

Twenty-One Firefighters Join BAFD

On March 24, the Broken Arrow Fire Department (BAFD) graduated 21 cadets from its Fire Academy, the largest class to ever graduate. In November 2015, 21 candidates were selected from a pool of over 130 applicants to begin a 21-week Firefighter Cadet Academy. All 21 cadets successfully completed the professional, academic and physical agility standards as required by BAFD, the International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) and the Council on Firefighter Training (COFT).

Each of the cadets received IFSAC certification in Firefighter 1, Firefighter 2, and Hazardous Materials Awareness & Operations. Nine of the new firefighters are funded by a FEMA grant that expires in two years. Thanks to voter approval to extend the Vision 2025 sales tax, sufficient funding now exists to retain these new employees who began work the week of March 28.



Utilities Department Installing Automated Meter Readers

The City of Broken Arrow is improving its water meter program by installing Automated Meter Readers (AMR), starting with the east side of Broken Arrow. The AMR system will result in greater accuracy of meter reads, establish efficiency in the collection of water use data, and help control staffing and operational costs. Many communities in the area, such as Owasso, Sand Springs, and Tulsa are already using AMR systems. In Broken Arrow, about 9,000 meters initially will be converted to radio read meters, with plans to replace more in the future.

BENEFITS OF AMR

- Obtain accurate readings
- Reduce reading and recording errors
- Eliminate the need for estimated consumption during inclement weather
- Minimize the need for personnel to go on the property
- Detect leaks or backflows occurring in the plumbing system

WHAT TO EXPECT

Water customers do not have to be present at their homes while crews replace the existing meters. Customers will see very little impact on service during the switch. Customers who are home will be notified prior to the installation.

The laptop and antenna installed in a utility truck collects the water use meter readings as the truck rolls along each street. The data collection is a fraction of the time it usually takes to get the readings done manually. The City of Broken Arrow received a \$2 million loan from the Oklahoma Water Resources Board to fund Phase I of the Automated Meter Reading Project. All installation is being performed by Utilities Department employees. More photos are available on the City's website. Citizens with any questions about the project may contact Derriel Bynum (Metering Supervisor) at 918-259-7000, Ext. 7330.



Annual Water Quality Report Now Available

The City of Broken Arrow 2015 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is now available online at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/2015waterreport.

In years past, the Water Reports were mailed with the utility bills. Due to cost saving measures, the report will now be available for viewing online. Those who prefer a paper copy may pick up the report at City Hall, 220 S. First Street.

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Redesigned Website is Mobile-Friendly

The redesigned citizen website, www.BrokenArrowOK.gov, features larger, easier to read navigation links. It will also be easier to view content from a smartphone or tablet device, thanks to a mobile responsive design. Information from the previous website, including forms and other documents, will still be available on the new website, along with online payments, job applications, meeting agendas, videos and more.

Sign Up to Receive News and Service Alerts

Stay up to date with the latest news and happenings in Broken Arrow by receiving emails and text alerts straight to your phone or computer. Information includes but is not limited to road closures, press releases, holiday notices, bid postings, community events and more. Visit <http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/list.aspx> to subscribe today.

If you have any questions about the redesigned website, contact the Communications Department at 918-259-8397 or webmaster@brokenarrowok.gov.

Apply Today for Youth City Council

Applications for the 2016-2017 Youth City Council program are now being accepted. The program runs from September until early May. The deadline to apply is September 15, 2016.

Youth City Council provides an opportunity for high school students to learn how municipal government works, obtain an understanding of local policymaking and help serve their community.

To be eligible, participants must: 1) reside within Broken Arrow fence line 2) be a junior (public, private or home-school) 3) maintain at least a 3.0 GPA 4) participate in 2016-2017 YCC program activities 5) write a 250-word essay 6) submit two letters of recommendation. A two year commitment is encouraged. Applications may be downloaded at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/youthcitycouncil.

June Events

Swimming Pools Open - May 28

[Family Aquatic Center - 1400 S. Main Street](#)

[Nienhuis Aquatic Facility - 3201 North 9th St.](#)

The City of Broken Arrow operates two public swimming pools. Each location has a variety of amenities that are suitable for kids and adults of all ages. For splash pad locations and pool hours, visit www.brokenarrowok.gov/AQUATICS.

Tuesdays in the Park

[Central Park - 1500 S. Main Street](#)

The Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council presents the Tuesdays in the Park concert series. Every Tuesday in June at 7:00 p.m., this fun-filled event provides great music with different bands and different music genres each year. Come enjoy the local food vendors, bring your lawn



welcomes you into their backyard in this beautiful park setting. The Red Dirt Rangers kick off the concert series with all your favorite hits. The June City Council meetings will be on Mondays due to these events.

June 7 - Red Dirt Rangers

June 14 - Rich Fisher Big Band

June 21 - RocKFiscH

June 28 - The Fabulous Midlife Crisis Band

Fishing Derby - June 4

[Chisholm Trail South Park](#)

[21101 E. 101st Street](#)

Dick Faurot's Take me Fishing Day will be Saturday June 4 from 7:00 a.m. to noon. This is a fun, family-

chair and enjoy music as Broken Arrow

friendly fishing event that's free and open to all ages. Zebco will give away hats and goodies to the first 200 kids (14 and under).

Raffle prizes will be given out. No fishing license required. Bring your own rods, reels, and bait.



Rockets Over Rhema - June 26

[1025 W. Kenosha](#)

Rockets Over Rhema provides plenty of activities for the family, before the fireworks get started. Events begin at 5:00 p.m., with the concert kicking off at 6:30 p.m. The grand finale will begin around 10:00 p.m. Grab a blanket, a lawn chair, or just sit on the grass and watch one of the largest fireworks displays in the Tulsa/Broken Arrow area.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Tuesday in June - Tuesdays in the Park Concert Series (see related story)

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

Ongoing through July 9 — BA Soccer Club Fall Registration. Visit www.bascok.com for details.

June 4 — Fishing Derby (see related story)

June 6 (Monday) — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 9 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 11 — Flag Day Celebration 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Military History Center, 112 N. Main St.

June 20 (Monday) — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 23 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 24 — Bunco Bash 6 p.m. Dinner and 7 p.m. Bunco. BA Senior Center, 1800 S. Main St. For details call 918-259-8377

June 26 — Rockets Over Rhema (see related story)

July 4 — City offices closed for Independence Day. Monday and Tuesday trash service will be one day later.

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

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