



Nichols Hills E-News FEBRUARY 2007

NICHOLS HILLS NEWS

- Redbud Meeting
Thursday, February
15, 2007 at 5:00 pm
- Board of Adjustment
meeting Tuesday,
February 21, 2007 at
5:30 pm at Town
Hall
- Parks Inc. Meeting
Tuesday, February
27, 2007 at 5:00 pm
at Town Hall
- City Council filing
period for Election is
March 5, 6, 7, 2007
at County Election
Board

There are many interesting things happening in the City of Nichols Hills.

Nichols Hills has hired a City Planner, Mr. Wiley Rice, to help with the ongoing Comprehensive Plan process.

Nichols Hills has also initiated the rezoning of houses on the south side of Fenwick and 4 houses on the north side of Fenwick next to Western. The proposed rezoning in this area is from an R-2, two family residential to R-1-60, single family residential.

We have also appointed Mr. Jeff James as one of the Ward 3 members of the Planning Commission.

The City Council has approved a Resolution calling for a General Election on April 3, 2007. If you would be interested in running for the Nichols Hills City Council, the filing period with the Oklahoma County Election Board is March 5, 6, 7, 2007. You may consult our webpage at www.nicholshills.net for more information on the Resolution.

The City's employee pay plan has finally gone from paying 99% of the metropolitan average to 100%.

Please remember the Redbud Classic in April, 2007. The Redbud Classic will began Friday night April 13, 2007, with a party in the park. The race festivities will begin on Saturday and Sunday April 14 and 15, 2007. For more information on the Redbud Classic, you can go to their website at www.Redbud.org or you may call 405-842-8295.

The City of Nichols Hills has the pleasure of once again being involved with the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon which will come through the City of Nichols Hills on Sunday April 29, 2007. For more information on the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon, go to www.okcmarathon.com.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

In January the Nichols Hills Fire Department responded to 53 calls for help that are categorized as follows:

- 12 Fire calls
- 13 EMS calls
- 14 False Alarms
- 6 Mutual Aid calls
- 7 Service calls
- 1 Hazardous Condition call (downed power line)

To begin this year, I would like to introduce you to our firefighters and explain how our shifts are scheduled.

We work a three platoon system which means we have three shifts; Red shift, Blue shift, and Green shift.

Each shift has four firefighters and they work 24 hour shifts. Each day at 7 AM a new shift reports for duty and the on duty shift is relieved. The new shift will work until 7 AM the following morning when they will be relieved by a new shift. Each Monday through Friday the shifts have a regular work schedule from 8 AM until 4:30 PM.

They clean the station, check and clean the

equipment, teach and attend classes, perform hands-on practical training, do public education, test every hydrant in the city annually, test all of our fire hose annually, and inspect every business, school and church annually.

During 2006, the firefighters did all this and responded to 616 calls for help. The preceding list is by no means all inclusive so you can see your firefighters are very busy during the week. On weekends, there is no set work schedule. At shift change the oncoming shift puts their gear on the fire engine, then checks the engine and equipment and are then free to do whatever they want the rest of the day.

We have a minimum manning requirement of three firefighters per shift. That means only one person can be off at a time so vacation time has to be carefully planned among the four on shift. It also means if we have two firefighters on the same shift injured or sick, we have to call in an off-duty firefighter to bring us up to minimum manning. Incidentally, our firefighters do

sleep at night. They are not required to stay up their entire 24 hour shift. However they are frequently called out at night for calls of one type or another and frequently more than once a night.

Our shift personnel are:

Blue Shift:

Captain Brad Knol -26 years
Sergeant Rick Rosecrans - 16 years
FF Bennie Harris -4 years
FF Rodney Tyra- 3 years

Green Shift:

Captain Chris Crane- 14 years
Sergeant Wayne Knight- 21 years
FF Kevin Boydsten- 4 years
FF Lance Burchett- 2 years

Red Shift:

Captain Roger Straka- 16 years
Sergeant Kenny Reyes- 5 years
FF Justin Spence- 14 years
FF Todd Mays- 2 years

Keith Bryan Fire Chief- 27 years
Terry Hamilton Asst. Fire Chief- 26 years

Respectfully Submitted,
Terry Hamilton,
Assistant Fire Chief

POLICE DEPARTMENT

We have hired a new police officer, Brandon Ridgeway and Robin Murray is our newest full-time dispatcher.

On January 2nd, someone entered the unlocked door of a residence in the 1700 block of Dorchester Pl. Once inside they ransacked the residence and took a laptop computer.

On January 6th, neighbors alerted police to a suspicious vehicle at 1504 Guilford. When officers arrived, two subjects ran from the back of the residence and one dropped a DVD player. Officers gave chase and Sergeant Craig Vowel arrested two burglary suspects. One of the suspects had run into an occupied house, gone upstairs and hid under a baby bed. The second subject was arrested in the backyard of another residence where he was hiding in a shed. Both subjects had lengthy criminal records and one remains in county jail. This was an excellent example of how it helps

when we watch out for our neighbors and we believe that these people were also responsible for the burglary on Dorchester Place.

Officer Casey Reser has now graduated from the police academy and has begun the Field Training Program. Officer Brandon Ridgeway is attending the academy this month of February.

The police department has started preparations for the 25th Redbud Classic and I will attend the first organizational meeting during the second week of February. I will attend the first meeting for the Memorial Marathon on February 8th. In addition, the Symphony Show House pre-event party will be on Thursday, February 8th.

The police department continues to get a great response from our residents and merchants concerning the periodic crime alerts sent via the city's website and we strongly encourage all of our residents to participate. We now reach

almost 600 residents with information concerning crime and crime prevention in Nichols Hills.

Respectfully,
Chief Richard Mask

PUBLIC WORKS

Sorry about the inconvenience on N.W. 63rd St. due to road construction, but I think we all agree it is needed.

Cold weather is upon us for the next several weeks so make sure your sprinkler systems and outdoor hydrants are winterized.

Got a pothole? Call 406-1033

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