

Vehicle traffic lanes
 Left turn lane
 Bicycle lanes

Main Street Bikeway rolls along

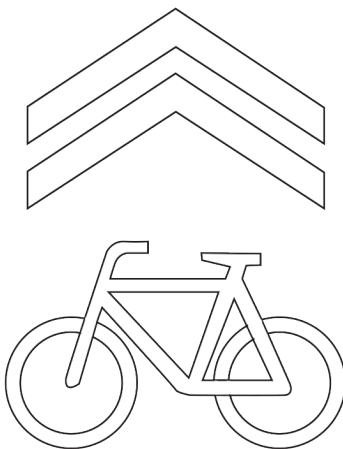
In December, the City Council received an update on the plans for the Main Street Bikeway, which is being administered through the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

The Bikeway would run north from Washington (91st) Street to Fort Worth Street. There, the bike path will turn east for one block and continue north on First Street to Midway Street. The path again heads east at Midway and turns back north on Fourth Street before connecting to Kenosha (71st) Street.

A connection from the south end of the path to Arrowhead Park is also planned.

The bike path would bring traffic on Main Street between Washington and Houston (81st) Streets from four lanes down to three lanes — one in either direction, plus a center turn lane — with the bike lanes on the outside in each direction.

South of Houston, angled parking spots along Main Street could be converted to back-in parking instead of pull-in. This is a safety measure so drivers pulling out of these streetside parking spots could easily see a cyclist coming in the bike lane.



No major construction will need to be done to complete the Bikeway; only signage and repainting lanes. The separate bike lanes will likely be painted green in accordance with current nationwide trends. Where bicycles and vehicles will share the road, shared lane markings, referred to as “sharrows,” would be painted on the street.

No action has been taken by the City Council as the plans are not yet final, though the plans have been presented to the Traffic Advisory Committee.

The City will hold a public meeting in the spring to gather input from residents about the bikeway. Work on the bikeway is planned to begin this summer.

2018 GO Bond What's next?

After the three public input meetings the City held in February, City administrators collected and are reviewing comments from residents. Using the feedback, the project list will be prioritized so that the bond package can be pared down to around \$210 million.

Once that is done, administrators will submit the reduced package to the City Council for review. The Council will likely decide to finalize the package in April or May to present to voters for the Aug. 28 election.

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. At 50 gallons per day, residential Europeans use about half of the water that residential Americans use.
- The average faucet flows at a rate of two gallons per minute. You can save up to four gallons of water every morning 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 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.

“Saving water and energy doesn't just help the environment, it helps keep money in your bank account too. That's why I encourage everyone to take this pledge,” said Mayor Thurmond. “We're all in this together.”

Be a part of the Mayor's Challenge and make a pledge between April 1-30 to reduce your water consumption at BrokenArrowOK.gov/waterpledge. Residents of winning cities who take the pledge, can also win great prizes.

Free Dump Day April 21

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the City's annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, April 21 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

Utility payment box at City Hall moved

The utility payment drop box located at City Hall was recently moved to the parking lot south of the building, across Dallas Street from the Utility office.

BAPS offering free GED prep classes

Broken Arrow Public Schools (BAPS) is making it simple for adults to earn their high school equivalency diploma (GED or HSE) through free preparation courses.

These courses, offered in partnership with Union Public Schools, take place at BAPS' Option Academy every Tuesday and Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m.

Anyone interested may enroll at the Options Academy every Tuesday at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact the Options Academy at 918-505-5270 or visit www.unionalc.com.

Rose District Farmers Market returns

The 2018 Rose District Farmers Market returns to the Rose District Pavilion, 418 S. Main St. The new season kicks off on Saturday, April 7.

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.

Helping Hands aid needy with code violations

Broken Arrow Helping Hands is designed to assist citizens with maintaining properties that have existing Broken Arrow municipal code violations.

Organized by Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful, the volunteer program establishes partnerships with local businesses, churches, non-profits and individuals to provide volunteer assistance to those citizens who, due to circumstances beyond their control, cannot accomplish basic property maintenance activities. This program helps needy individuals who would benefit from temporary assistance.

Specific criteria must apply to be considered for assistance, and information is included with all initial code letters.

Applicants must demonstrate one of the following to qualify:

1. Physical limitation or medical hardship
2. Financial hardship
3. Active military spouse (deployed or TDY, with proof of

- deployment)
4. Family hardships (such as death in the family or illness)

Volunteers must sign a waiver with the City, pass a background check

and may be interviewed by the City prior to participation.

For more information about Helping Hands, visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/HelpingHands.



WE NEED YOUR HELP

Planned Rose District Center for Arts, Innovation and Creativity

Deadline for this project is fast approaching and your help is needed!

Visit baarts.org/creative-arts-center for more info

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

March 30 — Good Friday City offices closed. There will be no trash pickup that day.

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

April 7 — Rose District Farmers Market opens 8 a.m.-noon, Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St. Every Saturday through October.

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

April 14 — BA Spring Clean 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Ray Harral Nature Park. Get a team together and help clean up Ray Harral Nature Park!

April 15 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chisholm Trail South Park. Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad for details.

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

April 21 — Free Dump Day (see related story)

April 21 — Keep Broken Arrow Beautiful's Annual

Trash Bash 8 a.m.-noon. Gather at Central Park.

April 26 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

April 27 — 28th Annual Senior Health and Resource Fair 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

April 27-28 — Folds of Honor Freedom Rally Chisholm Trail South Events Park. Visit foh.org/freedomrally for details.

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

May 5 — 5th Annual Rose Festival 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Rose District Plaza.

May 5 — Mom & Me Hike 1-3:30 p.m., Ray Harral Nature Park. \$5 per person.

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

May 10-13 — Rooster Days Central Park.