



Partnership Seeks Safe Routes Grant

In an effort to encourage and enable Guthrie's children to walk and bike to school, the City of Guthrie, Guthrie Public Schools, Logan County Health Department, and other community partners are applying for a Safe Routes to School grant from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

If awarded, the partnership will use the funds for education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement, and evaluation projects to help make the campus and area surrounding Fogarty Elementary School a safer place for children to walk and ride their bikes.

Childhood obesity rates have more than tripled in the past 30 years while the number of children walking and biking to school has declined. According to the 2001 National Household Travel Survey, less than 16 percent of students between the ages of 5 and 15 walked or biked to or from school, compared to 42 percent in 1969.

Public comments from Guthrie residents are encouraged. Those interested in making comments or suggestions can go to guthriesaferoutes.blogspot.com or can e-mail Justin Fortney (justinf@health.ok.gov) or Heather Ward (heatherw@health.ok.gov).



People with Pooches: Guthrie Has New Pooper Scooper Rule

In September of 2008, the Guthrie City Council revised Animals Ordinance No. 3198. One of the changes requires owners to clean up after their animals.

Pet walkers should prepare for this requirement to pick up and properly dispose of their pet's waste whether it is on a private lawn or in a City park. Those who choose not to comply may be subject to a \$20 fine. This is just another part of Keeping Guthrie Clean and being good neighbors to each other! Thank you for your cooperation.

City Hall and all non-emergency offices will be closed July 3 in celebration of Independence Day

Regular hours for all City Hall and Municipal Services offices are: open Monday through Friday from 8AM to 5PM (City Holidays excepted). The Police Department (accessible from the Oklahoma Avenue side of City Hall) is always open. Every effort is made to keep all departments open through the lunch hour, but occasionally circumstances create a need to close.

Tips Save Water, Money

The American Water Works Association offers the following tips to help conserve water (and your money).

- 1** Repair dripping faucets and leaky toilets. Dripping faucets can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water each year in the average home. Leaky toilets can waste as much as 200 gallons per day.
- 2** When the driveway or sidewalk needs cleaning, consider a broom instead of a hose. It can save up to 80 gallons of water.
- 3** Help preserve the quality of the available water supply by not overusing pesticides and fertilizers. Avoid flushing medications down the toilet or sink and dispose of hazardous materials properly.

Shelter "Registration" Recommended

For your safety, please let the Guthrie Fire Department (209 E. Springer) know if you have a tornado shelter or safe room *and where they are located on your property*, especially if yours is inside your garage. And yes, a building permit is required for shelters. The Community Development Department can answer additional questions by phone (282-1110) or in person on the Second Floor of City Hall.

Special thanks to **Guthrie Clear Water Ride** organizers, sponsors and participants for the \$1,500 donation to the Water Treatment Plant!



Enjoy Your Lakes SAFELY [and Legally]

There's no better time to enjoy the lakes than during the summer. Knowing the following may make your experience more pleasurable:

Lake Guthrie:

- Fishing is allowed with a permit; catch limits apply
- Boating is allowed with a permit (**NO WAKE LAKE**)
- Camping with a tent is \$4, with an RV is \$6 per night; electric not available
- Alcohol is not permitted.

Liberty Lake:

- Fishing is allowed with a permit; catch limits apply
- Water & jet skiing is allowed; boating permit needed
- Camping - \$4/night for tent; \$6/night for RV; electric hookup available
- Alcohol is not permitted.

Catch limits:

- Large mouth bass: 5 per day, 18 in. minimum length
- Saugeye: 5 per day, 18 in. minimum length

Permits:

- May be obtained at the Police Department, Finance Department and via the honor box at Guthrie Lake. (The Honor Box is located on the West side of the lake near the lake house, restrooms, parking and boat dock.)
- Fishing permits are required for ages 13 and older and are only issued to individuals who have a current state fishing license.
- Daily fishing permit: \$2
- Yearly fishing permit: \$20 for one lake, \$30 for both lakes. Not available at the Honor Box.
- Boating permits: \$4/day; \$50/year

Lake Ranger Brian Benton will be checking for fishing and boating permits as well as enforcing the no wake rule at Guthrie Lake. Benton may be contacted through the Police Department Dispatch:

- Non-emergency - 282-3535
- Emergency only - 911

Job Program Accepts Applications

Bonus Workers, a program of the Central Oklahoma Workforce Investment Board, helps young people overcome barriers that may prevent them from getting a job or completing their education. Workers benefit from guidance by a professional Career Coach, and they may qualify for additional training, leadership development, educational assistance, and mentoring. To qualify for the program, the young worker must be age 16 to 24, eligible to work in the U.S., and a member of a low income family. Contact Logan County Workforce Oklahoma, 219 S. Broad St., 260.2674.



Down Payment Assistance Available for Logan County Homebuyers

Logan County is now a target area, and that means Federal dollars are available to assist anyone purchasing a home this year who meets the guidelines. Maximum household income depends on the number of family members but generally may not exceed \$81,900. Plus, borrowers must have a credit score of at least 620.

Oklahoma Housing Finance Association (OHFA) works with participating mortgage lenders statewide to provide 30-year fixed rate low-interest home loans with interest rates below market rate. The most popular type of loan offers down payment and closing cost assistance. OHFA also offers new construction loans.

You can receive more information about these home loans or down payment assistance from Bancfirst in Guthrie, Gateway Mortgage in Langston, and Neighborhood Solutions (USDA Rural Development) at Guthrie City Hall - 405.282.0880.

Don't miss this powerful opportunity!

We don't WANT to rain on your parade!



**So PLEASE remember: Fireworks are NOT allowed in City limits.
(Includes sale, transportation and possession.)**