



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## CITY NEWS

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### Upcoming Meetings

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

### Something's Coming, Something Big!

Nichols Hills' City Council, City Manager David Poole, and department leadership have been working to finalize plans for the next bond issue. Due to the advanced age of our streets and sewers, the main thrust of the last several bond issues has been restoration of infrastructure. Not very glamorous, but necessary! Now we would like to turn to improvements which will improve the quality of life in Nichols Hills, and keep us apace with other cities like ours. We will continue to forge ahead with street and sewer restoration, and will include updates to technology, facilities and equipment.

But the project which will be most visible is the renovation and beautification of Grand Boulevard Parks. This will most likely be a collaboration with public and private funds and will make the parks more beautiful as well as safer, and more user-friendly. Of course, progress takes time. But it will be spectacular.

As in past years, we have worked diligently to make sure these projects do not raise property taxes. So the roll-out of the projects will take time. The date for the Bond election has not been set but is anticipated to be sometime this fall. Before that time you will have an opportunity to see the proposed plans and to discuss them. In the meantime, watch this space for further updates!

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## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Department of Nichols Hills would like to introduce to you our two newest employees — George Decher, Deputy Director of Public Works and Lee Edwards, Sanitation/Maintenance Worker.

George comes to us from the City of Edmond where he was Chief of Operations over Water Treatments. He is married to Brandi Decher (16 years) and has 2 boys and 1 girl who has him wrapped around her little finger. In his spare time George loves to spend as much time with his family as he can and work out.

Some of you might recognize George as a previous employee and you would be right. George got his start in city government in 2002 with the City of Nichols Hills as well operator and has continued his growth in city government. He is certified in A Water operations and A Water Lab as well as C waste water operations.

George says that he is really glad to be home with his Nichols Hills family and we are very glad to have him back. We believe that George will be an asset to Public Works as our new Public Works Deputy Director.

The Public Works Department would like to introduce you to our second new employee, Lee Edwards. Lee is in sanitation/maintenance. He is on the team of Ronnie Jones, Harold Liddell, Chi Dillingham, and Marcus Bradshaw. He comes to us through People Source, a temp agency.

You can't help but notice Lee; he always has a big smile on his face and a good attitude. Lee has 3 children. He has one girl that is 4, a boy that is 2 and another girl that is 1. Yes, you could say that Lee is one busy dad and very much a part of their lives.

He has lived in Oklahoma City all his life. He got his education here in Oklahoma City at Millwood School and Seeworth Academy. One other thing Lee loves besides his kids is Oklahoma Thunder Basketball. According to Lee, he is their number one fan and can give you facts and figures on any of the Thunder players. Just ask him!

Public Works is proud to have these 2 fine gentlemen as a part of our Public Works family. We hope they stay for a long time.

## 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.

### JULY'S FEATURED PET



"Izzy" (aka Isabella) a 16 pound, 6 to 7 year old female schnauzer mix who has cataracts but can see enough to get around, is spayed, fully vaccinated and REALLY wants to be a lap dog!