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Upcoming Meetings

- Regular Planning Commission Meeting
December 7th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting
December 14th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority
December 14th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health, & Sustainability Meeting
December 22nd
8:30 am at City Hall
- Regular Meeting Board of Parks Commissioners
November 24th
5:00 pm at City Hall

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Happy Thanksgiving!

I don't know about you but this is the time of year when I really begin to feel the holiday spirit and it carries all the way through to New Year's Day. Most of us get busy about now and may start feeling a little stress along with the spirit. Nothing helps relieve mild stress like comfort food and what is more comforting than family, friends, and a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey and all the fixings. Turkey can be prepared many ways but thousands, perhaps millions of them will be fried this year and that's what I want to briefly discuss.

Turkey fryers are very convenient but also dangerous. If you are frying this year please be careful and don't fry part of yourself or your house along with the turkey. The most common problems we see with turkey fryers are grease fires from overheating the oil, filling the pan too full initially and when the oil heats it overflows, or accidentally knocking the fryer over or splashing hot oil on unprotected skin. All of these hazards can be avoided by paying close attention to what you are doing and not letting yourself be distracted while cooking.

Most fryers come with a thermometer which should be used to monitor the temperature of the oil. The owner's manual will tell you how hot to heat the oil before inserting the turkey. The turkey should be lowered very slowly into the oil. The manual will also tell you how much oil to put in the pan and/or there will be an indicator mark on the pan itself to prevent overfilling the pan. The fryer should also

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be placed away from any combustibles, especially the house or garage and off pathways that will be used by guests and of course children should not be allowed anywhere near an operating fryer or grill. Heavy cotton or denim clothing will help lessen the severity of burns if grease is splashed on the cook but the best way to avoid injuries is to exercise extreme caution when working with or near a fryer.

In the fire service we call paying very close attention to your surroundings and what is happening around you “situational awareness” and it can save your life. By using caution, common sense, and situational awareness you can make this a happy holiday season and on behalf of the Nichols Hills Fire Department I hope you all your friends and family have the best holidays ever.



Terry Hamilton

Nichols Hills Fire Department

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets

The Nichols Hills Street Dept. has been working throughout the city to repair many of the potholes due to the winter snow and ice and the spring flooding. If there is a pothole on your street they hope to be there soon. Once the potholes are fixed they will start sealing the cracks in the streets.

The Shell Construction Co. is at this time doing small repairs throughout the city. You might have noticed numerous areas that have been scraped (milled) and they are now coming back through the City of Nichols Hills to do an overlay. The only place that has not been milled is Camden and Pennsylvania. It will be milled just before overlaying. The 1700 and 1800 blocks of Coventry and the 1700 block of Guilford will be completely replaced in the next several months. Homeowners will be contacted before work commences.

Code Division

With winter coming on, it is a good time to have that furnace and fireplace checked out by professionals. Also make sure all batteries are replaced or checked in your smoke alarms. Once all the leaves have fallen would be a good time to check rain gutters for blockages.

Sanitation

Reminder: Please do not set out trash bags till the morning they are to be picked up.
Thank you for your help!

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Recycle Center

The City of Nichols Hills Recycle Center is open every day from 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please help us keep our Public Works Department clean, by making sure all items are put in the proper bins, and not left out at the gate. Remember trash blowing down the street is not helping the environment at all.



The colder temperatures are coming fast; please make sure your animals have the proper shelter to get out of the cold. Have you looked at your pets tags lately? Are the tags expired? Please make sure your pets are tagged through the City of Nichols Hills yearly. Tags can be purchased at 1009 N.W. 75th Monday thru Friday (8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.).

ANIMAL RESCUE FRIENDS

Last month ARF held their only fund-raiser of the year, the Pooch Parade! This event was held at Grand Park in Nichols Hills. Many people attended and brought their four-legged companions. The chair persons for this event were Jannell Flanery and Kent Potter. This year's judges were Wayne Coyne of The Flaming Lips, singer Graham Colton, Jennifer Mardis Welch, and Charlie Givens. Below are photos of fantastic event. If you could not attend this year's function, try and join us for the activities next year!



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