

## BA Police welcomes 10 new officers

The Broken Arrow Police Department held a graduation ceremony for Recruit Academy 2019-01 on July 23 at the Broken Arrow PAC.

The ceremony had been postponed from the spring due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The PAC allowed those in attendance to practice social distancing.

Ten new officers joined the Police Department after successfully completing the Academy and field training. They are:

- Brandon Belty,
- Alexandria Campbell,
- Donald Feather, Jr.,
- Benjamin Randall,
- Chase Girdner,
- Tanner Goodwin,
- Justin Haley,



- Mathew Pfeiffer,
- Tamara Smith and
- Ryan Tyson.

The BAPD is committed to every contact being one that provides exceptional service and contributes to enhancing the quality of life for all members of the community.

Through the application of the core values of Professionalism, Integrity, Accountability, Courage and Compassion, the men and women of the BAPD seek to provide exceptional service to the citizens of Broken Arrow. Officers consistently strive to serve residents

by proactively addressing crime, preserving the peace, protecting life and property and by remaining committed to establishing partnerships within the community to focus on concerns and solve problems with fairness and in the best interest of all parties.

## Youth City Council seeks sophomore applicants

The City of Broken Arrow is now accepting applications for the 2020-2021 Youth City Council program. Youth Council members meet once per month, typically at 5 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

Youth City Council provides a great opportunity for high school students to learn how municipal government works, obtain an understanding of local policy making and help serve

their community. Participants will meet with City Councilors and other City officials, tour public facilities, attend public meetings, and demonstrate what they learned by conducting a mock council meeting at the end of each program year.

- To be eligible, new applicants must:
- Reside within the Broken Arrow fence line, or be eligible to attend Broken Arrow Public Schools

- Be a sophomore in high school in the fall
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA
- Set a proper example for the youth of Broken Arrow

Since 2019, the Youth City Council is a three-year program. Applications for 2020-2021 are due Sept. 4. Details and forms are available at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/YouthCityCouncil](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/YouthCityCouncil).

### 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, employees will be brought in to fix the emergency. The after-hours emergency number is 918-259-8400.

## City ready to assist with water quality concerns

Due to higher temperatures and an increase in water demand during the summer, some water customers have experienced temporarily discolored water in isolated areas.

During the summer, changes in flow and pressure can cause previously dormant sediment in the water lines to get churned up, leading to some discoloration.

Continuous water testing takes place every day at the Verdigris River Water Treatment Plant and at various sites throughout the City to ensure that our water meets all of the State and Federal standards and that it is safe to drink.

### Annual Consumer Confidence Report now available

The City's Consumer Confidence Report regarding water quality is now available online. Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/waterquality](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/waterquality) to read it.

If you are experiencing discolored water or have any concerns, contact the Water Resources Division at 918-259-7000, ext. 7221, during regular business hours. After hours, call 918-259-8400 and a Utilities Crew will be dispatched, if needed, to check the water quality and flush fire hydrants to address the discolored water.

# Economic development series details City efforts

At the July 21 Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority (BAEDA) meeting, the City’s Economic Development Manager Norman Stephens made the first of a new monthly series of Economic Development presentations to the Authority. BAEDA is comprised of the five City Council members and oversees how the City spends certain funds related to economic development within the City.

The purpose of the monthly presentations is to update the Authority, and the public, about ongoing economic development projects. Stephens also addressed common misconceptions about how the process works, why it is important for residents to shop local, and how City and Chamber staff works to recruit and retain businesses. The updates will cover economic

development activities that are happening all over the city.

On July 21, the presentation addressed information on the City’s efforts to bring a grocery store to South BA; Tiger Hill Plaza, which is under construction now at Kenosha (71st) and 9th (Lynn Lane) Streets; Creek 51 Business Park, the first Tax Increment Finance (TIF) district in Wagoner County at State Highway 51 and the Creek Turnpike; The Shops at Aspen Creek, where the Warren Theater is located on Tucson (121st) Street; and two common social media misconceptions about economic development in the City.

Tiger Hill Plaza is 30,000 square feet of retail and is 60 percent pre-leased with 20 percent in negotiation at the time of this publication. They plan to have the first opening in late 2020 with

a soft opening in February and grand opening in March 2021.

Creek 51 Business Park is a 90-acre future business park with infrastructure projected to be complete in October with the first building constructed in December 2020.

The Shops at Aspen Creek is 100-acre retail and commercial development. It is being heavily marketed by the owner, the City of Broken Arrow and the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation. Current tenants include the Warren Theater, Starbucks and Great Clips.

The monthly video presentations will be available on the City’s website (BrokenArrowOK.gov), YouTube channel (youtube.com/cityofbrokenarrow), and social media platforms each month.

The City of Broken Arrow Streets Division resurfaced the intersection of Washington (91st) and 9th (Lynn Lane) Streets in July. The budget for this project was \$25,000 for asphalt mill and overlay of the intersection and approximately 100 feet in each direction.



## City focuses on sustainability

In addition to the implementation of curbside residential recycling service starting in October, City news publications will also become more sustainable with a shift to email-based monthly newsletters.

The Focus newsletter has been printed and mailed with utility bills for many years. However, in today’s data-driven society, measuring the effectiveness of printed news is difficult at best and less than 10 percent of BA utility customers are subscribed to eBilling. Customers subscribed to electronic billing receive a link to the newsletter with each bill rather than a printed copy.

Starting this fall, residents can start directly receiving the Focus newsletter by email through a new service. Signup information will be posted to the City’s website, BrokenArrowOK.gov, and

social media pages. The printed Focus newsletter will continue to be mailed through October.

Many other subscriptions will also be added to the email service including operations updates, economic development and tourism news and more.

This new service will give the City more ways to engage with residents on the topics that are important to them. Stopping paper newsletters will help the City toward one of its goals — to become more sustainable — as well as reducing printing costs, saving taxpayer dollars which currently have an uncertain effect.

Options will be available for residents who do not have Internet access. For more information call 918-259-8419 and look for further updates next month.

## Sign up for eBilling

In an effort to be more sustainable, the City of Broken Arrow offers a program to notify utility customers their bill is available for viewing online by email.

The eBilling service increases the City’s conservation efforts and saves money.

To sign up, log on to your Utilities

account at BrokenArrowOK.gov/ Payments and select “Utility Accounts.”

Once logged into your account, choose “Manage eBilling” under the “Account Information” tab.

In addition to viewing your bills, you can also make a payment utilizing your debit/credit card or bank account.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, many events were canceled or postponed. Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/calendar](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/calendar) for updated events.

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

**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.

**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.

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

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

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

**Oct. 7 — Community Blood Drive** Noon-6 p.m. Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St. Visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment time.

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