

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Russell Gale, Assistant City Manager
Date: March 31, 2017
Re: Notes to Council

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

- Utilities Department Monthly Report – February 2017
- Tulsa’s Future Regional Economic Development Report – February 2017

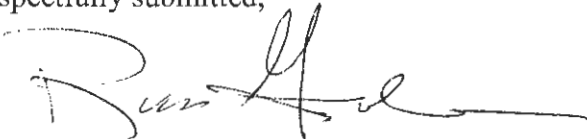
2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION

- Press Release – City Seeks to Build “Innovation District” to Attract High Tech Jobs
- Press Release – New Orleans Street Repaving Project to Begin April 3
- Press Release – City Designates Land for Local VFW to Build New Meeting Space
- Press Release – City to Plant Trees for Arbor Day
- Weekly News Coverage in Broken Arrow

3. SPECIAL EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

- N/A

Respectfully submitted,



Russell Gale


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Attachments

1. STAFF REPORTS / ITEMS REQUIRING IMMEDIATE ATTENTION





INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager
From: Anthony Daniel, Utilities Director 
Date: March 31, 2017
Re: Utilities Department Monthly Report – February 2017

	February 2017	February 2016
Water Treated, Purchased and Distributed		
Water Purchased from Tulsa	0.1 MG	0.0 MG
Water – Produced at Verdigris WTP	<u>248.7 MG</u>	<u>266.3 MG</u>
Total	248.8 MG	266.3 MG
Wastewater Treated		
Lynn Lane Plant	101.7 MG	115.5 MG
Haikey Creek Plant flow from BA	126.4 MG	127.5 MG
Haikey Creek Plant flow from Tulsa	165.2 MG	188.4 MG

**LLWWTF Maintenance Summary-
David Handy**

1. Screw Pump #3 at Headworks; working on replacing lower bearing.
2. Routine cleaning of secondary clarifier done.
3. Replaced defective wiring for chlorine analyzer.
4. Repaired “high level” float on second barscreen.
5. Repaired 3” mud pump in contact basins. Discovered an electrical short in the wiring conduit for the pump. Will have to replace wiring.
6. Cleaned west basin of the chlorine contact basin.
7. Replaced wash box rubber seals on belt press.
8. Installed a UPS system in belt press and headworks SCADA panels.
9. Installed new ceiling tiles in Plant Manager’s office.
10. HACH DR3900 Spectrophotometer and QA/QC training with Plant Manager and Asst. Plant Manager. Setup control charts for QA/QC manual.

**Lynn Lane and Haikey Creek WWTP Industrial Pretreatment Program Summary-
Lauren Wilson**

Fats, Oil & Grease (FOG) Program Activities

1. Food Handling Establishment Inspections:

City pretreatment staff performed 79 food handling establishments (FHE) inspections in the month of February.

Staff inspected manifests for grease interceptor (GI) maintenance, looked at GI, and discussed best management practices. FHEs with improperly maintained interceptors have been asked to have their grease interceptor pumped immediately. Re-checks are done for non-compliance issues.

2. FOG Program Administration & Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO) Follow Up:

- Union Public Schools submitted a compliance plan to pretreatment staff agreeing to install grease interceptors at Christa McAuliffe and Tom Peters Elementary Schools by December 29, 2018.
- Village Healthcare submitted a compliance plan to pretreatment staff agreeing to install a grease interceptor. Their contractor has submitted specifications to Development Services for approval. Construction will begin after approval.
- Pretreatment staff attended the Homeowner's Association Workshop with cooking oil collection bottles. Fats, oil, & grease (FOG) pollution prevention brochures were handed out to attendees.

Industrial Pretreatment Activities:

1. Industrial Pretreatment Program Administration:

- UPDATE: Pretreatment staff met with management at PACCAR Winch. The meeting was to discuss the wastewater discharge permit that was issued but not signed by PACCAR Winch in August 2016. PACCAR Winch made an appeal to the permit in September 2016 based upon the fact that discharge of "chemical tanks" was denied by the City. PACCAR Winch had stated that they would like to provide information proving that the "chemical tanks" were non-hazardous and did not contain cyanide. PACCAR Winch decided to rescind their appeal and sign the permit "as is". City staff prepared a new permit amending only the effective date of the permit to January 27, 2017. PACCAR Winch signed the permit and will begin discharging rinse water from the metal finishing processes. Quarterly compliance monitoring reports and laboratory analysis will be sent to City of Broken Arrow pretreatment staff.
- City staff inspected Baker Hughes as a part of the 5-year, comprehensive, industrial user survey. Currently all process wastewater is being hauled off-site by Stericycle, but Baker Hughes would like to explore the option of discharging process wastewater from their non-destructive testing line. Baker Hughes has been issued a wastewater discharge permit application packet. Updates will be provided on the permitting process as it unfolds.
- Utilities staff hosted the Youth City Council on February 14, 2017. They watched a presentation on the pretreatment program and toured the Lynn Lane Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Blue Bell Creameries submitted a draft preliminary engineering report to City of Broken Arrow staff as required in the Consent Order. City staff made comments and the final report will be submitted by 3/6/17. Blue Bell has agreed to make changes to the design if the pilot testing of the mobile pretreatment unit shows non-compliance with City of Broken Arrow pretreatment standards.

2. Compliance monitoring reports and laboratory analysis:

- Flight Safety compliance monitoring report including laboratory analysis was received and reviewed. No deficiencies were noted.

- Blue Bell compliance monitoring report including laboratory analysis was received and reviewed. No deficiencies were noted. Surcharges have been suspended per the consent order signed on 2/7/17.
- Unifirst compliance monitoring report including laboratory analysis was received and reviewed. No deficiencies were noted. Unifirst surcharges were calculated in the amount of \$5,381.35 and sent to finance for billing.

3. Auto Shop Inspections:

City pretreatment staff inspected 26 auto shops in the month of February. Best Management Practice signs are being distributed to auto shop management. Management is asked to hang the sign for employees to view. City staff is looking at hazardous/waste disposal manifests and compiling information for the database.

4. Car Wash Inspections:

City pretreatment staff inspected 8 car washes in the month of February. Staff is looking for maintenance manifests for sand interceptors and oil/water separators. “No Dumping” signs are being distributed to self-service facilities asking the public not to dump motor oil or chemicals into car wash bays.

UTILITIES DISTRIBUTION/COLLECTIONS MAINTENANCE SUMMARY

WATER DISTRIBUTION – Jerry Hanewinkel

1. New Taps and Meters set 44
2. Responded to 74 water leak calls
3. Replaced 121 meters
4. Repaired or Replaced 24 meter boxes and valve boxes
5. Replaced 20 Curb Stops
6. Cleaned and restored 51 yards after water line repairs were done
7. Responded to 455 Call Okie Line Locates
8. Installed 2 service crossings
9. Responded to 38 water system service requests
10. Flushed 48 main lines for water quality issues
11. Distribution Main Leaks repaired 19
12. Meter leak repairs done 13
13. Valve truck crew exercised 69 valves for the month, bringing the total to 172 for 2017
14. Fire Hydrants Repaired 1
15. Fire Hydrants Replaced 2
16. Repaired 3 isolation valves

SEWER COLLECTION- David Marlow

1. Service requests calls-48
2. Sewer line blockages-20
3. Manholes cleaned /raised/repaired-16
4. Sewer line locates done-76
5. Clean ups done at 14 locations after repairs to sewer lines were done
6. Stand-by and night crew responded to 10 sewer calls
7. Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's) reported for the month of February-5
8. Smoked sewer lines at 1 location
9. Sewer line cleaned-2,400 ft.

BOOSTER AND LIFT STATIONS

1. Routine station visits (31 lift stations and 4 booster stations)-685
 - Pulled pumps to remove rags from several stations and cleaned grease from floats at most stations
2. Check valves/pumps cleaned-12
3. Wet wells cleaned-4
4. Grounds keeping (cut grass/trim trees/weed & pest control)
5. Booster station calls-1
 - Bass Pro Booster did not shut off resulting in Baptist Tower overflowing
6. Lift station repairs-12
 - Berwick-replaced rock
 - Adams Creek NW-adjusted sluice gate
 - Dresser Rand-replaced lower float
 - Expressway-rerock access road
 - South Park South-replaced 3 way valve
 - South Park South-replaced alternator
 - Stone Horse-reprimed pumps
 - Westwind-pulled #3 pump and motor to remove rags & debris
 - Windsor-replaced float hangers and bolts, replaced alternator
 - Windsor-replaced 3 way valve
 - Oneta Rd-replaced discharge hose
 - Florence-replaced alternator

METER READING – Derriel Bynum

1. Replaced Meters-41
2. Placed Door Hangers for bad check-86
3. Turn Ons for nonpayment-284
4. Turn Offs for nonpayment-331
5. New Accounts-446
6. Finals-420
7. Read 37,713 Meters for the month of February 2017
8. Construction Meters Set-4
9. UME Chambers replaced on large meters-3
10. Rereads/Leak Tests-102
11. Meter boxes replaced-14
12. Misreads-59 verified
13. Met with residents to discuss their concern-5
14. Resident requested meter checked-3
15. Meters pulled-4
16. Meter lids replaced-2
17. Meter resetter installed-5

AMR PROJECT-

- Retrieved water use history from 11 AMR radio devices and provided the 90 day graphs to the customers.
- Total number of AMR meters installed to date-9,283

UTILITIES CONSTRUCTION – Tommy Kimbrough

1. Water Line Project (WL1606) Washington, Date, Main St-installed 492' of 12" C-900 pipe water line. New water line will provide fire protection and improve water quality in cul-de-sacs.
2. OOWA line locates done-8
3. Taps and Meters Set-14
4. Fire Hydrants Replaced-3

WATER QUALITY- Diana Flora

1. Flushed dead end water lines at 40 locations.
2. Tested chlorine levels near auto flushers to verify all are working, 18 total.
3. 5 dirty water calls, 6,875 gallons of water flushed to improve water quality.
4. Collected 100 Bac-T samples and 2 chlorine (am/pm) daily for the month.
5. Distribution system-12 parameter testing at 12 locations every two weeks.
6. Total gallons flushed to improve water quality in February; 6,091,525 gallons.

VERDIGRIS WTP – Jimmy Helms

1. Rebuilt Borger PL300 sludge pumps #1 and #2 at pre-treatment basin
2. Replaced Sodium Permanganate pump pulsation dampener
3. Fixed leaks on Sodium Permanganate feed panel
4. Replaced two pneumatic solenoids on membrane Rack #2
5. Replaced communications cards in Main control room
6. Installed new water line for lubrication and packing on High Service pump #2, changed from soft copper tubing to hard stainless steel tubing
7. Replaced drive shaft, gear box, and bushing on membrane feed strainer #4
8. Reset and calibrated all 3 chlorine generators
9. Replaced mechanical seal and seal flange on Hypo. Transfer pump B
10. Repaired leaks on Hypo solution transfer panel
11. Greased all flocculator motors on pretreatment basin
12. Replaced check valve on Hypo transfer pump
13. Repaired eye wash station thermostat in CIP room
14. Repaired leak on 41st Street Tulsa connection sump pump
15. Repaired valve wrench drive shaft
16. Removed both safety harness latches from Clear well due to recall by manufacturer
17. Replaced outside safety harness latch on ladder with an improved design
18. Worked with PSI to troubleshoot hypo generators and identified one bad plate pack on the master generator.
19. Conducted ODEQ approved Water Operator D & C class and exam
20. Hosted OSHA 10 safety training for water plant & wastewater plant personnel
21. Hosted OSHA 30 safety training for water plant & wastewater plant personnel

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR-Barney Campbell

MEETINGS

- Utilities Staff meetings
- Utilities budget with Director
- Special Council Meeting-water supply final report

- Bid opening for 209th Lift Station
- GIS water information
- County Line-trunk sewer line
- Chloramine disinfection monitoring
- Meeting with Fire Dept. and Engineering-water system software
- Meeting with Legal-71st & Midway development

DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEWS

- Bentley Square

IN HOUSE PLAN REVIEW

- SCADA project review specs

Completed 2018 and 2019 budget for three divisions

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Anthony Daniel

1. Attended the weekly City Manager's leadership meetings.
2. Participated in the weekly Asst. Manager of Operations staff meetings.
3. Conducted the weekly Utilities Department staff meetings.
4. Attended the scheduled City Council and BAMA meetings.
5. Participated in the weekly teleconference for the Clevest AMR meter change-out software progress meeting. In attendance was Metering supervisors, IT Department Director, Finance staff and Sungard rep.
6. City staff and I met with Patrick Moseley of APAI on the SCADA project 90% specs and drawings review meeting.
7. Participated in the monthly RMUA Operations Committee meeting with Tulsa staff at HCWWTP to review the O & M activities for the month. A separate review meeting was held about the FY16 O & M CIP project and other capital projects.
8. Attended the quarterly Economic Development Projects Review meeting with city staff.
9. Participated in the County Trunk Sewer Line 65% Review meeting with E & C staff and consultant.
10. Attended the lunch & learn presentation by Garver Engineers on Chloramine Disinfection Monitoring.
11. Attended with LLWWTP staff to review the facility Risk Management plan as required by EPA for onsite storage of chlorine gas.
12. David Handy and I met with Indian Springs manager on the DEQ specified testing requirements for effluent reuse for irrigation.
13. Participated in the Review of Comments on the 90% specs and drawings submitted by Tetra Tech engineers for the LLWWTP Digestors rehab project.
14. Attended the lunch time webinar on pre-stressed concrete cylinder pipe failures.
15. Met with HR Director to discuss in general the support received from HR Department.
16. Met with ACM and E & C staff on the reporting of the 2016 raw water use information to OWRB.
17. Staff and I met with Patrick Moseley to complete review process and address any new issues on the SCADA project before finalizing the specs and drawings for OWRB submissions.
18. Internal review meeting with E & C staff to discuss issues pertaining to the County Line Trunk Sewer replacement project.
19. Attended the Youth City Council meeting with council members S. Eudey and J. Parks in attendance. Lauren Wilson did a presentation on the initiation of the pretreatment program. ACM-Operations K. Schwab provided a background and the function of the Utilities

- Department. Followed the group to the LLWWTP. David Handy took the group on a plant tour and explained the various treatment processes and the biological activity taking place.
20. Attended the lunch time presentation by the APG Neuron Blower company at HCWWTP. APG is one of the two turbo blowers being considered for the activated sludge process project.
 21. As part of the FY18 O & M Budget process, I met with the three division managers to review their proposed budget requests and capital items.
 22. Staff and I met and discussed Bluebell's pretreatment report from their engineer (GS & P).
 23. Participated in the HC lift station proposed 36" new force main project with Tulsa Engineering staff and Tetra Tech consultants.
 24. Attended the OML Water Summit at Rose State College in Oklahoma City.
 25. Participated in the Fire Department's proposed fire hydrant inspection and reporting program and the necessary training for personnel in the field.
 26. Attended the special council meeting on 2/28/17 to discuss the city's long term water needs.

FUTURE PROJECT TO DO LIST: NONE

INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Michael Spurgeon, City Manager

From: Norm Stephens, Assistant to the City Manager / Economic Development
Coordinator

Date: March 29, 2017

Re: Tulsa Future's Report

Sir, attached is the Regional Economic Development Activity Update for February 1 – February 28, 2017.

**Regional Economic Development Activity Update
February 1 – February 28, 2017**

Announcements & New Jobs Created

	Capital Investment	Greater than \$50,000	Less than \$50,000	Total Jobs
For the month of February	-	205	285	490
Total for 2017		399	375	774
Total for 2016	\$146,500,000	1,888	1,899	3,787
Totals for 2016-2017		2,287	2,274	4,561

Business Attraction Activity

	Proposals Submitted	Site Visits	Phase 2 Proposals Submitted
For the month of February	2	4	1
Total for 2017	8	7	1
Total for 2016	47	17	15

Business Retention & Expansion Activity

	BRE Visits
For the month of February	62
Total for 2017	146
Total for 2016	817

Lead Development

Monthly Leads

For the month of February	9
Total for 2017	21
Total for 2016	117

Lead development companies: M Line Holdings, Inc., Masimo Corporation, Morris, Kreitz & Sons, Codexis, Inc., Duncan Aviation, Inc., Emcore Corporation, Broadstar Operations, Hitchiner Manufacturing Company, Pulse Aerospace

Start Date	Number of Jobs	Status	Target Industry	Community	Source
2/9/2017	1,500-2,000	Active	Advanced Manufacturing	MidAmerica, Inola (AEP-PSO), Tulsa	ODOC
2/1/2017	Unknown	Active	Advanced Manufacturing	Tulsa, MidAmerica, Muskogee	Company Direct

All regional partners receive RFP request for proposal unless client specifies certain communities.

External Marketing

New York Scheduled Appointments, February 28 – March 8

The president & CEO and senior vice president of economic development for the Tulsa Regional Chamber conducted scheduled appointments with site location consultants and companies in New York February 28th through March 2nd. Meetings were held with six site selection groups and one headquarter company with a significant presence in the Tulsa area. The purpose of the meetings are to identify leads and potential projects while building and strengthening relationships with the consultants and company representatives.

2017 Scheduled Appointments

Destination	Participation Deadline	Scheduled Appointment Dates	Communities Attending
Dallas Call Trip	February 10	March 6-9	City of Owasso
Chicago Call Trip	June 14	July 11-13	
Carolinas Call Trip	September 15	October 16-19	
GEDMT - Southern California Call Trip	September 20	September 27-29	
Chicago Cubs Game		TBD	

2017 Trade Shows & Events

In addition to call trips, TRC economic development staff will be attending the following trade shows and events; scheduled appointments will likely be made in coordination with these shows and events. Regional Partners are welcome to register to attend these events and participate in scheduled appointments alongside TRC staff.

Destination	Participation Deadline	Event Dates	Communities Attending
SEDC Meet the Consultants, Atlanta	March 20	April 19-20	
MRO Americas, Orlando	March 27	April 25-27	
AUVSI - Dallas	April 10	May 8-11	
Atlanta GEDMT Event	April 11	May 10-12	
Global Petroleum Show, Calgary - Alberta, Canada	May 15	June 13-15	
Select USA Investment Summit, D.C.	May 19	June 18-20	
Paris International Airshow	May 22	June 19-25	
21 Club Reception - NYC, NY		TBD	
NBAA – Las Vegas	September 11	October 10-12	
Houston GEDMT Reception		November TBD	

Note: Any registration costs or pay-to-play fees for the above shows and events are the responsibility of individual partners.

2017 Regional Partner Meetings

- May 25, 2017 – Need Host
- August 24, 2017 – Need Host
- November 9, 2017 – Need Host

All meetings are 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please notify Angie Zaricor if you are interested in hosting.

2017 Tulsa's Future Annual Meeting

- **Tulsa's Future Regional/Municipality Partnership Private Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Location: Southern Hills Country Club, Snug Harbor, 2636 East 61st Street, Tulsa

Guest Speaker: Dennis Cuneo, DC Strategic Advisors LLC

- **Tulsa's Future Annual Meeting**

Date: Tuesday, April 18, 2017

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Location: Southern Hills Country Club, North Ballroom, 2636 East 61st Street, Tulsa

Guest Speaker: Dennis Cuneo, DC Strategic Advisors LLC

Dennis Cuneo Bio

Dennis is currently a management consultant and a partner in a national labor law firm. With a wide range of interests and expertise, he has built a successful career solving a variety of business challenges, with a focus on legal issues, public policy, economic development, and human resources/labor relations. In addition to heading his own consulting firm, D.C. Strategic Advisors LLC, Dennis is a Regional Managing Partner at Fisher & Phillips LLP. He serves on the boards of two Fortune 500 companies, a privately held engineering and construction firm, an auto industry think tank, and academic institutions. He also serves as an advisor to several high tech companies. Previously, he was a Senior Vice President of Toyota Manufacturing North America playing a key role in the expansion of Toyota's automotive manufacturing operations into North America.

2. GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE / NOTIFICATION



PRESS RELEASE

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City of BA Seeks to Build “Innovation District” to Attract High Tech Jobs

An expansive campus would include education, manufacturing and housing components

Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/27/17) – The City of Broken Arrow, in partnership with community organizations and educational institutions, is embarking on a new initiative to build what will be known as an Innovation District, a hub of high tech manufacturing businesses and educational facilities and the first of its kind in Oklahoma. It will be a closely knit partnership between business, education and government and will drive our local economy in the coming years by attracting thousands of high paying jobs.

Area educational partners, the Broken Arrow Chamber, the Broken Arrow Economic Development Corporation and the Oklahoma Center for the Advancement of Science and Technology (OCAST) are working together with the City of Broken Arrow to plan this state-of-the-art campus, which will be located at a yet to be determined location in southeast Broken Arrow.

The City of Broken Arrow is currently finalizing an application to the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA), a division of the U.S. Department of Commerce, for a Technical Assistance Grant. It will help Broken Arrow define a concept plan for the district and determine what infrastructure improvements (i.e. roads, utilities, stormwater, technology infrastructure, etc.) will be required to move the initiative forward. The next step after the technical grant is completed will be an application to EDA for funding assistance to help the City implement the design and concept chosen. Additionally, the BA Economic Development Corporation is currently recruiting high tech manufacturing companies to participate in the Innovation District.

WHO SUPPORTS THE PROJECT

Mayor Craig Thurmond, Broken Arrow Mayor

“This will be the biggest endeavor yet for Broken Arrow, even eclipsing the Bass Pro Shops in terms of economic impact and scope. Not only will this be the first research and development Innovation District in the State of Oklahoma, I’m excited that businesses will get to work directly with students and train them to develop the skills companies need. Businesses will be able to enhance their workforce, and Broken Arrow will retain its young professionals.”

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Ted Cundiff, AVB Bank President and CEO

“By tying our education and workforce needs to growing companies that will be located in the same campus, the Innovation District will create the environment to develop a cluster of high tech businesses. The collaboration between the business community and our education system will be cutting edge and will no doubt attract high paying jobs and talent to Broken Arrow.”

Dr. Janet Dunlop, Broken Arrow Public Schools Superintendent

“Broken Arrow Public Schools and our students are so fortunate that we have such a strong alliance with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Broken Arrow, as this alliance has resulted in significant increases in opportunities for our students. The Innovation District plans mirror an ongoing district-wide plan that creates science, technology, engineering and math curricula, coursework and projects that equip our students to flourish in an economy driven by innovation. We embrace this opportunity to partner with the City and Chamber in creating a seamless pipeline between our schools and high-tech, world class innovative industry.”

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Repaving Project on New Orleans Street to Begin April 3

Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/29/2017) – The City of Broken Arrow Streets and Stormwater Department is expected to begin repaving a one-mile stretch of New Orleans Street (101st Street South) from Olive Avenue (129th East Avenue) to Garnett Road starting April 3. The project is anticipated to take about three weeks to complete, weather permitting.

During the mill and overlay project, traffic will be restricted to one lane of travel, depending on which side of the road is being worked on. Detour signs will be in place to direct drivers around the construction. We appreciate drivers' patience while this necessary roadwork is completed.

The New Orleans repaving project costs \$190,000 and is being paid for through 2014 General Obligation Bonds.

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PRESS RELEASE

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City of BA Designates Land for Local VFW to Build New Meeting Space

Previous VFW building razed in 2014 due to safety concerns

Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/28/17) – The City of Broken Arrow is excited to announce it has found land for a new home for VFW Post 10887. The Post’s long-time meeting facility, located by Haskell Park, 601 E. Dallas Street, was demolished in June 2014, because it had fallen into disrepair and had become a safety risk. Before removing the building, City Administration made a pledge that staff would assist the VFW in finding a location to build a new meeting space.

Working with the Post, the City has identified available land on the northwest corner of Veterans Park, 1111 S. Main, for the new facility.

“We can’t think of a better location for the new VFW than Veterans Park, where we have sculptures and memorials already in place to honor our veterans,” said Mayor Craig Thurmond. “Our veterans have made many sacrifices for our country; the Broken Arrow City Council and I feel it’s appropriate for the City to give back in this way.”

Post 10887 Commander Ralph Pointer will lead the fundraising efforts to build the new facility. The VFW plans to use the space as a gathering spot for veterans and assist them with obtaining benefits, food and clothing. Other local organizations utilizing the facility and helping with the fundraising are Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

“Our number one mission is to help veterans,” said Pointer. “This new facility will enable us to reach more veterans than we ever have before, so this is a very exciting endeavor for us, and we’re looking forward to working with the City and the Broken Arrow community to make this happen.”

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PRESS RELEASE

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City of Broken Arrow to Plant Trees for Arbor Day

Broken Arrow, Okla. (3/29/2017) – The City of Broken Arrow will celebrate Arbor Day by planting several trees at Arrowhead Park. The trees include three oaks, one cypress, one maple, and one elm.

Councilor Mike Lester and City staff will plant the new trees with the help of 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders from Oakcrest Elementary School. Students will learn the importance of Arbor Day and preservation of trees.

WHAT: Arbor Day Celebration
WHEN: Thursday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m.
WHERE: Arrowhead Park, 300 E. Washington Ave. (91st Street)

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilors
From: Jennifer Hooks, Executive Assistant to the City Manager
Date: March 31, 2017
Re: News Articles Related to City of Broken Arrow

Please find the attached news articles covering City business this week.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Hooks

Attachments

Broken Arrow's Rose District to receive AT&T's Small Cell Technology

From Staff Reports | Posted: Friday, March 31, 2017 12:00 am

BROKEN ARROW — AT&T announced Thursday that Small Cell Technology is coming to the city's Rose District.

Small Cell Technology is the latest investment for AT&T, and Broken Arrow is the first city in Oklahoma that the company has targeted for the technology.

“Broken Arrow is led by forward-thinking leaders that are focused on creating an environment that supports investment and spurs job creation,” Jason Constable, vice president at AT&T, said in a statement. “Their efforts to create things like the Innovation District pave the way for the deployment of small cell and technology infrastructure investment. Broken Arrow is poised for even greater economic success in the coming years.”

AT&T for years has been deploying small cells to improve the coverage, speed and reliability of its wireless network.

Earlier this week, the city and collaborators announced they want to merge high-tech manufacturing, housing and education in an initiative called the “Innovation District,” which planners say will eventually attract thousands of high-paying jobs to the area.

“We are very appreciative that AT&T selected Broken Arrow as the Oklahoma launch location for their newest wireless technology,” Wes Smithwick, president and CEO of the Broken Arrow Chamber, said in a statement. “In today's competitive marketplace, access to the latest technology is a tremendous competitive advantage when recruiting jobs and setting your community apart from others. “This will also give our existing companies a unique advantage as they will have the infrastructure needed to fully take advantage of all of the benefits of wireless technology in the workplace.”

Craig Thurmond is Broken Arrow's mayor.

“Broken Arrow continues to push itself to be innovative, so being the first city in the State of Oklahoma to get 5G technology is something we can all be proud of,” he said in a statement. “We're proud to partner with AT&T on making faster downloads, better mobile calls, and better overall wireless experiences available in Broken Arrow.”



RoseDist

AT&T announced Thursday that it will place Small Cell Technology in Broken Arrow's Rose District. Small cells improve the coverage, speed and reliability of the wireless network. CORY YOUNG/Tulsa World file

'Innovation District' to bring high tech jobs and education facilities to Broken Arrow

by Lauren Partain

Monday, March 27th 2017

BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (KTUL) – The City of Broken Arrow is working on creating an “Innovation District,” which will be a hub of high tech manufacturing businesses and education facilities.

Mayor Craig Thurmond said it will attract jobs and give local students hands-on experience as well as future job opportunities.

“I would think they would have the advantage because they will intern with those companies,” he said. “They will learn exactly what kind of employee that company needs and what kind of creative mind that company needs.”

It will be the first of its kind in Oklahoma.

“It’s going to bring the best minds here, keep the best minds here and it’s going to be something for us,” Thurmond said. “There’s really no way to describe what this is going to do for our community.”

The City has worked on the project for more than two years.

It’s still in the beginning phases but Thurmond hopes to see construction start on the project in the next two years. He said it will probably take 10 to 15 years to finish.

He said national and local companies have shown interest in being a part of the project.

The City has not announced a location but the mayor said it will be somewhere in southeast Broken Arrow. They hope to choose the location within the next two months

<http://ktul.com/news/local/innovation-district-to-bring-high-tech-jobs-and-education-facilities-to-broken-arrow>

Broken Arrow announces land for new VFW home

By Staff Reports | Posted: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 12:00 am

BROKEN ARROW — The City of Broken Arrow has found land for a new home for VFW Post 10887, officials announced Tuesday.

The Post's longtime meeting facility, located near Haskell Park, 601 E. Dallas St., was demolished in June 2014, because it had fallen into disrepair and had become a safety risk.

Before removing the building, city administration made a pledge that staff would assist the VFW in finding a location to build a new meeting space.

Working with the post, the city has identified available land on the northwest corner of Veterans Park, 1111 S. Main St., for the new facility.

“We can't think of a better location for the new VFW than Veterans Park, where we have sculptures and memorials already in place to honor our veterans,” Mayor Craig Thurmond said in a news release.

“Our veterans have made many sacrifices for our country; the Broken Arrow City Council and I feel it's appropriate for the city to give back in this way.”

Post 10887 Commander Ralph Pointer will lead the fundraising efforts to build the new facility.

The VFW plans to use the space as a gathering spot for veterans and assist them with obtaining benefits, food and clothing.

Other local organizations using the facility and helping with the fundraising are Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion.

“Our number one mission is to help veterans,” Pointer said. “This new facility will enable us to reach more veterans than we ever have before, so this is a very exciting endeavor for us, and we're looking forward to working with the city and the Broken Arrow community to make this happen.”

Broken Arrow will celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees

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BROKEN ARROW — The city of Broken Arrow will celebrate Arbor Day by planting several trees at Arrowhead Park. The trees include three oaks, one cypress, one maple and one elm, according to a news release.

An Arbor Day Celebration is set at 10 a.m. Thursday at Arrowhead Park, 300 E. Washington Ave. in Broken Arrow.

Councilor Mike Lester and city staff will plant the new trees with the help of third-, fourth- and fifth-graders from Oakcrest Elementary School. Students will learn the importance of Arbor Day and preservation of trees.



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Broken Arrow will celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees with students Thursday.
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