

## BA Native Named New Assistant City Manager of Operations

Kenneth Schwab, a native of Broken Arrow, has been hired as the Assistant City Manager of Operations. Schwab will oversee the operations division of the organization, which is responsible for essential City activities such as construction of public buildings and other assets, street maintenance, stormwater management, flood control, sanitary sewer, water treatment and distribution, and parks amenities. The Departments that Schwab will supervise include: Development Services, Engineering and Construction, Streets and Stormwater, Parks and Recreation, and Utilities. Schwab, who has over 25 years of engineering experience, previously served as Broken Arrow's Director of Engineering and Construction from 2008 to 2014. He oversaw the design and construction of Rose District renovation projects, including the Historical and Military History Museums, and multiple infrastructure improvements. Most recently, Schwab worked with Cowan Group Engineering on City of Broken Arrow projects, such as downtown street improvements and construction related to the new conference center.



“We conducted a nationwide search for this key leadership position and had several outstanding candidates, but sometimes the best people are found right in your own backyard,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. “The City is the real winner here! Mr. Schwab’s professional knowledge, previous experience with City operations and capital improvement programs, coupled with his great communication skills will help him make an immediate impact in his new role. I am definitely honored that he’ll be joining Broken Arrow’s leadership team.”

## City Council Approves Repair for Tiger Hill Wall

The City Council has directed the Administration to move forward with the remediation process needed for the retaining wall on the north side of Tiger Hill, located on the southwest corner of Kenosha and 9th Street (Lynn Lane). Because the land by Tiger Hill is prime commercial real estate, it is important to make necessary repairs in order to attain a development proposal. Therefore, the City is considering constructing another wall that will be approximately half as high as the existing wall and seven to 20 feet in front of it. A consultant hired by the City last fall determined that the retaining wall does not meet several minimum standards of the National Concrete Masonry Association. Likewise, the City has hired an attorney with extensive experience in the field of construction law, who has notified the retaining wall contractor, subcontractor and design engineer of the problems with the wall.

“The City of Broken Arrow is taking the necessary measures to repair the wall in the most economically advantageous way possible,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. “We are evaluating our options and will move forward in consultation with the City’s attorney and engineers.”



City staff recommended evaluation of the retaining wall on the north side of Tiger Hill, after the Flight Safety-owned retaining wall on the east side of the hill partially collapsed in May 2015. While the wall on the east side of Tiger Hill is owned and maintained by Flight Safety, the same engineer also designed the retaining wall on the north side of Tiger Hill, which is owned by the City of Broken Arrow. Construction on the City-owned retaining wall started in May 2012 and was completed nine months later. The construction cost was \$1,023,014.

## Rose District Interactive Water Feature



for the light show. More daytime and nighttime foot traffic means more opportunities for store owners to get customers into their restaurants and shops and spend their dollars here in BA. Sales tax revenue supports all the great services we provide, so please encourage your friends and family to visit the Rose District and other attractions in BA!

A wonderful new addition is coming this summer to the Rose District. The City of Broken Arrow will begin construction in the spring on an interactive water feature, that will be located in the courtyard by the Rose District Pavilion, 418 S. Main. Project costs, estimated to be \$1.5 million, will be paid for through surplus Vision 2025 funds. This is not your typical water fountain. It's a zero grade, interactive water feature that will rival any water fountain in the region. There are several good reasons for building a water feature in the Rose District. For one, it's designed to attract families to the Rose District during the day during the warmer months. It's also designed to bring people there during the evening hours after dinner

### Free Dump Day to be Held April 23

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted (non-hazardous) items at the City's annual Spring Clean-Up event on Saturday, April 23. The event is from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 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. For additional information about eligible items, please call City Hall or the landfill at 918-439-7835.

### BA Exploring Options for Household Pollutant Disposal

For more than 20 years, Broken Arrow residents disposed of unwanted household pollutants and hazardous materials free of charge at Household Pollution (HHP) collection events at the Tulsa Fairgrounds, operated by the Metropolitan Environmental Trust (The M.e.t.). In January 2016, the City of Tulsa opened its own year-round HHP facility for Tulsa residents to dispose of household pollutants, by appointment only. As a result of this new facility, the M.e.t. has no future plans to hold annual HHP collection events. The City of Broken Arrow is currently working with the M.e.t. to provide a system in which BA residents can continue to properly dispose of unwanted household pollutants. It is anticipated that by late spring 2016, a plan will be formalized in which Broken Arrow residents may utilize Tulsa's regional HHP facility. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

### Farmers Market Starts April 23

The 2016 Rose District Farmers Market is set to open at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 23. Due to scheduled construction activity near the Rose District Pavilion, the Farmers Market will be moving just a block east of Main Street at the corner of Dallas Street and First Street for the entire season. In honor of Earth Day, we will host an Earth Day Festival featuring a local band, fun for the kids at the Kids Corner, and the M.e.t. Recycle Center will discuss recycling. Early crops such as kale, lettuce, and spinach will be available along with several artisans, meat, local cheeses and baked goods. We are also planning monthly events during the 2016 market that will include KRMG and the Gardening Guy, "how to" demonstrations by our vendors, the Rose Festival, cooking demonstrations by local chefs, as well as performances by local artists. Farmers Market hours are from 8:00 a.m. until noon every Saturday from April 23 through the last Saturday in September. Like us on Facebook at Rose District Farmers Market to get updates and notifications of special events and/or extended hours.

### 2015 Annual Report Now Available

The 2015 Annual Report provides an excellent overview of the progress the City of Broken Arrow has made on projects and programs throughout the year, as well as provide a snapshot of the current state of the City. Read it online at [www.brokenarrowok.gov/2015annualreport](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/2015annualreport), or pick up a complimentary copy at City Hall, 220 S. First Street.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**April 4 — BA Adult Slowpitch Summer Softball registration opens.** Men's, coed, and men's church divisions available. Entry fee is \$435 per team. Games start June 1. Call 918-636-9575 for details or visit [www.IndianSpringsSoftball.com](http://www.IndianSpringsSoftball.com)

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

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

**April 16 — Run, Jump, and Throw Competition** 8:00 a.m., BA Freshman Academy, 301 W. New Orleans St. For more information, call 918-259-7007.

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

**April 22 — BA Senior Center Resource & Health Fair** 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Central Park Community

Center. 1500 S. Main St. Phone: 918-259-8377.

**April 23 — Spring Clean Up Day** (see related story)

**April 24 — UPCLOSE Concert Series: Dueling Pianos Show Starring Tom Basler** 2:30 p.m., Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. For details or tickets call 918-259-5778 or visit [www.brokenarrowpac.com](http://www.brokenarrowpac.com)

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

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

**May 7 — Mom & Me Hike** Ray Herral Nature Park, 7101 S. 3rd Street. Call 918-615-6099 for details.

**May 8 — Mother's Day**

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