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Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting
July 10th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority
July 10th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment
July 18th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee
July 25th
8:30 am at City Hall

The 4th of July Parade

Because of ongoing construction and the record heat, the route for the 4th of July parade has changed this year. The parade will start at 9 am (with line-up at 8:30 am) in the usual spot of Bedford and Huntington. There is a map on the following page of the parade route.

1. Start at Bedford and Huntington
2. Goes to Brentwood and turns right
3. Goes to Drury and turns left
4. Follows Drury to Bedford
5. On Bedford turns left
6. Follows Bedford back to Brentwood and turns right
7. Goes to Camden and turns left
8. Ends at Kite Park

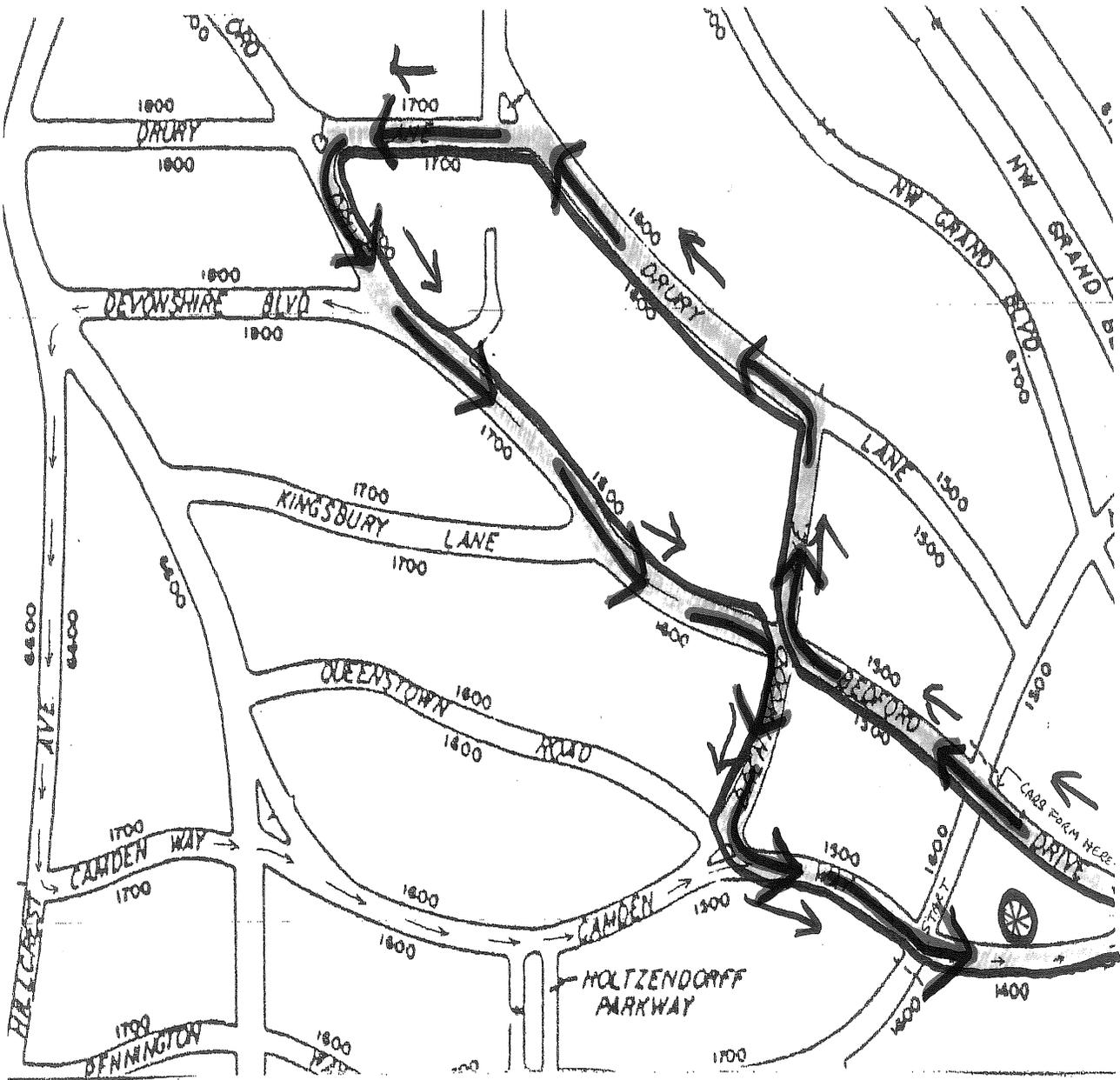


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JULY 4TH PARADE MAP



4th of July PARADE ROUTE - KITE PARK - 9:00AM.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Below is a reprint of a crime alert sent out by the Police Department earlier this month. On the next page is an article with tips on how to teach your children about personal safety. If you have any questions, please call us at 843-6572.

On 06/14/2012 at approximately 1858 hours the Nichols Hills Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle approaching a 12 year old male. The reporting party advised he was riding his bicycle home from the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club when he was approached by a white male in a tan or gold four door vehicle. The reporting party advised the suspect approached him and asked him if he wanted to talk to his friend "Hayden" in the backseat of the vehicle. The reporting party stated he could see there was no one in the backseat of the vehicle. The reporting party advised he immediately rode his bicycle away from the suspect's vehicle and rode home. The reporting party described the suspect as a white male, approximately 50 years old, with gray and black hair. The reporting party stated the suspect had a very dark tan. The reporting party described the suspect's vehicle as an older model tan or gold four door vehicle possibly a Mercedes-Benz.

On 05/31/2012 at approximately 1640 hours the Nichols Hills Police Department responded to a report of a suspicious white male showing a graphic image to a 12 year old female. The reporting party advised she was walking home from the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club and was approached by a white male in a red four door vehicle. She advised the suspect showed her an image of a naked female and then drove away. The reporting party advised the suspect concealed his identity with the image he was holding. The reporting party advised the suspect was a white male driving an older model red four door vehicle with dark tinted windows. The reporting party advised the suspect's vehicle had a round emblem on the hood and trunk. She believed the suspect's vehicle may have been an Oldsmobile, Scion or a Hyundai. We have contacted all surrounding law enforcement agencies to determine if they have had similar incidents.

On 05/27/2012 the police department received a call from a concerned parent in Nichols Hills stating that her 9 year old daughter had just informed her that several weeks earlier, a man sitting in a vehicle parked at Stratford and Drakestone made the following comment when she drove past his vehicle on her bicycle, "It's cold outside, why don't you come in here with me". We now know this vehicle was also a red four door passenger car.

Please be on alert for any suspicious vehicles or people in your neighborhood. We will provide additional information as it becomes available. Please instruct your children not to approach people and or vehicles if they do not know the occupants, regardless of what the driver or occupant says. They should immediately run away from the subject and/or vehicle and report the incident to a parent or other responsible adult immediately.

Please forward this email to all of your contacts so that this warning reaches as many people as possible.

There are numerous registered sex offenders in the area surrounding Nichols Hills and many of those have been convicted of crimes involving children as victims.

Thank You,

Chief Richard Mask

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Below is an article from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children regarding personal safety for children. The NCMEC has free resources for parents and guardians. If you would like more information from this organization, visit their website at www.missingkids.com.

How Do I Teach My Child About Personal Safety?

By Nancy McBride, National Safety Director

Many parents and guardians feel challenged to keep their children safer in our fast-paced and global society. They may wonder at what age they can begin teaching their children about personal safety.

Unfortunately, "one size" doesn't fit all. A child's ability to understand safety skills and put them into practice is determined not just by age, but also by the child's educational and developmental levels. To truly learn new safety skills, children need to model, rehearse and practice the skills to incorporate them into their daily lives.

- ◆ **Speak to your child in a calm and reassuring way. Fear is not an effective teaching tool; confidence is.**
- ◆ **Speak openly about safety issues. If you approach child safety openly, your children will be more likely to come to you with problems or concerns.**
- ◆ **Don't confuse children by warning against "strangers." Danger to children is much greater from someone you or they know than from a "stranger."**
- ◆ **Teach children that no one has the right to force, trick, or pressure them into doing things they don't want to do.**
- ◆ **Practice safety skills by creating "what if" scenarios. An outing to a mall or the park can serve as a chance for children to practice safety skills, such as checking with you before they go anywhere or do anything, and locating adults who can help if they need assistance.**

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- ♦ **Supervise your children. It is vital to their protection and safety. Children should not be put in the position of making safety choices if they are not old enough or skilled enough to make those choices.**
- ♦ **Check out adults who have access to your children. The more involved you are in your child's life, the less likely it is that your child will seek attention from other, potentially dangerous adults.**

Simple Rules for Children When They Need Help

The National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC) has a signature safety publication, *Knowing My Rules for Safety*, to help parents and guardians teach personal safety skills to children. The rules are simple and concise and provide encouragement and options for children who need an adult's help.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

About two years ago I read an article in the Tulsa World Newspaper that quoted a City Councilman asking why the fire hydrants in Tulsa were not being flow tested annually. The issue arose when there was a problem with a faulty fire hydrant on a fire call. The fire department response to the Councilman was they try to test every hydrant once every three years but could not show documentation that they accomplished that goal. Unfortunately, this is not an isolated case. I have heard some fire departments say they do not flow test hydrants because they feel it's the Public Works responsibility and others say it's too time consuming.

Fortunately, many fire departments do flow test their fire hydrants annually and the Nichols Hills Fire Department is one of those. We have approximately 200 fire hydrants in Nichols Hills. Even in a landlocked city like Nichols Hills delivering water to residents and making it available for fires is a dynamic process that changes more often than most people would guess. As water lines are replaced some hydrants are removed while others are added. Any fire department that does not keep up with these changes and insure that all hydrants are working properly is putting property, their residents, and themselves at risk.

The fire hydrants in Nichols Hills are divided into three districts and each hydrant is assigned a number and an address. Each of our three shifts, Red, Blue, & Green is assigned a district and tests each hydrant at least once a year. The test is done by opening the hydrant until it's fully open then holding a pitot tube in the flowing stream of water to get a PSI reading. We use the PSI reading in a formula that gives us the gallons per minute (GPM) flowing from that hydrant. We then shut the hydrant down and insure that it drains properly once shut. This keeps the hydrant from freezing in the winter.

This test tells us several things. It tells us that the hydrant is working properly. It also tells us there are no valves closed somewhere in the line. It also tells us approximately how much water we can count on if we have a fire and use that hydrant for our water supply. Every year we find several hydrants that have one of a variety of problems. Sometimes a valve is closed so a water main break can be

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repaired. Occasionally reopening the valve is overlooked so the GPM available in that hydrant is greatly reduced. Sometimes a hydrant just will not open or it may open but won't close. When we find a hydrant with a problem we report it to the Nichols Hills Public Works Department and they always have the problem fixed in a short time.

Testing every hydrant every year does not guarantee we will never have a problem. However, not testing your hydrants will certainly guarantee that you will encounter a problem at some point in time. Unfortunately that problem will probably be encountered when you need that hydrant the most, on a fire.

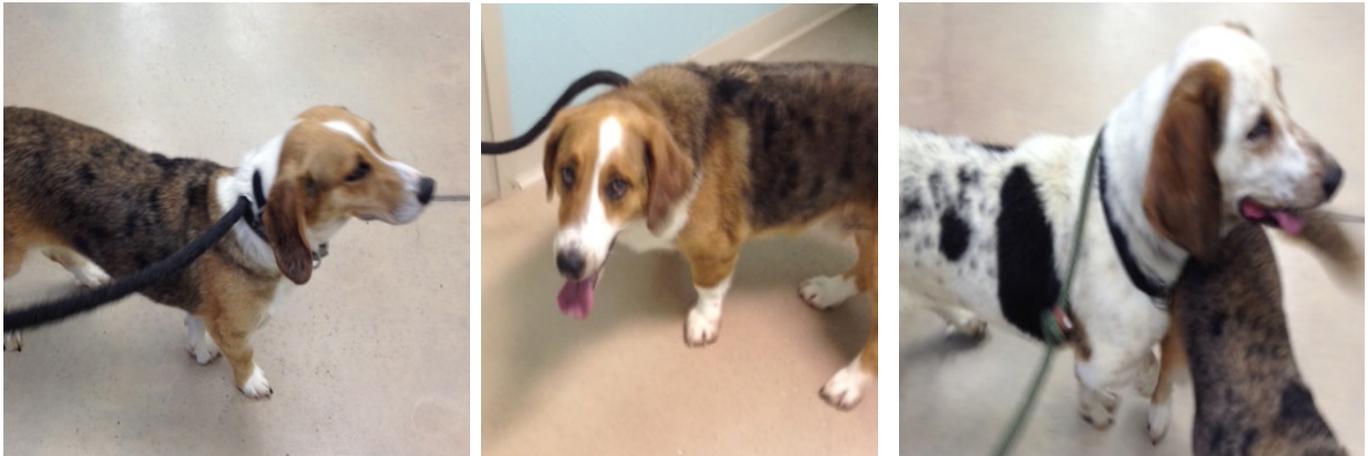
Terry Hamilton, Fire Chief



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.

JUNE'S FEATURED PETS



Roscoe 4 year old 57 pound Bassett mix, Sharkey 1 year old 49 pound Bassett mix, and Sharkey 1 year old 49 pound Bassett mix.

The 3 dogs are all related and ideally should stay together. They are all good natured – especially Roscoe. These dogs are looking for a good home and someone to love.