

2020 Rooster Days moves to Labor Day

Oklahoma's longest-running festival returns for its 89th year Labor Day weekend.

Rooster Days moves to September this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but all the usual fare will still be available, including live entertainment, the Rooster Days Parade, Miss Rooster Days, market place, wine garden and, of course, rides!

Rooster Days runs Thursday, Sept. 3-Sunday, Sept. 6 at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Admission is free.

Hours are:
• Thursday
• Friday



to Central Park.

can be held on including the Miss Rooster Days pageant and the cornhole tournament. The ever-popular Rooster Days Parade begins at 10 a.m. and will march south through the Rose District

The 5K and Fun Run will begin at 8 a.m. near Veterans Park and the Family Aquatic Center on Main Street. Runners can register at RoosterDays.com. The 5K is \$40 and the Fun Run is \$20.



Report fraudulent unemployment claims

With the recent spike in unemployment claims due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of fraudulent unemployment claims has also risen. To combat the spike, Oklahoma Attorney General Mike Hunter has developed a task force to handle the increased

reports.

Anyone who suspects a fraudulent claim has been made using their name is asked to fill out a form on the Attorney General's Coronavirus Fraud Resource website, available at www.oag.gov.

ok.gov/coronavirus-fraud-resources. You do not need to file a report with the Broken Arrow Police Department.

Oklahomans can also stop false claims made in their names by contacting the Oklahoma Employment

Security Commission (OESC) at fraud@oesc.state.ok.us.

For more information on false claims and other resources related to unemployment for individuals and business owners, visit oesc.ok.gov.

Don't forget to choose your trash, recycling cart preferences

The City of Broken Arrow is excited to begin curbside cart collection for trash and recycling this fall.

Mailers are currently being sent to homes, allowing residents to select their cart preferences for trash and recycling. Carts will be

delivered in September and the new service will begin in early October.

For more information on how to sort your waste, cart dimensions and sizing and up-to-date information on the cart roll out, please visit CycleBA.com.

Holiday Trash Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day.

There is no trash service on Monday, Sept. 7. Monday's trash pickup will take place Tuesday, Sept. 8 and Tuesday's trash pickup will take place Wednesday, Sept. 9.

The Police and Fire Departments will remain open. If an emergency call requires the services of Public Works crews in water or streets, employees will be brought in to fix the emergency. The after-hours emergency number is 918-259-8400.

Hillside Drive retaining wall replacement planned

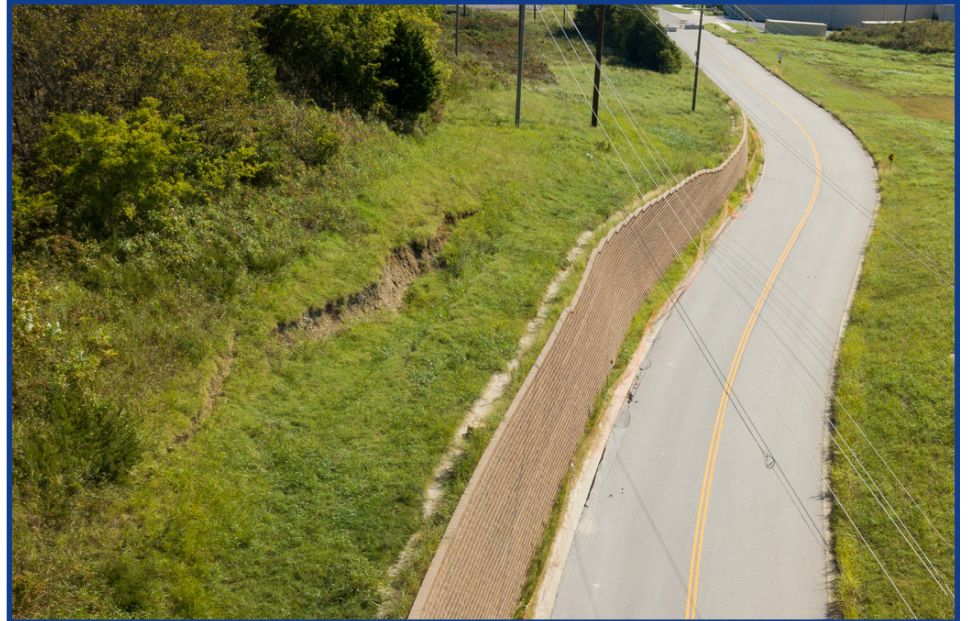
Construction on a new wall along Hillside Drive between Albany and 9th Streets is scheduled to begin late this summer.

At its June 16 meeting, the City Council awarded a construction contract to Timber Wolf Excavating, LLC, for the current wall's removal and replacement.

Heavy rainfall in May 2019 caused the existing wall to buckle and move several feet. This movement created a hole in the hill behind the wall, as well as buckling the curb and pavement on the street below the wall.

A new wall was designed in summer 2019 and bids were solicited in December with an established budget of \$1.5 million.

In January 2020, the City Council rejected the only two bids received for being nearly half a million dollars over budget. At that time Council instructed City staff to investigate why that was, and how the City could rein in costs.



The project was rebid in May, resulting in the contract with Timber Wolf Excavating. The project will cost about \$1.65 million paid for through the Sales Tax Capital Improvement Fund. The City anticipates the wall will be completed in January. Once it's

completed, City crews will reconstruct the roadway.

Additionally, the City included the costs of the damaged wall as part of its reimbursement request to FEMA as a result of last year's disaster declaration.

Shifting preferences alter City news sources

An ever increasing number of Americans prefer to get their news from electronic sources, even when it concerns their community.

A poll conducted in fall 2018 by Pew Research Center concluded that 78 percent of Americans prefer receiving local news on TV or online. The poll also showed that Americans value local news when those reporting it understand the community's history and have a strong connection to it.

More specifically, the same study concluded only 6 percent of Tulsa area residents prefer printed news sources.

Another Pew poll conducted in summer 2018 found 1-in-5 adults often get news via social media. In fact, an early 2019 Pew poll found only 10 percent of Americans don't use the Internet.

In this changing landscape, the City of Broken Arrow is re-examining how it delivers news to its residents. The City's social media pages combine for about 50,000 followers, not including specialized pages such as the Police, Fire or Parks departments.

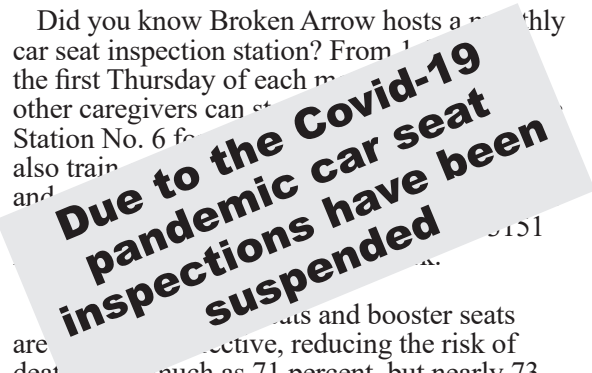
Options for City news will be changing soon to adapt to how people prefer to find out what's happening around them.

Is your child's car seat installed correctly?

Did you know Broken Arrow hosts a monthly car seat inspection station? From the first Thursday of each month, other caregivers can stop at Station No. 6 for free car seat and booster seat inspections.

are also trained to inspect car seats and booster seats are also inspected, reducing the risk of death or injury by as much as 71 percent, but nearly 73 percent of child restraints are not installed or used correctly, according to data released by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

The inspections are part of a nationwide effort of Safe Kids Worldwide. For additional information and other car seat inspection stations, call 918-494-7233 or go to www.safekidstulsa.com.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many events were canceled or postponed. Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/calendar for updated events.

Aug. 4 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St. Stream online at BrokenArrowOK.gov/Agendas.

Aug. 13 — Community Blood Drive Noon-6 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment.

Aug. 13 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St. June 2 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St. Stream online at BrokenArrowOK.gov/Agendas.

Aug. 14 — Senior Resource Fair 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

Aug. 18 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 27 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St. June 2 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

Sept. 3-6 — Rooster Days Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. See related story for details.

Sept. 7 — Labor Day City offices closed. No trash service.

Sept. 10 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St. June 2 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Sept. 13 — Share The Road Motorcycle Safety Course 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Events Complex, 21101 E. 101st St. Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad for details.