



Peter Hoffman, New Ward Two Councilman for Nichols Hills

Peter Hoffman, Jr. recently took the oath of office as the new councilman representing Ward Two residents in Nichols Hills. Peter's family came to Nichols Hills in the mid 1950's. Peter's father, Peter Hoffman, Sr. was the third mayor of Nichols Hills and his mother, Marion DeVore, is very active in local arts and education. Peter's brother, Kent Hoffman, is a building contractor and also a Nichols Hills resident

Peter attended Casady School, has a bachelor's degree from SMU, and an MBA from Thunderbird School of International Management. Peter is a private investor and works to build companies and teams of people to run the various companies. Some of his most recent accomplishments include helping to build a software company and a land drilling company. Peter is currently in the process of helping build an advanced polymer nano-technology company in Houston, Texas.

Peter and his wife Susan, also an active civic volunteer in the community, have two

sons, Alec and Drew. Alec attends the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He is married to daughter-in-law Teresita and has Peter's only granddaughter, three year old Isabella. Son Drew is at Georgetown University working on a combined JD/ MBA graduate degree. Peter and Susan are members of All Souls Episcopal Church here in Nichols Hills. Peter is an active director of the Payne Education Center which helps children learn to read and write. Peter actively supports the local arts and education and has a passion for physical fitness.

Peter has deep seeded roots and a love for the community of Nichols Hills. Peter stated that "I see being a councilman, at this moment in time, as a mission. I want to add my unique skills, energy, and intellect to help this community actualize into the most beautiful thing it can be. I want to help turn great ideas into something real, something special." Peter further stated that the City of Nichols Hills has a great history, a great council, and great employees.



Peter Hoffman
Ward Two Councilman

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

There were no residential or commercial burglaries reported during the month of May. The total number of burglaries reported for 2007 remains at four. The total number of arrests for all offenses during the month was seven. One of those arrests involved a suspect who had stolen a vehicle from the 1100 block of Fenwick who was arrested by Officer Steven West, several minutes before the vehicle had been reported stolen. Officer West had the driver in custody for a traffic violation before the auto theft had been reported. In addition, there was one

assault, five DUI arrests, two drug offenses and two larcenies.

In addition, officers are investigating several vandalisms involving the spray painting of cars, fences, houses, etc., in an area bordered by Huntington on the north, Tedford on the south and just east and west of Trenton. The same graffiti has shown up in the Grand Blvd. Canal and Margaret Davis Park. At this time, it does not appear to be gang related and we believe that the suspects live in the immediate vicinity. Nichols Hills Crime Prevention Inc. is offering a \$1000.00 reward for

information leading to an arrest of those involved. Parents are responsible for up to \$2500.00 per incident for acts of vandalism committed by their children.

Last but not least, Ms Brenda Hooper, our communications supervisor for twenty-five years, retired on May 24th. Her professionalism and commitment to her job was exemplary and she will be difficult to replace. We wish her the best.

Respectfully,
Chief Richard Mask

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The rains in the past month were a welcome sight for the state of Oklahoma. They provided a relief from the drought conditions throughout the state. The downpours we experienced did provide several problems for property owners. Several things that property owners can do to alleviate flooding on their property are:

- Basement sewer lines should be protected by a 'Back water valve.' This will help alleviate flooding in the basements. For more information, contact your plumber.
- Flush all gutters from the winter build up.
- Have all area or 'french drains' throughout the yard checked for blockage.

We are once again asking for homeowners to 'mulch' their lawns to help in protecting our landfills and to relieve some expense to the city. If you bag your yard, consider starting a compost pile for future use. The City of Nichols Hills also has recycle bins for aluminum cans, paper and glass behind City Hall.

The painting of the north ground water storage tank located at the Public Works Department is nearing completion.

The City has received bids on street replacement in several locations throughout the city.

Animal control would like to remind pet owners to register their pets with the City of Nichols Hills. Tags can be purchased at the Public Works Department located at 1009 N.W. 75th. Tags are \$5.00 per animal.

People who are considering adopting a pet should check with Animal Rescue Friends (A.R.F.). They take in many strays and are looking for good homes for these animals.

Charles Hooper
Public Works Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

With the storm season on us I thought it would be advantageous to discuss issues such as early warning and preparation for tornados and disasters.

The City of Nichols Hills has two outdoor warning sirens that we use to notify our citizens in the event that the City of Nichols Hills is under the threat of a tornado.

Please understand that these sirens are only meant to warn citizens that are outside. The sirens are not meant to warn those who may be in their homes or cars.

We test our sirens weekly on Saturdays about 12:00 noon using the Westminster Chimes.

Our sirens are activated by either the fire department or our dispatch. We activate our sirens based on the following criteria:

1. The National Weather Service issues a Tornado Warning for Central, Northern or Western Oklahoma County, or any warning including the Nichols Hills area.

2. A tornado warning is issued by a local television station for the area outlined above.

Police or fire personnel report a funnel or tornado that presents a threat to the Nichols Hills area.

When we activate the siren it will sound for five minutes. If the threat is still present after five minutes we will again activate the siren and continue to do so until the threat has passed. Our sirens are electronic and are activated by radio signal and have a battery backup. In the event of a power failure our system is designed to continue to work.

Please be aware that Oklahoma City and The Village also have warning sirens and they may be activated when a threat does not exist for Nichols Hills. When Oklahoma City sounds their sirens it will be for a threat in any part of Oklahoma County which may or may not include Nichols Hills.

If you hear a siren being activated you should tune to your favorite TV or radio channel for the most up to date information. You may also want to invest in a weather alert radio. Most stores such as Wal-Mart and Target carry a variety of these units.

In addition, you need to be prepared for the loss of utilities and other services for at least 72 hours. Water, food, medications, and toiletry items are a must. On our website www.nicholshills.net we have a link to FEMA where you can print or request booklets to help you prepare for a disaster.

I hope this helps you better understand our role and your role in protecting your family.

Respectfully,
Fire Chief Keith Bryan

GENERAL INFORMATION

Sewer Backup and Prevention

If it happens to you, what should you do?

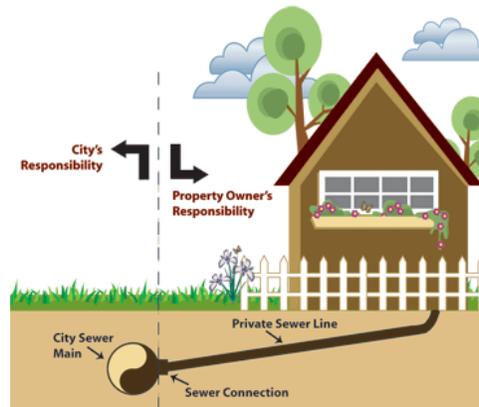
If you experience a backup of the sewer or drains in your home, call us at 843-5222 and we will help determine where the blockage is.

Who is responsible?

A reliable infrastructure system is a priority for the Nichols Hills Public Works Department. However, a sewer is not a closed system and many things (tree roots, disposable diapers, vandalism, etc.) can clog the system. Since each situation has its own unique set of circumstances, the following information will help you understand responsibility and liability for damage from sewer backups:

If the stoppage is in the City main, we will fix it as soon as possible. (See the diagram.) In most cases, the City's cleaning equipment can be used to restore the flow without digging to the sewer line.

If the stoppage is in the private line connecting to the City main, we'll let you know so you can contact your plumber to fix it.



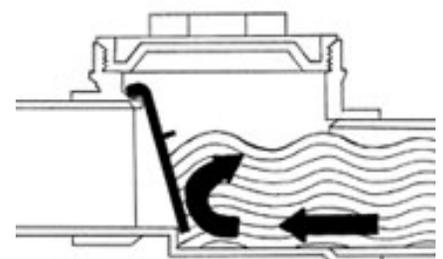
Sewer backups are not routinely covered by homeowners' insurance policies. Don't assume you are covered: **check your policy to make sure you are covered for damages due to sewer backups.** You may need a special option for coverage so talk to your insurance agent.

The City of Nichols Hills is only responsible for its own property, not your line or the connection to the main. According to the law, the City cannot work on private property and public funds can't be spent for private purposes. The City of Nichols Hills can only be liable for damage if the backup is in the City main and we had advance knowledge that there was a problem and we didn't respond in a reasonable manner and time.

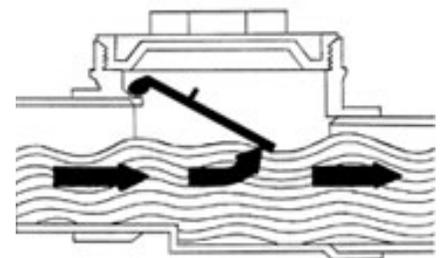
Steps to Avoid a Sewer Backup:

The best protection against sewer backups is a backflow

valve or a check valve. They are required by ordinance on all new and newly-repaired sewer lines. If your home does not have a backflow valve, you can have your plumber add one to your line. The valve works by closing when water comes into it from the wrong direction so it prevents sewage from backing up into your house. Once installed, clean the valve periodically to ensure it continues to work properly.



Closed Backflow Valve



Open Backflow Valve

Plant trees and large shrubs a minimum of ten feet away from sewer lines. Roots grow toward breaks or cracks in the line. When roots get inside the pipe, they clog it. Don't connect sump pumps, French drains, other flood control systems or roof gutters and

downspouts to your sanitary sewer. The debris and silt will clog your line. These connections are illegal so you will want to contact your plumber to undo them.

Dispose of grease and fats with your trash, not down the drain.

If you see anyone tampering with sewer manholes, report it immediately. Vandals often throw debris down sewer manholes which stops up the sewer system and causes sewer backups.

If your drains are running slow, call us at 843-5222 at the first sign of a problem. We'll come and check the lines.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETINGS FOR THE MONTH

- ◆ City Council Meeting, Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall
- ◆ Board of Adjustment Meeting, Wednesday, June 20, 2007 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall
- ◆ Planning Commission Meeting, Tuesday, July 3, 2007 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS IN JUNE 2007

- ◆ Garden Tour will be held in Nichols Hills on Saturday June 9, 2007 from 10 am to 4 pm. Please visit our website at www.nicholshills.net for more information on the Garden Tour.
- ◆ It's that time of year again for the Nichols Hills Band to play in Kite Park. Concerts start June 21, 2007 and will be the third Thursday of each month through the month of August. For more information, please visit our website at www.nicholshills.net.