



Nichols Hills E-News

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CITY COUNCIL

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Upcoming Meetings

- Regular Planning Commission Meeting
June 7th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- City Council Meeting
June 14th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Regular Meeting of Municipal Authority
June 14th
5:45 pm at City Hall
- Board of Adjustment
June 15th
5:30 pm at City Hall
- Environmental, Health & Sustainability Committee
June 22nd
8:30 am at City Hall

LOCK YOUR DOORS

Lock your car doors. Lock your back door, even if your housekeeper is coming. Lock your front door, even if you'll be "right back". Lock your garage door, even if the painter is coming. Yes, it's inconvenient, but so is theft. Furthermore, when you leave a door unlocked, you are inviting a burglar to try my house next. And that's not very neighborly.

For about \$125, a locksmith can install a keypad, with a changeable code, on a side door or garage, so your kids can get in after school, the cleaning lady can come on Wednesday, and you will never lock yourself out!

We are blessed with a low crime rate -- it would be almost ZERO if we would all lock our doors.

Sody Clements, Mayor

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

The police department would like to welcome two new part –time communications officers. April 27th was the first day for Ms. Laura Oden and Mr. Ryan Wells. They are both Criminal Justice students at The University of Central Oklahoma. We are also in the final stages of hiring a police officer to replace the position left vacant with the retirement of Bruce Funderburk who left to accept a position with Integris. Filling the new position will bring us up to full strength just in time for the summer months .

Speaking of the summer months, our crime rate usually rises during the warmer, longer months of the year. You can prevent being a victim by taking a few short precautions such as not leaving lawn equipment or bicycles in the front yard, day or night, and locking your car doors and not leaving valuables visible inside. It is also important to remember to lock your homes and set your alarms even when working in the yard. Garage doors can be disabled from the inside at night usually by simply pulling a chain. This will prevent someone from breaking into your car and using the garage door opener to open the garage. Remember to always lock the door between the garage and the kitchen and don't leave your keys in the car even if it is in the garage. Last but not least, don't do business with door to door solicitors and never allow a stranger into your home. As always, if you see someone or something suspicious, dial 911.

Thank you and have a great summer.

Chief Richard Mask



CITY HALL

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PUBLIC WORKS

Code Division

The Code Division would like to remind homeowners to make sure all swimming pools are kept secure with self-closing and self latching gates. All pools must be properly maintained when not in use. Pools are to be drained into a sanitary sewer and not into the streets or the property of others. Back flushing a pool can be done using your sewer line clean out located on your property. This is a good time to check your rain gutters and air conditioning filters. If you have a storm shelter, safe room or a basement, please notify the Nichols Hills Fire Department (843-8526). This information will assist emergency responders find you and your family in the event of a tornado or other disaster.

City Projects

The City of Nichols Hills is in the process of selecting a contractor to replace the 1700 and 1800 blocks of Dorchester Place (street) and the 1600 block of Camden (street and water line). The City of Nichols Hills is also in the process of selecting a contractor to paint the south water ground storage tank located at 75th and Ollie.

The Coventry Lane and Guilford Lane street projects are coming along very nicely.



GARDEN TOUR

Nichols Hills Garden Tour 2011: A Tribute to English Gardens

Saturday, June 4th, 2011

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

In the event of rain, the tour will be rescheduled for Sunday, June 5th,
2011.

Tickets: \$15.00 in advance & \$20.00 the day of the tour.

Purchase tickets at any one of the following stores:

Covington Antique Market

Horn Seed Company

No Regrets

42nd Street Candy Company

Precure Garden Center (N.W. 63rd & W. Reno)

TLC (Memorial and N.W. Expressway)

Crescent Market

New Leaf Florist

On A Whim

The Paper Lion

Tony Foss Florist

Wilshire Garden Market

Master Gardeners will be present to answer horticultural questions and to describe
garden designs.

Featured Homes:

Lisa and Tony Vaughn-1600 Drury Lane

Tim and Tracey Hughes-1210 Larchmont Lane

Courtney and Carl Holliday-1905 Bedford Drive

Candi and Donald Bullard-1102 Huntington Avenue

Sue and Donald Timberlake-1600 Elmhurst Avenue

GARDEN TOUR

DESCRIPTION

The City of Nichols Hills was founded in 1929 by Dr. G.A. Nichols. The city streets in Nichols Hills were named after towns and villages in England. This year in light of the recent Royal Wedding of Prince William of Wales to Miss Catherine Middleton we are celebrating all things beautiful and English! What is more beautiful than an English garden? The English garden, also called an English landscape park, is a style of landscape garden which emerged in England in the early 18th century. The English garden presented an idealized view of nature, often inspired by paintings of landscapes by famous artists.

This year's garden tour will wind ticket holders through the lush gardens of five (5) homes that are all fit for royalty. The homes are located on Drury Lane, Larchmont Lane, Elmhurst Avenue, Bedford Drive and Huntington Avenue. For example, at the home of Courtney and Carl Holliday at 1905 Bedford Drive, you can look out every window and see a glorious and colorful flowerbed, and at the home of Sue and Donald Timberlake at 1600 Elmhurst Avenue, you can walk outside to their vegetable garden and pick out delectable items for your meal. You will be full of ideas of what to do in your own garden spaces. We will be celebrating the twenty-eighth (28th) Anniversary of Nichols Hills Parks, Inc. All proceeds of the tour benefit the thirty-one (31) parks that are enjoyed by the entire Nichols Hills and Oklahoma City community. Susan Marshall is the President of Nichols Hills Parks, Inc.

GARDEN TOUR

For more information, contact:

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Poster Distribution: Deena Sylvester

Master Gardeners: Kelly Moody and Nazette Zuhdi Cleaver



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



18 month old 13 pound male Schnauzer mix needs a good home with lots of attention. He has been completely vetted for ARF & is ready to go!