



# Nichols Hills E-News

May 2008

## PUBLIC WORKS

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### Upcoming Meetings

- Planning Commission Meeting July 1st  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting July 8th  
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Municipal Authority Meeting July 8th  
5:45 pm at City Hall

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### Automatic Meter

#### Reading

The Public Works Dept. is currently finishing the 'Automatic Meter Reader' installation through out the City of Nichols Hills. This will cut the manpower used to read meters down to several hours.

### Ground Water Storage Tank

The City of Nichols Hills will start the construction of the new ground water storage tank in the next several weeks. The four million gallon water tank will be built on the north portion of the property located at 1009 N.W. 75<sup>th</sup>. This will assist the water division in blending water from the wells located inside and outside our town.

### Animal Control

This is a reminder to register your dog and cats with City of Nichols Hills. Forms are available at 1009 N.W. 75<sup>th</sup>. When walking your pets please remember they must be on a leash at all times and use the doggy bags that are located in the parks. The Fourth of July is just around the corner and we hope to see you and the kids at the nature booth, yes we will have the python snake and other items on exhibit.

### Surface Drains, Gutters, and Other Lot

#### Drains

The City of Nichols Hills is currently running smoke test through the 'sanitary

sewer system'. These test will give important information about surface water that is infiltrating our 'sanitary sewer system. It is very important that homeowners do **not** connect their surface drains and house gutters to the 'sanitary sewer system', this will overload the system and will create blockages and flooding in basements. If you feel your system may be incorrectly connected please notify your plumber to re-route the system.

**Have a great Fourth of July!!!!**

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

There was one residential burglary reported this month, as well as one attempted residential burglary. The residential burglary involved a house under renovation, and a suspect has been apprehended in this case. In the attempted burglary, it appears the suspect tried to gain access to the residence, but was unable. We urge all our citizens to call 9-1-1 immediately if they see any suspicious activity. Our response time is usually one to three minutes, and calling 9-1-1 before making any other phone calls may aid in the apprehension of suspects.

There was one motor vehicle theft reported this month. The vehicle was left unlocked with the keys inside. The stolen vehicle was recovered ten days after it had been reported stolen.

There were three larcenies reported this month. Only one of the larcenies involved a package being removed from a resident's

porch. The other two larcenies involved thefts from a vehicle. In one of these, access was gained by breaking a car window. In the other, the items were taken from an unlocked vehicle, and the reporting party was not sure whether the theft occurred in Nichols Hills or in Oklahoma City.

There were five arrests for DUI this month, and one arrest for public intoxication. There were three arrests for possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and one arrest for outstanding warrant

There were three fraud reports filed this month, two parking violation reports, and one transporting an open container report. There were also five suspicion reports, one vandalism report, one civil dispute report, one found property, and one lost property report. Officers worked two non-injury accidents, and filed one report relating to requests to assist other law enforce-

ment agencies. Officers were dispatched to 105 residential alarm calls, and 10 business alarm calls. The department responded to 29 suspicious vehicle calls, 24 suspicious subject calls, and 20 suspicious activity calls. Officers responded to 16 motorist assist calls and 3 citizen assist calls. Officers performed 106 house checks this month. There were 322 traffic stops, and 233 citations written.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The criminal cases stemming from the July 2006 "Home Invasion/ Robbery" investigations are coming to a close. If you will remember, robberies occurred in the 1700 block of Pennington on July 29th and again on July 30th in the 1800 block of Elmhurst. Three armed suspects entered into a residence and robbed a family at gunpoint while a third suspect waited outside acting as a lookout. Within a matter of days, the four suspects were identified, charged and apprehended. Three defendants have entered guilty pleas and the fourth is pending trial.

On another note, on April 28th, 2008, there was a 2nd degree residential daytime burglary in the 7300 block of Waverly in Nichols Hills. A substantial amount of property was taken. Our officers were able to identify evidence from the scene that allowed a felony charge of burglary to be filed against Reggie Larue Gaines, a nineteen year old black male. Mr. Gaines is

currently out on bond for pawning stolen property and we have an additional felony warrant for his arrest. He has been tentatively identified as being involved in burglaries in the Quail Creek addition of Oklahoma City and those cases are being actively investigated by The Oklahoma City Police Department. In addition, Mr. Gaines was scheduled to appear in district court this morning and did not show, causing another felony warrant to be issued for "Failure to Appear".

The Nichols Hills Crime Prevention Organization in conjunction with The Nichols Hills Police Department is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest of Reggie Gaines. Please direct you phone calls to Detective Bruce Funderburk at 879-8878. The amount of the reward will be in direct proportion to the information provided.



**Suspect: REGGIE  
LARUE GAINES  
B/M DOB:2-20-89  
WARRANT NUMBER  
CF-2008-3460  
BURGLARY IN THE  
2ND DEGREE**

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Nichols Hills fire Department responded to 42 calls for help in the month of May. The calls fell into the following categories:

**First Aid/Rescue:** 14 calls

**False Alarms:** 14 calls

**Service:** 9 calls

**Hazardous Condition:** 3 calls

**Fire:** 1 call

**Mutual Aid:** 1 call

The fire call was a Mutual Aid call with The Village and two of the Hazardous Condition calls were also Mutual Aid with The Village. Day-to-day shift activities for the month of May were as follows:

### **Training:**

Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) which includes how to properly put them on, how they operate, changing air bottles, car & maintenance, and Search & Rescue wearing an SCBA. All three shifts.

Inter-company water pumping operations with The Village Fire Department. Green Shift.

Providing a primary or secondary water supply to

a fire by reversing out to the hydrant. Green shift.

Equipment review on the Village's fire engine. Green shift.

Reviewed the Oklahoma City Golf and Country Club pre-fire plan and did a walk-through of the facility with The Village and Oklahoma City fire departments. Red shift.

Setting up an exposure or long attack line using 150' of 2.5" hose and the hose pack, which is 150' of 1.75" handline. Green Shift.

Extrication equipment which includes tools that can take a vehicle apart such as the Jaws of Life and stabilization and lifting tools such as our air bags. Blue shift.

All shifts viewed a Hazardous Materials refresher video.

Equipment review over the Brush Pumper. Red and Green shifts.

Master Stream operations. Red Shift.

### **EMS Training:**

Asthma emergencies.

Blue Shift.

All Nationally Registered

EMT's are required to take a 24 hour refresher course every two years. We have contracted with EOC to do that training and it was started on all three shifts in May.

EMT-D (defibrillator) refresher. All three shifts.

### **Maintenance:**

Red shift cleaned and inspected the SCBA's on E33.

Green shift cleaned and inspected the SCBA's on E1.

Blue shift moved the washer, dryer, and station air compressor per the Risk Manager's request to free more space for access to the electrical breaker box.

All three shifts have begun testing their assigned hydrants.

### **Activities/Projects:**

Red shift mounted the new Thermal Imager chargers on E1.

Red shift attended All Souls Church Safety Week activities and did some Public Education activities there.

All shifts participated in MDA's Fill-the-Boot campaign.

## CITY HALL

The Anniversary clock at Sherwood and Avondale has an electrical controller issue and as a result will not keep proper time. The local company responsible for maintaining the clock has been out to service it and is awaiting word from the clock manufacturer to warranty and replace the defective electrical controller. The clock will be fixed as soon as the necessary parts arrive from the manufacture and no time table has been provided.

The clock was originally purchased back before the new daylight savings time

changes were announced. Therefore, currently the clock has to be manually changed to accommodate the new daylight savings time days and then once again reset on the old time change dates when it automatically changes. To resolve this issue, the City has ordered a controller upgrade for the clock which when installed, will update the clock with the new daylight savings time dates so the time will change automatically on the new time change dates.

