

Curbside Recycling Pilot: What's Next?

The Citizens Recycle Committee met twice in August to review the findings of the Curbside Recycling Pilot program, which ran from January-May of this year.

By September, the pilot report and the Citizens Recycle Committee recommendation, will be presented to the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority (BAMA) for consideration and possible action. (BAMA is served by the five City Council members, and its regular meetings immediately follow City Council meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.)

If BAMA approves curbside recycling for Broken Arrow, it could take a year or more to fully implement. This is due to the logistics that would have to be considered for full implementation, including purchasing and distributing carts, training staff, buying or retrofitting garbage trucks with cart loaders and reconfiguring sanitation routes.

Background:

As recommended by the Citizens Recycle Committee, approved and directed by BAMA, the Sanitation Division conducted two concurrent pilot projects to collect data and compare two types of



collection systems. These two pilots provided a platform for the organization to test logistics, prove value, survey participants and reveal deficiencies before spending a significant amount of time, energy or

money on a possible city-wide project. The measuring and collection of data has now concluded for these two pilot projects.

More details are available at www.RecycleBA.com.

Sand volleyball courts at Nienhuis completed

The newest sports facility for the City's Parks and Recreation Department opened in August.

Four sand volleyball courts, situated between the Aquatic Facility and Fire Station No. 6, are ready for residents to set, spike and dig fun new memories. Each court features a set of bleachers as well.

The sand volleyball courts cost \$131,280 and was approved by voters in the 2011 General Obligation Bond.



Jennifer Conway announced as new Chamber president



As of July, Jennifer Conway has taken over as the new president and CEO of the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation.

A Texas native, Conway came to Broken Arrow from New York state where she was the president and CEO of the Greater Binghamton Chamber of Commerce. She earned her master's and bachelor's degrees from Syracuse University.

Conway is passionate about advocating for the economic vibrancy of the communities she serves. Conway and her husband, Ryan, have two young children,

McKenzie and Ian.

"Broken Arrow is a perfect fit for me and my family. The minute I met the community leadership, board members and staff I knew I was home," she said. "The leadership has placed Broken Arrow on the right path, and I am honored to be selected to be a part of building Broken Arrow's next phase of growth. Oklahoma is an incredible state that is business friendly, making it the perfect place to bring new business and help existing business grow by building programs and opportunities that address their greatest needs such as workforce, education and capital."

BAPD hosts Night Out on Crime October 26

The Broken Arrow Police Department will host its Night Out on Crime on Saturday, Oct. 26, in the Rose District. The goals of this event are to:

- Heighten crime prevention and drug prevention awareness.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police and community partnerships.

The community party in Broken Arrow runs 6-8 p.m. on Oct. 26. BAPD and

numerous public service agencies will be available.

The Night Out Against Crime Event will have jump houses; free hot dogs and ice cream (while supplies last); BAPD's Special Operations Team, bike patrol, communications, animal control, K-9, crime scene investigator, and Traffic Unit; over 70 organizations handing out candy and a costume contest, hosted by First National Bank.



Halloween curfew and safety tips

The City of Broken Arrow does not specify a date for trick-or-treating.

Since Halloween this year falls on a Thursday that means the curfew begins at 11 p.m. for individuals under 18 years of age. This is the standard Sunday through Thursday curfew. Children accompanied by a parent or guardian are not in violation of the ordinance.

To stay safe while trick-or-treating, follow these tips

from Safe Kids Worldwide:

- Trick or treat with an adult.
- Stick to familiar areas that are well lit.
- Cross the street at corners and crosswalks and look both ways before crossing.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and choose light colors.
- Avoid masks if possible; they can obstruct vision.
- Make sure costumes fit well to prevent trips and falls.

Rose District Farmers Market season ending

The Rose District Farmers Market's season is coming to an end.

The Market will be open 8 a.m.-noon every Saturday through Oct. 26, weather permitting.

Produce available this time of the year includes: apples, carrots, green beans, cut herbs, okra, pears, peppers, squash, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, watermelon and more!

Visit the Market at the Rose District Pavilion to find fresh options and locally-made products.



Free dump day information

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the City's annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, Oct. 26, 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 or contact the landfill at 918-439-7835.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing through October — Rose District Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

Oct. 1 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 5-6 — Name Your Game Expo Stoney Creek Conference Center, 100 W. Albany St. Visit NYGExpo.com for details.

Oct. 7 — Community Blood Drive Noon-6 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

Oct. 10 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 12 — Conservation Fair 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Ray Herral Nature Center, 7101 S. 3rd St.

Oct. 12 — Cool Grilles Car Show 10

a.m.-5 p.m., Rose District.

Oct. 15 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 24 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 26 — Free Dump Day 7 a.m.-4 p.m. See related story for details.

Oct. 26 — Hmong New Year 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. \$5 per person. Free for children under 5 and adults over 65.

Oct. 26 — Arts and Crafts Benefit Bazaar 9 a.m.-4 p.m., St. Stephen's United Methodist Church, 400 W. New Orleans St.

Oct. 26 — BAPD's Night Out on Crime 6-8 p.m., Rose District. See related story.

Nov. 1 — The Grand Event, A Night

for the Museum 6-10 p.m., Stoney Creek Conference Center, 200 W. Albany St. BrokenArrowMuseum.org

Nov. 2 — Heart of the Crafter 9 a.m.-3 p.m., 1st United Methodist Activity Building, 112 E. College 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. 11 — Veterans Day City offices closed.

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