



City breaks ground on two projects

The City of Broken Arrow broke ground on two important projects on Sept. 14.

Fire Station 7

In the morning, officials broke ground on replacement Fire Station 7 at 201 E. Washington St, directly south of Arrowhead Park.

Once complete, the new station will replace an aging Station 7, currently located about one mile away on Elm Place north of New Orleans (101st) Street. This station had been decommissioned once before when the current Fire Station 2 was completed, but was put back into service when the Broken Arrow Fire Department expanded operations to include a seventh station in 2016. Among

other deficiencies, it was built when firefighting apparatus were much smaller than they are today, meaning many of the department's modern fire engines will not fit in the old fire station.

The new Fire Station 7, which will cost about \$3.6 million, will have four bays sized and equipped for modern firefighting apparatus. Coweta-based Bravo Builders is the contracted builder. The project is funded by the voter-approved 2018 Build Our Future BA General Obligation Bond package.

Armed Forces Meeting Hall

In the afternoon of Sept. 14, officials from the City of Broken Arrow as well as representatives of various veterans groups broke ground on the Armed

Forces Meeting Hall, just north of Veterans Park on Main Street.

The future 4,600 square foot facility will feature home offices, meeting space and a catering kitchen for the local chapters of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Vietnam Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Blue Star Mothers. The City is working with the representative veterans organizations that will use the facility on a building name and should have a decision this fall.

Local contractor Magnum Construction is building the new facility at a cost of \$1,091,750 also funded by the 2018 Build Our Future BA GO Bond.

Development adding life to New Orleans Square



On Sept. 8, Red Dog Construction and Cypress Place Development, announced three new businesses coming soon to New Orleans Square.

The development, named Cypress Place, will be on the northwest corner of the intersection at Elm Place and New Orleans Street.

Cypress Place already

has four tenants signed, including Jimmy's New York Pizzeria, Secret Gardens Candle Shop, Waters Edge Winery & Bistro and Griffin Orthodontics. Josh's Sno Shack will also have a presence on the development.

"We are excited to announce the new businesses coming to this area," said developer Josh McFarland.

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New utility payment system coming

The City of Broken Arrow will upgrade its online utility billing system with enhanced services and new features in the near future. This change will help us provide you with superior, secure customer service moving forward. We think you'll be pleased with the changes!

The new system will feature an improved user experience that includes a "Pay Now" option that allows for quick payment without having to register an account. If you do register your account, enhancements include:

- view payment history and consumption information,
- view past billing statements and
- view and pay multiple accounts at once.

This upgrade provides you with the ability to securely save your payment information, paperless billing with email reminders; and automatic payments from your checking account or credit card as well as new payment options, such as pay by text.

Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/Utilities for more information.

Please Note: Users that are currently registered with our system will need to re-register and setup autopay information. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Give your jack-o'-lantern a new life by composting

The Metropolitan Environmental Trust (M.e.t.) and Full Sun Composting are partnering for the third Annual Great Pumpkin Rescue to bring awareness to the issue of food waste, by accepting holiday pumpkins at the Broken Arrow depot.

Residents can drop off their holiday gourds, squash and pumpkins at the depot, located at 302 N Elm Pl, free of charge during the month of November. Please remove all decorations, such as candles, plastics or stickers.

Much like recycling, composting turns food waste into something new – organic fertilizer! Compost will be available spring 2021 to residents who participate in the program.

Other locations accepting pumpkins include: Sand Springs (105 E Morrow Rd), Owasso (499 S Main St), Central Tulsa (3495 S Sheridan Rd), East Tulsa (2160 S. Garnett Rd) and Bixby (211 N. Cabaniss Ave).

Holiday Trash Schedule

With the new trash collection system now in place, trash services now "slide" on weeks with a holiday.

For Veterans Day, Nov. 11, this means Wednesday and Thursday customers will have their pickup day slide one day to Thursday and Friday, respectively.

For Thanksgiving, Nov. 26, Thursday collection will slide to Friday.

Impact series focuses on residential growth

At the Sept. 15 Broken Arrow Economic Development Authority (BAEDA) meeting, the City's Economic Development Manager Norman Stephens made his third Economic Development Impact presentation to the Authority.

In this presentation, Stephens addressed two more common social media misconceptions about economic development in the City: 1. The City intentionally tries to keep retail from South BA and 2. "If you build it, they will come".

Community Development Director Larry Curtis updated BAEDA about the history of residential growth in BA between 1984 and 2019, especially as influenced by Highways 169 and 51 and the Creek Turnpike. Curtis

also showed the numerous housing developments in various stages of planning on the south side of the City.

To conclude the presentation, Tourism and Economic Development Team members Brent Brassfield and Erin Hofener presented the plans for this year's holiday celebration in the Rose District, which is planned to kick off Nov. 19 with It's a Wonderful Life in Broken Arrow! Two events making their annual return will be the Civitans Christmas Parade and the Broken Arrow Chamber's Buy Broken Arrow contest.

The monthly video presentations are available on the City's website at BrokenArrowOK.gov/TED and on the City's YouTube channel (youtube.com/cityofbrokenarrow).



Tiger Creek project earns national honor

The Together Project, a collaborative effort between the City of Broken Arrow and Broken Arrow Public Schools (BAPS), has been awarded the Public Communication Award from the Water Environment Federation (WEF).

Started in 2017, the project led City engineers and Broken Arrow High School students to create an outdoor classroom and training center focused on educating the student body and the general public on environmental stewardship benefits. That area directly north of Broken Arrow High School came to be called Tiger Creek Nature Park.

The Together Project's three goals are to protect the community's floodplains, improve source water

quality, and enhance the natural habitat within Tiger Creek and the larger Adams Creek watershed.

"The backing of the community is what's surprised me more than anything," said Kenny Schwab, assistant city manager of operations. "It's been extremely rewarding having many people in the community be a part of it."

Broken Arrow students gained valuable hands-on experience by working with City staff to design and construct a floating wetland in the shape of the school logo. The project also includes a rain garden, a nature park, a master plan for the Tiger Creek watershed corridor, a litter prevention program and an art competition.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events are subject to change. Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/calendar for updated events.

Nov. 3 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

Nov. 11 — Veterans Day City offices closed. Wednesday and Thursday trash service delayed one day.

Nov. 16 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Nov. 19 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Nov. 19 — It's a Wonderful Life in Broken Arrow 6 p.m., Rose District. Tree lighting, Ice rink opens.

Nov. 26-27 — Thanksgiving holiday City Offices closed. Thursday trash service delayed to Friday.

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

Dec. 3 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

Dec. 17 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 19 — Cookies and Cocoa with Santa Noon-3 p.m., Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

Dec. 24-25 — Christmas holiday City Offices closed. Thursday trash **WILL** be collected.

Jan. 1, 2021 — New Year's Day City Offices closed. No effect on trash service.