



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## RISK MANAGER

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### Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission  
September 6th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting  
September 13th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority  
September 13th  
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment  
September 21st  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee  
September 28th  
8:30 am at City Hall

## Keep cool during a heat wave

Warm summer weather comes with potential health hazards, warn the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. When sweating is not enough to cool the body, the body temperature can rise to dangerously high levels, leading to heat-related illnesses such as heat stroke. Although hundreds of people die of heat-related illnesses annually, these illnesses are 100 percent preventable.

### Heat-Related Illness Prevention Tips

- Drink plenty of fluids (non-alcoholic), regardless of your activity level.
- Replace salt and minerals
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose fitting clothing and sunscreen.
- Stay indoors and if possible, in an air conditioned place.
- Never leave anyone in a closed, parked vehicle.
- Schedule vigorous activities and sports for cooler times of the day.
- Check regularly on people at a greater risk including infants and young children, people aged 65 or older, people who have mental illness, and those who are physically ill, especially with heart disease or high blood pressure.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT



For the third time in less than three months, the Nichols Hills Police Department is losing an officer to retirement. Even though it is our loss, Officer Craig Vowel, a twenty-two year veteran with this police department, announced his retirement. Officer Vowel, while working full-time at the police department, attained his bachelors and his nursing degree, and has recently been employed by St. Anthony's Hospital as an RN. While serving with distinction, Officer Vowel worked as a bicycle officer, a field training officer and a shift supervisor. Officer Vowel was a loyal and dedicated employee. In his career with the Nichols Hills Police Department he served with honor, and will be missed.

We wish Craig Vowel much success in his new profession.

## PUBLIC WORKS

### WATER METERS

The City of Nichols Hills has replaced almost all the water meters with ***automatic read meters***.

#### Checking for Leaks

Turn off all faucets and appliances (washing machine, dishwasher and sprinkler system).

Go to the water meter and lift lid, be careful not to damage wires.

Some homes have two water meters, one for the home and the other for the sprinkler system.

If either the house meter or sprinkler system is leaking, the 'leak indicator' (red wheel on bottom of face) will be turning on their respective meter.



#### ***How to Read Your Water Meter***

Homeowners may read their water meters to check for water usage at any time. A Homeowner may be interested in their daily or monthly usage. To read your water meter:

- ◆Lift the lid and look at the dial on top of the water meter (water meter is usually located along front curb).
- ◆You will see a row of numbers on the dial.
- ◆Using the meter above, just write down the numbers and the next day or month write down the new number and subtract the previous number from the last reading and that will give the gallons used. The last number to the right of the decimal point is tenths of a gallon, just ignore that number.

**Don't forget to put the meter lid back on!**

## PUBLIC WORKS

### City Projects

Street replacement on the 1700 block of Guilford and the 1700 and 1800 block of Coventry is near completion.

Water line replacement along the 1500 and 1600 block of Camden should start in a few weeks. At the same time street replacement will start on the 1700, 1800 and 1900 block of Dorchester Place. After the water line is replaced along Camden the street will be replaced in the 1600 block of Camden.



## 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!).

### JULY'S FEATURED PET



This little 'chiweenie' (Chihuahua/Dachshund?) was found in the 1800 block of Drakestone on August 7th of this year. She is a beautiful dog, and needs a loving home.