

City Councilors to serve on national steering committees

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Three Broken Arrow City Councilors have been appointed to represent Broken Arrow on National League of Cities steering committees.

Mayor Craig Thurmond and City Councilors Mike Lester and Jill Norman have been appointed to the Community and Economic Development, Public Safety and Crime Prevention and the Human Development committees, respectively.

“It is extremely important for Broken Arrow to be represented nationally on these steering committees,” Thurmond said. “To have three councilors on three separate committees provides us an exceptional opportunity to maximize our community’s access to the resources available through NLC.”

- **Mayor Craig Thurmond** – Community and Economic Development committee - This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving housing, community and economic development, land use, recreation and parks, historic preservation, and international competitiveness.
- **Councilor Mike Lester** – Public Safety and Crime Prevention committee - This committee has the lead responsibility for developing policy positions on issues involving crime prevention, corrections, substance abuse, municipal fire policy, juvenile justice, disaster preparedness and relief, homeland security, domestic terrorism, court systems and gun control.
- **Councilor Jill Norman** – Human Development committee - This committee has the lead responsibility for developing NLC federal policy positions on issues involving social services, children and learning, poverty and income support, employment and workforce development, equal opportunity, Social Security and seniors, individuals with disabilities, public health care, mental health parity, and immigration reform.

As members of these committees, Thurmond, Lester and Norman will play a key role in shaping NLC’s policy positions, while advocating on behalf of America’s cities and towns on Capitol Hill, with the Administration, and at home.

The National League of Cities is the nation’s oldest and largest organization devoted to strengthening and promoting cities as centers of opportunity, leadership and governance. NLC is a resource and advocate for 19,000 cities, towns and villages, representing more than 218 million Americans.



Councilor Mike Lester



Councilor Jill Norman

City offers info on 'flu' activity

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) identifies Oklahoma as one of the 41 states with widespread influenza activity.

The Oklahoma Department of Health recently reported Tulsa County has the highest number of hospitalizations in the state and the only county to report influenza fatalities.

The City would like to pass along the following information from the CDC, regarding steps residents can take to protect themselves from this contagious disease:

TAKE TIME TO GET A FLU VACCINE

- CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine as the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.
- Flu vaccines are offered by area physicians, the Tulsa Health Department, and some local pharmacies.

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Additional websites with information on influenza

- www.flu.gov
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>
- www.ok.gov

Municipal Government Week set to honor city employees

The Broken Arrow City Council, as part of the city's celebration of Municipal Government Week, will honor all city employees as they celebrate their service March 25-29.

“We are always proud of the high-quality services our

departments and employees offer,” said Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond. “If you have a chance, please let them know how much you appreciate the work they do. All of our employees take pride in serving a community like Broken Arrow.”

Whether it's fire and police protection, well-maintained streets or running water, municipalities provide a multitude of services to residents.

Numerous cities and towns across the state are joining in recognizing municipal

employees and the work they do.

Municipal Government Week marks a celebration of those services which are often taken for granted.

The yearly event is co-sponsored by the Mayors Council of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Municipal League.

Paper shredding available in BA

The Broken Arrow Police Department established a partnership with the Gatesway Foundation to Prevent Identity Theft with a free and permanent shredding location, 116 W. Commercial St.

The hours of operation are Monday-Friday 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Not only will citizens have the opportunity to dispose of confidential material in a safe and secure setting the shredded paper will be recycled.

BAPD recommends shredding all documents; including pre-approved credit applications, insurance forms, bank checks and statements you are discarding, and other financial information.

This program provides jobs for the community.



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City finishes as top United Way contributor in 2012 campaign

City of Broken Arrow employees raised approximately \$25,500 for United Way during its most recent campaign.

As a result, the city finished as one of the 'Top Campaigns' among area municipalities.

The city also had 25 employees that achieved the status of "Leadership" gift giver and were awarded pins based on the amount donated.

"Our employees have always been generous in the community," said Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond. "Even during the hard times, many of them still find a way to contribute whether it be monetarily or physically."

The Tulsa Area United Way raised a record-shattering \$25,575,522 during its 2012 campaign – the highest total in its 88-year history.

The total amount raised exceeded this year's campaign goal of \$24,900,000 by more than \$675,000 and was well above the local United Way's all-time fundraising record of \$25,025,000, set 10 years ago.

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TAKE ACTIONS TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

- Cover nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the trash after use.
- Wash hands often with soap and water and use an alcohol based hand rub often if in physical contact with others during the flu season.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.

TAKE FLU ANTIVIRAL DRUGS IF YOUR DOCTOR PRESCRIBES THEM

- If you get the flu, antiviral drugs can treat the illness.
- Antiviral drugs can make illness milder and shorten the sick time. They may also prevent serious flu complications.

Remember, flu-like symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.

Some people may be infected with the flu, and have respiratory symptoms without a fever.

Some also may have vomiting and diarrhea.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

MARCH 1-31

March 1 — Broken Arrow Youth Football Online registration begins. For more information, call 918251-1015, Ext. 240, or visit www.bayouthfootball.com.

March 1 — Broken Arrow Youth Cheer Sign-up Online registration begins. Grades 1-7. For more information, contact 918-251-1015, Ext. 300, or visit www.bayouthfootball.com.

March 3 — Monty Python's Spamalot — 7:30 p.m., Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. Lovingly "ripped-off" from the internationally famous comedy team's most popular motion picture, Monty Python and the Holy Grail, Monty Python's Spamalot is the winner of three 2005 Tony Awards including Best Musical and Best Director (Mike Nichols), as well as the Drama Desk and Outer Critics Circle awards for Best Musical. Cost: \$20-\$60. For more information, call 918-259-5778 or visit <http://www.brokenarrowpac.com>.

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

March 12 — Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce March Forum Lunch 11:15 a.m to 1 p.m., Central on Main Ballroom, 210 N. Main St. Visit <http://brokenarrowchamber.com/chamber/calendar.php> for more information.

March 13 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

March 26 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

March 28 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

March 29 — City offices closed for Good Friday.



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