

# City of Bethany Newsletter

## City Forms Recycling Task Force

July 2017

City Council approved the formation of a Recycling Task Force at the June 20<sup>th</sup> meeting under Resolution No. 1446. The Task Force will review the City's current recycling opportunities, in addition to exploring an expansion of the recycling system, which could potentially lead to curb-side recycling.

Currently, residents can take their recyclable items to the Citizen's Collection Center at 5300 N Central. Facility hours are Monday through Friday, 7:00 am to noon and 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. They accept the following:

### Metal

- Aluminum
- Tin/steel
- Beverage/food cans

### Paper

- Newspaper
- Junk Mail
- Envelopes
- Magazines/Phone Books
- Office Paper

### Plastic

- Milk Bottles
- Soda Bottles
- Water Bottles
- Plastic bottles with the above symbols



## School Supplies for Apollo Elementary



The City of Bethany is collecting school supplies for the children of Apollo Elementary School throughout the Summer. If you can, please consider picking up a few supplies and dropping them off in the lobby at Bethany City Hall. Every single item collected will make a big difference in the lives of these kids! Thank you!!!

## Did you know...

Only 1% of the earth's water is available for drinking water. 2% is frozen.

Due to the high demand for water we would encourage voluntary odd / even watering schedules. Please help us conserve water this Summer!

## Library Groundbreaking

You're invited to help us break ground for the brand-new library on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 10 am! This family friendly event will include live entertainment and a special dig site just for the kiddos! We're also going to have some fun little gifts for everyone! Hope to see you there!



## Mosquito Season is Here

*Being Proactive Can Prevent Bites and Illnesses*

Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) epidemiologists and consumer protection investigators remind residents to be proactive in preventing breeding grounds for mosquitoes that can spread illness especially after the torrential downpours Oklahoma City-County received recently.

OCCHD Public Health Protection Director Phil Maytubby said, "The best step in prevention is to remove any sources of stagnant water in kid's toys, old tires, pet bowls, buckets, chimeneas, flower pots, wheelbarrows and even birdbaths. Mosquito larvae can mature in extremely small amounts of water like that contained in a bottle cap." Survey your property after a rain to get rid of mosquito habitats.

OCCHD experts recommend using microbial larvicides commonly called dunks for standing water that cannot be drained as it kills larvae before they emerge as adult mosquitoes. The product can be found at most hardware and home improvement stores.

Residents can Fight the Bite by using the 3-Ds and a P of mosquito safety:

1. DRAIN standing water on your property.
2. DEET containing insect repellent when outside. (Picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus)
3. DRESS in long sleeves and pants that have been sprayed with repellent.
4. PROTECT by limiting exposure outside and check window screens

By not taking the precautions mentioned above, Oklahomans put themselves at risk for mosquito-borne illness, such as West Nile Virus (WNV). WNV is the most common mosquito-borne disease in Oklahoma, and it's a deadly threat especially to Senior Adults. WNV symptoms include fever, headache, body ache and sometimes a rash.

Zika Virus is another mosquito-borne disease that is a rising threat with transmission reported in Miami, Florida and in Brownsville, Texas. Zika symptoms include a mild fever, skin rash, muscle and joint pain, and conjunctivitis. These symptoms usually last 2 to 7 days. Seek immediate medical care if symptoms worsen. Zika has been linked to the birth defect, microcephaly. If you are pregnant or plan to be in the future, we advise you not to travel to areas of local transmission.

Mosquito-borne diseases are most often transmitted to people through a bite from an infected mosquito. If you have recently traveled to an area where mosquito-borne diseases are a threat, it's critical to use repellent even after you return home to prevent local mosquitoes from biting you and becoming infected. Stay safe and aware and be sure to seek immediate medical attention if you begin to experience symptoms.



Bethany Fire & Rescue received an updated look with all new energy efficient windows! The upgrade was much needed as the building previously had the original windows from 1963!