

Mayor Thurmond Seeks Federal Support for Transportation Initiatives

Mayor Craig Thurmond's efforts in Washington, D.C. during Infrastructure Week in May 2016 put Broken Arrow in the national spotlight, as he presented the economic benefits obtained through the City's infrastructure investments. Mayor Thurmond was one of six elected officials from the National League of Cities (NLC) who attended Capitol Hill briefings advocating for the tax exemption for municipal bonds, reauthorization of the EPA Brownfields Program, and water infrastructure investment. The NLC is made up of municipal government leaders dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. Mayor Thurmond was also featured as a guest blogger on NLC's blog, CitiesSpeak.org, along with Senator Jim Inhofe, Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Mayor Patrick Wojahn, College Park, Maryland, Mayor Stephanie Miner, Syracuse, New York, and Council Member Ron Nirenberg, San Antonio, Texas. Through both the Capitol Hill briefing and the blog post, the Mayor was able to promote the Rose District, Broken Arrow's advanced manufacturing sector and job growth.



"It was a great honor to have the opportunity to showcase Broken Arrow's successes on Capitol Hill," said Mayor Thurmond. "It is vitally important that our City's interests are represented on the national level, so that our federal grant applications get the attention needed for approval."

While in Washington D.C., Mayor Thurmond also met with Senator James Lankford and Congressman Jim Bridenstine to ask for their support for the following grants:

- Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grants totaling \$1,017,622 to build a network of bicycle/walking lanes throughout the community and into the Rose District.
- Two year COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) grant totaling \$875,000 to hire seven (7) additional police officers.
- Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) grant totaling \$5 million to widen 23rd Street (County Line Road) at the BA Expressway and improve the infrastructure to accommodate future growth.
- Two year SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response) grant totaling \$1,486,320 to hire 11 additional firefighters.

Last year, Mayor Thurmond was elected to serve a two-year term on the National League of Cities Board of Directors. Over the next two years, the Mayor will participate in six Board of Directors meetings at NLC convenings in Washington and across the nation. NLC paid all expenses for the Mayor's recent trip to Washington.

Sep. 30 is Renewal Deadline for Intrusion Alarms, Pet Permits

Anyone owning a dog(s) or cat(s) within the City of Broken Arrow must apply for a pet license. That license must be renewed annually. New pet permits or renewals may be submitted in person at the One-Stop Center at City Hall, 220 South First Street; or a completed form may also be mailed. Download a Pet Registration form at www.brokenarrowok.gov/petlicense.

Broken Arrow residents who have alarm systems installed in their home must apply for and renew an Alarm Permit each year. Alarm Permit renewals may be online by going to www.brokenarrowok.gov/alarmpermit. for both Alarm (Intrusion Alarm) Permits and Pet Registrations are due September 30, 2016.



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City Increases Government Transparency with New Video Series

Check out City Council Highlights, a quick recap of major actions taken at Broken Arrow City Council Meetings.

We will provide routine updates after every meeting, in order to keep everyone in the loop with what's going on in local government. View the latest video at www.brokenarrowok.gov/CIVICMEDIA.

Mosquito Prevention Starts at Home

It is important to protect your family from mosquito borne illnesses. The Tulsa Health Department recently confirmed the presence of mosquitoes carrying West Nile virus in Tulsa County. The best way to control the mosquito population in Broken Arrow is by not allowing them to breed in the first place.

- 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. 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.

It's also important to protect yourself against mosquito bites:

- Use mosquito repellent containing DEET when outside.
- Wear long sleeves and pants when possible.

TO REQUEST MOSQUITO SPRAYING

From time to time during mosquito season, the City of Broken Arrow receives requests to spray in a certain area. 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.

To report a mosquito problem, call the Action Center at 918-258-3587 or email action@brokenarrowok.gov.

Police Department to Hold Annual Events



National Night Out is set for Tuesday, August 2. The Police Department encourages you and your neighborhood to join other communities across the nation to celebrate America's Night Out Against Crime. National Night Out is a cohesive effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie and send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

The 9th annual Back to School Bash will be held on August 6 from 9 a.m. to noon at Tulsa Technology in Broken Arrow. There will be free school supplies, haircuts, immunizations, vision screening, and more! Other

organizations in attendance will include: Camp Bandage, Broken Arrow Rotary, Family and Children's Services, Tulsa County Library, Vince and Larry the Crash Test Dummies, and McGruff the Crime Dog.

For more information, call Lisa Ford at 918-451-8213.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing Each Saturday — Rose District Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, Corner of First Street and Dallas.

August 1-31 - LifeRide enrollment period. For information visit www.liferideba.org or call 918-259-6595.

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

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August 2-4 — Basketball Camps Central Park Community Center for boys and girls ages 3-5 (little tykes) and 6-14 (skills camp). To register, call 259-8437 by July 29.

August 5 — Wine, Eats, and Easels 6 to 9 p.m., 418 S. Main Street. Visit www.baneighbors.org/wee/ for more details.

August 6 — Back to School Bash (see related story).

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

August 13 — Back to School Day at the Farmers Market

August 13 — Sand Dazzle Sand Sculpture Contest 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. 9th Street. Call 918-259-6550 for details.

August 13 — White Linen Night in the Rose District 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Call 918-806-1114 for details.

August 16 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

August 25 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

August 27 — Jolly Runner & Taste on Main 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Annual pirate event and food truck festival. For details visit www.thejollyrunner.org.

September 5 — City Offices closed for Labor Day Holiday. Monday and Tuesday trash service will be one day later.

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

September 8 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Is Your Home at Risk of a Sewer Backup?

Your home is at risk of experiencing a sewer backup if, at its lowest level, your home is not at least one foot above the nearest upstream manhole of the sewer main. In an effort to avoid property damage during a sewer backup, the City of Broken Arrow in 1982 created Section 24-100 of the Broken Arrow Code, which states:

“In all instances in which the lowest floor of a building which is served by a sanitary sewer is less than one (1) foot in elevation above the upstream manhole rim of the sanitary sewer which serves that property, or where there has been a previous overflow into the building, the owner of the building shall install a backwater device (also known as a backflow preventer) near the building, in an enclosure approved by the city, with all working parts readily accessible for service and repairs. Installation of these devices and all maintenance there on shall be at the expense of the property owner.”

Failure to meet the conditions of this ordinance could result in fines not to exceed \$500, plus court costs. In any event, non-compliance effectively exempts the City from all liability in the event of a sewer backup.

Anyone having questions, including location of the nearest upstream manhole, may call the Utilities Department at 918-259-8409.