

Broken Arrow welcomes Scotfest to Events Park in September

After many years in Tulsa, Scotfest will move to a new home in 2018 at Broken Arrow's Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St., just east of the Northeastern State University and the Creek Turnpike. The 39th annual Celtic Music Festival & Highland Games begins at 5 p.m., Sept. 14, with the sounds of flame throwing bagpipes and guitars, drums and fiddles and the hurling of giant cabers, Highland dance and more for the whole family to enjoy.

After a record breaking 2017, festival organizers recognized that one of the area's largest and longest running festivals was in need of room to grow. The event has seen significant expansion over the last decade growing from around 3,000 guests yearly to over 25,000 in 2017.

Many World Records have been earned and a plethora of Folk and Celtic rock bands have come to Northeast Oklahoma. Scotfest has showcased dozens of Pipe Bands, Highland and Irish dance troupes, and over 300 world-class athletes in the annual Highland Games.

This year Scotfest will also host the 2018 Women's Highland Games World Championships — the premier event for women's highland athletics.

"The best of the best will come to Broken Arrow," said Steve Campbell, executive director of Scotfest. "The



World Championship and All-American series will mean more drama and new world records being set. It should also bring even more fun for our spectators."

A first for Oklahoma, hosting world championship highland athletics is the crown jewel of the competition season for female competitors.

More than 160 of the world's best highland games athletes will descend on Broken Arrow. They will compete in eight individual events, like the hammer throw and the iconic caber toss, over the weekend.

Scotfest runs Sept. 14-16, with tickets available online at okScotfest.com.



Photos courtesy of SCOTFEST

Labor Day trash schedule

There will be no trash service on Monday, Sept. 3. Monday's refuse will be picked up on Tuesday, Sept. 4, and Tuesday's trash service will be shifted to Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Regular service resumes on Thursday, Sept. 6.

New streets and stormwater director hired

Robert "Rocky" Henkel began serving as the City's new Streets and Stormwater Director in May. This position is responsible for operating, maintaining and upgrading the City's street and stormwater infrastructure.

A native of the Omaha, Neb., area Henkel began his career as a land surveyor with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. He now has 20 years of experience in public works at the local and state government level. Prior to

joining the City of Broken Arrow, Henkel worked for the City of Omaha where he administered federal aid transportation projects along with resurfacing and maintenance contracts. He has also served as the street superintendent for both La Vista, Neb., and Norman, Okla.



Henkel holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Nebraska at Omaha and is an active member of the Oklahoma Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

Pets in Public: Leashes and Clean-up Required

The Parks and Recreation Department has received many complaints from residents regarding pets in parks not being leashed, along with pet owners not picking up pet waste.

Except when in a play yard at the Rose West Dog Park, the City requires that dogs are to be on a leash in public parks and on public property. Dogs are not permitted at events with 1,000 or more people in attendance. These rules do not apply to police dogs or service dogs. Pet owners also violate park rules when they do not pick up their pets' excrement in parks. Please remember to clean-up after your pet when you visit public spaces. Thank you for your cooperation!

Sept. 30 is Renewal Deadline for Intrusion Alarm, Pet Permits

Reminder: Sept. 30 is the renewal deadline for intrusion alarm permits and pet permits. Both forms must be submitted in person or mailed to the One-Stop Center at City Hall, 220 South First Street.

Intrusion alarm forms can be found online at BrokenArrowOK.gov/ALARMPERMIT. Download a pet registration form at BrokenArrowOK.gov/PETLICENSE.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

September 3 — Labor Day City Offices closed. No Trash service.

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

September 9 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad for details.

September 13 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

September 14-16 — SCOTFEST Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. Tickets at okscotfest.com.

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

September 27 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

September 29 — Fall Fun Fair 1-3 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

September 30 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad for details.

October 2 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

October 4-5 — Senior Pickleball Tournament (50 & Up) \$20/person. Register at Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St. 918-259-8437

October 11 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.



WalletHub names BA best for first time home buyers

In July, personal finance website WalletHub again named Broken Arrow the Best City for First-Time Home Buyers. Broken Arrow also received this honor in 2014.

To make its list, WalletHub compared 300 cities of varying sizes across 27 key indicators of market attractiveness, affordability and quality of life. Their data set ranged from cost of living to real-estate taxes to property-crime rate. Each metric was graded on a 100-point scale, with a score of 100 representing the most favorable conditions for first-time home buyers. Finally, each city's weighted average across all metrics was determined to calculate its overall score, which was used to rank each city.

"It's no surprise to me that Broken Arrow is the best city for first time home owners in the U.S. Your money goes farther here, meaning you can purchase a higher value home than you could in other parts of the country," said Mayor Craig Thurmond. "Broken Arrow has a low crime rate, excellent schools, high-paying jobs in and near the City and

a wide variety of recreational and cultural amenities making Broken Arrow an attractive place for people to buy their first house."

"Broken Arrow is an amazing place to live and work, and this recognition is just another in a long list that proves that point," said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. "Just this year, Broken Arrow was named the Most Livable Small City in the U.S. by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, Business Insider's ninth Lowest Crime City and our Rose District was named USA Today's top Most Charming Main Street in Oklahoma. Great things keep happening in Broken Arrow, and we know people will keep coming here to find out why."

According to real estate database Zillow, the current median home value in Broken Arrow is \$161,700 as of May 2018. Home values have increased 5.1 percent over the past year and Zillow predicts they will rise 3.3 percent within the next year.

The complete report is available on WalletHub.com.

Youth City Council seeks applicants

The City of Broken Arrow is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 Youth City Council program, which will run from September until early May.

Youth City Council provides a great opportunity for high school students to learn how municipal government works, obtain an understanding of local policymaking and help serve their community. Participants will meet with City Councilors and other City officials, tour public facilities, attend public meetings and

demonstrate knowledge gained by preparing an agenda and minutes for presentation to City Council.

To be eligible, participants must:

- Reside within Broken Arrow fence line
 - Be a junior in high school in the fall
 - Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA
 - Set a proper example for the youth of Broken Arrow
- Details and applications are available at BrokenArrowOK.gov/YouthCityCouncil. The deadline is Sept. 4.

FOCUS on the Police Department

NON-EMERGENCY 918-259-8400

EMERGENCY 911

BROKENARROWOK.GOV/POLICE



About the department

The Broken Arrow Police Department (BAPD) is committed to every contact with citizens being one that provides exceptional service which contributes to enhancing the quality of life for all members of our community. By applying the core values of Professionalism, Integrity, Accountability, Courage and Compassion, the men and women of the Broken Arrow Police Department seek to provide exceptional service to the citizens of our community. BAPD consistently strives to serve residents by proactively addressing crime, preserving the peace, protecting life and property and by remaining committed to establishing partnerships within the community to focus on concerns and solve problems with fairness and in the best interest of all parties.

BAPD is staffed by 151 Police Officers and 58 civilian personnel. The first point of contact for most citizens seeking help is the Telecommunicators in the 911-Dispatch Center. Communications personnel are trained to dispatch Police, Fire and Non-Emergency services, as well as providing real-time medical first aid instructions to callers.

Many citizens may not realize the department provides services beyond 911 and Patrol. If you have ever lost a pet, chances are you have met one

of our dedicated Shelter Officers who are highly successful at reuniting pets with their owners, as well as one of the highest successful adoption programs in the state. The level of support given to public safety is a direct result of positive community interaction in Broken Arrow. This spring, Business Insider published its list of 40 safest cities nationally, placing Broken Arrow at No. 9 with regards to violent crimes. Broken Arrow has consistently ranked at the top as far as safe cities regionally and nationally.

The department is always seeking grant assistance for programs that support its mission. Recent grants secured by BAPD include:

- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for equipment, training, & overtime
- Office of Attorney General of Oklahoma SAFE OK – Safe Streets grant to fight violent crime
- District Attorneys Council Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant for Victim Advocate Services
- Two Oklahoma Highway Safety Office (OHSO) grants for BAPD's Share the Road motorcycle safety program and bicycle and pedestrian safety, car seat safety checks, alcohol compliance checks
- Allstate Insurance grant for support items for the Share the Road classes

CHIEF PROFILE



Brandon Berryhill

Brandon Berryhill has been with the City of Broken Arrow 24 years. Prior to becoming Chief of Police in October 2017, he served as the Deputy Chief of Police for six years. He worked his way up through the department serving in nearly every capacity.

Brandon holds a Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Oklahoma and a Master's degree from Northeastern State University, both in Criminal Justice. He is a graduate of the F.B.I. National Academy and the Senior Management Institute for Police. He currently serves on the Internal Association of Chiefs of Police Victim Services Committee and the Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training for the State of Oklahoma.

He has been married for 25 years and has two children. He and his family have been Broken Arrow residents since 1994.

Broken Arrow Police FAQs

How can I obtain collision or offense reports?

Collision reports are made available online at www.crashdocs.org. It can take three to five days for the report to become available to the public. There is no charge to parties involved in the accident provided they have proper documentation. Persons involved must provide names and dates concerning the collision in order to download the report.

Offense reports can be obtained in person or by mail. A valid photo ID must be presented in person or a copy sent if requesting by mail (along with a self-addressed stamped envelope). There is no charge for the person reporting or the victim to obtain copies. Offense reports will not be released to the suspect or parties not involved.

How can I request traffic enforcement in a certain area?

Residents can call the Traffic Hotline, 918-451-8375, to request traffic enforcement or notify officers of other traffic issues as a single point of contact for traffic concerns.

What is the Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Program?

Share the Road is the Traffic Unit's most popular education program. This course is designed to teach experienced riders how to survive riding on our roadways. The course is taught by seasoned, police motorcycle officers that know what it takes to stay safe on a motorcycle.

The program is grant funded through the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office and supported in part by local businesses. This free course normally



has a waiting list so those interested should visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad or call 918-259-2400 ext. 8692 for class dates and other details.

This course is intended for experienced riders and does NOT qualify as a beginners training course to obtain a motorcycle endorsement.

How BAPD is organized

The Broken Arrow Police Department is led by Chief Brandon Berryhill and Deputy Chief Mark Irwin. The department is organized into four divisions: Administrative, Headquarters, Operations, and Support.

The Operations Division is the most visible. It is staffed with Uniformed Officers who respond to calls for service. The Operations Division is under the direction of Major Scott Bennett. Uniformed Patrol, Traffic Specialists, Bicycle Patrol, and special events encompass the bulk of this division. The proactive focus of the Operations Division is one of many factors that help keep Broken Arrow one of the safest cities in the country.

The Headquarters Division is under the direction Major Kevin Marks. Detectives, Crime Scene Investigations, School Resource Officers, Victims Services, Public Information/Relations and Crime Prevention all work together to address citizen concerns. Once a report is taken the remainder of follow-up is handled by this division.

The Support Division is under the direction of Major Thomas Cooper. The Support Division includes 911 Operations, Emergency Management,



City Jail, Training Division, Records, and Animal Control. The majority of our dedicated civilian staff serve in the Support Division.

The Administrative Division is under the Direction of Deputy Chief Irwin and includes Accreditation, Internal Affairs, the Property Room, and overall budget management.

BAPD, like the rest of the City, pays for operations solely through sales tax. Did you know it takes approximately \$13 million in taxable sales to pay the annual salary and benefits for one Broken Arrow police officer? That's why it's important to shop local.

Adopt a pet at the animal shelter

Located at 4121 E. Omaha St., and paid for thanks to voter approval of the 2008 General Obligation Bond, the Broken Arrow Animal Shelter is a state of the art facility which is used as a model for other cities.

Animal Control Manager Lanny Dampf oversees the shelter maintains a high adoption rate due to the efforts of staff to keep the facility clean and the animals healthy.

The adoption fee for all animals is \$63. All dogs and cats of age are spayed or neutered prior to leaving the shelter. All animals are seen by a veterinarian before going home. In addition to the sterilization, dogs and cats receive a rabies vaccination, are



tested for heartworms and given a preventative vaccine.

All potential adopters must fill out an adoption application and provide a valid ID. Find the shelter online at facebook.com/BrokenArrowAnimalShelter or BrokenArrowOK.gov/AnimalShelter.

Preparing for disasters before they happen

Emergency Management Director Jamie Ott helps the city prepare for emergencies and disasters internally and externally with businesses and public schools to ensure continuity of services.

One of the Office of Emergency Management's responsibilities is the City's outdoor warning sirens. Residents should remember that outdoor warning sirens are designed to be heard by persons outside. When storms are active people should find cover and monitor television, radio or other forms of media to ensure critical updates are received.

The sirens are audibly tested at noon on the first Wednesday of the month from March through September. The sirens are only 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.

Municipal jail processes 2,500 inmates per year

The Broken Arrow Municipal Jail is located at 2304 S. 1st Place. The jail was built in 2004 and is staffed by 15 Detention officers. It houses 32 beds divided into male and female cell blocks. The jail also includes an intake area, holding cells, visitation area, exercise yard and two day rooms. Approximately 2,500 inmates are processed annually through the municipal jail. The daily average population is approximately 21. The jail operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, including all holidays.

Visitation takes place every day at the scheduled times and inmates can be bonded out at any time, day or night. For more information about the jail, including visitation rules, visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/Jail.

Crime Prevention Unit is key to Broken Arrow's safety

The Crime Prevention Unit coordinates free car seat safety checks, Alert Neighbor Programs, and numerous volunteer opportunities. One of the most successful programs is the prescription drop off box in the Police Department lobby. This allows citizens to safely dispose of unwanted prescription medicine.

Crime Prevention is a hallmark to keeping a safe city. Crime Prevention

Specialist Lisa Ford coordinates yearly public events such as, Camp Bandage, Back to School Bash, and BAPD's Night Out Against Crime just to mention a few. One of the newest additions to services provided is our "Craigslist Safe Space" where citizens can conduct their exchanges in our well lit parking lot or lobby, both of which are under video surveillance.

Public Relations Officer Mike Peale

and Public Information Officer James Koch team up to provide the press with daily information about what is happening with BAPD. Officer Peale is the Citizens Police Academy and Master's Academy Coordinator. New for this year is a Citizens Police Academy for non-English speaking citizens. Contact Officer Peale at 918-451-8200 ext. 8710 or mpeale@brokenarrowok.gov for more information.

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