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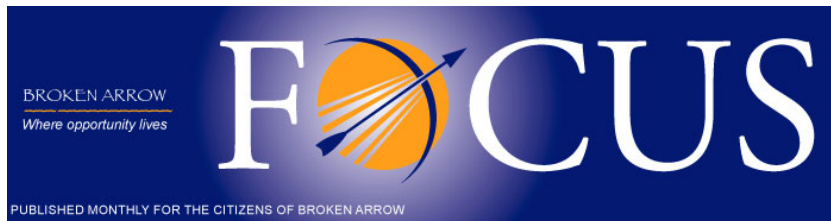
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## Pools opening Memorial Day weekend



The City of Broken Arrow's Family Aquatic Center and Nienhuis Aquatic Facility will open for the summer on Saturday, May 29. This year, Country Aire Pool will be open for swim lessons and private party rentals only.

The City is still looking to hire seasonal lifeguards and offers the highest lifeguard pay in the metro area. For more information, job description, applications and for other seasonal opportunities, please visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/jobs](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/jobs).

The City's six public splash pads will also begin operating Memorial Day weekend.

Fees are \$5 per person; children under 2 are free. Hours for the City's pools are as follows:

	<b>Nienhuis Aquatic Facility</b> 3201 N. 9th St.	<b>Family Aquatic Center</b> 1400 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b>	Noon - 8 p.m.	Noon - 8 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	1:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	1:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	1:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Noon - 8 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>	Noon - 6 p.m.	Noon - 8 p.m.
<b>Friday</b>	Noon - 8 p.m.	Noon - 8 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	Noon - 8 p.m.	Noon - 8 p.m.
<b>Sunday</b>	Noon - 5 p.m.	Noon - 5 p.m.

Broken Arrow residents can purchase a Swim Punch Pass, good for 10 punches, for \$40. Each punch is good for one person. Punch passes can be purchased now at either Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St., or Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 N. 9th St.

The City of Broken Arrow will be offering swim lessons for infants and children 6 months-6+ years old beginning June 1. Parent-Child Aquatics, Preschool Aquatics and Learn to Swim courses will be offered weekday mornings throughout the summer. Please visit [BAParks.org](http://BAParks.org) for more information.

### Splash pads

The City's splash pads will be on daily from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Splash pads are located at:

- Camino Villa Park, 2812 E. Madison Pl.
- Haskell Park, 601 E. Dallas St.
- Jackson Park, 4800 W. Washington St.

- Leisure Park, 801 W. Charleston St.
- Sieling Park, 525 W. Iola St.
- Rockwood West Park, 1301 N. Redbud Ave.

## Work begins on Museum BA mural

The Museum Broken Arrow announced today that mural artist Carlos Barboza has begun work on their public art mural project. This large--scale, 54 feet by 32 feet work of art is set to be completed by June 1, in downtown Broken Arrow on the south exterior museum wall.

"This is an exciting time for Broken Arrow, especially our museum," said Julie Brown, Museum BA executive director. "Carlos' mural design had the most community votes, and we could not be more thrilled to be working with such a talented artist. We are in awe of what he has completed here thus far and hope everyone takes a moment to come by and see him in action!"

This program is funded in part by Oklahoma Humanities (OH) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Any views, findings, conclusions or recommendations expressed in the program do not necessarily represent those of OH or NEH. Funding is also provided by Broken Arrow Community Foundation and the City of Broken Arrow.

The Museum Broken Arrow is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization located in historic downtown Broken Arrow. In addition to showcasing local history, the Museum also offers traveling art exhibits, events, educational opportunities, and facility rental. Museum hours: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 10-4 p.m., Thursday 4-8 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and by appointment. For more information, call 918-258-2616 or visit [BrokenArrowMuseum.org](http://BrokenArrowMuseum.org).



## MHC recognizes veterans facing 'War at Home'



Staff Sgt. Michael K. Coon is now a permanent part of Broken Arrow history, with his 10-foot by 4-foot silhouette statue installed on the grounds of the Military History Center, 112 N. Main St.

Coon served 10 years in the U.S. Army 1st Battalion, 77th Armor Regiment in Iraq and Afghanistan in the Persian Gulf before succumbing to the "War at Home" by suicide in 2015, a result of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He's not alone. An average of 20 American veterans a day each die by suicide.

Coon's Native American family has a storied history of military service. Phillip Coon, Michael's grandfather, was a World War II prisoner of war and a Bataan Death March Survivor. His father, Michael Dennis Coon, served in Vietnam as an airborne paratrooper.

Now, it's the elder Michael Coon's mission to bring awareness to the plight of veterans who have PTSD.

"My son decided that he wanted to join the military and to continue my father's legacy," Coon said. "Today, they're both gone, and I'm the last one. My mission in life now is to fulfill their honor, their respect, and their devotion that they showed to our country and to be sure that they are never forgotten."

Broken Arrow Mayor Debra Wimpee serves on the board of the Military History Center and has been instrumental in bringing the Mission 22 War at Home Memorial to Broken Arrow so more people would be aware of veterans suffering from PTSD.

The City has partnered with Mission 22 and the Muskogee Nation to bring a permanent memorial to Broken Arrow at Veteran's Park, 1111 S. Main St.

Mission 22, The War at Home Memorial, is dedicated to raising awareness of Veteran suicide. The project will be a national monument for those who have fallen in the war against veteran suicide.

Each steel plate silhouette is created in the likeness of a real American Veteran who lost their battle with post traumatic stress. These 20 men and women featured in the memorial represent those suffering from the fight here at home every day.

"We are honored that Mr. Coon decided to donate his son's silhouette to the Military History Center so that it would be part of our history in Broken Arrow along with the War at Home Memorial," Wimpee said. "It's been an honor to work with Mr. Coon the last two years in getting this monument here."

If you'd like to find out how you can support Mission 22 in their fight to help veterans with PTSD, visit [Mission22.com](http://Mission22.com)

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## Franchise agreements explained

The City has received numerous calls and emails in the past and comments on social media regarding the quality of internet service and/or cable providers in the City. Many of these comments concern Cox Communications' agreement with City.

Cox has a non-exclusive cable franchise agreement with the City. The important part of that phrase is **non-exclusive**. This means that the City reserves the right to enter a similar agreement with any competing cable company.

Franchise agreements allow private telecommunications and utility entities the use of our public rights of way to install, maintain, and upgrade their own infrastructure to support the services they offer. In exchange, the City receives a franchise fee. Additionally, these companies can gain access to the City's rights of way through a permitting process. Windstream Communications operates by this permitting process. At this time, Cox and Windstream are the only telecom companies to make these infrastructure investments within the City of Broken Arrow.

In the case of Cox, the franchise agreement requires they provide an annual report of their services to the City Council each May. That presentation will be made at the May 18 City Council meeting and will be posted on the [City's YouTube Channel](#).

Private telecom and ISP companies make their own business decisions regarding when and where to invest resources to provide services to an area. The City Council and Administration welcome any new investments that will increase options and improve service to residents.

Residents wishing for certain companies to expand their services into Broken Arrow are encouraged to contact those companies directly. If they see enough demand, it can help make the case to their decision makers that Broken Arrow is worth the investment!



## Learn life saving skills at Camp Bandage

Camp Bandage is a safety camp and community outreach project. Learn injury prevention, first aid and CPR as well as bike, water, fire and home safety. See a simulated car crash and learn how emergency responders work together in a real accident scenario. Come see fire trucks, ambulances, K-9 units, police cars, Life Flight and so much more!

This free community event will be noon-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, at Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. (just east of the Northeastern State University and the Creek Turnpike).

## Holiday trash schedule

City offices will be closed Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day. All trash collection that week will slide one day. For instance, Monday customers will have their trash collected on Tuesday, and so on.

The Police and Fire Departments will remain open on these days. 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.

## Central Park hosts 2021 Tuesdays in the Park

Join ARTSOK, the Regional Arts Alliance of Broken Arrow, for its Tuesdays in the Park concert series! Every Tuesday in June.

Recorded music begins at 6:30 p.m., with live acts beginning at 7 p.m. So bring your lawn chair and enjoy the music in a beautiful outdoor setting at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

June City Council meetings will be held on Mondays due to these events.

- June 8: Mary Cogan
- June 15: The Usual Suspects
- June 22: Grady Nichols
- June 29: Zodiac

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Events are subject to change. Visit [BrokenArrowOK.gov/calendar](https://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.

**May 15 — National Kids to Parks Day** 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Neinhuis Park, 3201 N. 9th St.

**May 15 — Camp Bandage** Noon-4 p.m., Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St.

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

**May 22 — Modern Moms Market** 10 a.m.- 5 p.m., Restore House, 924 S. Main St.

**May 23 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Course** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. Register at [BrokenArrowOK.gov/SharetheRoad](http://BrokenArrowOK.gov/SharetheRoad).

**May 27 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**May 31 — Memorial Day** City Offices closed. Trash collection slides one day all week.

**June 5 — Take Me Fishing Day** 7a.m.-noon, Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St.

**June 7 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**June 8 — Tuesdays in the Park** 6:30 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

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