



# Nichols Hills E-News

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## Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission Meeting Aug 5th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting Aug 12th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Municipal Authority Aug 12th  
5:45 pm at City Hall

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## FROM THE MAYOR



On Thursday evening July 31 at 6:00 p.m. in Town Hall our residents have to opportunity to hear Jan Heetebrij, a Dutch citizen, deliver a talk on "Energy Transition in the European Environment". This lecture has been arranged by Nichols Hills residents Marilyn and Bill Arnold who have been active on the volunteer Nichols Hills Environmental Committee chaired by Mary Frates. This committee will soon evolve into the Nichols Hills Health, Environmental and Sustainability Commission. Look for other news from the Commission concerning the advent of plastics recycling at our existing Recycling Center.

The Oklahoma Conference of Mayors is holding its annual conference in Weatherford August 24-26. I will be attending with other mayors from around the state where issues and updates on water, growth, emergency management, and other topics of concern to town mayors.

*Kathy Walker*

# FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Nichols Hills Fire Department responded to 35 calls for help in June. Five of the calls were Mutual Aid in the Village but are listed in the category corresponding with the type of call they were. The calls and categories are:

Fire: 4 calls

EMS/Rescue: 9 calls

Hazardous Condition: 4 calls

False Alarms: 10 calls

Service: 8 calls

Activities for the month of June were:

## **Training**

EMS, Behavioral Disorders, Green shift

EMS, Report Writing/Documentation, Blue shift

Medical/Trauma Scene Size-Up, taught by Assistant Chief, all three shifts

Rope Rescue Systems, Green shift

SCBA; donning, doffing, use, care & maintenance, Green & Blue shifts

Master Stream Operations, Red & Green shifts

24 hour EMT Refresher course taught by an outside agency, all three shifts

Mayday Operations, Blue shift

Equipment Review BP 32, Blue shift

SOG review, Red shift

Use of the MultiVision gas detector, Red shift

Proper use of the Supplied Air Breathing System for Confined Space Rescue, Red & Blue shifts

## **Maintenance**

Wax E1, Blue shift

Repair 4 inch feeder line, Red shift

Clean & paint Wildland Firefighting tools, Green shift

Flush plastic out of BP tank after tank repairs, Blue & Red shifts

Holmatro Extrication tools; inspect, clean/repair, change oil & filters, Green shift

## **Projects/Activities**

Test flow hydrants, Green & Blue shifts

Replace old Map Books with new covers & update pages, Blue & Red shifts

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

There was one residential burglary reported this month. We were able to clear a residential burglary from April, and do have a suspect in custody. This subject is currently being held in the Oklahoma County Jail on our charges of second degree burglary, and numerous burglary-related charges through Oklahoma City.

We had two motor vehicle thefts this month. Both vehicles have been recovered. In each case, the vehicles were left unlocked with the keys inside. We urge our citizens to remove the keys from their vehicles and lock the doors before exiting. We also had seventeen larcenies this month. Seven of these larcenies were from unlocked automobiles. Locking your vehicle will also deter these kinds of crimes.

There were three arrests for DUI this month, and one arrest for possession of marijuana. There was one arrest for grand larceny, and two arrests for outstanding warrants. There were also four traffic arrests this month.

There were two fraud reports filed this month, two minor in possession of alcohol reports, and one curfew violation report. There were also eight suspicion reports, two vandalism reports, one reckless driving report, two harassment reports, and two found property reports. There was one drunkenness report and one intimidation report. Officers worked two non-injury accidents, and filed three reports relating to requests to assist other law enforcement agencies.

Officers were dispatched to 122 residential alarm calls, and 7 business alarm calls. The department responded to 25 suspicious vehicle calls, 20 suspicious subject calls, and 11 suspicious activity calls. Officers responded to 14 motorist assist calls and 6 citizen assist calls. Officers were dispatched to 20 abandoned 9-1-1 calls. Officers performed 114 house checks this month. There were 241 traffic stops, and 145 citations written.

We welcome a new full-time communications officer, Ricky Dennis. Ricky has just begun his training phase, but is very excited about working for the City of Nichols Hills.

## PUBLIC WORKS

The Public Works Dept. has been working on several projects this summer:

- **Automated Meter Reading** is about to be completed. We would like to remind homeowners to be very careful with the meter lids due to the electronics. Please remind your plumber also about the wiring and electronics installed in the meters. If you need assistance with your meter please call 843-5222.
- **Four Million Gallon Water Storage Tank** is underway just north of the Public Works Dept. This will assist us in having a reserve and in blending our water.

**Entry Markers** have been installed on Randel Rd, Briarwood, Avalon and Centennial. We will be installing others in a few months from now.

### Code Division

**Political signs** are starting to pop up around town. Please keep all signs ten (10) feet back from curb (this applies to all signs). The signs cannot be any larger than 5 sq. ft. **Portable storage buildings** that are located in the driveway for temporary storage must be permitted. Contact the Public Works Dept. for further information.

### Environmental, Health and Sustainability

- We are currently working on a recycle bin for Plastics and new signage for all the recycle bins located behind the Nichols Hills City Hall. We must use caution when disposing of items in the recycle bins. The bins are labeled and only those items are allowed in those bins. Contamination occurs when the wrong items are thrown in the wrong bin. This is considered 'contaminated' and the whole bin will be sent to the dump and not to a processing center. An example would be if someone put plastics in the 'newspaper' bin or some other item that was not paper, the whole bin would be considered 'contaminated'.

**Please help us recycle.**

## ANIMAL RESCUE FRIENDS OF NICHOLS HILLS

To date ARF has rescued 592 animals (so you could put almost 600) (about 85% dogs, 15% cats plus one lop eared rabbit & one Quaker parakeet). We began this mission in March of 1999 and we are a 501 c 3 not for profit completely staffed by volunteers - absolutely no paid positions. Every penny we raise goes for vetting and boarding the animals until we get homes for each of them.

Most of our student volunteers are from McGuinness High School but we have had some from Christ the King, Casady and Heritage Hall and hope that will continue since many of our very favorites help us right up until they graduate. We will check to see if any of them have video skills.

If anyone wants to assist ARF in it's mission of saving unclaimed, impounded pets in Nichols Hills, than 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!).

Thanks for helping ARF help the animals ~ just let us know what else you need,

Sincerely,

Suzy, Susan, Dottie & all of ARF

### WE NEED A HOME!



The following biography is from their former owner who developed allergies to them. We would prefer not to separate them because they are brother & sister and do so well together, however Blues, the mostly white one & big brother, wants to protect his younger sister so they probably would not do well with most other dogs...

Blue Heeler/Lab mix litter mates, Boogie (the smaller, little leopard) and Blues (the larger, the zebra) first came to live with me in March 07. They were shy, fearful and even a little angry. Since then we've had training (of a sort) and the run of the house and yard which has given them confidence. They both have different personalities and are still growing but at almost 2 years they are guardians of their territory. Blues had an accident with his right front growth plate and has had two operations on it to get him fully functional. They need a loving family and some space to hunt squirrels and rabbits. They are playful can catch and retrieve, they would absolutely have a fit if they had an accident in the house.

They are loving and sweet especially Blues. Boogie loves to chase squirrels and seems almost obsessive about it. Blues likes cool and prefers in house comfort. Typical male is some ways I always picture him with a remote because he does watch TV. They have both had two courses of training at the Armory so they have the "rules" they are house trained and very quietly go to bed a night anytime and don't make a sound until 6 AM. I've never had that kind of a problem with them unless it was a night emergency with Boogie cause she does eat some unusual things. They don't dig much and the chewing has slowed way down. I do miss their energy and good hearts. They both do well with cats.

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