

## YOUR BOND DOLLARS AT WORK

# Stormwater management protects all

*A message from Assistant City Manager for Operations Kenneth Schwab*

Stormwater isn't something most people think about, but dealing with it is a very important part of maintaining the City's infrastructure. Without proper management programs in place, homes and roadways would be routinely flooded by even light rains. Broken Arrow receives about an average of 40 inches of rainfall each year. Accounting for the City's more than 50 square miles, that's a lot of stormwater to manage.

Over the past several years, the City of Broken Arrow has taken on several projects to improve stormwater management all over the City.

In 2011, voters approved a general obligation (GO) bond package for \$2.3 million in stormwater improvements. Completed projects from that bond include:

- Bridge replacement over School Creek on Kenosha (71st) Street,
- Detention pond improvements for Fairway Park and 37th Street,
- Drainage improvements in Country Aire Estates and Stacey Lynn, and
- Master Drainage Plan for the Broken Arrow Creek watershed.

Three remaining projects paid for by the 2011 bond will be completed this year. That includes:

- Turnberry Detention Pond improvements,
- Eagle Creek storm sewer improvements, and
- Eagle Creek culvert upgrades along Omaha (51st) Street.

In 2014, voters again approved \$3.7 million in GO bonds for stormwater projects. Several of the drainage improvement projects approved in 2014 have already been completed, including:

- New Orleans (101st) Street and Garnett Road,
- 23rd (County Line) and 151st Streets,
- Shreveport Street and Aspen (145th East) Avenue,
- Tucson (121st) and 9th (Lynn Lane) Streets, and
- 23rd and Washington (91st) Streets.

2014 GO bond projects still under design or in construction include:

- Stoneridge and Elm Stormwater Diversion System (near Elm Place and the Broken Arrow Expressway),
- 37th Street Regional Detention Facility (Adams Creek watershed between Omaha (51st) and Albany (61st) Streets), and
- Albany drainage improvements between 9th and 23rd Streets.

These projects help control runoff and make roads over creeks safer, but there is still plenty of work to do.

This August, the City will hold an election for a new set of GO Bond projects for the next several years.

While the final 2018 list has not been decided as of this writing, the proposed stormwater projects will further increase the flood protection for Broken Arrow homes, property, roads and the livelihoods of residents.

## 2018 GO Bond public meetings

The City of Broken Arrow will host a series of public meetings regarding the upcoming general obligation (GO) bond project list. These meetings are intended to inform and gather feedback from residents about the projects under consideration.

The meeting dates and locations are:

- **Thursday, Feb. 22**  
South Broken Arrow Baptist Church, 7815 S. Elm Pl.;
- **Monday, Feb. 26**  
Battle Creek, 3200 N. Battle Creek Dr.; and
- **Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
Forest Ridge, 7501 E. Kenosha St.

All three meetings will be at 6 p.m.

## FORE!



*Did you know Battle Creek is owned by the City of Broken Arrow? Managed and maintained by Greenway Golf, Battle Creek features an 18-hole, par 72 course; practice facility and banquet hall with catering kitchen available for weddings and other celebrations. Visit [BattleCreekGolf.net](http://BattleCreekGolf.net) for more information.*

# Register for free motorcycle safety training

Motorcycles are inexpensive to operate, fun to ride and easy to park. Unfortunately, many riders never learn the critical skills needed to ride safely. Motorcycling requires skill, concentration and reasonable precautions. Although it is possible to ride a motorcycle without training, the trial-and-error method is a tough teacher of motorcycle skills.



know what it takes to stay safe on a motorcycle. By attending this course, riders will learn effective turning, obstacle avoidance, braking and more.

The 2018 “Share the Road” courses will be held on the following Sundays: March 18, April 15, June 3, Sept. 9 and Sept. 30.

The Share the Road course is designed to teach experienced riders how to survive riding on our roadways. It’s taught by seasoned police motorcycle officers who

All currently scheduled classes will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Chisholm Trail South Park, 21101 E. 101st St. in Broken Arrow. To register, go to [BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad), or call 918-259-2400 ext. 8692.

## 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 closed out. 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](http://ActionCenterBA.com).



## Seasonal positions coming soon

Applications will soon be available for seasonal summer positions. Lead lifeguards, lifeguards, concession workers, cashiers, grounds and horticulture crew members will be needed.

Lifeguards must obtain certification prior to employment, so those interested should begin looking for certification classes now. The Parks Department will offer some classes in May. Details coming soon!

## Storm siren testing resumes in March

The City of Broken Arrow’s outdoor warning sirens are tested at noon on the first Wednesday of the month during storm season — March through September.

The sirens will only be tested if there are no overcast skies or storms in the area.

Should the weather not permit testing on the first Wednesday of the month, testing will be done the following Wednesday.

## Attend the 2018 HOA Workshop

The 2018 Broken Arrow Homeowners Association Workshop is a great place to get helpful tips and resources for property owners, renters and those wanting information on owning a home within an HOA. Learn all you need to know about getting your neighborhood started or being the best neighborhood you can be!

Join the casual roundtable discussion after the sessions to discuss topics tailored to those attending and get to know your “neighbors.” This is a great opportunity to network! Topics taught in previous years include:

- Legal and Operation issues for Homeowners Associations
- Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments)
- Animal Control
- Building Permits

- Planning and Development
- Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood Beautification
- Stormwater Management and Low Impact Development (LID) Certification for Neighborhoods
- HOA Insurance
- Recycling
- Representatives from various City departments will also be available to answer your questions.

The free workshop will be held from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 3 in the Stoney Creek Conference Center ballroom, 200 W. Albany St. Light refreshments will be available. Attendees will also be eligible to win a weather radio and other door prizes. The event is free and open to the public. To register, visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/HOA](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/HOA).

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- March 3 — Annual HOA Workshop** 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Stoney Creek Conference Center, 200 W. Albany St. See related story for details.
- March 6 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- March 8 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- March 10 — ShamRock the Rose Street Festival** 4-10 p.m., The Rose District
- March 18 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chisholm Trail South Park. Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad) for details.
- March 20 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- March 22 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall

- Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- March 24-25 — Household Pollutant Drop-off** 8 a.m.-2 p.m., 4502 S. Galveston, Tulsa
- 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 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 Herral Nature Park. Get a team together and help clean up Ray Herral Nature Park!
- April 15 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course** 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Chisholm Trail South Park. Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad) for details.