

## Scotfest celebrates 40th anniversary Sept. 13-15

Scotfest returns to Broken Arrow's Events Park Sept. 13-15 to celebrate its 40th year.

After many years in Tulsa, Oklahoma's flagship Celtic Music Festival and Highland Games made a new home in Broken Arrow last year. Come enjoy the sounds of flame throwing bagpipes and guitars, drums and fiddles and the hurling of giant cabers, Highland dance and more at the Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St., just east of the Northeastern State University and the Creek Turnpike.

The festival will be open 5-11 p.m. Friday, Sept. 13; 9 a.m.-11 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 14; and 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday Sept. 15.



Photo courtesy of Scotfest

Tickets are available at [OKScotfest.com](http://OKScotfest.com) or can be purchased at the gate. Admission is free for

children 6 and under.

Parking for Scotfest will be at NSU-Broken Arrow.

Shuttles will run throughout the event to carry visitors from NSU to the festival gate.

For music lineups and complete event scheduling, visit Scotfest's website at [OKScotfest.com](http://OKScotfest.com).

## Fire Department welcomes 7 new firefighters, 2 new ladder trucks

The Broken Arrow Fire Department welcomed seven new firefighters during a graduation ceremony for Fire Academy 219 in June. The new firefighters filled positions that were open as a result of retirements that have occurred over the last year.

The cadets went through four months of training with BAFD and are now serving the residents of Broken Arrow.

The seven new firefighters are Garret Blocker, Tyler DeSmet, Dylan Delso, Bryan Jeffus, Chris Rivera, Eric Schraeder and Jacob Tidwell.

Also in June, BAFD placed two new fire apparatus into service with a traditional washing in ceremony at Station 6.

A washing in ceremony involves firefighters (and citizens) wetting the new trucks and pushing them into the station. This tradition dates back to the 1880s when horse-pulled pumpers



were the fire apparatus of the day. When the horses and pumpers returned to a station from a fire, both would be backed into the station, washed down and readied for the next emergency.

BAFD's two new \$1 million ladder trucks replace older trucks at Stations 2 (near Aspen Avenue and the Creek Turnpike) and 6 (near Nienhuis Park). One truck was funded by General

Obligation (GO) Bond funds and the other with Sales Tax Capital Improvement (STCI) funds.

Ladder 6 replaces an 11-year-old ladder truck that will be placed into reserve service. The current Ladder 2 is 10 years old and will move to Station 1 (at Kenosha and Main Streets) to replace the 24-year-old Ladder 1.

# Paws on Patrol keeps community safe

The next Broken Arrow Police Department Paws on Patrol, a dog walker watch program, will be held at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the Public Safety Complex, 1101 N. 6th St.

The program is a community awareness and crime prevention program you can take part in while walking your dog. BAPD invites residents to join and assist the department as an extra set of eyes in the

community. This training is for humans only and you do not need a dog to participate.

Dog Walker Watch is an awareness program sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch. This program is designed for neighbors who are familiar with their community and are out in the neighborhood on a regular basis, with or without a dog. Unlike a

community watch program, Dog Walker Watch requires no commitment beyond an individual's regular routine of a daily walk.

BAPD's Crime Prevention Unit will host a free training session for those interested in joining:

- The training sessions provide residents with the skills and abilities needed to become more aware of their surroundings and learn when to report

suspicious activity.

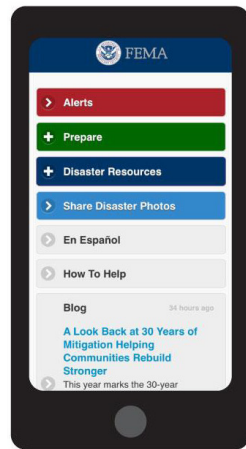
- Representatives from the Broken Arrow Animal Shelter will be on hand to renew dog/cat registration (current shot records required).

To learn more about the BAPD Paws on Patrol/Dog Walker Watch program, please contact Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist, and Community Liaison at 918-451-8213 or at [lford@brokenarrowok.gov](mailto:lford@brokenarrowok.gov).

## Renew intrusion alarm, pet permits by Sept. 30

Reminder: Sept. 30 is the renewal deadline for intrusion alarm permits and pet permits. Both forms must be submitted in person or mailed to Community Permitting and Licensing at City Hall, 220 South 1st St. Intrusion alarm forms can be found online at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/ALARMPERMIT](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/ALARMPERMIT).

Download a pet registration form at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/PETLICENSE](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/PETLICENSE).



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*Another great resource is the FEMA app, available on both Apple and Android devices. Learn more at [fema.gov/mobile-app](http://fema.gov/mobile-app).*

## September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is an annual reminder that natural and man-made disasters can strike at any time. Having a planned response when you're at home, work or on the road can make all the difference in an emergency.

Many federal agencies, like FEMA, Ready.gov or the National Weather Service, are valuable resources for emergency preparedness. State and local agencies, like the Department of Emergency Management, also have valuable information

regarding risks around Broken Arrow.

When you face an emergency, stay informed through radio, TV or the Internet. In some cases, service disruption may make communication nearly impossible.

The National Safety Council recommends the following general precautions that apply to many disaster situations:

- Have a family communication plan. Review and practice it regularly;

- Write down or memorize all important phone numbers;
- Have an emergency kit in your car and at least three days of food, water and other vital supplies at home;
- Store important documents, like birth certificates or insurance policies, in a fire-proof safe or safety deposit box;
- Learn first aid and CPR; and
- Know how to shut off utilities.

For more tips on preparing for a variety of disasters, visit [Ready.gov](http://Ready.gov).

## Holiday Trash Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 2, for Labor Day.

There will be no trash service that day. Monday's trash will be picked up Tuesday and Tuesday's trash will be picked up Wednesday. Regular service resumes Thursday, Sept. 5.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Ongoing through September — BA Soccer Club Fall Registration** For ages 3-18. Games begin Sept. 7. Visit [www.bascok.com](http://www.bascok.com) for details.

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

**Sept. 2 — Labor Day** City offices closed.

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

**Sept. 7 — Night at the Museum** 6:30-9:30 p.m., Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

**Sept. 11 — Paws on Patrol** 7 p.m., Public Safety Complex, 1101 N. 6th St. See related story.

**Sept. 12 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Sept. 13-15 — Scotfest** Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. Visit [okscotfest.com](http://okscotfest.com) for details.

**Sept. 17 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**Sept. 21 — Fall Fun Fair** 1-3 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

**Sept. 22 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course** Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad) for details.

**Sept. 26 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First 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](http://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.