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Above, Broken Arrow Fire Chief Jeff VanDolah, and the newest class of fire cadets, welcomed visitors at the opening of the new Fire Station No. 2. Below, as part of fire department traditions, firefighters pushed their fire engine through the bay doors into the stations garage.



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The new station, 2300 W. Norfolk Dr., which will replace the station at 2900 S. Elm Pl., will be the city's second-largest fire station with 18 firefighters, 1 ambulance, a fire truck and eventually a brush unit.

"We anticipated growth in the southern portions of Broken Arrow which is why we strategically placed this station near the Creek Turnpike," said Broken Arrow Fire Chief Jeff VanDolah. "With the announcement of Warren Theatre and the Shops at Aspen Creek last month, we are even more fortunate to have this station opening in its current location."

The long range plan is for the old station to be remodeled and have a fire department presence, VanDolah said.

"We are currently in discussions as to when that will happen," he said. "It is our desire to have stations placed where the largest amount of incidents occur and at the same time prepare for future growth."

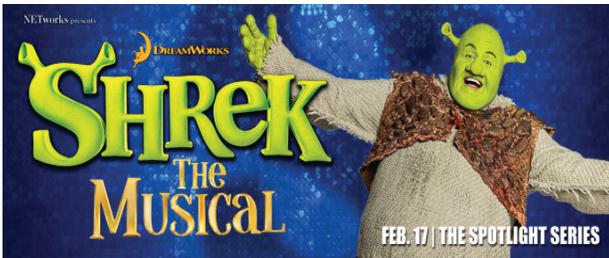
The \$3 million, 11,848- square-foot facility was funded by a 2004 bond issue.

Construction began on the facility in September 2011.



Above, Chief VanDolah, as part of the ceremony, rang the fire bell eight times which signified the station is now in service.

Below left, Chief VanDolah, City Manager Thom Moton, Mayor Craig Thurmond and Councilor Mike Lester all participated in loosening the coupling of the fire hose, another firefighter tradition.



'Shrek the Musical' coming to BA

As part of The Spotlight Series, "Shrek the Musical" will take the stage at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 17 at the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St.

The musical, sponsored in part by the Broken Arrow Convention and Visitors Bureau, tells the story of a swamp-dwelling ogre who goes on a life-changing adventure to reclaim the deed to his land.

Joined by a wise-cracking donkey, this unlikely hero fights a fearsome dragon, rescues a feisty princess and learns that real friendship and true love aren't only found in fairy tales.

"Shrek the Musical," based on the Oscar®-winning DreamWorks film that started it all, brings the hilarious story of everyone's favorite ogre to life on stage. In a faraway kingdom turned upside down, things get ugly when an unseemly ogre – not a handsome prince – shows up to rescue the princess.

Throw in a donkey who won't shut up, a villain with a short temper, a cookie with an attitude and over a dozen other fairy tale misfits, and you've got the kind of mess that calls for a real hero. Luckily, there's one on hand... and his name is Shrek.

Tickets range in price from \$20-\$60.

Other sponsors include AVB Bank, Tulsa Teachers Credit Union, Cox Communications and First National Bank of Broken Arrow.

For more information or for tickets, call 918-259-5778 or visit www.thepacba.com.

CITY OFFERS TIPS TO PREVENT WATER LINES FROM FREEZING

The City is encouraging residents to take the following precautions to prevent water lines from freezing.



1. Open any cabinet doors to allow warm air under the sink area.

2. Let water drip from faucets that are against outside walls. Moving water does not freeze as quickly as still water.

3. If you live in a mobile home, be sure the aprons are placed properly to prevent cold air from blowing under the structure.

4. Any pipes that are exposed to the cold need to be insulated to prevent freezing.

5. Be sure all garden hoses are unhooked from the outside faucet.

The Action Center will respond to calls involving water lines on the City's side of the meters.

If a problem persists on the residents side and into the house, the customer must correct the problem themselves or call a plumber to address the problem.

2013 City holiday schedule

The city of Broken Arrow has announced its holiday schedule for 2013.

City offices will be closed Jan. 1 and on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Jan. 21.

Other holidays include Good Friday, March 29; Memorial Day, May 27; Independence Day, July 4; Labor Day, Sept. 2; Veteran's Day Nov. 11; Thanksgiving, Nov. 28 and 29; and Christmas, Dec. 25.

City employees will be off on those days, with the exception of some police and fire department personnel.

City hall and other city facilities will be closed.

On those holidays which fall on Monday, the curbside trash pickup schedule will be changed with Monday and Thursday customers having service on Tuesday and Thursday, and Tuesday and Friday customers on Wednesday and Friday.

When holidays fall on other days of the week, service will resume on the residents next scheduled day.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FEB. 1-28

Feb. 5 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Feb. 12 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Feb. 14 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.



Feb. 14 — David Phelps — 7:30 p.m., Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. For more than a decade, David Phelps has honed that ability to identify and deliver great songs, and it has earned him a reputation as one of the Christian industry's most versatile voices. More than just a great singer, he has the ability to really connect with a lyric and convey every nuance of feeling in a great song. Cost: \$20-\$40. For more information, call 918-259-5778 or visit <http://www.brokenarrowpac.com/phelps.html>.

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Feb. 19 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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