

## Old Fire Station on South Elm Reopens

The City of Broken Arrow announces the temporary reopening of an old fire station, located at 2900 S. Elm Place, which closed in 2012 after a new fire station was built to replace it. In December 2012, all personnel and equipment from the old fire station on Elm moved to the new location at 2300 West Norfolk Drive, now known as Fire Station Number (No.) 2.

Over time, as the City's population has grown, the Broken Arrow Fire Department's calls for response have also increased. In an effort to minimize response times in the south part of Broken Arrow, the City will reopen the old fire station on January 19, 2016. The facility will remain open until the construction of Fire Station No. 3 is completed. The City is currently in the process of acquiring land for a new Fire Station No. 3, which will be located in the southeast part of Broken Arrow.

"The reopening of the old fire station, which will be our seventh fire station, will help our first responders get to citizens faster," said Fire Chief Jeremy Moore. "Thanks to voter approval to renew Vision 2025, we now have the resources available to open a seventh fire station, in order to better serve our citizens."

The old fire station on Elm Place will initially be staffed by three firefighters with an Advanced Life Support Fire Engine. An ambulance will be added as staffing and other apparatus become available.



## Detour Signs Posted for Hillside Drive



All businesses on Hillside Drive between 9th Street and Albany Street remain open, despite the partial road closure. Detour signs have been posted on Hillside Drive, so drivers will know how to access businesses in the area.

On December 29, 2015, a portion of Hillside Drive between 9th Street and Albany Street was closed due to safety concerns. Specifically, the partial road closure affects Hillside Drive from the Charleston's parking lot east to the Sprout's parking lot. The City of Broken Arrow is evaluating the integrity of the retaining wall along the roadway, which may have been affected by the recent heavy rainfall.

The City is meeting with the general contractor and the design engineer who worked on the construction project, to evaluate the project and determine any necessary remediation. The project first began in November 2013 and was completed in May 2014. Further updates will be provided after the City completes its analysis and meetings with contractors.

## Mayor Thurmond Elected to NLC Board of Directors

Mayor Craig Thurmond was elected to the National League of Cities (NLC) 2016 Board of Directors at the 2015 Congress of Cities & Exposition held in Nashville, Tenn. Thurmond, who will serve a two-year term, will play a key role in guiding the nation's largest and most representative membership and advocacy organization for city officials.

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## Tornado Season Means Audible Weather Siren Testing in BA

The City of Broken Arrow's Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will audibly test its weather sirens on the first Monday of every month from March until June, weather permitting. If it is cloudy or severe weather is in the area, sirens will sound the following Wednesday.

The EOC conducts silent testing every Monday throughout the year. However, audible testing is conducted during storm season, March through June. Make sure your family discusses where you will go to seek shelter during a tornado or other severe weather event. Developing a family communications plan is an important part of emergency planning. If you haven't assembled an emergency kit, now is the time to put one together.

It's important to monitor local weather reports via television, radio or a weather radio, when you know that severe weather is approaching. Remember, A TORNADO WATCH means tornadoes are possible. A TORNADO WARNING means a tornado has been sighted. When a TORNADO WARNING is issued, take shelter in a basement, away from windows. If there is no basement, go to an interior room, like a closet, on the ground floor.

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Over the next two years, Thurmond will participate in six Board of Directors meetings at NLC convenings in Washington and across the nation.

"I am honored to serve on NLC's Board of Directors," said Thurmond. "It is vitally important

that Broken Arrow interests are represented on the national level, and I am confident our community will be served well through my appointment."

In his role on the Board, Thurmond will help guide NLC's strategic direction and set the organization's advocacy priorities and operational goals. Board members are selected by a 15-member nominating committee, and are confirmed by a vote by NLC's membership.

The NLC is dedicated to helping city leaders build better communities. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.



## Register for Free Motorcycle Safety Training

The 2016 "Share the Road" courses will be held at the Chisholm Trail South Park, 4000 E. New Orleans Street in Broken Arrow, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- March 20
- April 17
- June 12
- September 11
- September 18 (ladies only).



Motorcycles are inexpensive to operate, fun to ride and easy to park. Unfortunately, many riders never learn the critical skills needed to ride safely. Motorcycling requires skill, concentration and reasonable precautions. Although it is possible to ride a motorcycle on your own, the trial and error method is a tough teacher of motorcycle skills.

This course is designed to teach experienced riders how to survive riding on our roadways. It's taught by seasoned, police motorcycle officers who know what it takes to stay safe on a motorcycle! By attending this course you will learn how to turn effectively, avoid obstacles, braking and more.

To register, go to [www.brokenarrowok.gov/motorcycle](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/motorcycle), or call 918-259-2400 ext. 8692.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**March 1 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**March 10 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**March 12 — 'ShamRock the Rose' St. Patrick's Day Festival**, 4 p.m. - 11 p.m., Main Street. For more information call 918-850-3654.

**March 12 — Pickleball Tournament (Ages 30+)**, 9 a.m., Central Park Community Center. Registration is \$35 and includes t-shirt and lunch. For more details, call 918-259-8437.

**March 15 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**March 17 — St. Patrick's Day**

**March 24 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**March 25 — City offices closed for Good Friday.** No Trash service pickup that day.

**March 27 — Easter Sunday**

**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.