



Nichols Hills E-News

Meetings for the Month

- Special Planning Commission Meeting Monday November 13, 2006 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall
- City Council Meeting Tuesday November 14, 2006 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall
- Board of Adjustment Wednesday November 15, 2006 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall
- Parks Inc. Meeting Tuesday November 28, 2006 at 5:00 pm at Town Hall
- Planning Commission Meeting on Comprehensive Plan Monday November 27, 2006 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall
- City Council will meet immediately following the Planning Commission Meeting on November 27, 2006

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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN INFORMATION

The Nichols Hills Planning Commission will meet on Monday, November 13, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Nichols Hills Town Hall to further discuss issues related to the "McMansion" issues of the Comprehensive Plan.

No formal action will be taken at this meeting. It is a work session for the Planning Commission to further refine lot coverage percentages, floor area ratios, and height issues that all relate to "McMansions".

Both the Planning Commission and City Council will hold public hearings on the Comprehensive Plan on Monday, November 27, 2006 at Nichols Hills Town Hall to allow citizen input on the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning Commission will meet at 5:30. This meeting will be followed by the City Council Public Hearing.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Animal Control

There have been several complaints on dogs running at large, and especially in the city parks. Please remember to keep all dogs on a leash at all times.

Doggy bag stations are located through out the parks; so don't forget to clean up after your pet.

For animal complaints please call 843-5222.

Phase II Water Line Project

The waterline project along Wilshire has been completed

and we appreciate your support during this project. Traffic along Wilshire should be back to normal.

Code Division

Signs are becoming an issue this time of year. All signs must be ten (10) feet from curb and cannot be larger than five (5) square feet. There can only be one sign per contractor and only one sign per Realtor per home. Garage sale signs can only be in the yard of the garage sale, they can not be placed in other areas of the city.

Thank you for your help.
Charles Hooper,
Public Works Director

FIRE DEPARTMENT

In light of the ever present threat of natural disasters and the federal government's perceived failure to respond adequately to Hurricane Katrina and the additional threat of terrorist attacks, President Bush has publicly declared on many occasions that "we are working hard to be ready for the next one" or words to that affect. A logical response to that question would be exactly what are "we" doing? In this article I will briefly explain part of what the federal government has done and how it affects us at the local level.

As a result of the September 11, 2001 attack on the World Trade Center, President Bush issued Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5), which directed the Department of Homeland Security to develop a National Incident Management System (NIMS) and a National Response Plan (NRP) that would involve all federal, state, tribal, and local governments and agencies. Both plans are complete with the understanding that they are dynamic documents subject to change and additional requirements as circumstances and experience dictate.

The NIMS document consists of six components which are;

- Command & Management
- Preparedness
- Resource Management
- Communications & Information Management
- Supporting Technologies
- Ongoing Management & Maintenance

Generally speaking, public opinion of the federal government seems to be they are often more a part of the problem than the solution. As a professional emergency responder, my opinion is this time the federal government got it right. NIMS and the NRP are not perfect but they are very good plans that will greatly increase the efficiency and effectiveness of emergency response IF all applicable jurisdictions and agencies will learn and use them.

The NIMS document contains several training and procedural requirements jurisdictions and agencies must meet to be in compliance, which is voluntary below the federal level. The only inducement to comply at the local level is money. The federal government awards hundreds of millions of dollars in grants each year to local governments and agencies.

As of 2006 an agency, such as the Nichols Hills Fire Department, must be in compliance with certain NIMS requirements to apply for grants and each year there are new requirements. Your Nichols Hills Fire Department has worked hard to meet all 2006 requirements and is poised to meet the 2007 requirements.

In the next few articles, I will explain what the compliance requirements are and the different components of NIMS. I will also explain why I think NIMS is so good and how it benefits emergency responders and the citizens we protect.

Terry Hamilton-Assistant Fire Chief

***Just a friendly reminder
City Offices will be
closed on Friday
November 10, 2006 in
observance of Veterans'
Day.***

***There will be no
sanitation services.***

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We are finishing up the hiring process for two openings.

Officer Steve West will be receiving a commendation for: October 3rd, 2006, at approximately 11:45 p.m. a victim called the police department to report that her vehicle had just been stolen from the parking lot of Christ The King Church at 1905 Elmhurst and that she had left her vehicle unlocked with the motor running and her purse in the front seat. The victim supplied the police with a detailed description of the vehicle within seconds of the crime and the direction of travel.

Officer West, realizing that the closest major street that would provide an easy exit for someone in a stolen vehicle would most likely be Pennsylvania, went to that location. He observed what he believed to be the stolen vehicle and made a felony traffic stop. Not only had he located the stolen vehicle within three minutes of the crime, but also identified the suspect and obtained a confession. Had it not been for the swift and deliberate actions of Officer West, another vehicle left unlocked with the keys in the ignition and the

victim's purse inside, would have been stolen. The suspect left an old bicycle at the scene of the theft as has been the case on several reported auto thefts in the past. It is very likely that the suspect in this incident has been responsible for stealing several other vehicles in Nichols Hills. I would like to commend Officer West for a job well done and to thank him on behalf of the police department, residents and merchants of Nichols Hills.

Officer Tyrus Johnson is also getting a commendation for: August 30th, 2006 at 2:35 a.m., Officer Johnson was patrolling in the 7600 block of N. Western. It had been reported that there had been several roof-top burglaries occurring in Oklahoma City and the Village. Because of recent incidents occurring in Nichols Hills, Officer Johnson was looking for anything suspicious that might indicate additional criminal activity. While driving he continued to glance occasionally at the roof line of the businesses on N. Western. Officer Johnson noticed what appeared to be a man on the roof at The Brown Bag Deli located at 7602 N. Western. He notified dispatch of his suspicions and called for as-

sistance from the Oklahoma City Police Department and the Village Police Department. Even though the suspect was able to elude arrest, evidence was found indicating an attempted entry through the roof of the Deli.

Officer Johnson's attention to detail and immediate response disrupted a burglary in progress and to this date no other roof top burglaries have been reported. I would like to commend Officer Johnson for a job well done and to thank him on behalf of the police department, residents and merchants of Nichols Hills.

Midnight shift has also caught several subject auto burglars that had car stereos in their possession that we suspect were stolen. We believe they were stolen from outside Nichols Hills.

Richard Mask
Chief of Police

NEW CITY ORDINANCES

Ordinance 887

An ordinance amending Section 6-16 of the Nichols Hills city code; adopting the National Electrical Code, 2005 Edition, and the National Electrical Safety Code, 2005 Edition, which establish minimum regulations governing the design, installation, construction, alteration, and repair of electrical work and facilities by providing reasonable safeguards to protect the public health and safety and by providing for the issuance of permits, making of inspections and collection of fees; directing that copies of such codes be filed and kept in the office of the City Clerk and that copies be kept for distribution or sale to the public; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 888

An ordinance amending Sections 6-156 and 6-157 of the Nichols Hills City Code; adopting the International Plumbing code 2006, which establishes minimum regulations governing the design, installation and construction of plumbing systems, provides reasonable safeguards for sanitation to protect the public from unsanitary

plumbing installations; providing for certain additions, deletions, insertions and changes in certain sections of said code; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 889

An ordinance amending Sections 6-131 and 6-132 of The Nichols Hills City Code; adopting the International Mechanical Code 2006, which establishes minimum regulations governing the design, installation and construction of mechanical systems, by providing reasonable safeguards to protect the public health and safety against the hazards of inadequate, defective or unsafe mechanical systems and installations; providing for certain additions, deletions, insertions and changes in certain sections of said code; repealing ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 890

An ordinance amending The Nichols Hills City Code by adding Sections 6-44 and 6-45, which adopt the 2006 Edition of International Building Code, which establishes minimum regulations governing

the conditions and maintenance of all property, building and structures by providing standards for supplied utilities and facilities and other things and conditions essential to ensure that structures are safe, sanitary and fit for occupation and use, and providing for the condemnation of buildings unfit for human occupancy and use, and for use of such structures; repealing ordinances or parts of the ordinances in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 891

An ordinance amending Sections 6-36 and 6-37 of The Nichols Hills City Code; adopting the 2006 edition of the International Residential Code, which regulates and controls the design, construction, quality of materials, erection, installation, alteration, repair, location relocation, replacement, add-ons, use and maintenance of the one and two family dwellings and townhouses in the City of Nichols Hills; providing for the issuance of permits and collection of fees therefore; repealing all ordinances or parts of the ordinances in conflict herewith; and declaring an emergency.