



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## CITY HALL

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### Upcoming Meetings

- Health Focus Group Meeting January 8th 7 p.m.
- City Council Meeting January 13th 5:30 pm at City Hall
- Municipal Authority Meeting January 13th 5:45 pm at City Hall
- Environment, Health, & Sustainability Committee January 21st 8:30 am at City Hall

## Municipal Court in Nichols Hills

By Lindy Stormont  
Court Clerk



The Municipal court in Nichols Hills, not of record is governed by Chapter 16-11 of the Nichols Hills City Code. Municipal court is usually conducted on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. Court starts promptly at 10am for arraignments and 1pm for juveniles and trials.

The Municipal Judge for Nichols Hills is Charles Lutz. The associate judge for Nichols Hills is Steven Sherman. The prosecuting attorney for the Nichols Hills court is Pope Van Cleef. The court clerk for The City of Nichols Hills is Lindy Stormont.

Fines are due and payable immediately unless time to pay is granted. The court clerk is authorized to grant a limited additional time to pay for good cause. The court clerk can dismiss certain citations with a dismissal fee. One example is if you are ticketed for driving with an expired license plate. With proof of updated tag (Oklahoma Tax Commission form), at least one day prior to court, court clerk will dismiss the citation with \$25.00 in cost.

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Except in those instances in which the defendant is permitted to pay and does pay a fine to the court clerk, the defendant or his counsel shall be present in person in the municipal court for arraignment. The defendant shall appear in person at trial, and at the imposition of sentence. If the defendant or his counsel fails to appear for arraignment, trial, sentencing or any other required appearance, forfeiture of bond or an issuance of a warrant for arrest will be completed.

There are several important city codes that residents need to be aware of that are listed on page five and six of the Nichols Hills Directory. Some of these ordinances include section 22-114, no overnight parking on city streets between the hours of 2:00am and 5am, any day of the week. Another example is ordinance number 399, which states that all dogs must be licensed by the city and it is unlawful for any person to allow a dog to run at large within the city. If you are issued a citation for Dog at Large or No Nichols Hills Dog Tags, the court date is provided on the citation and all fees or fines must be paid by that date.



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The fire fighters of the Nichols Hills Fire Department want to wish you all a happy & safe holiday season and remind you that there are fire fighters on duty every minute of every day of the year. If you call us we will be at your door quickly.

All of our fire fighters are required to maintain a minimum of Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification. An EMT certification is achieved by attending 160 hours of classroom training and 36 hours of clinicals on an ambulance and/or in an ER. You then have to pass a 150 question Oklahoma State Certification test and a Practical Skills test.

After you achieve certification you must recertify every two years. To recertify you must have 48 hours of continuing education during that two year period and take a 24 hour EMT refresher course. You then have to document all that training on State forms and send it to the State EMS department for approval.

We hope you never need these services but if you do rest assured our fire fighters have worked hard to maintain their knowledge and skills in order to meet your need.



## PUBLIC WORKS

### Public Works

#### 'Line Maintenance'

The 'Line Maintenance' crews have been busy with water main breaks in the 2300 and 2400 block of Grand Blvd. There were a total of four in just over 24 hours. The crews worked all day and night to finish the repairs.

#### New Employee

We would like to welcome a new employee by the name of **Gary Springer**. He will be part of the Sanitation Division. Gary is married and has recently retired from Hertz Corporation.

#### Retirement Party for Rogers Thompson

**Rogers Thompson** will be retiring after almost twenty years with the City of Nichols Hills. The last several years he has been the Sanitation Department's supervisor. Rogers has done an excellent job for the City of Nichols Hills and will be missed by fellow employees and residents alike.

**Retirement party for Rogers Thompson will be on December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 between 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Public Works Department.**

**The Public Works Department would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!!!**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The men and women of the Nichols Hills Police Department want to wish you all a very safe and happy Holiday season. The Police Department is open twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week if you need assistance. Our phone number is 843-5672, and our communications officers answer all 9-1-1 calls routed to Nichols Hills.

During this season, our department conducts many house checks. If you are unfamiliar with this service, this is a program where residents of Nichols Hills provide information to the police department when they are going to be away from their homes, whether for a few days or an extended period of time. Officers will make periodic checks of the residents' homes. Officers check for signs of forced entry or other suspicious activity. If anything is noted, the resident or designated contact person is notified. If you have any questions about the House Check program, or would like to sign up, just give us a call here at the police department.



We would like you to help us welcome a new member of our department. Amanda Dover is our new communications officer. Amanda was born in England, and moved to the United States three years ago. She has previously worked as a communications officer in Florida, and prior to that she was a police officer in the United Kingdom. So, if you call the police department, and hear a British accent, don't worry that you dialed the wrong number (or country!). Amanda is looking forward to continuing her public service career with 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!).

### December's Featured Pet



Todd, also known as Beau, is a 14 month old pointer Dalmatian mix who has been to "Boot Camp" at K9U in Yukon. He is a sweet, energetic dog who is looking for a home for Christmas.

ARF again needs 'foster care' which is a good way to see if you might want to go a step further and adopt an animal from December 22nd through January 5th because we will be short on boarding space. Since 1999 ARF has rescued more than 600 dogs & cats who would have otherwise been euthanized. Please help ARF help the animals.