

Oklahoma's Largest Homeowners Association

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From the Gilcrease Hills Homeowners Association



closed on days whenever Tulsa Public Schools calls off classes due to poor road conditions with snow or ice. And remember, unfortunately, the Association does not sand or salt streets. The city decides which streets they will clear.

LET'S GET READY FOR WINTER

Winter has blown in briskly and reminded us that we will have some cold weather, perhaps snow or ice. So we are preparing our cars with safety items in case we get stuck out: items should include blankets, water for drinking, gloves, snow scrapers, flashlights, jumper cables, a bag or milk carton of sand or cat litter -- all are easy to stash in the car now in case of emergency later.

Please remember that the Clubhouse and offices will be



General List of Fall Gardening Tips

Items To Be Doing Right Now:

Seed/re-seed fescue: This is a tough call. Theoretically, the time has passed to do this (up to mid-October) but, if we were to have a mild late fall/early winter, seeds may still germinate. However, if it should turn cold quickly, they will not germinate. Check your weather crystal ball to decide.

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Keep leaves off of newly seeded fescue to prevent damage to the sprouts. A great way to do this is to shred them into small pieces using a recycle-type lawn mower.

Mow and neatly edge warm-season grasses (i.e. Bermuda, Zoysia, etc.) before the first killing frost.

Plant container-grown trees and shrubs this month. Fall is generally the best time to plant. At this time the plants have no energy drain to produce leaves and can concentrate on growing a root system until the soil gets cool in winter. They are better prepared for spring growth and summer stress if planted in the previous fall.

Plant cool-season annuals like pansies, ornamental cabbage, snapdragons and dusty miller. It is also not too late to plant tulip bulbs for spring color.

Plant cool-season veggies: broccoli, cauliflower, lettuce, kale, chard, cabbage, collards, spinach, radishes, onions, garlic, turnips, beets, and carrots.

Prune herbs like rosemary, thyme, and sage; prune vegetables like asparagus and rhubarb as well as blackberries.

Divide/plant peonies, daylilies, ornamental grasses, hostas and other spring-flowering perennials. Dig and store tender perennials (i.e. dahlias, caladiums, etc.) in a cool, dry location. Heavily mulch cannas and elephant ears.

Mulch all beds or plant a cover crop (e.g. rye or vetch) to help moderate soil temperature, increase levels of

organic materials to add nutrients, protect the soil from erosion, and suppress weed growth. And, planting legumes in your garden (e.g. clover, field peas) can increase the levels of available nitrogen for garden vegetables next spring.

Pull up all dead plants and remove invasive weeds.

Cover water gardens with either netting or a pond cover to keep out falling leaves.

Remove garden debris to prevent may garden pests and diseases from overwintering in these materials.

Prepare your garden soil for spring by tilling. This will break up weeds and expose otherwise hidden grubs.

Clean up and store garden tools

Do not trim rose bushes. Given a few warm days that might occur afterwards, those new cuts may spawn new growth which will be readily killed by the first freeze. This can cause an attractive location for disease to enter the plant. Exception: Prune out dead or diseased limbs on trees and shrubs.

Do not fertilize warm-season grasses and garden beds. Wait for spring.

For a year-round month-to-month Landscape Maintenance Schedule, see **OSU Fact Sheet HLA-6408.**

For additional help, contact the Tulsa Master Gardeners at 918-746-370 1.

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HAPPENIN' IN THESE HILLS

Our Clubhouse will be closed on November 22nd & 23rd for Thanksgiving and December 25th and will reopen on Jan 2nd 2019.

The BOD has selected a Company called Sterling Renovations to replace the siding on the Clubhouse with new James Hardie board siding. They should start work next week. The Clubhouse pool deck has been repaired by the Maintenance staff and will be ready for next season.

DUES INCREASE FOR 2019

The Gilcrease Hills HOA Board of Directors voted at the October Board meeting to Increase the monthly assessment rate for 2019.

The amount that the dues can be increased is dictated by the By-Laws which tie any increase to the amount of increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The combined change in the CPI for the past three years has been 2.7 percent which allowed an increase from the current monthly assessment of \$43.00 in 2016 to \$44.00 monthly assessment for 2019. We realize an increase is not always appreciated but like any business or organization, the Association's expenses go up every year and we need to be aware of inflation, thus requiring an increase to monthly assessments when the CPI warrants it and the Board of Directors approves the increase.



COUNTY ASSESSORS AT CLUBHOUSE

The Osage County Assessor, Ed Quinton, will have assessors at the Clubhouse on January 25th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. and March 5th from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Bring your questions about property taxes or assessment rates to them. They can also help you in filing for homestead exemption. Take advantage of this extra service from one of our Osage County elected officials, saving us all the drive to Pawhuska, the county seat.

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HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS LAW ENFORCEMENT

Tulsa Police Department (non-
emergency) 918-596-9222
Gilcrease Division 918-591-4100
Gang/Narcotics 918-586-6300
Crime Stoppers 918-596-COPS
Osage County Sheriff 918-287-3535 or
1-888-287-3150
Oklahoma Highway Patrol 918-627-
0440

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE

Animal Control-strays/dead animals
918-596-9771
Crime Commission (Alert Neighbors)
918-585-5209

Fire Dept-report fire hazards 918-596-
9444
Mayor's Action Center (Tulsa) 918-
596-2100
Office for Neighborhoods (Tulsa) 918-
596-1292
Tulsa Water Dept-broken line 918-596-
9488
Code Enforcement (Tulsa) 918-596-
7698

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 22nd & 23rd, Clubhouse
closed for Thanksgiving
December 25th Clubhouse closed for
Christmas until Jan 2nd.