



Nichols Hills E-News

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CITY COUNCIL

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Upcoming Meetings

- Regular Planning Commission Meeting
May 3rd
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting
May 10th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority
May 10th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment
May 18th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee
May 25th
8:30 am at City Hall



Recently, Mayor John Lippert announced his retirement from city government by electing not to run again in Ward 3 for Nichols Hills City Council. We will miss John and his quiet, capable leadership style. He served nine years on the City Council, playing an integral role in the continuing development of our community. The City of Nichols Hills would like to thank Mayor Lippert for his dedication and service during this important time in our City's history. Thank you, John, for your hard work on our behalf.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

I would like to begin by thanking the residents and merchants in Nichols Hills for their assistance in forwarding our crime alert information to everyone on their e-mail lists. The crime alerts have been very successful in getting the word out about what crimes are occurring in Nichols Hills and what citizens can do to prevent becoming a victim. Communication is extremely important and we are very fortunate in Nichols Hills that we have several ways for the city to communicate with the residents and merchants. As you know, Nichols Hills has an average population of about 4200 people and the town covers only approximately 2.5 miles in area. This allows the police and fire departments to respond very quickly to any emergency situation. An example of this occurred on April 13th in the 1100 block of Marlboro. A resident dialed 911 from his cell phone to report that a man was trying to break into his house. He was required to use his cell phone because the burglar had cut off his electricity. Even though the man never made entry, the police arrived quickly enough to arrest the man as he drove away from the residence. It was later determined that he had burglarized the house next door and taken jewelry. The burglar had an extensive record and was serving a five year deferred sentence on a burglary charge in Edmond last year. Officers reported that he was high on drugs when arrested. The quick action of the resident and the quick action of the police department resulted in the arrest of a burglar who we believe may have been connected to several burglaries in the past month.

Sergeant Casey Nix and Officer Julie Hobbs both received commendations for their action. Our officers have made numerous arrests of criminals over the last few months and our crime rate is beginning to drop again. We believe that this is due in part to the circulation of our crime alerts and the crime prevention information they contain. Things as simple as locking your doors and setting your alarms and not leaving merchandise in your vehicles can have a dramatic effect on making Nichols Hills a safer community.

I have just finished reading another burglary report made on April 25th. The burglary occurred in the 7200 block of Waverly. The resident reported that she had left her car unlocked and believes that someone used the garage door opener to make entry into the garage and into her unlocked guesthouse. The alarm had not been turned on. The burglar took various items including a wall mounted television. He used the resident's tools to remove the television.

Please take the necessary precautions to prevent becoming a victim. It may save your life or the life of a loved one.

Chief Richard Mask

PUBLIC WORKS

New Radar Signs

The City of Nichols Hills has purchased 33 new radar signs (see picture below). The signs will be white background with black letters instead of the orange background displayed in the photograph.



The signs were purchased through G.O. Bonds as part of our 'Traffic Calming' Program. The radar signs will display motorist speed as they approach the signs. If they are exceeding the speed limit (up to approx. 45 M.P.H) the display will start flashing and a strobe light will be displayed. Once a motorist exceeds 45 M.P.H. the radar display unit will automatically turn off the display. The display can be set in numerous ways and can be turned off and on at certain times. The units are also data collectors so a report of speeds and times can be retrieved. The radar signs are battery and solar operated. The signs should be installed within a few months at several locations throughout the City of Nichols Hills.

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!).

APRIL'S FEATURED PET



3 year old 45 pound Siberian Husky

Beautiful and Very Sweet!!!