

Report Shows Broken Arrow Roads in Good Condition

Broken Arrow's streets are the City's largest asset, valued at \$576.1 million dollars. Earlier this year, we retained IMS Infrastructure Management Systems to determine the condition of the City's vast network of streets. Knowing the condition of each road helps us prioritize repair schedules and propose street projects for General Obligation Bonds.

During the December 6, 2016 City Council meeting, IMS Infrastructure Management Systems presented the results of their data collection analysis. Here are the highlights of that report:

- Broken Arrow's roads are in overall good condition and surpass the national standards.
- IMS estimates a budget of just over \$6 million a year is needed to maintain the quality of our roads. Sales tax revenue allotted for street maintenance only provides half that amount; therefore, major road projects will need additional funding through General Obligation Bonds going forward. The list of work to be done each year will be in the Financial Report distributed in September.



The IMS report scientifically analyzes the life-span of Broken Arrow streets, and this will be a useful guide in scheduling future maintenance. View a video of the IMS presentation at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/STREETREPORT.

\$18.7 Million in New Projects to Begin in Broken Arrow

The City of Broken Arrow is selling \$18.7 million of General Obligation (GO) Bonds approved by voters in 2014. The sale will pay for several streets, public safety, parks improvements, and stormwater projects. Approximately \$30.1 million of authorized 2014 bonds remain and will be sold over the next two years.

"With the upcoming bond sale, we will be able to move forward on projects that are important to our residents," said Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon. "We're excited to complete these necessary improvements that will continue to enhance the quality of life in our community."

Here are some of the project highlights. View the full list at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/BOND.

PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

STREETS

- * Widen 23rd Street (193rd E Avenue/County Line Road) to five lanes between Kenosha (71st Street) and Houston (81st Street): \$2.5 million
- * Widen Olive Avenue (129th E Avenue) to four lanes between Albany (61st Street) and Kenosha Street: \$1 million.
- * Widen Kenosha Street between Date and Main Street to five lanes: \$1.89 million
- * Resurface Kenosha Street between Garnett and Aspen Avenue (145th E Avenue): \$1.05 million

QUALITY OF LIFE (PARKS & RECREATION)

- * Construct Rose West dog park and trailhead restroom: \$473,000

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Strengthen Your Neighborhood: Attend the 2017 Homeowners Workshop

The 2017 Broken Arrow Homeowners Association Workshop is a great place to get helpful tips and resources for property owners, renters and those wanting information on owning a home within an HOA. Learn all you need to know about getting your neighborhood started or being the best neighborhood you can be!

Join the casual roundtable discussion after the sessions to discuss topics tailored to those attending and get to know your 'neighbors'. This is a great opportunity to network! Topics taught in previous years include:

- Legal and Operational issues for Homeowners Associations
- Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments)
- Animal Control
- Building Permits
- Planning and Development
- Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood Beautification
- Stormwater Management and Low Impact Development (LID) Certification for Neighborhoods

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Crime Prevention Specialist Recognized for Work

The Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce has selected Lisa Ford, the Crime Prevention Specialist and Community Liaison for the Broken Arrow Police Department, as one of the recipients of the 2016 Community Impact award. The Community Impact award is part of the Successful Women’s Luncheon series, which brings together women who are active in the Broken Arrow community. Ford was nominated alongside 15 other women who have contributed to Broken Arrow.

Ford was hired by the Broken Arrow Police Department as their Crime Prevention Specialist in June of 2001. Before coming to BAPD, she worked for the Citizens Crime Commission, where she oversaw the Alert Neighbor, Crime Stoppers, and Arrest Arson programs. Ford manages the Volunteers in Police Service program for the department, which has more than 200 volunteers currently participating. She has also instructed over 100 other law enforcement agencies on running successful volunteer programs through the Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute.



Pictured left to right: City Manager Michael Spurgeon, Police Chief David Boggs, Crime Prevention Specialist Lisa Ford, Mayor Craig Thurmond

Download the Action Center BA App

Did you know you can report potholes and other issues to the City from your smartphone? You can take photos of the problem and get updates when the item has been logged, assigned to a staff member and closed out. The application can be accessed online via a mobile device or a computer. Report non-emergency issues today by downloading the mobile app for Android and iOS devices. Available at ActionCenterBA.com.

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- HOA Insurance
- HOA Accounting and Tax Requirements
- Recycling

The free workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 25 at Central on Main, 210 N. Main Street. Light refreshments will be available. Attendees will also be eligible to win a weather radio and other door prizes. The event is open to the public. To register, visit www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/HOA.



Residents learn about local programs at last year's Homeowners Workshop.

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- * Construct adult softball complex, regional playground, restrooms, picnic pavilion, and add security lighting at Chisholm Trail South Park: \$1.55 million
- * Construction new splash pad and playground at Leisure Park: \$368,000
- * Construct a community trail network: \$500,000

STORMWATER

- * Construct drainage improvements along Albany Street between 9th Street (Lynn Lane/177th E Avenue) and 23rd Street: \$850,500

Walk Your Dog, Look Out for Crime

The Broken Arrow Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch are hosting a free Dog Walker Watch program on February 21, 2017. Dog Walker Watch is a crime awareness program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and coordinated locally by law enforcement agencies and crime watch groups. The program encourages dog walkers nationwide to serve as “extra eyes and ears” for local law enforcement agencies in ongoing crime prevention efforts. This training will be for humans only – please do not bring your dogs to training.

BAPD Paws on Patrol Dog Walker Watch Training

Tuesday, February 21 @ 7:00 p.m.
Public Safety Complex, 1101 North 6th Street (near Kenosha and 9th Street)
RSVP: Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist (918) 451-8213, lford@brokenarrowok.gov

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

February 7 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

February 9 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

February 11 — Daddy Daughter Dance Choice of times: 6:00-7:30 p.m. or 8:00-9:30 p.m., Nienhuis Community Center, 3201 N. 9th Street. Tickets are \$5/person and are required. For more information call 918-259-6550.

February 21 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

February 23 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

February 25 — Annual Homeowners Workshop 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Central on Main (see related story)

March 7 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

March 9 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

March 11 — ShamRock the Rose Street Festival 4:00-10:00 p.m., Main Street.