



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## Meetings for the Month

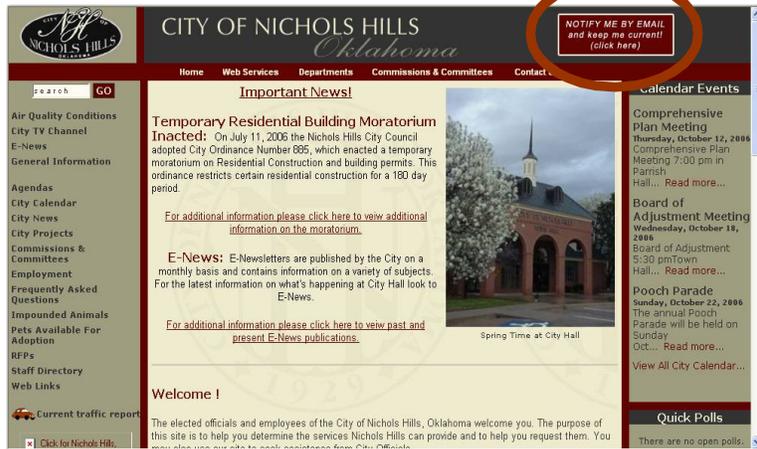
- City Council Meeting  
Tuesday March 13,  
2007 at 5:30 p.m. at  
Town Hall
- Board of Adjustment  
Wednesday March  
21, 2007 at 5:30  
p.m. at Town Hall
- Parks Inc Meeting
- Tuesday March 27,  
2007 at 5:00 p.m. at  
Town Hall
- City Council Election  
Tuesday April 4,  
2007 at your regular  
polling place
- Planning Commission  
Meeting Tuesday  
April 4, 2007

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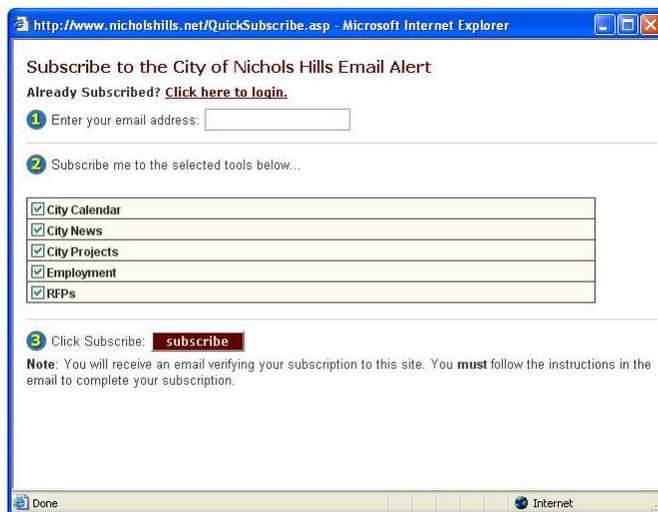
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## Nichols Hills

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It is quick and easy. You will receive information on meetings, crime prevention, street closings, water outages, information on water, sewer and street construction projects. You will also receive a monthly e-newsletter and much, much more. Please help us get this information out to everyone. You can help us with this by forwarding this e-newsletter to your family and friends.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Nichols Hills Fire Department responded to 53 calls for help during the month of February.

- 22 were emergency medical calls
- 12 were false alarms
- 9 were service calls
- 6 were fire calls

4 were hazardous conditions e.g. electrical shorts, odor investigations, water leaks, etc.

Only one of the fire calls turned out to be an actual working fire and the hazardous condition calls all were detected early enough to prevent any major damage.

I would like to use part of this article to thank several of our Nichols Hills residents for the use of their homes for fire fighting training purposes. On two occasions in the past year homeowners have allowed us to enter their homes and break windows, collapse walls, and cut large holes in their roofs in order for our fire fighters to perform realistic training evolutions.

You may be asking yourself why somebody would let the fire department destroy their home just for training. The

answer is the homes were already scheduled for demolition so a new home could be built in its place.

As many of you know demolishing an old house in Nichols Hills to build a modern home is a frequent occurrence. Most of the homeowners we have approached are happy to let us do all the training we want as long as there are no serious time constraints. This allows us to do very realistic scenarios including search and rescue for victims in a smoke filled house.

Doing an evolution like this in a structure we are not familiar with is extremely valuable training. We also practice fire fighter self-rescue techniques which often includes breaking windows and cutting holes in walls. Another beneficial training evolution is ventilation. Fire fighters must often release extremely hot air and fire gases from a structure before they can enter it. They do this by cutting a hole in the roof and letting convection carry it up and out or breaking windows and setting a positive pressure fan in a doorway to push the heat and fire gases out of the open windows.

These are just some of the things we are able to do with

these homes. I would like to note that we do NOT set fires in these houses. When we do fill them with smoke. The smoke is from a smoke machine, which is actually not smoke but vaporized vegetable oil.

Allowing us to train in these homes is a win-win situation. First, it provides valuable, realistic training for our fire fighters. Second, it increases the safety of our residents because they have well trained, effective and efficient fire fighters protecting their lives and their property. If you are planning to replace your old home with a new one please consider letting us train in your old one if time allows.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Terry Hamilton, Assistant Fire Chief



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

There were no burglaries, auto burglaries or larcenies reported for the month of February. However, I would like to remind everyone that traditionally, March is the month that the gypsies begin to appear. There were two DUI arrests, a fraud report and vandalism. The brief lull in crime has given our detective an opportunity to get caught up on all the necessary paperwork involved in prior cases.

I regret to announce that Officer Casey Reser, who graduated from the police academy in February, resigned in March to accept another position. His vacancy will be filled within two weeks from our existing eligibility list established from the last hiring process.

The police department continues to prepare for the 25th Annual Redbud Classic to be held on April 14th and

15th. Information concerning street closings and times can be referred to the police department at 405-843-0978.

Respectfully,  
Richard Mask, Chief of Police



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### City Projects:

Road construction continues along N.W. 63<sup>rd</sup>. If possible, motorist should try to avoid this area due to delays.

Jordan Construction is in the process of replacing old sewer lines along the 1400 block of Glenbrook Terrace. This project should be completed in the next several weeks.

Jordan Construction will start camera work on the 6400 block of Lenox on March 5, 2007.

### Animal Control:

Please remember to register your pets with the City of Nichols Hills, this is an annual registration.

Please keep all animals on a leash while walking in the parks. Animal Control has received several complaints on dogs running at large.

### Administration:

The Public Works Dept. is currently in the process of hiring three new employees. The new employees will be highlighted in the next newsletter.

### Sanitation:

Please remember to cut all tree limbs to a maximum length of four foot and bundled for easier disposal and handling by the sanitation crews.

## ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS

There has been some concerns arise in regards to Ordinance 878 in the past few weeks. Below is a copy of the ordinance in regards to regulations in painting house numbers on the curb. City Council passed this ordinance on August 9, 2005. For more information on the ordinance please click on the link it will take you to municipal code book and please refer to section 20-9.

### ORDINANCE NO. 878

AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO PAINTING HOUSE NUMBERS ON PUBLIC STREET CURBS WITHIN THE CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS, OKLAHOMA, MAKING IT UNLAWFUL FOR ANY PERSON TO ENGAGE IN CURB PAINTING BUSINESS OR TO SOLICIT SUCH BUSINESS WITHOUT CARRYING A PERMIT AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 14-7(b) OF THE NICHOLS HILLS CITY CODE; CONTAINING SPECIFICATIONS FOR PAINTING HOUSE NUMBERS ON CURBS; PROHIBITING LOGOS OR OTHER MARKINGS ON STREET CURBS, EXCEPT HOUSE NUMBERS AND UTILITY MARKINGS; MAKING VIOLATION OF THE PROHIBITION AN OFFENSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, SECTION 14-7(e) OF THE NICHOLS HILLS CITY CODE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.