



Nichols Hills E-News

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CITY NEWS

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Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission
April 3rd
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting
April 10th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority
April 10th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment
April 18th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee
April 25th
8:30 am at City Hall

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earth day

2012

Saturday, April 21

1203 Sherwood Lane in Nichols Hills

(at the former First Church of Christ Scientist)

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Event Hours

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hazardous Waste Collection

9:30 a.m. Children's 1-Mile Fun Run

Sponsored by Pick Up the Pace, a division of Planet Nichols Hills

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Eco-Expo Tent focuses on sustainable living in our community.

The tent includes interactive exhibits and a sampling of local products, No. 5 Recycle Bins, and a Better Bags giveaway all sponsored by the Green Team of Whole Foods Market; the Oklahoma Food Cooperative; Jerry Newhouse and his worm composting demonstration; Peripheral Energy; Habitat for Humanity; Central Oklahoma Humane Society; Lean and Green demonstrations and more

Recycling opportunities include: a Hazardous Waste Collection for NICHOLS HILLS RESIDENTS WITH PROPER IDENTIFICATION ONLY, Cleats for Kids collection bins and representative, and dry-cleaning materials recycling from Best Cleaners

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Community Picnic and Farmers Market: Great choices for the whole family including locally sourced veggies, locally sourced sandwich wraps, hamburgers, hot dogs, snacks and drinks from the Urban Agrarian, Earth Elements, and the Kona Ice truck.

Children's activities include a 1-Mile Fun Run sponsored by Pick Up the Pace, an interactive art tent, bounce house, music by The Ready, Set, Go Show, seed planting with Whole Foods Market, Red Coyote running demonstration, Stretch U demonstration, and Green theme coloring books from Whole Foods Market.

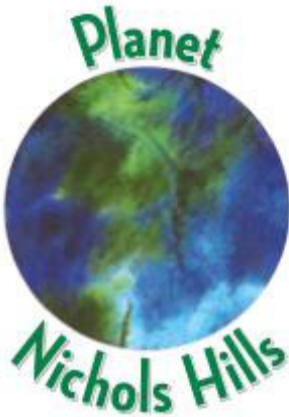
Products for sale: local foods, Planet Nichols Hills reusable bags and aprons, Sow Love Beads, and more.

Sponsors for 2012 include the City of Nichols Hills, Chesapeake Energy, Irish Realty Co., HMS Corporation, Whole Foods Market, HSE Architects, Shawver & Son, Inc., and the Oklahoma Sustainability Network. Sponsors for the Pick Up the Pace 1-Mile Fun Run include Red Coyote, Stretch U, The Learning Tree, Soul Yoga, Barre 3, Best Cleaners, and Green Bambino.

Planet Nichols Hills is a regional chapter of the Oklahoma Sustainability Network, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Planet Nichols Hills strives to study, discover, demonstrate, model and facilitate activities that move the community towards an increasingly sustainable future. **For more information, please visit www.planetnicholshills.org or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PlanetNicholsHills.**



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**5th Annual Nichols Hills Earth Day
Event****HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS
WASTE
& ELECTRONICS RECYCLING
COLLECTION DAY****SPONSORED BY:****City of Nichols Hills**

Planet Nichols Hills

Nichols Hills Environment, Health, & Sustainability Commission

Chesapeake Energy Corporation**WHEN: Saturday, April 21, 2012****TIME: 9:00AM – 1:00PM****PLACE: former FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST**

1203 Sherwood Lane, Nichols Hills OK

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS...

PROOF OF RESIDENCY REQUIRED: DRIVER'S LICENSE, WATER BILL, ETC.

Household Hazardous Waste: paints, batteries, motor oil, antifreeze, household cleaners, household chemicals, pesticides, flammables, corrosives, medications, ammunition, compact fluorescent bulbs, and other hazardous household products.

Electronic Waste: TVs, monitors, laptops, printers, speakers, keyboards, mice, PDA's, radios, stereos, MP3 players, DVD/CD players, VCR, cell phones, CPU, servers and hard drives.

PROHIBITED: no household appliances, toner/ink cartridges, infectious and medical wastes, biological and radioactive materials, compressed gas cylinders, explosives, fire extinguishers, and smoke detectors.

THIS COLLECTION IS FOR HOUSEHOLDS ONLY. Large quantities from businesses or commercial operations will NOT be accepted.

CITY HALL

Nichols Hills Utility Bill options

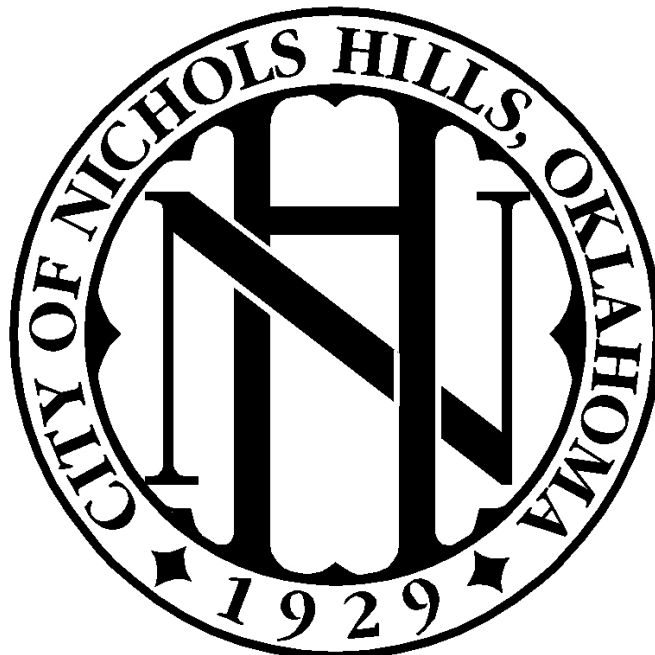
The City of Nichols Hills now provides a variety of options for customers to view and pay utility bills.

E-Pay allows utility customers to pay monthly bill via credit card, with a small convenience fee included. This process is quick, easy and a welcome change for our residents. To take advantage of this option, a brief visit to our website www.nicholshills.net is required.

E-Bill allows utility customers to receive their monthly utility bill electronically by email. This service not only provides the ability to review the current month's charges, it also provides up to 12 months of utility billing history.

Bank Draft provides the opportunity for your monthly utility services to be paid automatically. The bank account you provide will be drafted for the balance due on the 15th of each month. To begin the service, visit Town Hall with a voided check.

Please contact Nikki at Town Hall at 843-6637 if you have questions.



POLICE DEPARTMENT

Please help us welcome our newest Patrol Officer, Ryan Wells. Ryan graduated from UCO in August 2011 with a degree in Criminal Justice - Police. Ryan has worked for the City of Nichols Hills for 10 months as a Communications Officer. He will be starting the 3 1/2 month training course at the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training in Ada shortly. He is looking forward to serving the citizens of Nichols Hills and is excited about the opportunity to meet the residents.



PUBLIC WORKS

Altas Paving will be back working on Camden Way during the week of April 9th. They will be passing out information to inform everyone of their upcoming schedule.

The Nichols Hills codes department is working hard to maintain compliance with the EPA stormwater rules. The main objective is to keep mud, dirt and sand out of the street. Construction sites will need to have silt fencing in order, stock piled materials covered and vehicles to stay out of yards. If you see anything that might cause a problem, please call Public Works.

Pet and lawn wastes are another part of the Storm Water rule. It seems that fewer and fewer people are picking up after their pets. The city tries to keep plenty of bags available to properly dispose of pet wastes.

There are some changes to the Nichols Hills recycling center. It is located in the same place but the hours have changed and it will be staffed. The new hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and it will be open from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM on the first Saturday of each month. Ted White will staff the recycling center and he will be there to assist in any way he can. Entrance to the center will require some kind of Nichols Hills identification. (i.e. utility bill, drivers license)

If you have a minute, check out the new fence around the City Well #5. It is located at the corner of NW Grand and Sherwood northeast of the intersection in Grand Park. It was constructed by the Wells Department as required by EPA.

If you have any problems we can help with please call 843-5222.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

It's storm season in Oklahoma. Okay technically it's still a little early but this is Oklahoma where a severe storm is possible almost any time of the year. The only constant is come spring we will have severe storms. We will also have Outdoor Warning Sirens (OWS) sounding which seems to be a source of confusion to some so the purpose of this article is to explain what an OWS means in Nichols Hills.

There are two sirens in Nichols Hills; one near Sherwood & Grand, and one at Pennsylvania & Hillcrest. We never activate only one; we either activate both or none. When the Nichols Hills sirens are activated it usually means the City of Nichols Hills is under a tornado warning. If you are outside when you hear the sirens you should go indoors and monitor the weather via radio or any of the local news stations. All of the local stations do an excellent job of giving real-time weather conditions and advice on specific precautions you should take. Of course, if you are inside you may or may not hear the sirens but during bad weather you should always monitor conditions as stated above. If the power is out you should have a portable, battery operated radio available to monitor the weather. If you hear the Nichols Hills sirens activated you should take shelter immediately and monitor the weather from there.

Some Nichols Hills residents are able to hear the Oklahoma City OWS when ours are silent which always causes some confusion. The reason for this is Oklahoma City activates their sirens for three minutes whenever a tornado warning is issued anywhere in Oklahoma County. This means the threat could be many miles away and moving in a direction away from the Nichols Hills area. In a case like this the Nichols Hills area may NOT be under a warning so we do not activate our sirens. Again, anytime you hear an OWS activate you should move indoors and monitor the local radio and/or TV stations for weather warnings or go directly to a shelter and monitor the weather from there.

The Nichols Hills OWS are tested every Saturday at noon. The actual sirens are not activated but each siren plays the Westminster Chimes for several seconds. We send a fire fighter to each location to verify the chimes were audible which assures us they are in working order. On rare occasions, if the weather is clear we will activate the sirens for a few seconds but this is only done if there has been a problem or repairs were done.

To summarize:

- ◆ If you hear the Nichols Hills OWS activate it means Nichols Hills is under a tornado warning.
- ◆ You should move indoors & monitor the weather.
- ◆ If the Nichols Hills sirens are silent but you hear Oklahoma City's OWS it means Oklahoma County is under a tornado warning & Oklahoma City has activated their sirens. In this case you should also monitor the weather.

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



Brin is 48 pound young adult mamma dog who needs her pups & they need her. She was impounded 3-7-12 at 1103 Bedford.

We hope to find her family & pups, or place her in a new loving home.