

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Russell Gale, Acting City Manager
Date: July 12, 2019
Re: Notes to Council

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- N/A

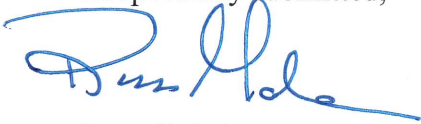
2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

- Press Release – City of Broken Arrow Department Changes Name
- Press Release – War at Home Memorial monuments arrive in Broken Arrow
- Recent News Articles

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- N/A

Respectfully submitted,



Russell Gale

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Attachments

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



City of BA Department Changes Name

Development Services will now be known as the Department of Community Development. The name change better reflects the department's focus on serving residents.

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY:

SPOKESPERSON: Larry Curtis, Acting Director of Community Development

DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2019

"We are excited to announce this change to Community Development," said Larry Curtis, acting director of Community Development. "Our team is very excited about the changes and feel they reflect on the department's commitment to the citizens and the growth of the City of Broken Arrow."

Background:

The Department of Community Development provides a one-stop service to commercial and residential development. This includes cradle to grave support for these areas. Community Development brings together the professionals needed to help streamline the process of rezoning, platting, obtaining permits and inspections.

The staff is dedicated to providing excellent customer service by offering professional, caring and timely service. They provide essential information to the public concerning City Codes and Ordinances, along with overseeing the process of platting, zoning, planned unit developments (PUDs), inspections, occupational licensing and public nuisances.

Community Development is comprised of four divisions; each of which has varying degrees of responsibility:

- Planning and Development
- Placemaking
- Neighborhood Engagement and Inspections
- Community Permitting and Licensing

Learn more at <http://www.brokenarrowok.gov/66/Community-Development>

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War At Home Memorial monuments arrive in Broken Arrow

- The memorial honors veterans who committed suicide after returning home from service.
- Monuments will travel through downtown BA on way to Veterans Park.

MEDIA OPPORTUNITY:

- DATE: Wednesday, July 17
- TIME: 2:30 p.m.
- LOCATION: BA Veterans Park, 1111 S. Main St.

“Hosting the War At Home monuments from Mission 22 in Broken Arrow is an honor. The City Council and community have always held the country’s veterans in high regard and does a lot to honor and support them. Hosting this memorial is another opportunity to support those who have sacrificed for the country, and bring to light how their fight doesn’t always end when they come home.”

- Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon

Background:

The War at Home Memorial will be on its way to a new home in July. The monument has been in Norfolk, Va., since fall 2017.

On July 15, the War at Home Memorial will begin its journey to Broken Arrow, with stops along the way in various locations, to encourage others to come see it. A caravan of Mission 22 vehicles will arrive in Broken Arrow on Wednesday, July 17.

The caravan will arrive on the east side of town and drive through the City’s Rose District on the way to Veterans Park. There, a brief event will welcome the memorial to Broken Arrow before the monuments head to an offsite storage facility until installation at the park later this year.

The War At Home Memorial was created by Mission 22, a non-profit who combats the ever-rising veteran suicide rate. Every day, more than 20 veterans are lost to suicide. Mission 22 wants to bring that number to zero. It does this with three main programs; veteran treatment

programs, memorials and national awareness. Learn more about the organization at mission22.com.

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Jennifer Swezey, Community Relations Liaison
Date: July 12, 2019
Re: Recent News Articles

Below are some links to news coverage in Broken Arrow this week.

<https://ktul.com/news/local/broken-arrow-memorial-to-honor-veterans-lost-to-suicide>

https://www.tulsaworld.com/entertainment/multiple-choice-tokyo-in-tulsa-headed-to-several-spots-in/article_a0f82274-532d-5e65-bcc4-df6e02524a95.html

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Swezey