



Nichols Hills E-News

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Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting
July 9th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority
July 9th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment
July 17th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee
July 24th
8:30 am at City Hall

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One Man's Best Friend ...

A call from a resident prompted me to issue this reminder -- all dogs are required to be on a leash when they are out in public. Yes, even when you are just out in your front yard for a minute. Yes, even though you know your dog is a good dog. Residents who walk our streets report dogs charging them, snapping and growling. And one dog even got so close he put his paws on her shoulders and nearly knocked her over. Even though you may think your dog just wants to be loved, it is very disconcerting to others, and potentially very dangerous. Please keep your dog on a leash -- it's not just good manners, it's the law.

Vice-Mayor Sody Clements



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Please join us for our annual Nichols Hills 4th of July Parade!

The festivities will begin at 9am at Kite Park

The Nichols Hills Band will also play during the activities



* City offices will be closed for Independence Day.

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Is it OK if I Park My Sno-Cone Cart In The Driveway?

Did you know all Nichols Hills Codes and Ordinances are available on-line? Have you ever wondered, "Is there a rule about that?" Check out the NH website, www.nicholshills.net -- click on "website links" and look for "municipal code". Check it out and find out if it's legal to walk an alligator on Sundays.

The screenshot shows the City of Nichols Hills website with the following content:

- Header:** CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS Oklahoma. A "NOTIFY ME BY EMAIL and keep me current! (click here)" button is in the top right.
- Left Navigation Menu:** Includes "search" with a "GO" button, and links for: Ambulance Fee, Declaration of Non-Participation, Holiday Lights, City TV Channel, General Information, Agendas & Minutes, Bids & RFPs, City Calendar, City News, City Projects, Commissions & Committees, Employment, Frequently Asked Questions, Impounded Animals, Pets Available For Adoption, Staff Directory, Website Links, and Current traffic report.
- Main Content Area:**
 - Water Conservation Plan:** Text explaining the 2006 plan to promote water conservation. Includes a link to [Water Conservation Plan](#). An image of "New Street Lights" is shown to the right.
 - For the Latest information on the West Nile Virus:** Link to [Oklahoma County Health Department](#).
 - Pay Utility Bills Online:** Text describing online utility billing services. Includes a link: [E-Pay allows customers to pay monthly utility bills online from anywhere.](#) A red button labeled "View/Pay eBills" is present.
 - E-Bill:** Text describing electronic billing services. A yellow arrow points to the "Website Links" menu item, which is the intended path to find this information.
- Right Side (Calendar Events):**
 - Regular Meeting Environment, Health, & Sustainability Committee:** Wednesday, June 26, 2013. Link: [Read more...](#)
 - Regular Planning Commission Meeting:** Tuesday, July 02, 2013. Link: [Read more...](#)
 - City Offices Closed - Independence Day:** Thursday, July 04, 2013. Link: [Read more...](#)
 - Link: [View All City Calendar...](#)
- Bottom Right:** "Quick Polls" section.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Grilling season is here and people everywhere are dusting off their spatulas and are eager to let the grilling commence. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) is recommending that everybody be mindful of safety, especially as the peak months for grilling fires, June and July, approach. While gas grills contribute to a higher number of home fires than their charcoal counterparts, all grills pose a risk for fires and burns.

Gas grills were involved in an annual average of 7,100 home fires in 2006-2010, while charcoal or other solid-fueled grills were involved in an annual average of 1,200 home fires, according to a 2012 NFPA report on cooking fires. More than one-quarter (28 percent) of home structure grill fires started on a courtyard, terrace or patio, 28 percent started on an exterior balcony or open porch, and 6 percent started in the kitchen.

Grills should be placed well away from the home and deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. If there is a fire involving grilling equipment, any fuel for the fire should not be near the home or any other structure.

“Grilling season is a great time of year for friends and families to have cookouts and tailgate, but before starting the season, be sure your grill is working properly and review safety tips,” said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Communications for NFPA. “Leaks or breaks were the leading factors contributing to gas grill fires. It is good practice to check for damage before using it for the first time each year, and better practice to clean and check on the state of the grill regularly.”

Some other grilling safety tips from the NFPA are:

Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors. Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.

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Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.

Never leave your grill unattended.

Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before igniting it.

Check the gas tank hose for leaks before using it for the first time each year. Apply a light soap and water solution to the hose. A propane leak will release bubbles. If your grill has a gas leak, by smell or the soapy bubble test, and there is no flame, turn off the gas tank and grill. If the leak stops, get the grill serviced by a professional before using it again. If the leak does not stop, call the fire department.

If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill. If the flame goes out, turn the grill and gas off and wait at least 15 minutes before re-lighting it.

Charcoal grills

There are several ways to get the charcoal ready to use. Charcoal chimney starters allow you to start the charcoal using newspaper as a fuel.

If you use a starter fluid, use only charcoal starter fluid. Never add charcoal fluid or any other flammable liquids to the fire.

Keep charcoal fluid out of the reach of children and away from heat sources.

There are also electric charcoal starters, which do not use fire. Be sure to use an extension cord for outdoor use.

When you are finished grilling, let the coals completely cool before disposing in a metal container.



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



These babies (4 of the 5 are still available) will be ready to adopt in July. There are two male and two female kittens looking for a loving home!



Sam & Berkley are 4 year old Maltese brothers but may be adopted separately. Their coats were so matted they had to be shaved but here are photos with & without full coats to give an idea of what they will SORT OF look like by September. They weigh 10 pounds each & are neutered, vaccinated & tested.