

Broken Arrow Focus Newsletter - May 2021

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New development coming to South BA

The site on Aspen, north of the Creek Turnpike, will include a new Reasor's location



The City of Broken Arrow, along with OakTrust Development, Associated Wholesale Grocers (Reasor's), and the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corporation held a joint press conference on March 29 revealing details of the future mixed used development near Aspen (145 East) Avenue and the Creek Turnpike.

"The magnitude of this project will be as far-reaching for South BA as Bass Pro Shops was for north BA. It will be another amazing catalyst for even further growth in this part of town," said Mayor Craig Thurmond.

The project will include the anchor business, Reasor's Foods, along with multiple retail and commercial spaces. A 168-unit apartment complex is also planned on the north end of the development, east of Core Church.

The Reasor's store should be completed in about 12 months and will employ about 125 workers.

At the conclusion of the announcement of the partnership with OakTrust, Thurmond and President and CEO of the Chamber and EDC Jennifer Conway kicked off a surprise subsequent announcement regarding a land purchase for the city's future innovation district. The long-awaited innovation district is tentatively planned on 90 acres of property located between Aspen and Olive Avenues, south of Florence Street. The proposed Innovation District property is tentatively planned to be located in the TIF District the City will look to form as part of the project for OakTrust.

The campus environment will be in southern Broken Arrow with easy access to the Creek Turnpike. Officials have reached an agreement and are currently finalizing details for land acquisition. In addition to land identification, the EDC has been working to include education partners, existing industries, and developers.

"We are excited about both announcements and know that they will mutually benefit each other," said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. "Our City staff has put many hours into both

projects along with the BAEDC. I believe the collaboration we have on economic development projects in Broken Arrow is unmatched in the state or even the nation.”

[Find out more about the proposed Innovation District project.](#)

Annual HOA Workshop scheduled for April 24

The 22nd annual Broken Arrow Homeowners Association Workshop is Saturday, April 24, at the Stoney Creek Conference Center, 200 W. Albany Street, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

HOA members, current, and future homeowners will have an opportunity to get the answers they've been seeking regarding property and neighborhood issues.

Speakers will be live streamed via the [City's Facebook page](#).

Presenters will be on-site to give information on various topics associated with HOAs, such as:

- Legal and Operational issues for Homeowners Associations
- Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments)
- Animal Control
- Building Permits
- Planning and Development
- Code Enforcement
- Neighborhood Beautification
- Stormwater Management and Low Impact Development (LID) Certification for Neighborhoods
- HOA Insurance
- Recycling

Attendees will also have the opportunity to speak to representatives from various City departments and outside service providers, and they will be eligible to win door prizes.

The event is free and open to the public.

Take the Mayor's Water Challenge

It's time once again to join the Wyland National Mayor's Challenge for Water Conservation.

Like an old friend, water is always there when we need it and its value is immeasurable. Without access to clean water, our lives would not be the same.

Over 4 billion gallons of water from the Verdigris River is treated at the City's Verdigris River Drinking Water Plant each year and delivered to Broken Arrow homes and businesses.

Oklahomans are blessed with abundant freshwater resources, but our water is just as valuable. Reducing water-waste not only saves money but also makes a difference in the quality of Oklahoma watersheds.

There are many simple and inexpensive things that you can do to conserve water and promote water quality:

- Adding irrigation sensors that shut systems off during rain or freezing temperatures.
- Incorporating drought tolerant Oklahoma native plants into your landscape that require less water to thrive.
- Harvesting rainwater, which reduces erosion and allows you to use the water for gardens.
- Using drip irrigation that allows water to soak in slowly, minimizing evaporation and nutrient loss, and
- Adding mulch or rocks that retain moisture, limit weed growth, and provide a barrier to soil erosion.

To join the Mayor's pledge, go to mywaterpledge.com or [Facebook.com/conservewater](https://www.facebook.com/conservewater) from April 1-30.

Residents taking the pledge will have an opportunity to win water-wise gardening prizes from the Broken Arrow Utilities Department.

Get rid of your junk April 24

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the City's annual Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, April 24 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North. This is easily accessible by traveling north on U.S. Highway 169 to the eastbound exit at 46th St. North.

The City has ensured Broken Arrow will be the only community hosting a free landfill day on April 24, which should help reduce wait times.

Residents may dump free by presenting a driver's license with a Broken Arrow address or a recent utility bill. To view a list of eligible items, visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/FreeDump or contact the landfill at 918-439-7835.

What to do with green waste

What is green waste?

Tree limbs, leaves, branches, grass clippings and all other organic plant matter is considered green waste.

Where do I dispose of these items?

Green waste cannot be recycled in the blue carts. It can be bagged and placed in the black trash carts. If you have green waste that is too bulky or would take up too much room in the black cart, you can place it inside clear plastic bags or paper bags designed for lawn waste and set them out next to your trash cart on your designated trash pickup day. These types of bags can be found at home improvement and grocery stores. If green waste is put into black trash bags and set outside of the cart, there will be an "extra trash" fee (see below). Branches and limbs should be bundled and placed next to the cart on your pickup day.

How much green waste can I set out?

Broken Arrow residents are allowed 20 clear or paper bags and bundles per week for green waste outside of the cart. Green waste bundles are counted as clear bags. No fees are associated with this option. Example: a resident can have 10 bundles of tree branches plus 10 clear bags of green waste per week at no charge.

What is the fee if my green waste is placed in black trash bags near my trash cart?

Green waste in black trash bags placed outside of the cart are considered extra trash and the resident will be charged as follows:

- Contents of cart + first extra bag at no additional charge
- Fee is \$1.25/bag starting at second extra bag
- Bags larger than 30 gallons count as two bags
- If you consistently have extra bags, you can request an additional 96-gallon cart for \$5 a month

City of Tulsa's Mulch Site

Located at 2100 N. 145th E Ave., [Tulsa's Mulch Site](#) is free to Broken Arrow residents who bring an ID or recent utility bill as proof of address. They accept tree limbs, grass clippings, and leaves. Items not accepted are root balls or trees with foreign materials (such as fencing or concrete), rock, pipe, lumber or treated wood, trash, dirt or building materials. They are open 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., seven days per week, excluding City of Tulsa holidays and even have firewood available (bring your own saw).

If you have any questions, please contact our Recycling Outreach Coordinator at 918-259-7000 ext. 7364.



New leadership team members announced

The City of Broken Arrow is pleased to announce the selection of Jennifer Rush (left) for the position of Economic Development Manager and Makala Barton for Community Relations Liaison.

Responsibilities for Rush include leading the Tourism and Economic Development team, and planning, developing, and

Wimpee re-elected, Ford elected to City Council

On Tuesday, April 6, residents voted to re-elect Debra Wimpee to the City Council for Ward 1. Voters also elected Lisa Ford to fill the Ward 2 City Council seat. Ford will replace long-time City Councilor Craig Thurmond, who has served on Council since 2001, with nine of those years in the position of Mayor.

With Ford joining the Council, this will be the first time in Broken Arrow history that three women (Ford, Wimpee, and Ward 3 Council Member Christi Gillespie) will serve on the City Council at the same time, according to City records.

Wimpee and Ford begin their new terms at noon on Monday, April 19, with a public swearing-in ceremony planned for Tuesday, April 20, at 6:30 p.m., during the

learn, and planning, developing, and implementing the City's economic development efforts. She takes over for Norm Stephens who was promoted in February to the position of Assistant City Manager of Administration. Barton will serve as the Liaison in the City Manager's Office for major community partners, user groups, and stakeholder groups in Broken Arrow.

"I am beyond excited about adding these two talented and experienced professionals to the City's extremely high-speed servant-leadership team!" said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. "Our goal is to provide great service to our residents and businesses, and I believe Jennifer and Makala will help us continue meeting those expectations in the areas of economic development and community relations respectively."

Rush most recently worked for the City of Bixby as the Retail Economic Development Coordinator and the Public Information/ Events Coordinator. She brings over 15 years of experience including six in the public sector, working with Tulsa Crime Stoppers prior to the City of Bixby. She holds a Bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University and a Master's from Oklahoma State University.

The City is also excited to announce the selection of Makala Barton for the role of Community Relations Liaison. Barton was raised in Colorado but is excited to make Broken Arrow home and be closer to Oklahoma family and friends. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and brings 13 years of experience in local government, the private sector, and as a small business owner. Her most recent role was in Rio Blanco County, Colorado as the Economic Development & Public Relations Director.

Learn motorcycle safety with Broken Arrow Police

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.

The Share the Road course is designed to teach experienced riders how to survive riding on our roadways. It's taught by seasoned police motorcycle officers who know how to stay safe on a motorcycle. Riders will learn effective turning, obstacle avoidance, braking and more.

Dates for 2021 "Share the Road" courses are: April 11 and 25, May 23, June 13, and Sept. 26. All classes will be from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. Register at BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad, or call 918-259-2400 ext. 8769 for more details.

City Council Meeting held at City Hall, 220 S. First St. After the swearing-in ceremony that evening, the five council members will nominate and vote for the positions of Mayor and Vice Mayor amongst themselves. Election results are unofficial until legally certified by the county election boards, and there is no run-off election required for Ward 1.

Keep BA Beautiful holds Plant A Rose event

In the 1920s, when Broken Arrow was first called The City of Roses, a local newspaper reported that almost every home "humble or aristocratic" had a rose garden. Plant a Rose encourages Broken Arrow homes and businesses to return to this beautiful part of our history.

Plant a Rose, Honor a Veteran, Honor a Loved One

- Choose a rose to plant. Riddle Plant Farm and Sanders Nursery are participating and will have special roses.
- Plant your rose and take a picture
- Post picture on [KBAB's Facebook Page](#).
 - Mention who you are honoring. If it's a veteran include branch of service, where they served, anything else you'd like to say.
- Event ends May 31, Memorial Day.
- Drawing from entries (this is not a photography contest). Winners receive rose bushes donated by Riddle Plant Farm and Sanders Nursery.

Workforce Needs Survey

The Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation and [Work In BA Career & Workforce Center](#) need business owner and manager input to best understand the workforce needs of the businesses in our community and how we can best assist with those needs.

This Workforce Needs Survey will take around 20 minutes to complete. While it is on the longer side, your participation is greatly appreciated. This survey is confidential and will not be shared with anyone.

Thank you. Your contribution is much appreciated.

Business owners: Take the Survey

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Ongoing thru October — Rose District Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

April 11 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. Register at BrokenArrowOK.gov/SharetheRoad.

April 15-May 31 — KBAB Plant A Rose event See related story above.

April 17 — Get Fit Festival 10 a.m.-3 p.m., New Orleans Square.

April 20 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

April 21 — Community Blood Drive Noon-6 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St. By appointments only: RedCrossBlood.org.

April 22 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

April 24 — Free Dump Day 7 a.m.-4 p.m. Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. N. in Tulsa. Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/FreeDump for details.

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May 1 — Mom & Me Hike 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Ray Herral Nature Park, 7101 E. 3rd St.

May 1 — KBAB Monarch Moment 1 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

May 1 — Mission 22 Kentucky Derby Polo Benefit 1:30-9 p.m., Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St.

May 4 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 8 — Cinco de Mayo Fiesta 2-9 p.m, Main Street Square, 303 S. Main St. Family friendly event

May 13 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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