

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
Date: August 17, 2018
Re: Notes to Council

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- Parks and Recreation Post-Event Report - SandDazzle and Back to School Bash

Respectfully submitted,



Michael Spurgeon

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Attachments

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PRESS RELEASE

Contact: Krista Flasch
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City of Broken Arrow to increase water treatment efforts to combat algae

Broken Arrow, Okla. (8/13/2018) – The City of Broken Arrow is increasing its water pretreatment operations in an effort to reduce taste and odor issues with its treated water.

It is important to note that the water is safe to drink, and it is not necessary to boil the water first before using.

Currently, Utilities Department employees are flushing the affected water out of the supply system at strategic locations throughout the City. Customers should begin to notice improvements within the next few days.

The City has received a number of complaints regarding the taste and odor of the treated water. The earthy taste and smell is being caused by algae blooms in the Verdigris River that are now decaying in our raw water source. This phenomenon occurs almost every summer, with varying degrees of impact on the City's pretreatment operations at the Verdigris River Water Treatment Plant.

Staff will continue to monitor the situation closely and regular updates will be provided to citizens via the City website, www.BrokenArrowOK.gov.

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Community partners express support for Build Our Future BA GO Bond

The bond is up for a vote on Aug. 28

Broken Arrow, Okla. (8/13/2018) – The City of Broken Arrow’s community partners will gather together to show support for the Build Our Future GO Bond at a press conference on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Joining the Mayor and City Councilors will be representatives from the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, Broken Arrow Public Schools, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10887, Broken Arrow Seniors and Indian Nations Football Conference.

These organizations have expressed their support for the largest municipal bond in Broken Arrow’s history. The \$210 million General Obligation (GO) Bond package will be voted on by residents on Aug. 28.

What: Build Our Future BA GO Bond supporters press conference
When: 10 a.m., Tuesday, Aug. 14
Where: Broken Arrow Chamber, 210 N. Main St., Broken Arrow

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Broken Arrow rededicates Vietnam War Memorial

The memorial was relocated to Veterans Park to be more visible

Update: This event was rescheduled due to weather.

Broken Arrow, Okla. (8/15/2018) – The City of Broken Arrow will host a rededication ceremony for the Vietnam War Memorial at Veterans Park, 1111 S. Main St., at 7 p.m., ~~Thursday, Aug. 16.~~ **Wednesday, Aug. 22.**

The memorial honors the seven Broken Arrow residents who were killed during the Vietnam War. Members of their families have been invited to attend the rededication.

The Vietnam War Memorial was located in Central Park at 1500 S. Main; however there was a desire to have it relocated across Main Street to Veterans Park. This was done partly because many who visited Veterans Park did not make the trek to the memorial. Also, some events held at Central Park would cause the memorial to be obstructed from view or risked damage to it.

“I think it’s important to remember the sacrifice of those seven young men, four of whom died in one year – 1969,” said Councilor Johnnie Parks. “Since we had Veterans Park available I think the memorial needed to be moved so that people, especially kids, who come to Veterans Park can remember their service to the nation.”

The City Council approved the memorial’s relocation in April 2017. During planning, it was determined moving the original granite monument might damage it and a new monument was ordered for Veterans Park.

The original monument from Central Park will be relocated to the Military History Center, 112 N. Main St., pending its successful removal in the next month.

What: Rededication ceremony for Vietnam War Memorial

When: Thursday, Aug. 16 at 7 p.m.

Where: Broken Arrow Veterans Park, 1111 S. Main St.

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES





CITY OF BROKEN ARROW

Parks & Recreation Post-Event Report

Event/Program: SandDazzle & Back to School Bash Date: 8/11/18

DETAILS

<i>Location</i>	Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. 9 th Street	<i>Attendance</i>	Est. 3,000
<i>Event Organizer</i>	Jim Reed/ Nienhuis Park Center Supervisor	<i>How long has the event been going?</i>	11 Years

DESCRIPTION

- This annual event allows citizens to experience a little time at the beach near the Nienhuis Aquatic Facility while promoting a free family fun event.
- The City collaborated with Heritage United Methodist Church to execute this annual event.
- Heritage United Methodist Church provide back-to-school backpacks (with school supplies) to over 1,200 children.
- There were several booths that ranged from face painting, martial arts demonstrations, Broken Arrow Soccer Club, CVS Pharmacy, Broken Arrow Beauty College, Bricks for Kids, the HUB, and a mobile game truck.
- Heritage United Methodist Church gave away hot dogs and snow cones throughout the time of the event.
- There were also four bouncy houses onsite for children to have even more fun.
- The Broken Arrow Fire Department also came over to spray the children and some hot adults from the fire hydrant located near the sand. – this was an awesome addition for the children in attendance.

TYPE OF PROMOTIONS USED

- Posters, flyers, and marquees at Community Centers
- Posted on the City's Community Calendar
- Posted on Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Facebook pages
- Posted on the City's Municipal Facebook page
- Published in the Summer Recreation Guide
- Heritage United Methodist Church Facebook page and website

Our goals:

Our goal with this event was to offer a free family fun event to the citizens on Broken Arrow in a safe, clean, and friendly environment.

Photos:

