



Nichols Hills E-News

December 2005

Meetings for the Month

- Triad Monday
December 5th at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall
- City Council Meeting
Tuesday December 13th at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Board of Adjustment
December 21st at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall

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Letter from Mayor Walker

After the first of the year, the Planning Commission will begin their work on the Comprehensive Plan with the School of Architecture at the University of Oklahoma. Charles Warnken, assistant professor of architecture, will oversee the project. It is imperative that our residents attend public meetings, respond to questionnaires, and be in contact with councilmen, planning commissioners, and staff. If anyone has any questions or ideas, please do not hesitate to call or email me. This Comprehensive Plan will map the future aesthetic plans for our city and will provide vision for our parks, buildings, houses, landscapes, pedestrian access, and roadways in the years to come. This is a very important collabora-

tive effort on everyone's part.

We welcome Chesapeake as the new property owner of Nichols Hills Plaza. Our city looks forward to working with them as we move forward with our Comprehensive Plan. We thank the Coyle family for their many years of ownership and management of the most attractive shopping district in the state.

Please remember to vote on December 13, 2005, at your local precinct. All of central Oklahoma will go to the polls to vote on improving public safety with a 50-cent monthly user fee on cell-phone bills. The funding will be used to upgrade the 9-1-1 system to make it more compatible with

wireless phones, to provide essential location information needed in emergency situations. The Nichols Hills City Council passed a resolution in support of the Enhanced 9-1-1 system at the October council meeting. Whether you vote yes or no, please vote.

The City Council sends holiday greetings to all our residents and staff in Nichols Hills. The city looks so beautiful this time of year. We owe our gratitude to Parks, Inc., and Total Environment for all of the festive lights shining throughout our parks and avenues. Hope to see you at the Sleigh Ride Social on December 15, 2005.

I thank you in advance for your participation on everyone's part.

City News

On November 28th the Nichols Hills Fire Department was called to a possible house fire in the northeast section of Nichols Hills. Firefighters were on the scene in less than three minutes. They quickly determined there was a large fire in the attic of the house. The quickest way to extinguish an attic fire is to attack it from below which is what fire crews from

Nichols Hills and The Village began doing immediately. This is very hard work. Firefighters must pull holes in the ceiling with hand tools, extend small ladders into the attic, and then take fire hoses through the holes in order to apply water to the fire. In this case the ceiling was made with metal lathe and plaster, which is more like cement. Just making the holes

is exhausting work and then you start fighting the fire. Nichols Hills and The Village firefighters did an outstanding job extinguishing the fire. They were actually able to stop it in the same area where it started. Oklahoma City fire crews were called in to help but our firefighters had the fire out before Oklahoma City firefighters arrived on the scene.

City Employee Highlighted



Name: Sarah Grissam
Position: Utility Billing Clerk
Years with City: 5 Years

Sarah Grissam has been with The City of Nichols Hills for 5 years. She joined the City of Nichols Hills staff as the Utility Billing Clerk. Sarah resides in Harrah, Oklahoma with her husband Phil. They have 3 children and 9 grandchildren.

When Sarah isn't in the office, she spends her time with her family and participates in her hobbies, which include working on their water garden/koi pond and camping. When Sarah and Phil aren't hanging out by the pond they are traveling in their motor coach (which is a converted bus).

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication Sarah.

City Projects

The Phase I waterline replacement project should be winding up this month. Early in December the contractors will be working in 6500 block of Avondale and the 1100 block of Fenwick replacing the waterlines. Later in the month they will be replacing water meters in the areas where the lines were replaced over the last couple of months.

Seventeen of the rock entryway markers

along Western and on 63rd have been installed and completed. This will be a continuing project for the city over the next few years.

Work will begin this month on the transformation of Margaret Davis Park. The project includes replacement of older trees and landscaping that is in poor condition and the addition of sidewalks that will encircle the park.

The Public Works Department will be soliciting bids for the Phase II waterline replacement project. Waterlines will be replaced in the 1100 blocks from Park Manor to Belford then in the 1200 blocks north to Wilshire. Waterlines will also be replaced on Wilshire from Nichols Road to Olie. We will give you more information as it becomes available.

Public Works Department

Welcome to the Public Works Department. For those that are not familiar with this department we are located at 1009 N.W. 75th. The Public Works Department is involved in many areas that concern the daily operations of the City of Nichols Hills. The Public Works Department consists of the following sections:

- Water
- Code Division
- Animal Control

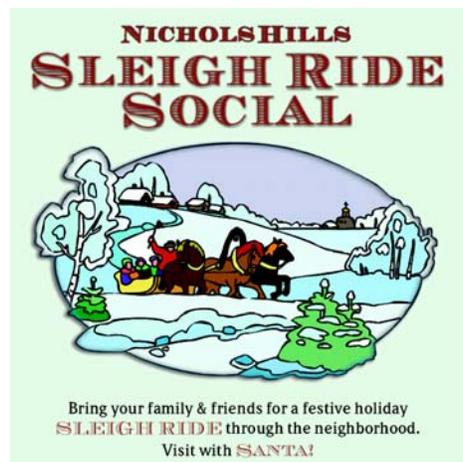
- Line Maintenance (water and sewer)
- Sanitation
- Street
- Public Works Administration

In the upcoming months we will be highlighting different sections, programs and employees of the Public Works Department. If you have any problems or need information please call 843-5222 or just come by for a tour and a cup of coffee.

Safety tip: Are your outdoor Christmas lights safe? Homeowners should ask themselves the following:

- Are the lights installed on *ground fault circuit indicators*?
- Are the extension cords rated for outdoors?
- Is the electric service panel sized appropriately?

Future Events



**THURSDAY
DECEMBER 15, 2005
6:00—9:00 P.M.
NICHOLS HILLS PLAZA
NORTHSIDE**

Reservations required for sleigh ride.
Sleigh accommodates twenty passengers.
Contact: Jamie Farha • 848-7459

**TICKETS (4 & OLDER) • \$7.00
CHILDREN (0 TO 3) • FREE**

Sleigh will leave every
30 minutes until 9:00 p.m.
Please arrive 30 minutes prior
to scheduled ride time.
Bring blankets and flashlights.

*Only ice on the ground
will cancel this event.*

- The City will be starting work on the Comprehensive Plan in January. We will put notice of specific dates, times, and places in the newspapers, e-newsletter, web-page, and on Cox channel 20. Please plan to be a part of this important project.

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