



Nichols Hills E-News

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PARKS, INC.

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Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission Meeting December 1st
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting December 8th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of the Nichols Hills Municipal Authority Dec. 8th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Environment, Health, & Sustainability Committee December 16th
8:30 am at City Hall

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. lights up for the Season!

**Our thirty-one beautiful parks, Western Avenue,
Grand Boulevard, and**

**Pennsylvania Avenue will brighten your holiday by light poles
decorated with lights, garland, and a red bow as a**

THANK YOU

for supporting the annual Nichols Hills Garden Tour each year.

**Our special gift to every resident to be delivered by the first of
the year is the
2010 Nichols Hills Directory**

Thank you for your continued generous support of the Nichols
Hills
Garden Tour that makes possible this lighting event and our
parks.

ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAYS!
**Susan Marshall, President and the
Board of Nichols Hills Parks, Inc.**

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On November 16th, our city experienced a particularly disturbing crime. I am sure most of you have heard the details on television, or read the details in the newspaper or online. We would like to express our most heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the victim and his family.

Nichols Hills is a close-knit community and a crime like this can shake the sense of security we all feel. I want you to be assured this was not a typical situation, and the crime rate in Nichols Hills has actually decreased in the past few months. Your police force is actively engaged to keep you and your family safe. We appreciate the support this community has shown us during this difficult time. We are especially grateful for the support shown to the victim's family and friends.

Sincerely,

Chief Richard Mask

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a deadly gas that is difficult to detect because it is odorless and invisible. As a result, it is known as “the silent killer.” According to the CDC, 450 people die and nearly 21,000 CO exposures occur each year.

CO is produced by fuel-burning appliances and equipment in our homes. If you have heating, cooking or power equipment that uses fuels such as oil, natural gas, coal, wood, propane, gasoline, etc., then your home is at risk for potential CO poisoning. Homes with attached garages are also at risk, because vehicles left running in the garage can cause CO to seep into the home.

CO poisoning can be prevented by proper care and use of household equipment. CO alarms can provide early detection if CO leaks or accumulation occurs. Both are important for your safety.

- If you suspect CO poisoning in your home, call the appropriate responding agency, usually your local fire department or 9-1-1. Keep all emergency response numbers posted by every telephone.
- CO alarms are different from smoke alarms, and have different functions. CO alarms do not provide early warning of a fire. Smoke alarms do not provide early warning of CO exposure. Your home needs both CO and smoke alarm protection.

Symptoms of CO poisoning are similar to symptoms of the flu, and can include headache, dizziness, nausea and shortness of breath. To distinguish between symptoms of flu and CO poisoning - if you feel better after leaving home and then worse again when you return, it may be CO exposure causing the symptoms. If your CO alarm sounds check to see if it is plugged in properly, or if battery-powered, check the battery to be sure the device is operating. If you suspect that CO is leaking in your home get everybody out of the house and call 911. Most fire departments have CO detecting equipment and are trained to handle CO incidents.

The article above is produced by the Home Safety Council. The last two lines were added by the Nichols Hills Fire Department. In the original article they suggest opening all windows and doors to air out the house. We suggest you leave them closed and stay out of the house until the source of the CO is found. By opening all windows and doors it makes the source of the poisoning much more difficult to find. Of course if you are unable to evacuate the house for any reason then you should open windows and doors to get fresh air into the house. The Nichols Hills Fire Department is equipped and trained to handle a CO incident. We will also call ONG if there is any natural gas service to the house and they will also check equipment for CO problems.

PUBLIC WORKS



Nichols Hills Public Works Featured Employee Leonard "Chuck" Smith

Chuck has worked for the City for 4 years. He started in the street department, moved to the parks department, and now is one of our crew chiefs. He advanced very quickly to crew chief through his hard work ethic and acceptance of responsibility. Chuck is a trusted employee and friend to all city employees. The city is lucky to have Chuck Smith on its staff.

It feels like winter is going to make it to Nichols Hills. The cold weather has not affected our ongoing projects. Kraft-Reynolds is still making a mess of Stratford. They are doing a good job with the weather they are dealing with. They are 30% complete with the street and drainage project starting at Westminster and ending just North of Guilford.

Tabcon is weathering the cold also while constructing the booster pump station. They are also about 30% complete. When the booster station is complete we will then be able to blend our well water more effectively. We are really excited to see this project nearing completion.

PUBLIC WORKS

You may have seen some of the Public Works staff around town blowing smoke down manholes. They are smoke testing our sanitary main lines. The smoke helps us find possible problem areas in our sanitary lines. Our intent is to eventually cover the entire town. During heavy rains these problem areas permit storm water to infiltrate our sanitary main lines. The best way to protect your property from overflowing sanitary lines is to install a backflow preventer in your home's service line. Visit with your plumbing contractor to see if you could benefit from a backflow preventer.

Getting to know your City

So, how many did you get right? Your Nichols Hills Mayor is Peter Hoffman with John Lipert serving as Vice-Mayor and Sody Clements serving as council member. The City Manager is David Poole and the Municipal Judge is Charles Lutz.

The City Council meets the second Tuesday of every month at 5:30 PM.

There are 35 parks in Nichols Hills.

Roy Devero Park is located at the Avondale and Trenton intersection.

The Pan statue is displayed in Roy Devero Park.

The speed limit along Grand, Kite, and Margaret Davis park is 20 MPH.

The recycle center is located at Public Works and is open from 7AM to 7PM.

Here's a few more.

#1 The planning commission meets at 5:30 on the first _____ of each month.

#2 The Parks Inc. meeting is held on the fourth _____ of the month.

#3 What is the name of the park located at Bedford and Penn. _____

#4 The recycle center is located at? _____

#5 What public schools are located in Nichols Hills.

#6 The Board of Adjustment meets on the third _____ of each month.

#7 What color are the Nichols Hills street signs? _____

#8 EHS stands for _____, _____, and _____.

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!).

November's Featured Pet



We really need help getting this precious 1 year old female Tuxedo kitty into the right home.

She tested negative for FIV & Feline Leukemia. ARF had her spayed & fully vaccinated. She is so frightened she just hides in her cat bed at the boarding facility and really needs a safe, loving, totally indoor home. We are certain she will come out of her shell and look more like these photos of her. Isn't she a cutie?