



Summertime reminders:

- ❖ Porch/patio areas must be kept clean at all times.
- ❖ The number of outdoor items of porch/patio area must be reasonable and limited so that untidiness and clutter does not result.
- Children's toys, carriers, strollers, tricycles and bicycles must be kept in the storage shed or in the home when not in use.
- ❖ A limited number of yard ornaments, flowerpots, planters, etc., may be placed in the small garden area next to the unit or on the porch/patio areas. Such items may not extend out into the grassy areas.
- Small bird feeders are allowed if hanging from a hook and placed near the unit. Hanging items must not cause any harm to the exterior of the GHA unit. No food, bread, or seeds of any kind are permitted to be put outside on the ground for birds or stray animals.
- All pet wastes must be picked up and properly disposed of correctly.

Take a look around at your unit. Do you have any furniture such as wooden rockers, tables, kitchen chairs, or similar types of furniture outside? Do you have bicycles stored outside? If you do, you need to store these items in your storage area or find some other place for them.

Do not use a charcoal, gas, or an electric grill on your porch or near any buildings. Grilling can be done our in the yard if Guthrie is not under a Governor or County issued "burn ban". All grilling items must be stored in your storage shed when not in use.

GHA does not allow outdoor, temporary water toys such as pools, sprinklers, slip n slides, etc.

Compliance with these items is required. Failure to do so can result in issuance of a lease violation and, ultimately, lease termination.



Although the City of Guthrie has allowed for residential fireworks permits to be purchased, remember that <u>discharging fireworks of any kind is strictly prohibited on ALL GHA property</u>. With over 187 households in such a little living space, our residents' safety is the number one priority. GHA encourages everyone to attend the community July 4th fireworks displays that will take place in or around the Guthrie area.

In order to allow residents more flexibility to celebrate their 4th of July activities and encourage a safer and more controlled atmosphere when discharging fireworks, the Guthrie City Council voted to allow the use of fireworks on private residential property outside of the Capitol Townsite Historic District with a permit. The permits can be purchased at Guthrie City Hall for \$15. The regulations are as follows:

- An adult person over the age of 18 may obtain a permit from the City of Guthrie to discharge Class C fireworks only from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 3, 4, and 5 or from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. on New Year's Eve. Each holiday requires a separate permit.
- The adult permit holder must be physically present and within 100 feet of the point of display for any household member to use the fireworks.
- The permit must be prominently displayed at the location listed on the permit during the discharge of the fireworks and available for examination by any public safety officer.
- Fireworks must be discharged on a non-combustible surface of sufficient size to contain the entire ground portion of the display and must be located on private residential property outside of the Capital Townsite Historic District and not closer than 25 feet from any permanent structure.
- It is unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to set off or detonate any fireworks of an explosive nature or noise emitting type, nature or description within the Capitol Townsite Historic District unless approved by the City Manager or his/her designee.
- Private persons may not use or discharge fireworks on any public property, street or easement unless approved by the City of Guthrie
- No more than 25 people can be at the location listed on the permit at the time the fireworks are discharged unless approved by the City of Guthrie.
- Permit holder will have extinguisher device (water or fire extinguisher) available at the site
 of fireworks discharge.
- Permit holder is responsible for cleaning up any debris caused by any person discharging fireworks at the location listed on the permit.
- Permit holder is responsible for damage or injury to other persons or property resulting from fireworks use.
- In the event that the Governor of the State of Oklahoma calls a Red Flag Fire Alert or Burn Ban for the area, or the City of Guthrie Fire Department determines that the City of Guthrie is in danger of fire due to weather conditions, the City of Guthrie may declare the use of fireworks to be illegal and all fireworks permits to be void, without refund.
- Any violations of these regulations may result in fines and/or confiscation of fireworks.

<u>REMINDER</u>

GHA has combined the quarterly pest control spray schedules with our preventive maintenance & housekeeping assessment tasks during the scheduled times as presented in the attached newsletter calendar.

Items being addressed on those specific days will be pest control, changing filters, batteries in alarms (smoke & carbon monoxide) and verifying housekeeping is in order.

Combining both preventive maintenance and routine pest control tasks will create a more efficient process and reduce the impact on everyone.

Please remember that a person 18 years of age or older must be present if there will be minors in the unit at the time of this visit.

As always, GHA greatly appreciates your continued cooperation as we make changes to better serve our 187 households.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office.



Reminder: When outside, dogs and cats shall be kept on a collar or harness attached by a leash no longer than (6) six feet long and the resident shall maintain control of the pet AT ALL TIMES. Under no circumstances shall any animal be permitted to roam free outside of a resident's unit. Owners shall IMMEDIATELY pick up all animal waste and dispose of it in a sealed bag and placed in a trash receptacle. Please remember the City of Guthrie has an animal tethering law that States "it will be unlawful to tether any dog or cat unless it is constantly supervised by an adult responsible for the animal." We advise our residents to contact Animal Control to address any concerns.



Summer 2025 Water Fun!

Guthrie residents can receive free wristbands for daily admission to the aquatic center by presenting proof of residency at the utility window on the second floor of City Hall. Each family is eligible for up to four wristbands per day, and children age three and under do not require a wristband.

The program is made possible through a partnership between the City of Guthrie and Pelican Bay to provide residents with safe, family-friendly summer recreation.

Residents will also have the option to ride a trolley to Pelican Bay. The trolley, operated by First Capital Trolley, will depart from Highland Park at 11:30 a.m. and return from Edmond at 2:30 p.m., allowing for approximately two hours of swim time.

Trolley riders must RSVP by noon the day before their intended trip by calling

(405) 282-6000 or emailing melissa.trolley@yahoo.com.

The Mineral Wells splash pad has also opened as of May 23. However, the Banner Park splash pad remains closed due to a water main break affecting the west side of Guthrie. City officials say the closure is necessary to maintain water access for Mercy Hospital, nearby residences, and fire suppression systems. Crews are currently working to expedite repairs.

Residents who prefer not to use the trolley can still receive wristbands for self-arranged visits to the aquatics center, with the same proof of residency requirements.

City officials are encouraging residents to take advantage of the summer offerings and will continue to provide updates as the season progresses.

Top Ways to Avoid Heat-Related Illness this Summer

State Department of Health (OSDH) data show from 2013 to 2022, there were 141 heat-related deaths in Oklahoma, with more than 85% occurring from June to August.

However, heat can be impactful any time of year, especially if the temperature outside is nearing 90°F.

Heat-related deaths and illnesses are preventable, so it is important to keep safe while enjoying the outdoors.

Stay Cool:

- Wear lightweight, loose-fitting clothing to allow your body to breathe and regulate its temperature.
- 🚇 Plan outdoor activities during the cooler parts of the day, such as morning or evening.
- Pace yourself outdoors, especially if you're not used to working or exercising in the heat.
- Listen to your body; if you start feeling lightheaded, confused, weak, or faint, take a break in a cool or shaded area, resting until you feel better.

Stay Hydrated:

- Drink plenty of fluids and try to avoid sugary or alcoholic drinks, as these can contribute to dehydration.
- Drink cool or room temperature beverages; very cold drinks can cause stomach cramps.
- Replenish salt and minerals lost from your body after prolonged or heavy sweating. Stay Informed:
 - Pay attention to extreme heat alerts and learn about cooling shelters in your area. Enter your zip code in HeatRisk to get local heat and air quality information.
 - Learn the signs and symptoms of heat related illnesses and how to treat them.