



Nichols Hills E-News

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission Meeting June 3rd
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Nichols Hills 2008 Garden Tour 10 am
- City Council Meeting June 10th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Municipal Authority Meeting June 10th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment Meeting June 18th
5:30 pm at City Hall

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NHFD responded to 51 calls for help in April. Those 51 calls fell into the following categories: Three were Fire Calls, three were Mutual Aid Calls, Ten were Service Calls, Twelve were False Alarms, and 23 were Medical Calls.

Shift personnel were busy as usual with the following activities:

Maintenance:

- Rotated tires on Unit 34
- Greased and lubed E33
- Replaced air filter on E1
- Test flowed fire hydrants
- Sent E1 to Blumenthal's for AC repair, cost \$462

Projects:

- Update map books
- Update job descriptions
- Clean/organize west bay for Redbud Race
- Performed a station tour/safety class one Saturday
- Captain Straka is on the OSFA Education Advisory Committee and attended their monthly meeting

- Set-up tables and chairs for Earth Day

Training:

- Fire Behavior, classroom
- Hose Appliances & Adaptors practical exercise, two shifts
- Ladders, all three shifts, practical exercise
- Hose Pack & 2.5 inch handline, practical exercise
- Vertical & Horizontal Shoring, practical exercise
- The Vintage Lakes Apartments have been condemned and are now vacant. For safety reasons we updated our Pre-fire Plans for those structures to match the risk
- HazMat Weapons of Mass Destruction, classroom
- Trailer backing, one shift, practical exercise
- Merit Badge Class for Boy Scouts, one shift
- Establishing water supply by reversing out, two shifts, practical exercise
- SOG's, one shift, classroom

- Pumping to Master Streams, two shifts, practical exercise
- Thermal Imaging, one shift, classroom

EMS Training:

- Heat stress & related incidents, two shifts, classroom
- Use of air bags in motor vehicle accidents, practical exercise
- Shock, one shift, classroom
- Swift water rescue & near drowning, practical exercise
- Brain injuries, one shift, classroom
- Diabetic emergencies, one shift, classroom

POLICE DEPARTMENT

There were two residential burglaries reported this month. In one of the burglaries, the alarm was activated but not monitored. No one reported the sound of an alarm, so police were not aware of the alarm. Two vehicles were taken in this burglary; one of the vehicles has been recovered. In the other burglary, the alarm not activated on the residence. We suggest always activating your alarm system when you are not home, even if you are just running a short errand. We are currently investigating all leads in these burglaries and hope to develop further suspect information.

There were five larcenies reported this month. Three of the larcenies involved packages being removed from residents' porches. We again ask all residents to request a signature before packages are delivered, or ask the package be delivered to a neighbor who is home at the time. We believe this to be a crime of opportunity, and our best defense is to take the opportunity away from the suspect. One of the other larcenies involved a cell phone being taken from an unlocked car. The last larceny involved a larceny of a motor scooter. Suspect information has been developed, and investigators are working hard to close this case.

There were seven arrests for DUI this month, and four reports of drunkenness. Alcohol related events increase in warmer weather. If you see a vehicle or person who exhibits behavior consistent with alcohol intoxication, we urge you to contact the police department.

There were two arrests for possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and six traffic related arrests. Officers were able to serve twenty-five warrants this month, including one for bail jumping.

There were four reports filed for driving under suspension, one for possession of marijuana, and two for minor in possession of alcohol. Officers filed one curfew violation report, one found property report, one driving while impaired report, one animal complaint report, and two vandalism reports. Officers worked two non-injury accidents, and filed six reports relating to requests to assist other law enforcement agencies. There were also five suspicion reports filed this month.

Officers were dispatched to 79 residential alarm calls, and 6 business alarm calls. The department responded to 22 suspicious vehicle calls, 24 suspicious subject calls, and 16 suspicious

activity calls. Officers responded to 27 motorist assist calls and 4 citizen assist calls. Officers performed 76 house checks this month. There were 430 traffic stops, and 233 citations written.

Our department assisted in the Memorial Marathon, as a large portion of the marathon runs through our city. The event was a great success with a record number of participants. We are proud to be a part of this nationally covered event, and the positive exposure it gives to our city.

Residents in the Nichols Hills area have recently reported receiving mailed requests for donations from an organization called "Destiny For Women Society". Checks with the Oklahoma Attorney Generals office have revealed that this organization is not registered with the State of Oklahoma as a charitable organization and cannot legally solicit contributions. The Office of the Attorney General is currently pursuing the matter. Please notify the Nichols Hills Police Department if you receive a donation request from this organization.

CITY HALL

The City of Nichols Hills sold 2.8 million dollars of General Obligation Bonds at the last City Council meeting. Of that 2,800,000 dollars 1,085,000 dollars will go toward street improvement projects and 1,715,000 dollars will go toward water system improvements.

The Automated Meter Reading Project Continues

Work continues on the Automated Meter Reading project that started last month. In this project, the City is changing out

every water meter in town and replacing it with a brand new high-tech meter that the City will be able to read electronically with a specially designed radio and computer. Due to the fact that contractors are changing out every water meter, the water meter reading schedule for reading meters for billing purposes has been disrupted, so residents may find a fluctuation in the amount of your water bills over the next few months. The fluctuations are caused by meters being read earlier in the month than normal or possibility several weeks later

than usual. Either one of which may cause your water bill to be higher or lower than normal.

This project should be completed by the end of June and everything should return to normal and billing cycles should return to their normal periods. If you happen to notice a higher or lower bill than usual one month it should even out the next month. If not, please don't hesitate to notify the Utility Billing Clerk at 405-843-6637.