



Nichols Hills E-News

Meetings for the Month

- City Council Meeting
Tuesday February 14th
at 5:30 p.m. at Town
Hall
- Board of Adjustment
Wednesday February
15th at 5:30 p.m. at
Town Hall
- Parks Inc. Tuesday
February 28th at 5:00
p.m. at Town Hall
- **Public Meeting for
Comprehensive
Plan February 28th
Chesapeake Energy**

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Letter From the Mayor



Mayor Kathy Walbert Walker

With great anticipation, the City of Nichols Hills first comprehensive Annual Report will be delivered to you in the mail this month. A team of staff members led by City Manager David Poole executed the 2005 Annual Report. You will be proud of the outstanding work of the team comprised of one employee from each of the police, fire, public works, and administrative departments. It is hoped that you will use this Report as a resource during the year to come. Let

us know your thoughts on the 2005 Annual Report by email or letter.

Work on the Comprehensive Plan is in motion. The City Council, Planning and Parks Commissioners, and Board of Adjustment members met on January 31, 2006, with David Poole, City Manager, and Charles Warnken, assistant professor at the University of Oklahoma School of Architecture and Planning. Professor Warnken chairs the team of graduate students who will work in conjunction with our City in developing the Plan.

Very soon many of you will receive a questionnaire in the mail as part of this process. Your answers will be of great importance to the success of the Plan. Please answer promptly and with great thought, and return the questionnaire as soon as possible.

All of us will have the oppor-

tunity to attend public meetings to give important input into this process. How do you envision the City of Nichols Hills in 20 years? What are your thoughts on traffic, pedestrian access, parks, recreation, landscape, building, infrastructure, and other areas pertaining to our City?

Please remind your neighbors to visit the City of Nichols Hills website to submit their email addresses. Remind them as well that we email a monthly newsletter in addition to sending current information from the police, fire, and public works departments. Meeting notices are always sent to email addresses.

The City Council looks forward to working with all of our citizens on the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for your participation.

Kathy Walbert Walker

Comprehensive Plan

Work has begun on the City's comprehensive plan. This is a very important project in that it will determine what the City of Nichols Hills will look

like for the next 15 years. There will be a series of Public Hearings the first of which will be **February 28th at Chesapeake Energy from 7 to**

9 pm. Please make every effort to attend these very important meetings.

City Projects



The City of Nichols Hills is starting Phase II water line replacement. The

project will consist of replacing water lines from the 1100 block of Tedford and continue north to Wilshire. Water lines that will be replaced are:

- 1100 and 1200 blocks of Tedford
- 1100 and 1200 blocks of Marlboro
- 1200, 1300, 1400 and 1500 blocks of Glenwood
- 1200 block of Belford
- 1200, 1300, 1400, and 1500 blocks of Glenwood
- 1200 block of Huntington
- 1100 and 1200 blocks of Larchmont
- 1000, 1100, 1200, 1300, 1400, 1500 blocks of Wilshire
- Sections of the 6700 block of Avondale

Start dates:

- Tedford - January 30th 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Marlboro – February 27th 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Belford – March 27th 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Glenwood – March 6th 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Larchmont – April 3rd 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Huntington – May 8th 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Wilshire – May 29th 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
- Olie – February 27th 2006-UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

If there are any questions, please call Charles Hooper at 843-5222.

Risk Management

Capturing additional municipal sales/use tax revenue for goods and materials delivered to Nichols Hills' residents by businesses located outside our City Limits continues to be a focus for the Risk Management Department.

The City will make direct contact with retailers and other vendors that deliver goods into our community but do not appear to be submitting sales/use tax to Nichols Hills. Most retailers contacted will come into

compliance but a small percentage may not be as receptive. Retailers known to be making **deliveries** into Nichols Hills but not submitting the sales tax collected may be audited at the request of the City.

Nichols Hills' residents want the tax they pay going to support their own police, fire and public works departments not to another city. Citizens can help get the sales tax they pay credited to Nichols Hills by giving retailers their address as Nichols Hills

(not OKC) when having goods **delivered**. Credit cards should also show Nichols Hills as the city address.

There is no significant difference between Nichols Hills' tax rate (4%) and Oklahoma City's (3.875%). Sales on a \$100 item would be \$3.87 at the OKC rate or \$4.00 at the Nichols Hills' rate. That's only a 13 cent difference in sales tax paid and your City receives the \$4.00 in sales tax revenue.

Future Events

- **March 28th Comprehensive Plan meeting from 7 to 9 pm. at All Souls Episcopal Church**
- **Red Bud Classic April 8th and 9th**
- **Memorial Marathon April 30th**
- **May 2nd Comprehensive Plan meeting from 7 to 9 pm. location yet to be determined.**

Police Chief's Monthly Comments



There were no residential burglaries reported for the month of January, however, there has already been a car stolen from the 7000 block of Nichols. Unfortunately the keys had been left inside the vehicle and the vehicle had been left unlocked. The vehicle has been recovered and we believe we know who took it, however according to the District Attorney's Office there is not sufficient evidence to file charges. The case remains open and

active pending additional leads. There were four auto burglaries in January and in each case either the vehicle was unlocked or there was valuable merchandise left inside the locked vehicle in plain sight. Crime information reference the above incidents was broadcast on the city's cable station, website, e-news letter to the residents, and the Oklahoman and Friday newspapers and local television stations. We encourage all residents to visit the Nichols Hills Website, or tune in to the city's cable station on channel 20 for updates on events in the city as well as crime trend information.

There were two incidents of indecent exposure both of which occurred in the north Plaza on the 18th. Detective Funderburk obtained a composite drawing of the suspect and distributed the sketch to all local law enforcement

agencies. He also distributed copies to all merchants and the media. His efforts proved fruitful when he was contacted by three agencies who reported similar incidents. The suspect has not reappeared since his composite was published in the Fridaylander, the Oklahoman, and the local news channels including the city's cable station.

On January 31st our officers arrested a suspect passing a counterfeit check at the Bank of America. The suspect had a lengthy record including assault on a police officer and he was wanted in other states. He was placed in county jail and felony charges were filed.

Respectfully,
Chief Richard Mask.

City Employee Highlighted



Name: Justin Spence
Department: Nichols Hills Fire Department
Years with City: 13 years

Justin Spence has been with The City

of Nichols Hills for 13 years. He is part of the crew on the Red Shift.

Justin grew up in Edmond, Oklahoma. He resides in Edmond with his wife Toni and their two young children. He has been in the Fire service for 13 years. Justin is in the process of obtaining his degree from OSU-OKC in Municipal Fire Protection. When Justin isn't on duty he is working part

time for the Eastern Oklahoma votech as an instructor for new and veteran fire fighters. Finally, when he has some down time you will find him enjoying his hobbies. Justin's hobbies consist of bow hunting, fishing, working out and hanging around home spending time with his sons.

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication Justin.

Nichols Hills Mission

To serve the people of the City of Nichols Hills by providing efficient, responsive and effective services and infrastructure.