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Safe Choice Security has prepared a concise guide of Oklahoma's 9 safest cities and towns to live in. We are proud to announce that the City of Coweta was named as the 3rd safest City following #1 Verdigris, OK and #2 Blanchard, OK. This wouldn't have been possible without the help of our wonderful residents like you!

For a complete list of the top 9 safest cities and towns visit <http://www.safechoicsecurity.com/blog/safest-cities-oklahoma/>.



Safety Tips from the Coweta Police Department



It's that time of year again as the holiday season fast approaches. Family's will be planning vacations to other states or for family to come and enjoy the holidays in our local area. This is also the time of year for criminals to ramp up their criminal activities, taking away the happiness of the season. Here are a few ways to prevent you and your family from becoming a victim during this holiday season:

1. **DON'T POST** your holiday activities! If you plan on leaving the area to visit family don't post it until after your visit. Criminals know how to check your social media pages and if you post before, or even during your absence, you are advertising your empty home.
2. **NOTIFY**. Notify someone you trust, such as other family members in the area, a trusted neighbor, or your Police Department, and request that they check your home during your absence. A strange car in the driveway will help with the illusion someone is home.
3. **DO NOT ADVERTISE!** Thieves watch our trash. They can tell when your holiday is going well by the amount of trash we put out. If you have a lot of boxes, tear them up and put them in garbage bags. Thieves love to see that new 72" flat screen TV box in the trash, next to the curb!
4. **REPORT!!! REPORT!!! REPORT!!!** If you see something suspicious report it to your local law enforcement immediately. Let them decide if something illegal is occurring.



Your Coweta Police Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season.



Holiday Shop Coweta Is Back Again This Year!

The 2014 Holiday Shop Coweta program is a collaboration between the Coweta Chamber of Commerce and the City of Coweta in order to spur economic growth and the awareness of the importance of shopping locally.

The promotion will run Nov. 3rd to Dec. 12th. For every \$10 consumers spend at participating merchants, the consumer will receive one shop Coweta ticket (up to a purchase of \$200). No purchase is necessary and consumers may request one ticket per day from each participating business. Thirteen prizes are available for award again this year: two \$1,000 prizes and eleven \$500 prizes.

There will be three total drawings for unclaimed prizes. Winners will have three business days in order to claim your prize. The winning numbers will be posted, by noon, on each drawing day. Winning numbers can be located on the Coweta American Facebook and web page, the Coweta Chamber Facebook and web page, plus they will be posted on the doors at the Chamber, City Hall and the Coweta American.

All prizes must be picked up at Coweta City Hall located at 310 S. Broadway, Coweta, OK 74429. The 1st drawing will be Dec. 15th and must be picked up by Dec. 18th by 5:00 p.m. The 2nd drawing will be held Dec. 19th and must be picked up Dec. 26th by 5:00 p.m. The 3rd drawing will be Dec. 29th and must be picked up by Jan. 2nd.



Public Works Reminders

Wastewater: With the holidays just around the corner we ask that you not dispose of cooking oils down your drains. The cooking oils can solidify either in your private sewer service or in the City mains which can cause stoppage and overflows. A stoppage to your service line can cost you money. A stoppage on the City main will not only cost the City money but it will also effect the treatment process at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. You can dispose of up to 5 gallons of cooking oil at the M.et. Recycle Center located at 121st and Hwy 51. Cooking oils can also be placed in a sealed container and placed in your trash. It will then be collected and taken to Covanta ,with your normal residential trash, and then burned to create energy.

Streets: Colder weather is fast approaching which means City crews will be out sanding and plowing City streets as needed. When you see any plow/sand trucks, whether it be City, County or State vehicles, please keep back a safe distance. Plow/sand trucks will often make sudden stops or turns and the driver cannot see a vehicle if they are following behind too closely.

Water: With cold weather approaching please take measures to protect any exposed water pipes, both inside and outside you home. This will help prevent pipes from freezing and breaking.

Solid Waste: Please make note of the following changes to the residential trash service due to the upcoming holidays:

Tuesday Nov. 11th, Veterans Day: normal Tuesday routes will be picked up on Wednesday Nov. 12th.

Thursday Nov. 27th, Thanksgiving Day: normal Thursday routes will be picked up on Wednesday Nov. 26th.

Thursday Dec. 25th, Christmas Day: normal Thursday routes will be picked up on Friday Dec. 26th.

Thursday Jan. 1st, New Year's Day: normal routes will be picked up on Wednesday Dec. 31st.

Please feel free to contact Coweta Public Works at 918-486-8073 if you have any questions or comments.

Winter Heating Safety Tips from the Fire Department

Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional.

Never use your oven to heat your home.

Have a 3 foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.

Keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away from heating equipment, like the furnace, fireplace, wood stove, or portable heater.

Library News



Just a reminder the Library offers hands on Basic Computer classes in areas such as email, Facebook accounts and searching on the web. Please call us at 918-486-6532 to schedule a time.

Also we have Pre-school Story Time for children ages 5 and under every Wednesday morning at 10:30 a.m.

Watch our Facebook page for other upcoming activities for the children!

Christmas Parade

The Rotary Club is hosting the 2014 Christmas Parade on Dec. 6th at 6:00 p.m. The theme is "Light Up Christmas!" Applications are available at www.cowetachamber.com. Deadline for the applications is Monday, Dec. 1st at 5:00 p.m.



Need a lift? Call the Coweta Transit

for details at 918-486-1783.

Open daily Monday through Friday.

City Hall will be closed on the following Holidays:

November 11th - Veterans Day

November 27th and 28th - Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving

December 24th and 25th - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day

January 1st - New Year's day

A few words from the Coweta Animal Shelter



Office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call 918-486-2137 to set up an appointment to look at the animals available for adoption. To report a loose dog afterhours please contact the Police Department at 918-486-2121.



Coweta Recycling Center

Located at 121st & Hwy. 51

Items accepted include: #1 & #2 Plastic Bottles, Glass Bottles, Newspaper, Office Paper, and Magazines, Aluminum Cans, Motor Oil (five gallon limit please), Batteries (household & auto), Cooking Oil, Eyeglasses and Phone Books.



Every day, more than 1,200 people in this country die due to smoking. For each of these deaths, at least two youth or young adults become regular smokers each day. Almost 90% of these replacement smokers smoke their first cigarette by age 18.

