



Nichols Hills E-News

May 2010

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Inside this issue:

Police Dept. Crime Alert	1
Fire Dept.	2
Public Works	3
Animal Rescue Friends	5

Upcoming Meetings

- City Council Meeting
June 8th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of the
Nichols Hills Municipal
Authority June 8th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health,
& Sustainability Meeting
June 23rd
8:30 am at City Hall

A Crime Alert

by Chief Richard Mask

This is Memorial Weekend and many people will be leaving town. At the same time, we have an influx of migrant workers and activity. Make sure that you lock all doors, including the one between the garage and the house, and set your alarms. It would be a good idea to ask your neighbors to keep an eye on your house, and report any suspicious activity or people to the police. No one from the utility companies should be out reading meters this weekend so any suspicious people seen in back yards should be reported.

We are aware that roof solicitors continue to be in the area and we recommend that you do not do business with anyone that does not have a license or permit from the city of Nichols Hills. We also caution you that just because someone shows you a business card with a Nichols Hills Address, it doesn't mean they actually have an office in the Plaza. We have discovered that several out of state roofing companies are using a Nichols Hills address temporarily because they can then claim to be a local company. You are better to stay with a local established company in the Oklahoma area. If you have any questions or suspicions, please call the police department. If a vendor comes to your door and doesn't have a solicitors permit from the Nichols Hills Police Department, which includes a photo id, don't speak to them and call us immediately.

We will have extra patrols during the holiday. Be safe, have a great holiday and call if you need us. FYI, our streets are covered with roofing nails and many flat tires are being reported, including city vehicles. Be cautious and watch the street for foreign objects. This too shall pass.

6407 Avondale Drive
Nichols Hills, OK 73116

Phone: 405-843-6637
Email: enews@nicholshills.net

FIRE DEPARTMENT

How many fire fighters does it take to extinguish a fire in a 3000 square foot house? According to National Fire Protection Association Standard 1710 (NFPA 1710), which is recognized as the National Standard, it takes a minimum of 14 fire fighters who must be on the incident scene within eight minutes. The initial arriving engine company must be on the incident scene within four minutes. During working hours on weekdays the Nichols Hills Fire Department (NHFD) may have as many as six fire fighters on duty and may have as few as three, which is our minimum manning level. So how do we meet the standard?

NFPA 1710 allows the use of Automatic and/or Mutual Aid to meet the standard. We have an Automatic Aid agreement with the Village Fire Department (VFD) which has a minimum of four fire fighters on duty at any given time. We also have a Mutual Aid agreement with the Oklahoma City Fire Department (OKCFD) which will send a minimum of 13 fire fighters if we request them. Automatic Aid means both NHFD and the VFD are dispatched simultaneously on all fire calls in either city, Mutual Aid means any city participating in the Mutual Aid agreement will come and assist but only if requested. If we have a significant structure fire we usually request OKCFD and they occasionally request our assistance on Wildland fires and sometimes on Emergency Medical calls or vehicle accidents.

In 2005 the legislature passed Senate Bill 242 which contained the Oklahoma Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact. The bill was requested by the Oklahoma Emergency Management agency. The bill states in part that all governmental agencies in the state will respond to any other jurisdiction if they are requested and are able to respond. In effect, it's a state-wide Mutual Aid Agreement. There is a clause in the law that allows any jurisdiction to opt out of the agreement if they so choose. Occasionally there is opposition to such agreements and it is almost always political. Fire departments love to work together and help each other in any way they can but politicians sometimes balk at sending equipment paid for and manned by their resident's tax dollars to another jurisdiction. This is understandable but when a tragedy strikes and residents need a lot of help fast; more help than their city can provide, they don't care where it comes from as long as it gets there quickly. That's the fire services reasoning, today the Village or Oklahoma City may need our help in some way and we will go, tomorrow we may need their help and they will come here. In the long term it ends up being about equal.

PUBLIC WORKS



Bond Projects

The City of Nichols Hills has contracted with Jordon Contractor's to replace sections of the **sanitary sewer** in various locations throughout the city. They will start between Centennial and Lenox, in the 6400 block.

The **booster house** and **new water tank** is nearing completion. We will be going out to bid for controls and pump installation on the new booster house.



Animal Control

Are your animals registered and tagged? Please help Animal Control by registering your pets. Tags are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the Public Works Dept. located at 1009 N.W. 75th. Forms can be obtained from our website www.nicholshills.net.

PUBLIC WORKS

Code Division

There will be numerous roofs replaced in our city in the next few months. There are a few items to be remembered:

Before work is started a 'roofing permit' must be purchased.

All vehicles must be parked on the same side of street.

All signs must be ten (10) feet from curb.

No signs larger than five (5) square feet.

Working hours are 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

No work on Sunday

Street Repairs

The City of Nichols Hills has purchased a new machine to repair potholes in the city. We hope to be started in the middle of May. The old pothole patcher finally retired.

Park Sprinklers

The City is in the process of completing installation of two automated (SCADA) sprinkler systems. The two parks that were selected were Kite Park and Wood's Park.

Reminder

Have you had your filters for your heat and air unit changed lately?

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!).

May's Featured Pet



"Kadee"

A German Shepherd mix (we think) is about 4 months old, 17 pounds and her rabies tag number is 13841 she plays well with most other dogs, is not quite housetrained yet and has some food aggression around other dogs - not people (understandable if you are only four months old, on your own and very hungry!)

Yesterday was her very first day at Petsmart and she did VERY well.