



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## NICHOLS HILLS

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### Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission  
December 6th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting  
December 13th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority  
December 13th  
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee  
December 14th  
8:30 am at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment  
December 21st  
5:30 pm at City Hall

## Every time you eat, drink, & shop in Nichols Hills...

### Your sales tax dollars:

1. Keep our city government running
2. Benefit our police & fire departments
3. Help maintain our city streets



### Shopping local also:

4. Keeps your dollars in our local economy
5. Reduces your environmental impact
6. Honors our community's unique nature
7. Promotes locally owned businesses
8. Encourages product diversity
9. Creates local jobs
10. **SUPPORTS OUR COMMUNITY!**

**Shop NICHOLS HILLS. It helps us all!!**

**Happy Holidays!**

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### **Nichols Hills Plaza North Plaza**

**Bebe's:** Gifts & Home Accessories  
**Chicas:** Mexican Café & Bakery  
**Christian Science Reading Room**  
**Fanny Bolen Interiors:** Interior Design  
**Gretta Sloane:** Women's Contemporary Apparel  
**Kasa Wallpaper Studio**  
**Laser Light Skin & Lipo Center:** Skin Care & Weight Loss  
**Luxe Objects:** Home Accents, Furnishings, & Gifts  
**Marcy & Abbey's:** Contemporary Women's Clothing  
**Nichols Hills Plaza Style Shop:** Hair Styles for all Ages  
**S.J. Haggard & Co.:** Gentlemen's Clothier  
**Saturn Grill:** Eat Great Food on a Cool Planet  
**Shoe Gypsy:** Rare & Hard to Find Shoes  
**Spencer Stone Company:** Better Men's Clothing  
**Starbuck's:** Hand Crafted Espresso Beverages & Pastries  
**Stretch U:** Get Stretched  
**Suzanne's Linen Closet:** Women's Lingerie & Gifts  
**Van Cleef's Salon:** Full Service Salon  
**The Curtain Exchange:** Designer Curtains

### **Nichols Hills Plaza South Plaza**

**Avondale Galleries, Inc.:** Paintings, Sculpture, & Framing  
**Bolen's Full Service Gas Station & Detail Doctors**  
**C.K. & Company:** Women's Clothing  
**Churchill Brown, First Mortgage Company**  
**Coach House:** Fine Dining  
**Cool Greens:** Salads, Wraps, Frozen Yogurt  
**Mamasita's Mexican Restaurant:** Mexican Food  
**Nichols Hills Cleaners:** Offering Free Pick-Up & Delivery  
**Nichols Hills Drug:** Family Pharmacy  
**Oklahoma City Abstract & Title**  
**Ruth Meyers, Inc:** Women's Specialty Shop  
**People Source:** The Staff You Need When You Need Them  
**The Webb Apparel, Inc:** Women's Clothing  
**Wells Fargo Home Mortgage:** Residential Mortgage

### **Wilshire Village**

**Dulaney's:** Urban, Flowers, Home  
**Gil's:** Contemporary Clothing & Denim Bar  
**Learning Tree:** Toys, Books, Games  
**Lingerie Store:** Lingerie & Hard to Find Sizes  
**M+ Yoga**  
**Make-Up Bar:** Make-Up & Day Spa  
**Pilates Body:** Pilates Instruction  
**Wood Garden:** Antiques & Interiors

### **South of Wilshire Village**

**Bottom Drawer Consignment Clothing**  
**Discoveries:** Consignment Furniture  
**Kim Hoa Tailor Shop**  
**Phil Logsdon:** Hair Studio  
**State Farm Insurance:** Win Shelton  
**Allstate Insurance:** Jim Shortridge  
**Brown Bag Deli:** Sandwiches, Salads & More  
**Dentist: Philip Corley, DDS**  
**Green Goodies:** Organic, Vegan, Diabetic, Gluten Free  
**Sherry Lynch Photography:** Keep Your Moments

# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## HOLIDAY SHOPPING SAFETY TIPS

The holiday season is here. Along with all the family and festivities, there can also be a great deal of stress. Planning for out-of-town relatives, shopping for family and friends, and dealing with the normal daily activities can add to that stress. When your mind is on other things it can lead you to forget about personal safety. We have all heard stories of someone who had all their Christmas gifts stolen from their cars, or even right from their arms. Here are some tips to help keep you and your property safe during this season.

### **When you are out in public, present an alert, confidence appearance.**

Be aware of your surroundings. Take note of the vehicles and persons around you, and don't be afraid to make eye contact. Thieves will target people who appear distracted or preoccupied.

### **Park your vehicle in a well lit, easy to access area.**

Dark, isolated places are wonderful targets for thieves. Try to park your vehicle in a well lit area. If you feel you are being followed to your vehicle, don't be afraid to make a commotion to draw attention to your situation. And don't use your key fob to unlock your door when you are far away from your vehicle; wait until you are close.

### **Keep valuables close at hand.**

Keep your wallet or your cash in your front pocket (the back pocket is the pick-pocket's best friend). If you carry a purse, try and wear the strap diagonally across your body, rather than just over your shoulder. Have your car keys in hand before you leave the store. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry when shopping.

### **Do NOT keep items of value in your vehicle.**

Leaving items of value in plain view in your vehicle is an invitation to thieves. Try to remove all items before parking and **locking** your car. If there is some reason you cannot remove the items, cover them up so they are not obvious. One reason SUVs and pickup trucks are common targets is because they have no trunk. Once you are home, remove all valuables from your vehicle. Do not leave them sitting in the car overnight.

### **Be careful using ATM machines.**

If you see anyone lurking around the ATM machine, find another one to use. Try to use ATMs during daylight hours. If you must use an ATM at night, try and use one in a well lit, populated area, such as the ATMs inside a convenience store. Always be aware of the people around you.

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**Ask for a security escort if you feel unsafe.**

Whether you are at the mall or super-center store, if you feel unsafe, ask an employee to have security walk you to your vehicle. This service is provided by most retailers.

**Make sure there is no one lurking near your home or garage.**

Thieves have been known to follow citizens home. Be aware of any vehicles that appear to be following you after you leave the store. Before you open your garage door, make sure there is no one around. If you pull into your garage and find someone in there with you, stay in your vehicle and back out, even if it means backing out through your garage door. A garage door is much easier to replace than you are.

**If you are ordering a package online to be delivered to your home, insist on signature confirmation.**

In the past few years there has been an increase of packages being taken from the porch of a home. We believe thieves drive the area, possibly following UPS, FedEx, and other delivery trucks. Shortly after a package is left at a door the thieves come back and take it. Insist your packages only be delivered to a secure location or accepted only with a signature.

We hope these tips help keep you and your family safe during this Holiday season. If you have any questions regarding your personal safety, feel free to give us a call here at the Police Department. The number is 843-5672.

The men and women of the Nichols Hills Police Department wish you all a very safe and happy Holiday season.

Robin Murray  
Communications Director

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

What does it take to become an officer on the Nichols Hills Fire Department (NHFD)? It's much more difficult than one might think. At NHFD we have three shifts with four fire fighters on each shift. One of those fire fighters is the Captain; who is in charge of the shift, one is a Sergeant; who drives the engine and is in charge when the Captain is off, and two are fire fighters and relief drivers. We also have one Chief who is appointed by the City Manager and one Deputy Chief who is selected by the Chief who work regular business hours.

To become a Captain or Sergeant you must earn the highest score through the Promotional Assessment process. In November all six of our fire fighters were eligible to test for the vacant Sergeants position and all six chose to do so. It was a three day process from start to finish and any of our fire fighters will tell you it is one of, if not the most stressful thing they have ever done. Our two senior fire fighters have been here over nine years and this is the first opportunity they have had to test for a promotion so the stakes are high which adds to the urgency of being successful. Day one was a written test consisting of 94 multiple choice, true or false, and fill-in-the-blank questions. Day two was a practical fire scenario that consisted of a video of the four story bank tower on fire with people trapped. Each candidate had five minutes to prepare a strategy then present their dynamic solution to this problem to three assessors who graded them over their judgment, decision making, presentation skills, and several other criteria. Day three consisted of another practical problem, this one dealing with driving and operating our Ladder Truck (T31), which is our first response vehicle. Each candidate drove T31 to a predetermined spot and was given a series of instructions which entailed using much of the equipment on the Truck. This one was done in front of two Officers who graded their performance. Adding to the stress of it all was the fact that the candidates did not know what the practical scenarios would be. They knew what material the written test was over but the other two problems could have been over any of a multitude of things. Fire fighters never know what the next call for help will be so we do our best to be prepared for anything. That was reflected in the testing process.

At NHFD fire fighter Kevin Boydston was successful in our most recent promotional process and is our newest Sergeant. All of our fire fighters are very capable and worked very hard throughout this process so Kevin's promotion was hard earned and well deserved. Other Metro Area fire departments have a similar process for promoting fire fighters to Officers so wherever you live please know that the Officers on your fire department have worked very hard to earn that position. Also realize that many of your fire

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fighters may have worked just as hard for a promotion but came up short. Ultimately all the preparation they put into the promotional process makes them better fire fighters and better able to respond to the needs of their residents. They all have my respect and gratitude for their desire to earn and accept more responsibility that comes with a promotion and their willingness to put themselves through the nerve wracking and grueling promotional process.

Terry Hamilton, Fire Chief



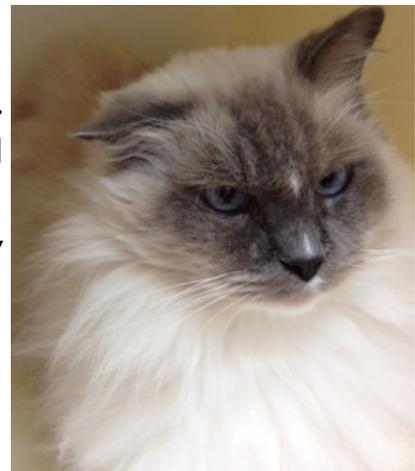
## ANIMAL RESCUE FRIENDS

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 PETS



We thought this cat (Himi) was a Himalayan however he may be a Snowshoe (all white feet) mixed with a Ragdoll... Anyway, he is declawed, neutered, fully vaccinated & a sweetheart!



Cute pair (Tank and Vivian) who came in together – he is about 4 years old & possibly her dad – some type of bulldog mix. He weighs about 55 pounds & she is about 20 pounds & 7 months old. They were impounded 10-12-11.