

New Chief of Police named

Longtime member of BAPD Brandon Berryhill will lead the department

On Oct. 11, Brandon Berryhill was named Broken Arrow's new Chief of Police by City Manager Michael Spurgeon.

With the Broken Arrow Police Department for 23 years, Berryhill has served the last six years as deputy chief of police. He was also named acting chief after the retirement of his predecessor, David Boggs last August.

Berryhill's career in law enforcement began with the University of Central Oklahoma Campus Police while he completed his Bachelor's degree in criminal justice. Berryhill also holds a Master's degree in criminal justice from NSU.

Residing in Broken Arrow since joining BAPD, Berryhill has been active in the community, especially with Broken Arrow Public Schools and First United Methodist Church. He has also been an adjunct criminal justice instructor at both TCC and NSU.



Breaking ground: Rose West Dog Park



City leaders broke ground on BA's first dog park on Oct. 10. Rose West Dog Park will be located on New Orleans Street, east of Garnett Road. The \$473,000, 5-acre park was made possible through the 2014 GO Bond.



Your money at work: 2014 bonds sold in December

The City Council is in the process of selling the next round of bonds for projects approved by voters in the 2014 General Obligation (GO) Bond election.

The \$18.76 million worth of bonds being sold will pay for streets, stormwater, public safety and quality of life projects. This sale will leave approximately \$11.39 million in authorized but unsold bond funds for the 2014 bond.

Projects funded or partially funded with this sale include:

- Streets**
- Widen Washington St. from Garnett

to Olive

- Widen Florence St. to 3 and 5 lanes from Olive to Aspen
- Concrete repair in Wolf Creek subdivision
- Old Town Streets — Ash and 1st Streets from College to Dallas
- Concrete repair in Central Park Estates/Plaza Streets
- Resurfacing 7 miles of 2 lane arterial streets
- Resurfacing Aspen Creek subdivision
- Resurfacing Lancaster Park/Place
- Concrete repair in Wedgewood
- Engineering for widening Houston from Elm to Garnett

Public Safety

- Police Mobile Data Technology
- Public Safety Complex Phase I
- Aerial fire truck
- Land and design for new fire station

Public buildings

- Land and design for Maintenance Center expansion
- Land for sand and salt storage

Quality of Life

- Chisholm Trail South Park adult softball complex

Stormwater

- Drainage improvements around Albany between 9th and 23rd

Shop local in Broken Arrow

A message from City Manager Michael Spurgeon

Living in Broken Arrow, we have a multitude of things that make us proud and for which we are grateful. For example, we are recognized as one of the safest cities in America and our quality of life is second to none. Likewise, our public school systems are outstanding in every regard. And similarly, this excellence extends to our outstanding business community.

We all have choices on where we can spend our hard-earned dollars. When you do, please keep in mind all of our “brick and mortar” stores. These businesses not only create thousands of jobs and make significant financial investments in our City, but they also contribute to local charities and community groups that do so many wonderful things for Broken Arrow.

Equally important, by supporting Broken Arrow businesses, you help fund the local public services we ALL rely on every day.

Almost half of the City of Broken Arrow’s total operating revenue comes from sales tax generated from goods purchased in our City. By state law, all cities in Oklahoma rely primarily on sales tax to pay for city operations. This means, if you’re a Broken Arrow resident and you shop in Tulsa, Bixby or any other city, you’re paying for their public safety, parks and roads instead of ours. Support for the region is certainly important, but ultimately shopping locally is one of the most important things we all can do to support our community.

Core services the City provides to

	Salary and benefits	Taxable sales needed
Police officer	\$81,815	\$13,015,875
Firefighter Paramedic	\$80,216	\$14,879,309

How we all can help do our part

1. When possible, make everyday purchases in Broken Arrow.
2. Eat at the many great Broken Arrow restaurants.
3. Visit Broken Arrow stores when doing your holiday shopping and throughout the year.
4. Educate your family and friends about the importance of shopping in Broken Arrow.
5. Entertain out of town guests in Broken Arrow. Check out ideas at VisitBrokenArrowOK.com

the community that are paid for with sales tax include:

- Police operations
- Fire suppression
- Emergency medical services
- Ambulance services
- Streets maintenance and repair
- Traffic signalization
- Permitting and inspections
- Code enforcement
- Swimming pools
- Community centers
- Parks
- Cemetery

The importance of shopping local can be seen in the table above. It shows how much has to be spent to pay for just one new Broken Arrow police officer or firefighter paramedic. Those figures of \$13 million and \$14.9 million dollars are correct. As of Jan. 1, 2017, those public safety departments divide 0.3 percent of sales tax revenue

equally between them after the Vision 2025 sales tax renewal.

The Vision tax renewal also provides dedicated revenue of 0.25 percent of the sales tax to the maintenance and repair of streets in Broken Arrow.

Hopefully, you have had the opportunity to review our annual City Financial Newsletter called “Thrive! Your Money at Work.” It was delivered to homes in September and is chock-full of information on how your tax dollars are spent. If you have not had the opportunity to read it, it is available on our website at BrokenArrowOK.gov/YOURMONEY.

Please help us maintain our high quality of life by shopping at and supporting our local businesses. This will help keep our community awesome and moving forward.



Buy Broken Arrow for a chance to win a cash prize. Prizes of \$2,000, \$3,000 and \$10,000 will be given away on Dec. 12.

Holiday trash schedule

There will be no trash service on Monday, Dec. 25. Monday’s trash service will be picked up on Tuesday, Dec. 26, and Tuesday’s trash service will be shifted to Wednesday, Dec. 27. Regular service resumes on Thursday. The same schedule shift will occur following New Year’s Day.

Utility rate increase takes effect, 2nd phase of AMR installs begins

The utility rate increase that took effect on Oct. 1 will be seen on November utility bills.

Also, the second phase of the automated meter readers (AMR) has started. City crews are installing meters in the north, south and west parts of the City.

Water meters have a useful life of about 15 years, after which they don’t read accurately. Customers with older meters may notice an increase in usage after new meter install.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing through January 13 — Broken Arrow Soccer Club registration Open to boys and girls ages 3-18. Visit www.bascok.com.

Ongoing through January 31 — Broken Arrow Girls Softball League Spring 2018 registration To register, visit www.bagsl.org.

December 2 — Annual Civitans Christmas Parade 10:00 a.m. on Main Street.

December 2-3 — Ruts N’ Guts Cyclocross Competition Visit facebook.com/RutsnGuts for details.

December 5 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 7 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 16 — Pizza with Santa 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 N. 9th St.

December 19 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 21 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 22 & 25 — Christmas Holiday City offices closed. Please see the holiday trash schedule above.

January 1 — New Year’s Day City offices closed.