



Harvest Hills South Neighborhood News

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There is no trash pickup on Monday, January 16, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

Instead, trash pickup will be Wednesday, January 18.

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Earthquake Preparedness

Know what to do before, during, and after an earthquake



Last year was quite a year for earthquakes in Oklahoma: instead of the 50 or so temblors we typically have, there were over 1,000 earthquakes in Oklahoma in 2011, including a record 5.6 earthquake on November 6!

While the reason for the increase is uncertain, one thing for sure is that you need to know what to do before, during, and after an earthquake. This issue, we want to share some earthquake preparedness tips and resources with you.



BEFORE: Prepare

- **Reduce and eliminate hazards** in your home, neighborhood, workplace, and school. Securing items like TVs, bookcases, heavy furniture, or unstrapped wa-

ter heaters will reduce your risk of injury or property damage. Consider having a professional evaluate your home, to help you identify any weaknesses.

- Locate your **gas, electric and water main** shutoffs, and know how to turn them off if there is a leak or electrical short. Make sure older members of the family can shut off utilities.
- Locate your nearest **fire and police stations**, and emergency medical facility
- Consider taking Red Cross **first aid and CPR** training.
- Have an **emergency plan** that includes evacuation and reunion plans; your out-of-state

contact person's name and number; the location of your emergency supplies; and other pertinent information. Make sure each member of your family knows where to go and what to do, no matter where they are. If you have children, be familiar with their school and daycare's emergency plans.

- Store **disaster supply kits** at home, at work, and in your vehicle. Include basics like food, water, and a manually-operated can opener; water purification tablets, or chlorine bleach; pet food; flashlights, portable radios, and batteries; a first aid

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Next neighborhood meeting:

Thursday, January 12, 2012

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Northridge Elementary School cafeteria



In addition to regular business, Bill Hollie, a State Farm Insurance agent and Harvest Hills South resident, will talk about homeowners/renters insurance and earthquake riders.

Santa and His Elves Thank You!

A big “thank you” to everyone who braved the cold to greet Santa and his helpers, and share some candy! Santa and the crew hope you had as much fun as they did!



Remember, it’s only through the generosity of our volunteer board members and neighbors that we can hold events like this one. Please help preserve our sense of community by sharing your time and talent with us!

There is within human nature an amazing potential for goodness.

Martin Luther King, Jr.: “Love, Law, and Civil Disobedience,” 1961

Earthquake Preparedness

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kit and hand sanitizer; cash; extra medications; a fire extinguisher; crescent and pipe wrenches, to turn off gas and water; a camp stove or barbecue, to cook on outdoors; plastic trash bags; and comfortable shoes, in case transportation is disrupted.



DURING: Survive

- If you are indoors, **drop, cover, and hold on.** During an earthquake, drop to the floor, take cover under a sturdy desk or table, and hold onto it firmly. Be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops. Stay clear of windows, fireplaces, and heavy

furniture or appliances. Don’t stay in the kitchen (things can fall on you), and don’t run downstairs or rush outside—you could fall or be hit by glass or debris.

- If you are outside, **get into the open**, away from buildings, power lines, chimneys, or anything else that could fall on you.
- If you are driving, stop as far out of traffic as possible and **stay inside your car** until the shaking stops. Do not stop on or under a bridge or overpass, or under trees, light posts, power lines, or signs. When you resume driving, watch for breaks in the pavement, fallen rocks, and bumps

in the road.



AFTER: Recover

- Wear **sturdy shoes.**
- **Expect aftershocks.**
- **Check for injuries and damage** that need immediate attention. Identify hazards such as damaged gas, water, sewage, and electrical lines, and be prepared to report them to city or county government.
- Turn on your portable radio for **information and safety advisories.**
- If your home is damaged, **contact your insurance agent** right away to begin your claims process.



The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) has

tons of information available, from statistics to maps to info for kids. You can also submit an online report if you feel an earthquake.



FEMA, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has preparedness information for many types of events at ready.gov.

Sources:

<http://www.okgeosurvey1.gov/pages/earthquakes/recent-earthquakes.php>

http://www.earthquakecountry.info/roots/seven_steps.html

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/faq/?faqID=76>

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/faq/?faqID=77>

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/faq/?faqID=79>

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/faq/?faqID=80>

<http://earthquake.usgs.gov/learn/faq/?faqID=83>

HHSNA Volunteer Opportunities

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- Website updates and maintenance
- Delivery of newsletters and flyers to your door (block captains)
- Welcoming new residents

Without the enthusiasm and commitment of our current volunteers, we could do only a fraction of what we do now. But even though there's a lot going on, it doesn't take a lot of your time to volunteer; some activities, like delivering newsletters, take 30

minutes or less. And with the variety of activities we manage, there's bound to be something that suits your interests and availability!

It's true that if you keep your home in good repair and comply with city ordinances, you're still helping the neighborhood. But you're missing out on something bigger: an opportunity to experience camaraderie and a sense of community.

So what are you waiting for? Share your time, talent, and treasure with HHSNA. Make new friends, do new things, and have fun along the way!

Safe Room Rebate Program



The City of Oklahoma City is providing a safe room rebate program that will reimburse you a percentage of the amount you spend on a safe room.

The safe room must be installed within the city limits. In addition, you must:

- Comply with program eligibility requirements to receive the rebate
- Complete an application to be considered for a rebate (completing an application does not guarantee you will be

selected)

The city randomly selects individuals who meet the program eligibility requirements, and you will be notified if you are selected. If you are selected and notified to proceed with construction of a safe room, you must purchase your safe room first and provide proof of the purchase and payment in full to receive the rebate.

For details about the program and how to apply, visit <https://www.okc.gov/SafeRoom/forms/welcome.aspx>.



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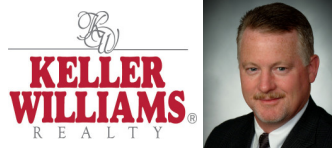
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Homes Sold (14)
Homes Pending (2)
Homes on Market (5)
"Sold Average DOM" (80)
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