

## Creek 51 Business Park to attract new jobs

On Aug. 6, the City Council approved the creation of Broken Arrow's second Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District. This new TIF District will support the creation of the Creek 51 Business Park.

The developer plans to create the 90-acre business park west of the Creek Turnpike and south of State Highway 51. The development aims to attract companies in the "clean" manufacturing industry, or manufacturers who use as few non-renewable resources as possible while reducing waste and minimizing environmental impact.



The business park will bring in new companies to the region, and make it possible for existing manufacturers in the area to expand their operations. Broken Arrow is currently the

3rd largest manufacturing city in Oklahoma. Creek 51 Business Park definitely helps the City's on-going efforts to recruit and retain high-paying jobs for our community.

The City's only other TIF District is the downtown area, which includes FlightSafety and the Rose District. TIFs are a common tool used by local governments to finance projects within the boundaries of the TIF. Increases in property taxes within the district go into a fund that is used for debt service on projects during the lifespan of the TIF, which is through 2030 in the Creek 51 initiative.

## Join us Nov. 14 for Lights On

Lights On in the Rose District is the traditional City of Broken Arrow kick off for the holiday shopping season.

At 6 p.m. City officials will flip the switch to light up Main Street at the Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

Coinciding with the annual Rose District Tea-Off, Lights On also kicks off the annual opening of the Ice Skating Rink at the Pavilion. Details about the skating rink hours and prices will be announced soon.



## Scott Bennett named Deputy Chief of Police

A 25-year veteran of the Broken Arrow Police Department (BAPD) is the force's next Deputy Chief of Police. Scott Bennett assumed the role in September.

"We are very happy for Scott and his family and know that he's going to do a great job and continue the tradition of outstanding Deputy Chiefs in the Broken Arrow Police Department," said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. "We were blessed to have some great candidates for this very

important position."

A native of Gore, Okla., Bennett has a Bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University.

First hired by the BAPD in 1994, he has served in a wide variety of positions within the department, including Field Training Officer, Detective and Office of Professional Standards. In 2007, Bennett and several other members of his Special Operations Team received the Medal of Valor for actions taken during a



hostage standoff/shootout and rescue mission. In 2014, Bennett graduated from the 256th Session of the FBI

National Academy.

Bennett and his wife Stephanie reside in rural Rogers County and have one adult daughter, Sunny.

Bennett takes over for Deputy Chief Mark Irwin who retired at the end of August. Irwin also served Broken Arrow for 25 years.

"I want to commend Deputy Chief Mark Irwin for his decades of service to Broken Arrow. He has been an outstanding servant to this community," Spurgeon said.



## Mulch, bag or compost fall leaves

Inundated by fall leaves? Remember to properly dispose of your leaves by bagging, mulching or composting them. Do not blow or rake leaves into the street or storm sewers. Not only is it a violation of City of Broken Arrow code, but storm sewers clogged with leaves, grass clippings and other debris create flooding hazards.

Section 12-6 of the Code of Ordinances addresses unlawful deposits: "It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, sweep or otherwise deposit, into or upon the streets, alleys,

parkings, sidewalks or other public places of the city, any garbage, trash, paper, rubbish, grass, weeds, tree trimmings, dirt, crates, boxes or other refuse of any kind."

The City's Sanitation Division will remove up to 10 30-gallon size or smaller bags during regular trash pickup at no additional cost. Each additional bag beyond 10 will be charged \$1.25 per bag. (Note: Bags sized over 30 gallons are counted as two bags.) For composting tips, visit [metrecycle.com/composting-2](http://metrecycle.com/composting-2).

## Fall back and check smoke alarms

Daylight Saving Time ends at 2 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 3. As you set your clocks back, the Broken Arrow Fire Department recommends testing your smoke alarms, and changing the batteries if necessary.

Roughly two-thirds of home fire deaths occur in homes without working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms usually fail to operate because batteries were defective.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) provides the following guidelines for smoke alarms:

- Test smoke alarms at least once per month using the test button.
- Make sure everyone in the home knows how to respond if an alarm goes off.
- Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.
- Smoke alarms with nonreplaceable (long-life) batteries are designed to remain effective for up to 10 years.
- For smoke alarms with any other type of battery, replace batteries at least once per year.

## Holiday Trash Schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day and on Thursday, Nov. 28-Friday, Nov. 29, for Thanksgiving.

There will be no trash service on Monday, Nov. 11. Monday's refuse will be picked up on Tuesday, Nov. 12, and Tuesday's trash service will be shifted to Wednesday, Nov.

13. Regular service resumes on Thursday, Nov. 14.

There is also no trash service on Thanksgiving or the day after and service will resume on the next regularly scheduled day.

Residents in the recycling pilot areas will have their trash and recycling collected on Friday, Nov. 29.

# Buy Broken Arrow runs Nov. 1-Dec. 8

The annual Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce's Buy Broken Arrow campaign returns Nov. 1-Dec. 8.



During this time, customers will earn one ticket for every \$10 spent at participating businesses. Each ticket is entered into a random drawing for \$10,000, \$3,000 and \$2,000 cash prizes. The drawing will be held Dec. 10.

New this year is the chance to help small Broken Arrow businesses. When you shop, tag #BuyBA along with the small business to give them a chance to win \$250 from the Chamber.

Participating merchants will be listed at [www.buybrokenarrow.net](http://www.buybrokenarrow.net) and on the Buy Broken Arrow Facebook page.

Participating in #BuyBA not only helps local businesses, but it helps the

City as well. Your sales tax dollars pay for critical City services we all depend on. Almost half of the City's total operating revenue comes from sales tax. By state law, all cities in Oklahoma rely primarily on sales tax to pay for city operations.

Because of this, shopping locally is one of the most important things we all can do to support our community.

Core sales-tax funded services the City provides include:

- Police and Fire,
- Streets maintenance,
- Code enforcement and
- Parks.

## Compost pumpkins at The M.e.t.

The M.e.t and Full Sun Composting are partnering to bring awareness to the issue of food waste, by accepting holiday pumpkins at the Broken Arrow depot. Residents can drop off their holiday gourds, squash and pumpkins at the depot, located at 302 N Elm Pl in Broken Arrow, free of charge during the month of November.

Please remove all decorations, such as

candles, plastics or stickers. No fully painted or glittered pumpkins.

Other locations accepting pumpkins include: Sand Springs (105 E. Morrow Rd. Sand Springs, OK 74063), Owasso (499 S. Main St. Owasso, OK 74055) and Central Tulsa (3495 S. Sheridan Rd. Tulsa, OK 74145) and new this year, Bixby (211 N Cabaniss Ave, Bixby, OK 74008).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Ongoing through Jan. 18 — BA Soccer Spring registration** Visit [bascok.com](http://bascok.com) for details.

**Nov. 1 — The Grand Event, A Night for the Museum** 6-10 p.m., Stoney Creek Conference Center, 200 W. Albany St. [BrokenArrowMuseum.org](http://BrokenArrowMuseum.org)

**Nov. 2 — Heart of the Crafter** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 1st United Methodist Activity Building, 112 E. College St.

**Nov. 2 — Bark in the Park** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Ray Harral Nature Center, 7101 S. 3rd St.

**Nov. 5 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Nov. 7 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Nov. 9 — Heart of Broken Arrow Arts & Craft Show** 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

**Nov. 10 — Salute to Veterans** 2 p.m., Kirkland Theater, 808 E. College St.

**Nov. 11 — Veterans Day** City offices closed.

**Nov. 14 — Rose District Lights On** 6 p.m., Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

**Nov. 18 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Nov. 21 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Nov. 28-29 — Thanksgiving holiday.** City offices closed.

**Nov. 29-Dec. 1 — Ruts N Guts** Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St.

**Dec. 3 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

**Dec. 5 — Broken Arrow Wine Walk** 6-10 p.m., Rose District. \$35.

**Dec. 7 — Broken Arrow Civitans Christmas Parade** 10 a.m., Main Street.