



Harrah Happenings



Sales Tax Collections: \$191,365.11
Collections were outstanding last month
THANK YOU for shopping Harrah First!

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Harrah Helping Hearts Christmas Toy Drive will be accepting toys, games, & books for children ages newborn through 12 years. Drop off site for items will be Harrah City Hall. Donations will be accepted from November 15th through December 5th.

Santa at the Park Saturday, December 7th, 2013
From 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. at Heritage Park in Harrah
Choir and singing from 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Pictures with Santa from 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Breakfast with Santa
Saturday, December 14th, 2013
8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Free Family Pancake Breakfast, pictures with Santa, & goodie bags for kids.
Harrah United Methodist Church 2224 N. Harrison Ave.

Learn a little bit of ancient history through a living museum at The Messiah's Mansion, a full-scale model of the Mosaic Sanctuary, December 7-15th from 2-6 p.m. daily at Heritage Park, admission is free. For more information visit www.harrahparktabernacle.com for special/personal tours email messiahsmansion@hotmail.com or call 405-454-6211.

City of Harrah is in the process of rolling out our new website at www.cityofharrah.com. We hope you enjoy the new website and its user friendliness! Check it out today!



****Water Meter Lid Damage****



Due to the rising incidence of damaged meter lids from mowers, weed eaters, etc., we will be enforcing the Harrah Fee Schedule. The Fee Schedule states that to replace a damaged/missing water lid, it will cost \$150. The city will absorb the cost for the first incident and the customer will be charged \$150 for all incidents there after. Please be aware of where your water meter is and take great care when mowing, weed eating, etc.

****Attention Online Banking Bill Pay Users****



Please help us provide better customer service and ensure timely payment posting by updating your account number on your bank's bill pay account. Account numbers should contain only numbers and dashes, no letters (except for landlord accounts which may end in the letter L) and/or other punctuation. They should be in the following format ##-####-##, please see your utility bill for your account number and correct format.

Tues. Dec 3 Planning Commission Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Dec 5 Park Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

Thurs. Dec 5 Last Day of Helping Hearts Toy Drive @ City Hall

Sat. Dec 7 Santa at the Park 5 p.m.

Mon. Dec 16 utility bills are due by 5 p.m.

Thurs. Dec 19 City Council/HPWA meeting 7 p.m.

Tues./Wed. Dec 24/25 City offices Closed for Christmas Holiday

Wed. Jan 1 City Office Closed-New Year's

Wed. Jan 8 Oklahoma County Assessor @ City Hall 9 a.m.-4 p.m.





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<u>Code Compliance:</u>	<u>Fire Department:</u>	<u>Police Department:</u>
<p>Please make sure you are mowing, trimming and picking up those items which drive your neighbors crazy! Help us keep the City of Harrah clean!</p>	<p>If you are going to burn, please contact the Harrah Fire Department at 405-454-2111. This will enable them to keep track of who all is burning.</p>	<p>Visit the Harrah Police Department's website at: www.harrahpolicedept.com</p>

Home Safety Tips From The Harrah Police Department

More than six million residential burglaries occur every year in this country. That's one every ten seconds! Nearly half of these burglaries are committed without force – that is through UNLOCKED doors and windows!

You can help prevent theft and make life hard for crooks by following these suggestions:

- Exterior doors should have "dead bolt" locks with a 1" strong metal bar extending into the frame.
- Install a wide angle lens viewer in the front door. Never open the door without knowing who is there.
- Always lock your doors when you go out, even if only for a few minutes.
- Secure sliding glass doors with a wooden stick or broomstick.
- Keep all bushes and trees trimmed around your home.
- Install interior and exterior lighting.
- Mark your valuable property like televisions, VCR's, stereos, etc. with your driver's license number and take pictures of those items that can't be marked.
- Consider investing in an alarm system that sounds when a door or window is opened.
- Never place your keys under a door mat, in the mailbox, or any other "secret" spot.
- Leave a light on somewhere in your home at night even when you are not there.
- If you observe a suspicious person near your home or your neighbor's home, call the police immediately.

Home Security When You're Away

- Use light timers.
- Don't invite a break in by posting when you are away or your scheduled activities on social media outlets.
- Leave shades and blinds in normal positions.
- Have good locks on all door and windows, AND USE THEM!
- Never leave your house key hidden outside under a door-mat. Leave the key with a trusted neighbor or other responsible

person.

- Stop all deliveries, or arrange for a neighbor or friend to pick up all your mail, newspapers, and packages.
- Hide garbage cans in the garage or storage shed. (Empty can when everyone else's are full can tell a burglar you're away.)
- Turn the ringer on your telephone down low. (If a burglar's around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.)
- Ask a neighbor to watch the house while you're away. (It's a good idea to leave your vacation address and telephone number with your neighbor so you can be reached in case of an emergency.)
- When you go away on vacation discontinue any regular deliveries such as mail and newspapers. Get a friend or trusted neighbor to park his/her car in your driveway.
- Should you return home to find the door ajar, a broken window or other signs that someone has entered your home, do not enter. Go immediately to a neighbor's house and call the police.
- If you confront a burglar, don't try to stop him. Run to a neighbor and call the police at once.

Don't Let Your Answering Machine Be a Tip Off!

- Never leave messages that tell anyone how long you will be gone or that you are not at home.
- Always uses messages such as "I'm not available right now, please leave a message" or "Please leave your name and number and I'll get back to you".

The best crime prevention tool ever invented is a GOOD NEIGHBOR!

If you spot something suspicious, call 911 immediately.

Don't try to stop a criminal yourself – it can be dangerous.

Neighbors working together in cooperation with law enforcement make one of the best crime fighting teams around.

If you need extra patrol during an extended absence from your home, call us at 454-1203.