



Nichols Hills E-News

OCTOBER 2006

PUBLIC MEETING COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING THURSDAY OCTOBER 12, 2006 AT 7:00 PM IN PARRISH HALL AT ALL SOULS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Meetings for the Month

- City Council Meeting
Tuesday October 10,
2006 at 5:30 p.m. at
Town Hall
- Comprehensive
Planning Meeting Thurs-
day October 12, 2006 @
7:00 pm at All Souls
Church
- Board of Adjustment
Wednesday October 18,
2006 at 5:30 p.m. at
Town Hall
- Pooch Parade Sunday
October 22, 2006, regis-
tration is at 11:00 am,
parade starts at 12:00 pm
- Parks Inc Meeting
Tuesday October 24,
2006 at 5:00 p.m. at
Town Hall
- Nichols Hills Annual
Kitchen Tour Saturday
October 28, 2006 from
10:00 to 400 pm
- The Donya Dunn Memo-
rial Spooky Sprint Sun-
day October 29th from
Noon to 4:00 pm

NEW CITY ATTORNEY

WELCOME ABOARD!



John Michael Williams is President of the Oklahoma City law firm of Williams, Box, Forshee & Bullard, P.C., concentrating in the areas of Land Use and Real Estate Law, Municipal Law and Public Finance. He is the City Attorney of the City of Nichols Hills and previously served as Head of the Planning Division of the Office of Municipal Counselor of the City of Oklahoma City and as Legal Counsel to the Oklahoma City Planning Commis-

sion and Board of Adjustment, and also served as an adjunct professor of Land Use Law at Oklahoma City University School of Law. He served as Chairman of the Board of Regents of Oklahoma City Community College from 1987 to 1997, and is a member of the American Planning Association and the National Association of Bond Lawyers and is a graduate of the School of Law of the University of Oklahoma, having received his undergraduate degree from Oklahoma State University.

His current civic offices and activities include the following: Executive Committee, Board of Directors, State Fair of Oklahoma; Board of Directors, Greater Oklahoma City Chamber of Commerce; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Mount Saint Mary High School; Secretary, Beacon Club; Board of Directors, Oklahoma City Boathouse Foundation; Advisory Board, Leadership Oklahoma City; Downtown Rotary Club of Oklahoma City.

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Fire Department

We are quickly approaching National Fire Prevention Week. (Oct 8 – 14) During this time we aggressively concentrate on our students and their fire safety education. We would also like to take this time to remind you of your role in fire prevention. Your best protection from fires is to prevent them. These are just a few leading causes of home fires for you to consider.

1. Smoking materials: Careless use of smoking materials is the leading cause of fatal home fires. If you smoke, use heavy, large, non-tip ash trays. Always soak butts and ashes before dumping them in the wastebasket and never smoke in bed or when you are drowsy, intoxicated, or medicated. Keep matches and lighters up high, out of the reach of small children.

2. Cooking fires: Stove burners, ovens, and microwaves can cause severe burns and start fires. The same is true of countertop appliances such as toasters, coffee makers, and toaster ovens. Never leave cooking unattended, keep your stove top clean, turn pot handles inward, and never store combustibles, such as paper bags, near a stove where they could catch fire.

3. Heating appliances: Be sure all space heaters in your home bear the label of an independent testing laboratory. Keep all combustibles at least three feet away from stoves, fireplaces, portable heaters and space heaters. Remember to keep your fireplace fires small and always use a fire screen to prevent sparks from fling into the room. Have your chimney inspected once a year.

4. Candles: Alarming, statistics show that candle fires are one of the few types of home fires that have increased over the last decade. Never leave a candle burning unattended, and never leave a child alone with an open flame --- even briefly. Always extinguish candles when you leave the room or go to sleep.

These are just a few of the many hazards that we should be mindful of. If you would like more printed information on fire prevention and survival, please contact the fire department. We also provide home fire inspections and can recommend safety tips such as recommended smoke alarm locations and exit drills. We are proud to serve our community and hope you have a happy and safe holiday season.

Police Department



There were thirteen larcenies in September and eight of the thirteen involved auto burglaries. In the eight auto burglaries, all of the cars had been left unlocked with purses, laptops, and other property left inside the vehicle. We continue to attempt to alert the public about leaving their vehicles unlocked with valuables left inside. Not only is the vehicle owner being victimized but the stolen money, credit cards and other valuables are being used by gang members to buy or trade for drugs, weapons and ammunition that will then be

used to victimize others.

There were also two burglaries and an attempted burglary reported on Sunday, September 17th at approximately noon. The State Fair was in town and many of our residents were at church or at the Fair. The one suspect who was seen may have been a gypsy. The attempted burglary was prevented by the alarm system being activated when the burglar broke a window at the rear of the residence. Alarm systems are extremely important and highly recommended.

We are currently involved in attempting to hire police officers to fill the two vacancies created by the loss of Officer Stroh and Officer Davis. The positions should be filled by the end of October.

According to the latest figures, police estimate that there are ninety-five active gangs in the Oklahoma City Metro

area with approximately 4,800 active members.

The city will continue to encourage our merchants and residents to subscribe to the city's e-news letter for crime information and advice.

Chief Richard Mask

Other Police News:

The Police Department is currently processing applications to fill the two open positions we currently have. The top candidates will go before an oral review board in a few days and we should select the individuals to hire within the next few weeks.

Public Works Department

Have you seen the following items in your yard and then proceeded to cover them up to enhance your yard?



These lids are of vital importance to the City of Nichols Hills and very important to the response team that has to turn the water off or unclog that sewer line that is backing up into the house.

If you know if any of these have been covered up in your yard, please contact the Public Works Dept. at 843-5222.



The City of Nichols Hills is very interested in making sure our streets stay clean. You can help us in this task by reporting any construction sites that do not have the appropriate barriers to keep dirt or mud from washing into the streets.

Please call 843-5222.

Thank you,
Charles Hooper,
Public Works Director

R U OK PROGRAM

The "R-U-OK" program was developed out of concern for those residents of the community who are living alone. The Police and Fire departments became aware that an increasing number of our residents fall into this category. With their voluntary approval, members are placed on a list maintained by the police and fire departments. A group of volunteers call to check their welfare as frequently as the participant requests and determine if special assistance is needed.

The RUOK program is being updated and has a new contact person with the Police Department. With the retirement of Vickie Odom, we have been

looking for a new officer to take her place as the RUOK coordinator. Officer Lindy Stormont has agreed to take on this task and we are sure she will do a fine job. Officer Stormont will be contacting all current members of the RUOK program and updating their emergency contact information and verifying how often they would like to be contacted by this program. Mr. Ed Thomas will still be making many of the regular contact calls. Officer Stormont will be available to sign-up anyone that would like to be added to the RUOK program and to explain to them how the program works.

The member controls what

information is kept on them, and this is done as a service only. If you would like more information on this program, please contact Officer Lindy Stormont at (405) 843-6170 or download an application form from our website: (www.nicholshills.net) in the Public Programs section and turn it in to the Police Department.

LOCAL EVENTS

COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

The City of Nichols Hills will be holding a Comprehensive Plan meeting on October 12, 2006 at 7:00 pm at All Souls Church in Parrish Hall. Please come and join us.

POOCH PARADE

The annual Pooch Parade will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2006 at Woods Park, 6700 Grand Boulevard in Nichols Hills. Registration is from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm, with the Parade starting at 12:00 pm.

16th Annual Nichols Hills Kitchen Tour

The 16th Annual Nichols Hills Kitchen Tour will be held on Saturday October 28, 2006 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets will be \$10.00 before the tour and \$12.00 the day of the tour

Tickets may be purchased at the following locations:

Midwest City: Kathy's Closet
Norman: Cayman's
Edmond: Paper Lion
Oklahoma City: On a Whim
 Delaney Flowers
 Lime Leopard
 New Leaf

The following five homes will be on this year's tour:

1. Jamie Reinecke – 1724 Guilford
2. The Simons – 7428 N. Country Club Dr.
3. Dr & Mrs. Tom Flesher, III – 6603 N. Grand
4. Ashanna & Aaron Harned – 1518 Camden Way
5. To be announced

The Donya Dunn Memorial Spooky Sprint 2006

Sunday October 29, 2006
 Bixler Park (Larchmont Park at

Glenwood Avenue) in Nichols Hills The "fun run" starts promptly at 1:00 (late registrations begin at 12:00 pm.) Pre-register at All Souls Episcopal Church Family Life Center, 64th and Pennsylvania for two days only Friday October 13 and Tuesday October 17, 2006 from 10 am - 2 pm. If you should have any questions please call 525-7521

HALLOWEEN

Halloween will be observed on Tuesday October 31, 2006. Trick-or-treating will be limited to the hours of 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

NICHOLS HILLS PROJECTS

REPAVING AGREEMENT

Nichols Hills has signed an agreement with Oklahoma County and Oklahoma City to repave NW 63rd. This project will begin in January 2007. We will be repaving NW 63rd from Grand to May.