

## Crews rebuild storm damaged bridge

Due to heavy showers in late September 2018, a bridge on South Poplar Avenue in Wedgewood was damaged enough to warrant replacement. City of Broken Arrow Streets and Stormwater Department crews began the work in the fall.

Footings were poured in late November and reinforced concrete boxes installed in early December.

With steady progress, City crews completed the structure of the bridge earlier this year and began working on the new street deck. Weather permitting, the street should be reopened to traffic in April.



## Make a pledge to save water, energy and money

### Did you know?

- Approximately 400 billion gallons of water are used in the United States every day.
- Americans use about 100 gallons of water per day.
- The average faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute. You can save up to four gallons of water by turning off the faucet while you brush your teeth.
- A running toilet can waste up to 200 gallons of water per day.
- At one drip per second, a faucet can leak 3,000 gallons in a year.

For reasons like these, Mayor Craig Thurmond has again accepted the National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation. For this challenge, the Mayor asks residents of the City of Broken Arrow to do their part to conserve water and energy, which also helps save money.

Make a pledge between April 1-30 to reduce your water consumption at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/waterpledge](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/waterpledge). Broken Arrow ranked 18th last year, but Mayor Thurmond knows we can improve!

### Holiday Trash Schedule

City offices will be closed on Friday, April 19, for Good Friday.

There will be no trash service that day. Service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.



## City Council elections April 2

Elections for three City Council seats will be held on Tuesday, April 2. The representatives for Wards 3, 4 and the At Large seat will be chosen.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Registered voters can visit [services.okelections.us/voterSearch.aspx](http://services.okelections.us/voterSearch.aspx) to find their polling station.

Early voting will be available from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29. Tulsa County residents can vote early at the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 N. Denver Ave., or at Hardesty

Regional Library, 8316 E 93rd St., both in Tulsa. Wagoner County residents can vote early at Heritage United Methodist Church, 5300 E. Kenosha St.

Candidates for the seats are:  
**Ward 3:** Christi Gillespie, Mike Lester (incumbent), Jeremy Lippiatt and Scott F. Lowry.

**Ward 4:** Scott Eudey (incumbent) and Britni Husband.

**At Large:** Laura Ann Denktash, Joy C. Ololo, Johnnie Parks (incumbent), and William Vaughn.

# Rose District Farmers Market returns April 6

The Rose District Farmers Market returns for 2019 to the Rose District Pavilion, 418 S. Main St. The new season kicks off on Saturday, April 6, weather permitting.

Opening Day festivities include music from Steve Liddell and food trucks.

Look for early crops such as spinach,



kale, and leaf lettuces, along with bison, chicken, eggs, regular and gluten

free Amish bread and local honey.

Shoppers benefit by buying produce harvested within a few hours of purchasing and supporting the local economy.

Hours are 8 a.m.-noon every Saturday. Follow the Rose District Farmers Market on Facebook for the latest information.

## Spring cleaning information

### Free Dump Day April 27

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the City's annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, April 27 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North. This is easily accessible by traveling north on U.S. Highway 169 to the eastbound exit at 46th St. North.

Residents may dump free by presenting a driver's license with a Broken Arrow address or a recent utility bill. City employees will be on site to verify residency. To view a list of eligible items, visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/FREEDUMP](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/FREEDUMP) or contact the landfill at 918-439-7835.

### Where to take recycling and e-waste

The Metropolitan Environmental Trust (The M.e.t.) operates a recycling and e-waste center at 302 North Elm Place in Broken Arrow.

Items that can be recycled include: #1 & #2 plastic bottles, plastic bottle lids, glass bottles, newspaper, office paper, magazines, aluminum cans, motor oil (5 gallon limit), batteries (household & auto), cooking oil (5 gallon limit), eyeglasses, phone books, plastic bags, steel cans, scrap metal, antifreeze (5 gallon limit), cardboard and paperboard.

The following e-waste items can also be dropped off: cameras,



computer batteries, computer towers, copiers/scanners, fax machines, keyboards/mouse, laptops, microwaves, phones, printers, power cords, small appliances, UPS systems and VCR/DVD players. For more information, visit [www.metrecycle.com/broken-arrow](http://www.metrecycle.com/broken-arrow).

### How to dispose of household pollutants

Broken Arrow residents are able to dispose of their hazardous household waste any time of the year at the City of Tulsa's Household Pollutant Collection Facility, 4502 S. Galveston Ave. in west Tulsa.

Hazardous household waste includes fluorescent and CFL bulbs, oil-based paints, vehicle fluids, aerosols, pool chemicals and more. A full list of what can and cannot be recycled at the facility can be found at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/HazardousWaste](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/HazardousWaste).

Broken Arrow residents will need to contact the M.e.t. at 918-584-0584 to schedule an appointment and receive a confirmation number. The



appointment and confirmation number will allow residents to dispose of their waste at the Tulsa facility free of charge.

The facility is open by appointment only from 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Saturdays.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Ongoing until teams are filled — BA Soccer Club Spring registration** Games begin March 2. Visit [bascok.com](http://bascok.com) for details.

**Ongoing through June 22 — BA Youth Football Spirit Registration** Visit [bayouthfootball.com](http://bayouthfootball.com) for details.

**Ongoing through July 17 — BA Youth Football Registration** Visit [bayouthfootball.com](http://bayouthfootball.com) for details.

**April 2 — City Council Election** Wards 3, 4 and At Large seat, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Visit [services.okelections.us/voterSearch.aspx](http://services.okelections.us/voterSearch.aspx) to find your polling station.

**April 2 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**April 6 — Rose District Farmer's Market Opening Day** 8 a.m.-noon, then every Saturday through October, Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

**April 7 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Class** Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad) for details.

**April 11 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**April 13 — Mixed Doubles Pickleball tournament** 9 a.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St. Pre-registration required. 918-259-8437.

**April 16 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**April 19 — Good Friday** City offices closed.

**April 25 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**April 27 — Free Dump Day** See related story for details.

**April 27 — KBAB's Annual Trash Bash** 8 a.m.-noon, Gather at Central Park.

**April 28 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Class** Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad) for details.

**May 4 — BA Neighbors Scavenger Hunt** Visit [baneighbors.org](http://baneighbors.org) for details.

**May 9-12 — Rooster Days** Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

## About City Council meetings

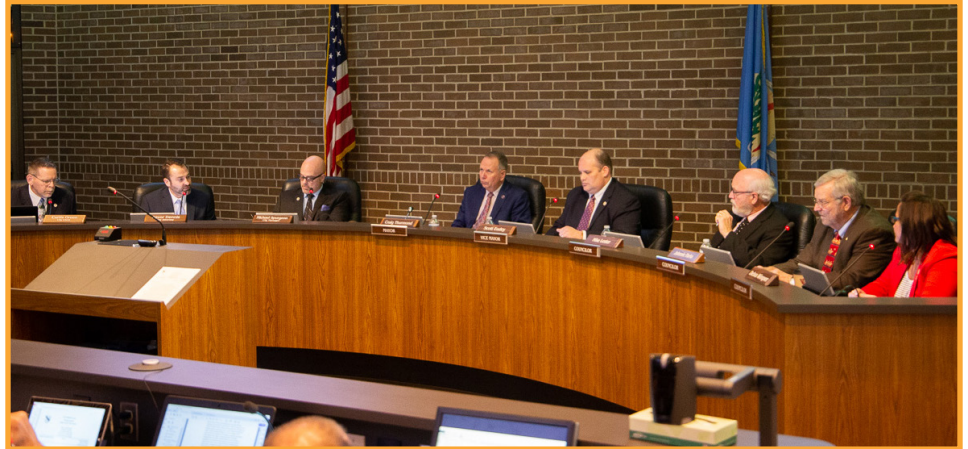
The City Council is the governing body for the City of Broken Arrow. The Council decides on new codes and ordinances for the City, authorizes City projects and determines how your tax dollars are spent within the City.

The City Council's regular meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of every month except June. June meetings are on the first and third Mondays to not conflict with the Tuesdays in the Park concert series.

Regular Council meetings take place in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 220 S. First St.

Routine City business is decided at regular meetings. Occasionally special meetings are held to discuss and sometimes make decisions on topics that require detailed reports or debate.

The agenda for both regular and special meetings must be posted in advance of the meeting. By state law, regular meeting agendas must be posted 24 hours prior to the start, not including Saturdays, Sundays and



*At City Council meetings, the Mayor sits in the middle of the dais, with the Vice Mayor and other councilors to his left and the City Manager on his right, followed by the City Attorney and City Clerk.*

State of Oklahoma observed holidays. Special meeting agendas must be posted 48 hours prior to the start of the meeting.

City of Broken Arrow agendas are physically posted outside the main entrance of City Hall and electronically on the City's website at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/Agendas](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/Agendas).

All City board and commission agendas are similarly posted according to state law.

Council meetings are run by the Mayor (or Vice Mayor in the Mayor's absence). Once a meeting is convened, the Mayor begins proceeding through

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## Following the meeting agenda

The agenda for City Council meetings is always posted at City Hall and online at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/Agendas](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/Agendas). The agendas for all the City's boards and commissions are also posted this way. Copies of the agenda are also available outside the Council Chambers before meetings.

Public meetings are easy to follow by reading the agenda. You can also watch a video about the agenda at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/AgendaVideo](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/AgendaVideo).

The first items are routine formalities done at every meeting: 1. The Call to Order, 2. Invocation, 3. Roll call and 4. Pledge of Allegiance.

The business begins with Item 5, the Consent agenda. Items listed here are considered routine business items, such as street repairs, contract renewals and approving previous meetings' minutes.

The consent agenda is usually approved in a single vote. At times, a council member may request an item be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration. These removed items are considered under Item 6 on the agenda.

While the entire Consent Agenda is approved in a single vote, it's important to note each item does have detailed background information, called a Request for Action (RFA), that

is posted online with the agenda and given to councilors for review prior to the meeting.

Item 7 is for Public Hearings, Appeals, Presentations, Recognitions and Awards. This is the time when many reports are made to the City Council by City departments or partner organizations. The Council will also use this time to recognize exemplary employees or residents.

Item 8 is when residents may speak to the Council on any topic not on the agenda but related to City business or services. The Council cannot take any action on these topics but may request City staff to examine them. *(See the related article to find out how to sign up to speak.)*

Item 9 is for General Council Business. These are items City staff believe warrant more in depth discussion or detailed information before the Council makes a decision. Topics with a high amount of resident interest and that residents may wish to speak upon are also considered at this time.

Items 10 and 11 are for Ordinances under consideration. Ordinances are enforceable laws enacted by the City. Typically, ordinances are previewed at one meeting for Council members to analyze before voting on them, usually

at the following regular meeting.

As with the Consent Agenda, Items 9-11 are supported by RFAs presented to the Council when the agenda is posted.

Meetings begin to wrap up with Items 12 and 13 when the Council and City Manager may share public comments on any topic they desire.

Item 14 will list any Executive Session topics if there are any for that date. *(See related story.)*

A meeting is then adjourned if there is no executive session or recessed temporarily if there is.

One thing to note is that since Broken Arrow City Councilors make up the boards for Broken Arrow's enterprises — the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority (BAMA) and Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority (BAEDA) — the regular Council meeting is usually recessed after Item 13. This allows the regular meetings of these boards to take place.

The agendas for BAMA and BAEDA meetings are posted at the same time as and are laid out similarly to Council agendas. Once these meetings are adjourned, the regular council meeting is resumed before Item 14, or 15 if there is no executive session.

# What boards and commissions are there?

To help the City Council set policy and make informed decisions, several boards and commissions exist to cover specific areas.

Boards can be created by the Council when deemed necessary, and can be dismantled if its goals are met with no further oversight needed. A recent example of this was the Downtown Advisory Board (DAB), which helped create policy and guidelines for the redevelopment of the Rose District and Old Town areas. Members of that board, created in 2005, felt all goals had been achieved by early 2018 and recommended that the City Council dismantle the DAB.

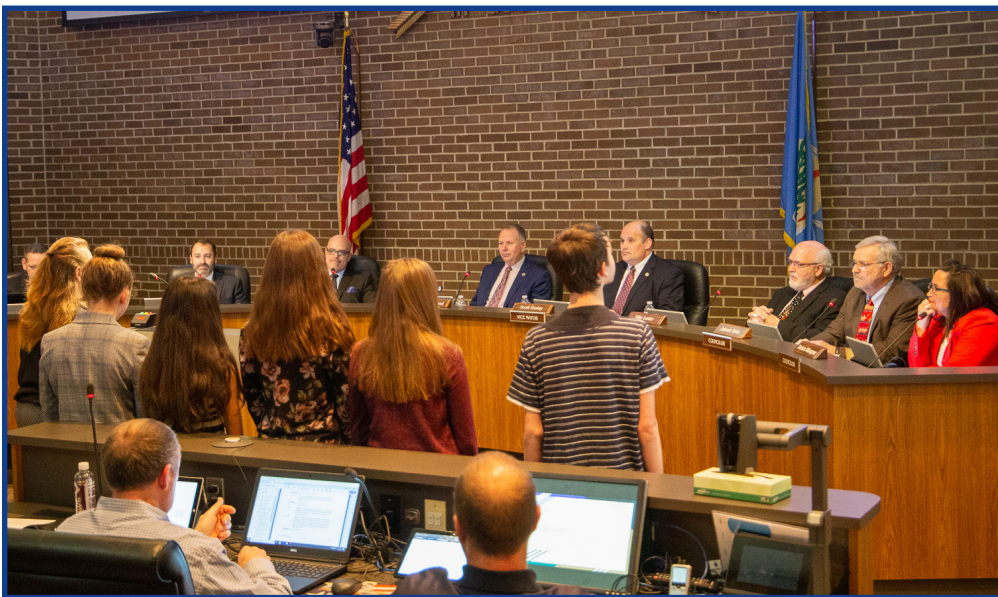
Current boards and commissions in the City of Broken Arrow are:

**Board of Adjustment:** Responsibilities of this board include hearing variances and certain appeals. The board consists of five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by Council for three-year terms.

**Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB):** The CVB recommends various programs to the Council to attract tourists and make Broken Arrow a destination for visitors. The CVB also makes budget recommendations for City's hotel tax funds. It consists of a Council member

plus eight members from tourism-minded industries (two retail, two lodging, two dining, one sports and one attractions) who serve two year terms.

**Planning Commission:** This commission reviews requested comprehensive plan changes, rezonings, platting requests, planned unit developments and lot splits. It conducts public hearings on these requests and makes a recommendation for the Council's public hearing at its next regular meeting. The commission consists of five members appointed by the mayor and confirmed by Council for three-year terms.



## What is an executive session?

An executive session is a private meeting of the Council to discuss certain issues. They usually follow a regularly scheduled meeting. Any executive session must be noted on a meeting agenda posted at the legally required interval.

Topics of executive sessions are limited to the following areas by state law:

- Discussions of employment, promotion, and disciplining of a public employee
- Labor negotiations
- Purchase or appraisal of real properties
- Consultation with the body's attorney regarding pending litigation
- (In the case of boards of education) discussion of student discipline when requested
- Discussing matters involving handicapped children
- Any matter which is exempt under the Oklahoma Open Records Act or federal statute

Except for matters that are required by state or federal law to be kept confidential, no final action may be taken during an executive session. The Council must make any votes during a public meeting.

## Speaking at public meetings

Residents of Broken Arrow and other members of the public are encouraged to actively participate in the City's government.

Other than voting, the best way to do so is to attend public meetings, and sign up to address the City Council (or a board or commission).

Speaking at most meetings is allowed in two ways. The first is under Item 8 on the regular City Council agenda. During this part of a meeting, residents may bring up any topic they would like the Council to be aware of.

The Council is prohibited from taking formal action on these topics but may request the City Manager to investigate

and bring back to a future meeting.

The second option to speak during a meeting is to address an item on the agenda, typically in favor or opposition to it.

In either case, speakers must fill out the appropriate form, available at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/SpeakAtAMeeting](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/SpeakAtAMeeting) or outside the Council Chambers, and submit it to the City Clerk prior to the start of the meeting.

Speakers are called to the podium by the Mayor and are allowed three minutes to address the Council. If a group wishes to address the Council, it's helpful to designate only one or two speakers to make any comments.

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the items listed on the agenda.

Any actionable items on the agenda must be motioned for approval and seconded by a member of the Council. The City Clerk records the motion, second and then polls the council members and records their votes.

During a regular meeting, items

listed under "General Business" or "Ordinances" always warrant some presentation or discussion, usually led by a member of the City's administration, such as the City Manager or a department director.

Items listed under the "Consent Agenda" are considered routine business items and are typically approved with a single vote. (*See the related agenda article for more information on the Consent Agenda.*)

Once all Council business has been conducted, the meeting is either adjourned or, if there is an executive session, recessed to allow the public to clear the Chamber before the executive session begins.

Minutes of all meetings are recorded and maintained by the City Clerk. Any questions regarding agenda items or public meetings can be directed to the Clerk's office at 918-259-2400, ext. 5418.