



Nichols Hills E-News

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Upcoming Meetings

- Regular Planning Commission Meeting July 6th 5:30 pm City Hall
- City Council Meeting July 13th 5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of the Municipal Authority July 13th 5:45 pm City Hall
- Environmental, Health, & Sustainability Meeting July 28th 8:30 am at City Hall

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NICHOLS HILLS NEEDS YOUR HELP!

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER from your CITY COUNCIL & MANAGEMENT

Dear Friends:

Everyone has been hit hard by the recent hail storm and flood that have caused both emotional and economic damage to us all. However, in spite of these difficulties, there is now an opportunity for all of us to help our City...and that is through **SALES TAX**.

▶ **SALES TAX IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO THE CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS.**

▶ **SALES TAX** provides the much-needed operating revenues to run our community... funding the police, fire, public works, and management; in addition to the many miscellaneous road repairs.

▶ This is where we need **YOUR HELP**.

▶ It is **CRITICAL**, especially now, that the sales tax charged on roofing, glass, and all other materials delivered into our City for repairs and any type of construction be fairly credited to our City, Nichols Hills.

▶ In order to help ensure our proper sales tax collection, you must accurately give your address and zip code as Nichols Hills, OK, **NOT** Oklahoma City, OK.

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- ▶ Additionally, it is **IMPERATIVE** that you advise your contractors and material suppliers that you are a Nichols Hills resident and want the sales tax, for all of your expenditures, to be rightfully credited to the City of Nichols Hills.
- ▶ Please be **VIGILANT** and relentless in your efforts to help collect Nichols Hills City sales tax revenues, as each dollar we fairly collect helps us all.
- ▶ Also, please **REMIND** your family, friends, & neighbors that live in Nichols Hills of this important effort.

THANK YOU!

Your City Council & Management

- ▶ For more information, please contact Nichols Hills Risk Manager Frank Finley @ ffinley@nicholshills.net or 843.6637.



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Temporary Lift of Construction Time Limits

Following the hail storm May 16, nearly every home in Nichols Hills experienced some sort of damage. The chaos from ensuing repairs has been almost constant. The cooperation of the citizenry has been most appreciated, as most realize the inconvenience is temporary and unavoidable. As we enter the hottest part of the summer, we are also aware that the many roofers in town are also inconvenienced, and indeed even risking their health, by working on a hot roof all day. It has been suggested that the ban on construction work before 7am Monday through Friday be lifted **temporarily** to allow roofers to start about 6am instead if they choose. This would also benefit our home owners as the roofers will be able to complete their work faster while taking advantage of the somewhat cooler hour. Those of us who enjoy using the snooze alarm will certainly not enjoy the noise. But the pounding in anyone's neighborhood will be short lived, before the roofers move on to another. We hope a couple of days of early rising will not be too much of a hardship for most citizens.

We are probably all in agreement that we want Nichols Hills to be "back to normal" as quickly as possible. We are hoping that citizens will continue to be considerate of each others' needs, and that the temporary noise and traffic will be gone soon. As construction crews come to your house, we also ask that you make them aware of any extraordinary circumstances of your neighbors, regarding noise, parking, and trash. The lifting of this ordinance is strictly temporary and will be rescinded as soon as most roofs are completed and the need is not as severe.

Please let us know of any problems you encounter during this time and we will do our best to help you, your neighbors, and the required construction teams. This is truly an unusual circumstance – thank you for your cooperation as we try to restore our peaceful city.

Signed,

City Council and Management

POLICE DEPARTMENT

This is a Nichols Hills Police Department Neighborhood Alert.

The majority of the roof repair has not started in Nichols Hills. Many roofs have been temporarily patched and are awaiting insurance claims being finalized and materials delivered. We will continue to have a large influx of people associated with the roofing industry coming into our community. The vast majority are legitimate and have building licenses and solicitor permits. However, there are some that are not so legitimate. Beware of who you hire to repair your roof and make sure they have the proper permits issued by the City of Nichols Hills. The city council has authorized roofers to work from 6:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday, temporarily until the roofing crisis has passed. Also, you should continue to lock your homes and set your alarms even if you are only gone a short time. Be careful not to leave items visible in your vehicles and keep the doors locked. There have been several burglaries of late where someone leaves their home in the morning for a short walk and leaves their door unlocked and fail to set their alarms. There are people driving around, sometimes on bicycles, who watch for someone to leave, and then burglarize their homes through an unlocked door.

I have recently spoken with residents of Highland Park Texas who told me that their community, which is somewhat similar to Nichols Hills only on a larger scale, has been victimized by residential robberies occurring during the daytime hours. Apparently the robbers are following residents home from various areas in the community and robbing them at gunpoint after they enter their driveways and particularly their garage. The victims are usually women and they are being robbed of their jewelry and purses. I have noticed over the last twenty-eight years that certain crime trends that start in Highland Park, eventually come to Nichols Hills and vice versa. We have not had one of these robberies yet, but the best defense is to always try and be aware of your surroundings and check the rear view mirror to see if you might be followed. If you think that someone is following you, dial 911 and/or drive to the Nichols Hills Police Department. I am attempting to get more information from The Highland Park Police Department and will keep you informed.

1. Lock all doors and set your alarm, even if you are going for a walk in the neighborhood. You don't know who might be watching.
2. Do not leave valuables visible in your car and lock the doors and set the alarms.

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3. Report suspicious people.
4. Do not let strangers in your home for any reason. If in doubt call the NH Police.
5. If you are leaving town arrange to have the police check your house.
6. Be careful when dealing with solicitors. Check for a license and permit and check references.
7. When possible do business with local vendors. They are easier to find if something goes wrong.
8. Just because someone has a local/Nichols Hills address on their business card does not mean they are legitimate.
9. When entering your neighborhood, check your rearview mirror for anything/anyone suspicious before pulling into the garage.
10. Drive slowly and carefully. We have a great deal of pedestrian traffic and many trucks parked along the street.

Have a great and safe summer.

Chief Mask



PUBLIC WORKS

Back flow Preventers

Following the heavy rainfall on June 14, 2010, we would like to remind residents to have a 'back flow preventer' installed in their homes. These are especially important if a home has a basement. During heavy storms the sewer lines are working at full capacity and will look for a place to flow, which is usually a basement. Installing a 'back flow preventer' can eliminate the flow of sewage into the home. For more information contact your plumber.

Streets

The Public Works Department will be working on potholes for the next several months. The hail storm and heavy rain had delayed the use of the new pothole repair machine purchased last month. The new machine should make repairs faster and last longer.

Projects Around Town

The City of Nichols Hills has just completed replacing Stratford Drive and will be working on several storm damaged areas. Huntington and Grand and the 1600 block of Dorchester Dr. will be two of the streets repaired. Cox Communications will be replacing cable, city wide for the next several weeks. The City of Nichols Hills is also replacing sanitary sewer lines around town.

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!).

June's Featured Pet



Georgie (13911), 6 months old weighs about 26 pounds may be a beagle/lab mix. VERY good natured & cute. Has been neutered, fully vaccinated & is on monthly heart-worm preventive.