month and always before setting out on a long road trip. It only takes about five minutes. If you find yourself driving under less-than-optimal road conditions this winter, you'll be glad you took the time.

Check tire pressure and make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure, which is listed in your owner's manual and on a placard located on the driver's side doorjamb (called the "B-pillar"). If a vehicle does not have a B-pillar, then the placard is placed on the rear edge of the driver's door. Tire pressure drops as the temperature drops. Properly inflated tires ensure optimum tire performance and optimum vehicle driving range.

Keep a tire pressure gauge in your vehicle at all times and check pressure when tires are "cold" — meaning they haven't been driven on for at least three hours.

Look closely at your tread and replace tires that have uneven wear or insufficient tread. Tread should be at least 1/16 of an inch or greater on all tires.

### Check the age of your tires

The structural integrity of tires can degrade over time and when that occurs tires are more prone to failure.

The effects of aging may not be visibly detectable.

Check the age of your tires including your spare tire. Look for the tire identification number on the sidewall of the tire, which begins with the letters "DOT." The last four digits represent the week and year the tire was manufactured.

Check the owner's manual for specific recommendations for when to replace a tire. Some vehicle manufacturers recommend that tires be replaced every six years regardless of use.

For more information, visit  
[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

On February 20th, officers responded to a home in the 1800 block of Dorchester Place at the request of the Norman Police Department. Norman PD was investigating a residential burglary, and a vehicle that registered to the Dorchester Place address was involved in the Norman burglary. When the officers arrived at the residence on Dorchester Place they discovered the home had been burglarized and the owner's vehicle was missing. Shortly after discovering the burglary on Dorchester Place, Norman police officers recovered the stolen vehicle. While processing the stolen vehicle, Norman police discovered evidence that was passed on to the Nichols Hills Police Department. Using the evidence discovered in the stolen vehicle, our detective division was able to ascertain two persons of interest. The detective division was able to identify the suspects, a male and a female. They have been identified as the two individuals seen in the stolen car at the scene of the Norman burglary. Identified were Travis E Parsons and Kristie Marie Bolt Parsons. Charges for the Dorchester Place burglary are pending, but charges have been filed on these two in connection with another burglary in Nichols Hills.

Both Travis Parsons and Kristie Parsons are now on the run. Photos of both subjects are displayed on the following page.

If you see either of these subjects, do not approach but please call 9-1-1 immediately.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Please call 9-1-1 if you see either of these subjects:

**NAME:** PARSONS, TRAVIS E  
**DOB:** 12/28/1983  
**Race Code:** W  
**Sex Code:** M  
**Height:** 5'10"  
**Weight:** 175 lbs.  
**Hair Color Code:** BRO  
**Eye Color Code:** BLU



Photograph date 10/25/2012

**\*\* 2 Active Warrant(s) \*\***

**NAME:** BOLT, KRISTIE MARIE  
**DOB:** 10/26/1989  
**Race Code:** W  
**Sex Code:** F  
**Height:** 5'04"  
**Weight:** 130 lbs.  
**Hair Color Code:** BRO  
**Eye Color Code:** GRN



Photograph date 11/16/2012

**\*\* 2 Active Warrant(s) \*\***

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



On February 14th, 2013, officers arrested Bruce John Scambler of 6420 Hillcrest Avenue.

Mr. Scambler was charged with Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Driving Under the Influence, and Expired Tag.



On February 6th, officers arrested Alicia Diane Martinez of 2828 SW 60th, Oklahoma City.

Ms. Martinez was charged with Escape from Detention and Petit Larceny.

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Bicycle Safety

Every year the Nichols Hills Fire Department responds to several car vs. bicycle incidents. When a bicycle and a motor vehicle crash, the bicyclist almost always gets hurt. Most bicycle injury deaths involve young children. It is important to know some simple “rules of the road” to keep bicycling safe and fun!

## Road Safety

Children under age 8 should always be supervised and not allowed to ride on the street. They should always ride on the sidewalk.

Until riding skills are developed, both feet should be flat on the ground while sitting on the bicycle seat.

Always walk a bicycle in the crosswalk when it is safe to cross.

Always ride with the flow of traffic on the far right side of the street.

Know and obey all traffic signs and signals.

Bicycles with one seat and one handlebar are made for one rider. DO NOT ride on the handlebars or pegs.

## Off Road Safety

Be aware of rocks, sticks, broken glass, and other hazards when riding on unpaved surfaces.

Always ride with a buddy and tell someone where you will be riding and when you will return.

## Helmet Information

A helmet should be approved by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) or Snell.

Helmets manufactured after March 1999 must meet new CPSC standards.

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### How to Wear a Helmet

When purchasing a new helmet, be sure that it has two sets of sizing pads: a thin set and a thick set.

While wearing the helmet without the straps secured, shake your head from side to side. The helmet should be snug with very little movement. If there is too much movement, replace the sponge pads inside with thicker pads. If there is still too much movement, the helmet is too big.

Front and back straps should meet in a V shape just below the ear.

All straps should be equally tight when the chinstrap is buckled.

Chinstrap must be snug, allowing only one finger between the chin and chinstrap when the mouth is closed.

The front of the helmet should always cover the forehead just above the eyebrow and not interfere with vision.

If the helmet is not sized correctly with the sizing pads, a tight chinstrap will not prevent it from moving to an incorrect position while riding.

Don't neglect your instincts. These "gut feeling" are often driven by common sense and should be seriously considered. If you are riding or preparing to ride someplace and your instincts tell you it's too dangerous then it probably is. You should consider another route or maybe a smoother ride instead of that steep one you were considering.

The point of riding a bike is to have fun and improve your physical condition at the same time. You can do this without taking unnecessary risks.

## 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!). Any animal adopted through ARF comes with a 30 day money back guarantee.

### FEBRUARY'S FEATURED PET



Gender: neutered male

Age: Approximately 2 years old

Vaccinations: Current for Rabies, FVRCP, & FeLV

History: Has been a neighborhood Stray for over a year. Mikey is tired of being on his own and now wants a warm indoor-only home with a caring Pet Parent. While staying in his foster home, Mikey has had perfect litter box habits. He loves chin and ear scratches, and he especially loves a "tummy rub".

Special Characteristics: The tips of Mikey's ears are curled.

If you want to give Mikey a good, loving, forever indoor home, please call 642-0152.