



Meetings for the Month

- City Council Meeting
Tuesday September 12, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Board of Adjustment
Wednesday September 20, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Town Hall
- Parks Inc Meeting
Tuesday September 26, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CITY OF NICHOLS HILLS IS UNDER A VOLUNTARY WATER RATION!

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Water Conservation Plan

Stage 1: Water Watch

Triggers

This stage is triggered by any one of the following conditions:

1. The pressure in the elevated water tower drops below 62 psi for 24 hours and the ground storage tanks cannot be kept full.
2. The one day peak usage exceeds 3 million gallons per day (mgd).
3. Unable to maintain pumping capacity or pressure due to equipment failure or downtime.

Goals

The goals of this stage are to:

1. Heighten public awareness of the existing water conditions and to maintain the integrity of the water supply system.
2. To reduce one day peak usage to less than 3mgd.
3. To reduce monthly pumping to less than 55 million gallons.

Education Actions

1. The City will promote water conservation through the Municipal T.V. channel 20, the E-Newsletter, and the Website.
1. Summaries of the gallons of water pumped per day will be posted on the Website each week.

Management Actions

1. Drop the system operating pressure to 58psi.
1. All leaks will be repaired within 72 hours.
2. Monitor and reduce hydrant flushing and water used for training
3. Monitor sprinkler systems in city parks.

Stage 2: Water Warning

Triggers

This stage is triggered by one or more of the following conditions:

1. System pressure of 58psi and cannot keep ground storage tanks full.
2. The one day peak usage exceeds 3.5mgd.
3. Pumping level in no more than 6 wells is 100ft or less above pump
4. Unable to maintain pumping capacity or pressure due to equipment failure or downtime.

Goals

The goals of this stage are to

1. Reduce the one day peak usage to 3mgd.
2. Reduce the monthly pumping to 55 million gallons
3. Have no wells with pumping levels less than 100 feet above pump

Education Actions

1. The City will promote water conservation and put the **Regulation Actions** on the Municipal T.V. channel 20, the E-Newsletter, Website and the News Media.
2. Summaries of the gallons of water pumped per day and the number of wells with pumping levels below 100 feet will be posted on the Website each week.

Management Actions

1. Lower the system operating pressure to 52 psi.
2. Fix all water leaks within 48 hours
3. Restrict use of water for fire training
4. Reduce sprinkler times in parks and public facilities

Regulation Actions

1. Voluntary water restrictions. Outside watering times to be only between the hours of 6:00 a.m.

and 9:00 p.m.

Stage 3: Water Emergency

Triggers

This stage is triggered by any of the following conditions:

1. Cannot maintain operating system pressure of 50 psi.
2. Pumping level of less than 100 feet in 7 or more wells.

Goals

The goals of this stage are to:

1. Reduce the one day peak usage to 3.5 mgd.
2. Reduce monthly pumping to 75 million gallons

Education Actions

1. The City will promote water conservation and put the **Regulation Actions** on the Municipal T.V. channel 20, the E-Newsletter, Website and the News Media.
2. Summaries of the gallons of water pumped per day and the number of wells with pumping levels below 100 feet will be posted on the Website each week.

Management Actions

1. Enforcement of Regulation Actions
2. Lower system operating pressure to necessary levels
3. All water leaks will be repaired within 24 hours.

Regulation Actions

1. Mandatory rationing (Odd/ Even) all odd number addresses will be allowed to water on odd days and all even number addresses will be allowed to water on even days. There will be no watering allowed on Thursdays.

The City of Nichols Hills is now in Stage II of the water Conservation Plan. We are asking for a voluntary rationing that consists of watering only between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m.

Fire Department

As a result of recent terrorist activities and natural disasters journalists, politicians, and civilians have been questioning the ability of our government agencies and emergency responders to quickly and efficiently mitigate large emergency incidents. In this article I will briefly describe the Nichols Hills Fire Department's participation in part of that process. I would also like to say how proud I am of Oklahomans in emergency situations. In my 26 years of service as an emergency responder I have observed that although we welcome any help we can get in large emergency situations we don't sit around waiting for the government or somebody else to come take care of our needs. Oklahomans are very resourceful and willing to work long and hard to help each other and ourselves through tough emergency situations. I have seen this many times in my career and it makes me very proud of our state and our citizens.

In an effort to improve our nation's ability to respond to large scale disasters the federal government is funding search and rescue teams by purchasing equipment and

paying for training of these teams. Through this funding the Oklahoma Task Force 1 (OKTF-1) team was formed. The OKTF-1 team is the equivalent of a FEMA Type 1 Urban Search & Rescue team, which consists of 210 specially trained members, or more precisely it consists of three 70 member units that all receive identical training. There is not a fire department anywhere in Oklahoma that could afford to lose that many members for any period of time so the OKTF-1 team is unique because it's team member are from many different fire department working together to form one search & rescue team.

The Tulsa Fire Department and the Oklahoma City Fire Department were the organizers and designers of the team and the concept it employs. The OKTF-1 team has 105 members from the Tulsa metro area and 105 members from the OKC metro area. Each metro area notified their neighboring fire departments about the team and asked for help providing members. The Nichols Hills Fire Department has two members on the team, Chief Keith Bryan and Captain Chris Crane.

Their initial training consisted of an 80 hour (8, 10 hour days) instructor class. They followed that by going through the class two more times as instructors with increased responsibility each time. To maintain their status as team members they are required to attend and participate in monthly and quarterly training drills. The training is very intense physically and mentally and all this is in addition to their regular duties at their home departments. Each team member is committed to be on the team for one year.

Space in this newsletter does not allow me to adequately describe the team and all that it is and does. I'll close by saying you can be very proud of Oklahoma's contribution to our national response to disasters or terrorist incidents. The team is very professional and highly trained and organized. The members are extremely capable, motivated, and dedicated to helping people affected by a large scale disaster. If you would like to know more feel free to contact the Nichols Hills Fire Department at 843-8526.

Terry L. Hamilton, Assistant Fire Chief

Police Chief's Comments



I am happy to announce that there were no burglaries, auto burglaries, robberies, auto thefts or home invasions during the month of August. I am also happy to report that since the last council meeting in July, all four suspects who were responsible for the home invasion and first degree burglary, have been identified, arrested and charged. Three of the four are in custody and the one who has bonded out has had additional charges filed and new warrants have been issued for his arrest. Fox 25 featured Teorlando

Mark Cooks on Oklahoma's Most wanted last week and stated that he is the most violent offender they have profiled in many years. There are currently several agencies looking for him. It is interesting to note, as mentioned above, that there were no property or violent crimes reported in August. This should be an indication of how many of our crimes this group may have been responsible for committing. I am hoping that the publicity generated by the home invasions will cause our residents to be more security conscious by locking doors and setting alarms. I know that it has caused the police department to be even more alert and attentive. We have made a request through the Nichols Hills Crime Prevention Program for public donations to purchase night vision equipment and specific weapons, in order to meet anticipated needs for crime prevention in the future.

I would also like to remind our residents and merchants that it is Fall, State Fair time and Gypsy season. Remember not to let strangers into your home, regardless of their story. If it is an emergency, tell them that you will dial 911 for the police. If they wait, their emergency was legitimate. If they choose to leave, their intentions should be considered suspect and we should be notified. Always lock your doors, even when working in the yard. Don't leave your garage doors open or your kitchen doors unlocked. As always, residents and merchants should report suspicious people or activity to the police. Do not do business with door to door solicitors regardless of how good the deal sounds.

Chief Richard Mask

Public Works Department

We appreciate the response we received from the voluntary water conservation plan. It has made a difference.

The light rains we received were a welcome relief to the dry heat that had set in. The rains helped with the parks and lawns, however did very little to recharge our aquifers. Maybe, as fall moves in it will bring some good soaking rains with it.

Have you noticed the parks? Despite the heat, they are looking good. A few of the trees and flowers are showing signs of stress, but overall they look pretty good. Your parks crew has been busy with sprinklers and downed limbs.

Please call Public Works if we have missed something or you notice a

problem that needs attention.

The sanitation department has been one short. Steven Francis had surgery to repair a hernia. Hope Steven is up around soon.

The weather has slowed the sanitation service, but, they are pushing ahead.

Public Works has been getting a lot of calls about how prompt their street situation is taken care of and "they just want to say thank you."

We owe the thanks to Kelvin Green, Crew Chief of the Street Department and Derek Colbert, Maintenance Worker.

Kelvin has been with the City of Nichols Hills a little over a year and

Derek has been with the City for almost 6 months. Public Works is very proud of the accomplishments these two guys have put forth.

The work on Wilshire will be coming to an end in the next couple of weeks. Completion of this project will allow us to use our in town wells.

If you have questions don't hesitate to call Randy Smith, Public Works Deputy Director at 843-5222.

New City Ordinances

Ordinance 886

On August 8, 2006, Nichols Hills City Council passed Ordinance 886. Ordinance 886 defines and regulates portable storage buildings or containers, requiring permits for same, and authorizing the issuance of such permits. For further information on this ordinance please refer to our website at www.nicholshills.net