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PUBLIC WORKS

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Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting
April 13th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of the
Nichols Hills Municipal
Authority April 13th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Earthday Birthday
April 22nd through
April 24th. 8 am to 5
pm each day, 1203
Sherwood Lane
- Environmental, Health,
& Sustainability Meeting
April 28th
8:30 am at City Hall



Spring is around the corner and it is time for all the little creatures to start stirring. Homeowners can alleviate some of the attractants that these creatures enjoy, before they become a nuisance. Raccoons love to put their young above the damper in the fireplace. Homeowners should check to make sure all dampers are closed when not in use and to check and install heavy duty screens on the outside chimneys. Raccoons also love dog and cat food so keep any excess food put up in a secure container. Opossums love to surprise homeowners when they look into their trash cans and there is this growling creature glaring at them. Make sure trash can lids are securely fastened. Skunks and other creatures love to make their homes under any house, patio or shed. The cool temperatures under these structures are very accommodating to these little creatures. This is also a good time to check all soffit vents and make sure all the screens are in good shape. It takes some pretty hardy screens to keep those squirrels out. Pet owners should make sure their pets are properly vaccinated and licensed with the City of Nichols Hills.

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Erosion Control



April showers are headed our way so please make sure all job sites have the proper erosion control to alleviate any mud or debris from entering the property of others or city streets. If you see any violators please contact the Nichols Hills Code Division at

843-5222.

'Know Your City'

1. What are the two foot races that occur in Nichols Hills in April? _____, _____.
2. Where is 'Mayor's Park' located? _____
3. 'Garage Sale' permits are purchased at? _____
4. Can commercial lawn services mow on Sunday? _____
5. Trash cans and lawn bags can weigh no more than? _____

Answers to last month: 1. Aluminum, glass, cardboard, paper, and plastics.

2. Keith Bryan 3. Richard Mask 4. Terry Hamilton 5. Les Arnold 6. Tankersley and Bankhead Park

FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Nichols Hills Fire Department recently took possession of a 2010 Light Rescue Vehicle. Its radio designation at NHFD will be Rescue 1 (R1). R1 is a 4-door, 4-wheel drive 1 ton vehicle with a box bed with eight storage compartments of various sizes. R1 was purchased at no cost to the City of Nichols Hills with a federally funded Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) grant which was applied for by ACOG on behalf of the OKC Metro area. Nichols Hills was one of three cities selected to receive one of these vehicles. We were selected because we already had the equipment and training to respond to technical rescues.

Technical rescues include Confined Space, Trench, and High Angle rescues. All three require special equipment and training to perform. The Nichols Hills Fire Department has had the training and equipment to perform technical rescues since 1990. Our rescue equipment was previously carried in a trailer.



POLICE DEPARTMENT



You may have noticed a police car patrolling with a new look. The Nichols Hills Police Department is changing the graphics on the squad cars. Above is a patrol vehicle with the newly designed graphics. These graphics were designed and installed by our very own Sergeant Joe Land. Eventually all squad cars will display these new graphics.



Please help us welcome our newest police communications dispatcher Benjamin Thompson. Benjamin was born in California but has been living in Oklahoma since 1996. He is carrying on the tradition of his grandfather and father, who both served in law enforcement.

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!).

March's Featured Pet



"Ace" #13802 GORGEOUS 70 pound approximately 4 year old Husky mix is neutered, heartworm negative (and on preventive) and fully vaccinated. He is crate trained and house trained but cannot be left alone in a yard - he definitely has the 'Husky wander-lust'