


To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager 
Date: August 3, 2018
Re: Notes to Council

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- Parks Department Post Event Report – Great Outdoors Summer Camp
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Respectfully submitted,

Michael Spurgeon

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Attachments

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2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



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Build Our Future BA GO Bond set for August 28

Broken Arrow, Okla. (7/31/2018) – In order to keep up with residential and economic development growth in Broken Arrow, the City Council and Administration will ask voters in August to consider an approximately \$210 million General Obligation Bond package.

GO Bonds are a common financing tool used by Oklahoma cities to fund important infrastructure projects such as building roads, bridges, flood control, parks and public buildings. If approved, the GO bond projects will **not** increase the City's property tax rate. New bonds will only be issued as old bonds are paid off.

On Tuesday, August 28, voters will decide on six questions on the ballot:

- Proposition 1: Transportation (\$142.625 million)
- Proposition 2: Public Safety (\$20.35 million)
- Proposition 3: Parks and Recreation (\$17.75 million)
- Proposition 4: Public Facilities (\$16.8 million)
- Proposition 5: Stormwater (\$7.5 million)
- Proposition 6: Drainage* (\$5.5 million)

The complete package contains 88 projects totaling approximately \$210 million, which would make it the largest municipal bond in Broken Arrow's history. Some of the projects include:

- Widen Houston (81st) Street from Garnett Road to Aspen (145th) Avenue
- Widen 23rd Street (County Line) between Omaha (51st) to Albany (61st) Street
- Improve intersections on 9th Street (Lynn Lane) near Highway 51
- Construct meeting center for veterans
- Construct Senior Citizen Center annex facility

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- Improve drainage in neighborhoods
- Build Fire Station No. 7
- Develop a new park in southwest Broken Arrow

“The Build Our Future BA GO Bond is a big step forward for Broken Arrow. The projects included represent the biggest desires of residents across the City for how they envision Broken Arrow in the future,” said Mayor Craig Thurmond. “I appreciate the dedication of City staff in preparing such an ambitious package, and I want to thank the hundreds of residents who took the time to reach out to the City and the Council to provide feedback that was vital to guiding the creation of this bond package.”

VOTER RESOURCES

Residents may view videos, FAQs and download a complete project list at www.BuildOurFutureBA.com.

Broken Arrow residents with precinct questions can contact their election board:

- Tulsa County Election Board: 918-596-5780
- Wagoner County Election Board: 918-485-2142

Residents are encouraged to read a sample ballot before heading to their precinct. Sample ballots, along with precinct information, can be found with the Oklahoma State Election Board’s Online Voter Tool, available at www.ok.gov/elections/Voter_Info/Online_Voter_Tool/.

Voting locations will be open 7 a.m.-7p.m. Tuesday. Early voting is available 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23, and Friday, Aug. 24, and again between 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Residents in Tulsa County can vote early at the Tulsa County Election Board, 555 N. Denver Ave. in Tulsa or at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd St. Wagoner County residents can vote at Heritage United Methodist Church, 5300 E. Kenosha St. in Broken Arrow.

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** Proposition 6 must pass with 60% approval or higher as some proposed drainage projects could potentially require work to be completed on private property. State law restricts the use of public funding on private property, unless voters authorize such spending.*

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Broken Arrow Mayor among Oklahoma leaders invited to White House

This will be the Mayor's 3rd visit since January

Broken Arrow, Okla. (7/30/2018) – Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond has been invited to the White House for the third time since January. Thurmond will attend the White House Conference with Oklahoma Local and County Leaders on Aug. 21.

The purpose of the conference is to develop a working relationship between the White House and leaders within the State of Oklahoma.

“It’s always an honor to be invited to a meeting at the White House,” Thurmond said. “I look forward to discussing issues that matter most to Broken Arrow residents, and Oklahomans as a whole, with the President’s staff.”

This is Thurmond’s third invitation to the White House since January. He was previously invited as a select group of U.S. mayors to attend Mayors’ Day at the White House: A Conversation with President Trump in January where President Donald Trump announced plans to spend \$1.7 trillion on infrastructure.

Thurmond was also invited to attend the Mayor’s Infrastructure Discussion in March, where a select group of mayors met with D.J. Gribbin, Special Assistant to the President for Infrastructure.

City Manager Michael Spurgeon joined Thurmond at the March meeting, and will again accompany the mayor on Aug. 21.

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LifeRide enrollment period begins August 1

Broken Arrow, Okla. (8/1/18) – The enrollment period for LifeRide, the City of Broken Arrow’s ambulance subscription program, will begin on Aug. 1 and ends Aug. 31. Changes in enrollment will not be accepted past Aug. 31. LifeRide is a voluntary, subscriber based program that provides patients with valuable cost-savings on emergency medical response and transportation provided by the Broken Arrow Fire Department.

The average emergency response and ambulance transport costs \$1,500. Insurance may cover a portion of this charge, but subscribers to LifeRide who have medical insurance will pay nothing after a claim is submitted to the patient’s medical insurance provider.

LifeRide costs \$5.45 a month per household inside the City limits and \$7.50 per month for those outside City limits but within the Broken Arrow fence line. The monthly fee shows up as a line item on a utility bill. Those interested in enrolling in LifeRide but do not receive a City of Broken Arrow utility bill can fill out an annual form and submit it with payment. LifeRide members with medical insurance don’t have to pay out-of-pocket costs, after a claim is submitted to the medical insurance provider. Members who do not have medical insurance receive a 40 percent discount.

Individuals and families who do not want to participate in LifeRide may also opt-out during this period by completing a nonparticipation form and submitting it to Utility Customer Service by Aug. 31. Residents may also complete the form at the Utility Customer Service office located at 116 E. Dallas St. on the south side of City Hall.

Please note: Residents who do not wish to change their subscription status do not need to do anything.

View frequently asked questions and download enrollment or nonparticipation forms at LiferideBA.org. For additional assistance, call 918-259-6595 or email liferide@brokenarrowok.gov

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Broken Arrow announces City pool closing dates

Splash pads will remain open

Broken Arrow, Okla. (8/3/2018) – The City of Broken Arrow’s 2018 swimming pool season will end by Aug. 14.

The last day Country Aire Pool will be open is Monday, Aug. 6; the Family Aquatic Center at Central Park’s last day will be Saturday, Aug. 11; and Nienhuis Aquatic Facility will close for the season on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The majority of the City’s seasonal pool staff members are high school and college students who are preparing for the new school year in early August. Due to this, the City of Broken Arrow must close the pools prior to the beginning of the school year.

Seasonal splash pads will remain open, daily 8 a.m.-8 p.m., as the weather permits. Broken Arrow’s 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.
- Rockwood West Park, 1308 N. Redbud Ave.
- Sieling Park, 525 W. Iola St.

The Interactive Water Feature located at the Rose District Plaza on Main Street will remain open until freezing temperatures are forecast.

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PRESS RELEASE

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BAFD to offer free community hands-only CPR classes

Broken Arrow, Okla. (8/2/2018) – The Broken Arrow Fire Department (BAFD) will begin offering monthly CPR training classes free for members of the community.

The one-hour classes will train citizens in Hands-Only CPR, choking assistance and familiarize them with automated external defibrillators (AEDs) as part of the American Heart Association’s Friends and Family CPR course. This course is intended for people who want to learn CPR but do not need a CPR course completion card to meet a job requirement.

“We started these classes for community groups, families, babysitters and anyone else interested in learning how to save a life,” said BAFD Chief Jeremy Moore. “With the launch of the PulsePoint app last year, the Broken Arrow Fire Department has been encouraging everyone to learn CPR so we can have citizen life savers available whenever they’re needed.”

The first classes are scheduled for Aug. 23, Sept. 18, Oct. 17 and Nov. 15. Each class is limited to 20 people and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Classes will be held at the Broken Arrow Police and Fire Training Center, 4205 E Omaha St. in northeast Broken Arrow.

For more information, or to register for a class, visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/CommunityCPR.

“BAFD also encourages local business owners or managers or civic organizations to reach out to us if you’re interested in training some of your membership in Hands-Only CPR,” Moore said. “Nationwide, only 46 percent of sudden cardiac arrest victims receive bystander CPR. We’d like to make sure that number is much lower in Broken Arrow.”

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3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES





CITY OF BROKEN ARROW

Parks & Recreation Post Event Report

Event/Program: Great Outdoors Summer Camp Date: July 16 to July 19, 2018

DETAILS

<i>Location</i>	Ray Harral Nature Center	<i>Attendance</i>	18 participants
<i>Event Organizer</i>	John Darling, Nature Center Supervisor	<i>How long has the event been going?</i>	1 st Year

DESCRIPTION

- Ray Harral Nature Center staff provided a summer outdoors day camp with hands-on activities for children 8-12 years old.
- Each participant received an adventure pack that included a compass, magnifying glass, and a drawstring backpack.
- Activities included hikes, crafts, games, team activities, and observing nature.
- Third party organizations joined in the programming during this day camp. These organizations provided participants educational games and opportunities to learn about wildlife.

TYPE OF PROMOTIONS USED

- Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Facebook pages
- Community Calendar and WebTrac on City Webpage
- Promoted camp at Tulsa Summer Camp and Activities Expo in Tulsa
- Community Center Marquees
- Recreation Guide on the City Webpage

NOTES

Our goals:

- Give children the opportunity to develop their understanding and appreciation of nature.
- Provide an inclusive and hand's on summertime learning experience for community youth.

For Next Year:

- Team activities / break off in groups
- Reconsider age groups for conducive learning.



Photos:



CITY OF BROKEN ARROW

Parks & Recreation Post Event Report

Event/Program: Tie Dye Party! Date: July 28th, 2018

DETAILS

<i>Location</i>	Ray Harral Nature Center	<i>Attendance</i>	250 participants
<i>Event Organizer</i>	John Darling, Nature Center Supervisor	<i>How long has the event been going?</i>	1 st Year

DESCRIPTION

- The Ray Harral Nature Center staff provided the opportunity for visitors and their families to bring a plain white T-shirt to tie-dye free of charge.
- Patrons were instructed on how to dye their shirts then they were given all the necessary items to make their tie-dyes magical.
- Kona Ice attended the event to provide shaved ice to participants.

TYPE OF PROMOTIONS USED

- Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Facebook Pages
- Broken Arrow Website Community Calendar
- Fliers and marquees at community centers

NOTES

Our goals:

- Give families the opportunity to be creative and constructive.
- Provide an inclusive and hands-on summertime activity to get the whole family out of the house and enjoying the outdoors.

For Next Year:

- Request more staff to help.
- Have an earlier set up time for the event.
- Place participants in lines.



PHOTOS:

