

NEXT STEPS

Build Our Future BA general obligation bond renewal

Hundreds of residents attended public meetings held at South BA Baptist Church, Battle Creek and Forest Ridge Golf Clubs in late February, to help shape the 2018 General Obligation (GO) Bond renewal package. The City of Broken Arrow held another public meeting in April for residents to view the pre-final bond package. Attendees discussed projects that are most important to them, as well as projects they didn't feel were as urgent.

City staff recorded the comments provided by meeting goers, and the report can be read at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/bondfeedback.

This process of gathering community input will help staff reduce the approximately \$285 million proposed package to around \$211 million to keep the ad valorem rates level. The City of Broken Arrow, like all municipalities in Oklahoma, receives a portion of property taxes to pay the interest and principle on GO bonds. The City's current mill levy is 16.46 mills for GO bond debt. Maintaining that same rate through the retirement of existing debt, the City anticipates issuing the \$210 million bond program over 10 years and completing the projects in 12 years. The City Council is committed to approving a bond package that will **NOT** raise taxes.

Voters will decide on the bond package on Aug. 28, 2018. If the City Council approves a \$211 million bond program, this will be the largest bond issue voters will have considered for local government in the history of Broken Arrow. It includes millions of dollars for our streets, stormwater, public facilities, public safety and quality of life projects.

A total of 95 projects remain on the pre-final list, including:

- Widen Houston (81st) Street from Garnett Road to Aspen (145th) Avenue
- Widen 23rd Street (County Line Road) from Omaha (51st) Street to Albany (61st) Street

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- Improve intersections at 9th Street (Lynn Lane)
- Improve drainage in neighborhoods
- Construct Fire Station No. 7 and new apparatus
- Construct meeting center for veterans
- Construct Senior Citizen Center annex facility
- And more

"There were some very difficult decisions to make to reduce the proposed project list," said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. "Without a doubt, every project on that preliminary list deserved to be on there because the investments made to infrastructure have a direct effect on the economy and quality of life in our community. Thanks to the feedback we received, both at the public meetings and by residents directly contacting the City and the Council, we were able to identify many projects that are a major priority for the people that live in Broken Arrow."

The City of Broken Arrow has a long history of promises kept and being good stewards of funding for projects. Renewing the Broken Arrow GO Bond means citizens will benefit from these new projects such as streets, public safety, and parks – with no tax increase.

Broken Arrow continues to grow in both population and businesses. As the City continues to add families and employers, it is critical to aggressively pursue long-term projects to ensure the City's infrastructure is able to meet the needs of both.

Follow the bond renewal process and view important documents at www.BuildOurFutureBA.com.

Be a part of Broken Arrow's future at BrokenArrowNext.com

The City of Broken Arrow is currently creating a new comprehensive plan — Broken Arrow Next. This plan will be an aspirational and strategic policy document that helps guide the City's future development pattern and further enhance quality of life over the next 20 years.

The last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1997, and Broken Arrow

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has seen significant growth since with an estimated population of 112,000 — making it Oklahoma's fourth largest City.

Residents are highly encouraged to follow the process and be a part of it as well. A Broken Arrow Next kick-off public meeting was held in late March and there will be many more public meetings to come.

Stay informed with everything happening during this process by visiting BrokenArrowNext.com. You can sign up to receive project updates and meeting notifications as well!

Mosquito control begins with prevention

It's important to protect your family from mosquito-borne illnesses. The best way to control the mosquito population in Broken Arrow is by not allowing them to breed in the first place. It's also important to protect yourself against mosquito bites, by wearing long sleeves and pants when possible and using mosquito repellent containing DEET when outside.

- Prevent items such as buckets and tarps from holding standing water.
- Empty your outdoor pet's water bowl and refill daily.
- Rinse, scrub, and refill birdbaths weekly.
- Empty plastic wading pools weekly and store indoors when not in use.
- Regularly maintain swimming pools and outdoor hot tubs.
- Empty water from the pool and hot tub covers weekly.

- Store boats covered or upside down.
- Regularly check for clogged rain gutters and clean them if needed.
- Repair leaky lawn irrigation spouts.

To request mosquito spraying:

Due to federal regulations, the City must first prove there is a mosquito problem before crews can treat the requested area. Information is collected on a weekly basis from permanent trapping sites, and that data helps determine whether treatment is warranted.

You can report a mosquito problem online at www.ActionCenterBA.com, or use the City's Action Center app (search for "Action Center Broken Arrow" in your app store) or call the Action Center at 918-258-3587.



Tuesdays in the Park

Join ARTSOK, the Regional Arts Alliance of Broken Arrow, for its Tuesdays in the Park concert series! Every Tuesday in June at 7 p.m., bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music in a beautiful outdoor setting at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

June City Council meetings will be held on Mondays due to these events.

- June 5 — Starlight Jazz Orchestra**
- June 12 — Zodiac**
- June 19 — Retro Rockets**
- June 26 — Weston Horn and the Hush**

Download the Action Center BA App

You can report potholes and other issues to the City from your smartphone! Take photos of the problem and get updates when the item has been logged, assigned to a staff member and completed. The application can be accessed online via a mobile device or a computer.

Report non-emergency issues today by downloading the mobile app for Android and iOS devices.

Available at ActionCenterBA.com.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing through mid-July — Broken Arrow Soccer Club Fall Registration Open for boys and girls ages 3-18. Visit www.bascok.com for details.

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

May 28 — Memorial Day City offices closed. No trash service.

June 1-2 — Folk Arts and Woodcarving Festival 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

June 3 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Advanced Course Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad

June 4 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 5-26 — Tuesdays in the Park Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

June 9 — Taste of Summer 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. www.tasteofsummerba.com

June 14 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

June 28 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

July 1 — Rockets Over Rhema Fireworks at 10 p.m., Rhema Bible College, 1025 W Kenosha St. www.rocketsoverrhema.com.

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

July 4 — City offices closed. No trash service.

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

FOCUS on the Parks and Recreation Department

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DIRECTOR PROFILE



Scott Esmond

Scott Esmond has been with the City of Broken Arrow for 20 years.

Prior to joining the City, Scott worked for the City of Tulsa's Parks and Recreation department for 12 years. He also worked at LaFortune Golf Course after college and began his career in parks and recreation as a seasonal worker at the age of 16.

He holds a Bachelor's degree from OSU and a Master's from OU. Scott is a past president of the Oklahoma Turfgrass Research Foundation and the Oklahoma Recreation & Parks Society.

He has been married 33 years and has two adult sons and two dogs.



About the department

The Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Department's mission is to

- Provide quality parks and recreation facilities and programming throughout the community;
- Bring visitors to the City by offering attractive events and facilities; and
- Beautify the City.

To accomplish this, the Parks Department employs 43 full-time, eight part-time and 83 seasonal employees. The majority of full-time employees work to maintain the City's Parks and the Rose District. Other staff members include the recreation center staff at Central and Nienhuis Parks and the Ray Herral Nature Center, event coordinators and the Farmers Market Coordinator.

One of the goals of the Parks staff is to promote health, peace of mind and a high quality of life. While Parks facilities are determined by the department's master plan, the staff determines what programs are offered. These programs include physical activities and arts

activities of all types. The department works with community partners to promote sports leagues, the senior center and various cultural activities.

The Parks Department's Maintenance Division is a large part of what makes Broken Arrow a beautiful city. The staff plants hundreds of trees each year at various parks and in the City's rights of way. They are also tasked with maintaining the highly-recognized Rose District, which was recently named one of the "Most Charming Main Streets" in the country by USA Today.

Other honors for the Parks Department include

- 18 years as a Tree City USA
- Ray Herral Nature Center named a Top 100 Thing Every Tulsan Needs to Do by the Tulsa World
- Arrowhead Park named Complex of the Year by USA Softball in 2014
- Indian Springs Sports Complex named Best Sports Center in Oklahoma by Best Things Oklahoma in 2017.

FAQs

Can I rent parks facilities?

YES! The Parks and Recreation Department has numerous facilities available to rent. From pavilions at neighborhood parks to meeting rooms at the community centers and nature center, there is an option for almost any type of event. To find out more or rent a facility, visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/RentAFacility.

How can I find my nearest Park?

The City has an easy-to-use parks locator tool to help. Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/Parks to begin using the tool. Using the locator, you can search for parks by distance from your location or by activities and amenities offered. Once a park is found, you can send directions to a mobile device or share the information on social media.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan



Originally created in 2008, the Parks and Recreation Department's Master Plan is the first true parks master plan developed for Broken Arrow. This comprehensive plan was developed to guide the department through 2025.

This document guides the department in identifying locations for facilities based on current inventory and population growth. It also helps establish policies and fees for services. The master plan has been instrumental in designing the City's trail system.

The City of Broken Arrow has changed so much since the plan was first created. Because of that growth and expansion, the Parks and Recreation Department will utilize the City's Broken Arrow Next Comprehensive Plan currently under development to update the Parks master plan.

Resident input is vital in this process. Please visit BrokenArrowNext.com and sign up for alerts about how to become involved in the process.

Did you know?

Adult softball league is a hidden gem

The Broken Arrow Adult Softball League aims to get adults involved in softball to keep them active. Both recreational and competitive leagues are available for adults to participate in.

The leagues currently play at Indian Springs Sports Complex. Thanks to Broken Arrow voters' approval of the 2014 general obligation (GO) bonds, a dedicated adult softball complex is planned for the Events Park near NSU-Broken Arrow.

To find out more about the league, visit BAAdultSoftball.com.

Special events make BA a fun place to be

Rooster Days, Rockets Over Rhema, Tuesdays in the Park, ShamROCK the Rose. These are just a few of the popular events Broken Arrow hosts each year. Special events create wonderful memories and provide the bonding every community needs for economic and neighborhood growth.

To make sure each event runs smoothly, the Special Events Division is here to help. The Community Events Manager and Events Assistant provide guidance to event planners, with the help of the Special Events Committee. Together, these team members steer organizers through the logistics of hosting their event — everything from assisting with the permit process and coordinating with City departments to helping organize setup.

Events Park

Broken Arrow's Events Park at New Orleans Street and the Creek Turnpike has become an attractive location for large events in the Tulsa area, such as the Gatesway Balloon Festival and Cox Community Concert. We look forward to hosting ScotFest, a long-running festival that is relocating to Broken Arrow's Events Park this September. The Events Park is free for the public to use when no event is planned. Learn how to book your event at BrokenArrowOK.gov/SpecialEvents.

Farmers Market

The Farmers Market Coordinator is responsible for organizing the Rose District Farmers Market. This includes keeping the market full of Oklahoma products. The market has a health-focused outlook, which includes healthy eating and cooking classes, but maintains a festival atmosphere. The 2018 Farmers Market is open every Saturday morning through October at 418 S. Main. Follow them on Facebook for the latest seasonal offerings.



Battle Creek offers more than just golf

Many people in the area don't realize Battle Creek Golf Course is owned by the City of Broken Arrow. Opened in 1997, the 18-hole course offers 7,237 yards of golf from the longest tees for a par of 72.

Managed by Greenway Golf, Battle Creeks also features a practice facility, clubhouse with bar and grill, pro shop and a banquet facility. Battle Creek also recently acquired new golf carts with GPS capabilities.

Although the course is open to anyone, memberships are available for avid golfers. Several groups use the course regularly, including a weekly senior group, and both Broken Arrow and Union's golf

teams practice at Battle Creek. The upscale public course also hosts numerous corporate and charity tournaments each year.

Complete with a catering kitchen, the banquet hall at Battle Creek is available year round for wedding receptions, reunions, meetings and other functions.

The Greenway Golf staff is there to serve and are happy to help golfers have fun and make sure events take place without a hitch.

Find out more about Battle Creek's amenities, rates and banquet hall by visiting BattleCreekGolf.net or call 918-355-4850.



Beautifying Broken Arrow

The Horticulture Division of the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for the care of all the plants in Broken Arrow's parks and along many of the City's rights of way. This group is also heavily involved on a daily basis with keeping the Rose District clean and attractive.

Thousands of trees are planted each year in the City by Parks staff, including an annual Arbor Day celebration which includes area schoolchildren to teach about the

importance of trees.

In the Rose District, Parks staff arrive early in the morning before many residents come to the area to pick up litter, empty trash cans, maintain the flower beds and shrubbery and work on any issues with lighting or sound equipment. Parks staff also maintains the interactive water feature near the Rose District Pavilion. Many people work behind the scenes to make the Rose District look pristine every day.

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- Nienhuis Park
- Ray Harral Nature Center
- BA Farmers Market