

BA SUMMER EVENTS KICK INTO OVERDRIVE IN JUNE

Tuesdays in the Park

With the arrival of June, the event season in Broken Arrow goes into overdrive.

Now in its 17th season, Tuesdays in the Park concert series kicks off the month presented by the Broken Arrow Parks Department and the Broken Arrow Arts Council

A free concert is held each Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m., at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

Patrons will be treated to a wide array of music throughout the month. Concessions will be available, or participants can bring refreshments.

Visit artsba.org for more information on this year's lineup.



Thursday Night Theater

For the movie buffs, each Thursday night in June the Broken Arrow Parks Department will host Thursday Night Theater.

Central Park is again the host venue for this free event.

Beginning approximately at 9 p.m. weekly, a family friendly movie is shown. Bring your own popcorn and soft drink and enjoy the show.

June 6 – The Lion King

June 13- Nanny McPhee

June 20- 101 Dalmatians

June 27- The Goonies

For more information, e-mail dblue@brokenarrowok.gov.

'Chalk It Up' chalk art festival

After a resounding successful first year, Broken Arrow Parks and the Broken Arrow Arts Council will again bring back, Chalk It Up chalk art competition.

This award winning event will bring artists of all ages to the Rose District of downtown Broken Arrow to create amazing pieces of art on the street, using only chalk.

Chalk It Up begins 8 p.m. June 7 and runs until 11 p.m. The event reopens at 7 a.m. June 8 and runs until judging and awards are handed out at approximately 3:30 p.m. Main Street will remain closed until 5 p.m. to allow viewers time to browse the art and take pictures.

Music, jugglers and many street performers add to the unique event. Check out Chalk It Up on Facebook or artsba.org.



Blue Bell Taste of Summer

Wrapping up the month is Blue bell Creameries Taste of Summer ice cream social. Who doesn't like endless ice cream!

Held for the first time in Central Park, 1500 S. Main St., this annual event will run from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. June 29.

Visitors to the event, hosted by the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, alongside Blue Bell, will enjoy the summer fun while eating unlimited ice cream treats.

In past years, more than 15,000 people have attended this event. For more information, call 918-251-1518.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 1-30

- Ongoing — Broken Arrow Youth Football** Online registration begins. For more information, call 918-251-1015, Ext. 240, or visit www.bayouthfootball.com. 918-451-8403.
- June 11 — Downtown Advisory Board** 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- June 11 — Tuesdays in the Park** 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 13 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- June 13 — Thursday Night Theater** 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.
- June 15 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 17 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- June 18 — Tuesdays in the Park** 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 20 — Thursday Night Theater** 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.
- June 22 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 25 — Tuesdays in the Park** 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 27 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- June 27 — Thursday Night Theater** 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.
- June 29 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 29 — Blue Bell Taste of Summer** 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. For more information, call 918-251-1518.
- June 30 — Rockets Over Rhema** 5:30 p.m., Rhema Bible Church, 1025 W. Kenosha St. **Festivities begin at 5:30 with fireworks beginning just after dark.**
- Ongoing — 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.
- June 1 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 3 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- June 4 — Tuesdays in the Park** 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 6 — Thursday Night Theater** 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.
- June 7-8 — 'Chalk it Up' chalk art festival** The Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Department and the Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council will be presenting "Chalk It Up" chalk art festival from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. June 8 on Main Street. The event is free and open to the public. Visitors will also have an opportunity to vote for their favorite artist in each age group and category. For more information, contact 918-259-7007.
- June 8 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- June 8 — Support Our Troops 4th Annual Poker Run** Registration begins at 9 a.m. at the Broken Arrow Elks Lodge, 101st and Oneta Road. Benefitting Blue Star Mothers of Broken Arrow, Chapter 5. For more information, visit www.babluestar.org.
- June 9 — Motorcycle Survival Training Course** 9 a.m.- 3 p.m., Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. Ninth St. This course is designed to teach experienced riders how to survive riding on the roadways. The course is taught by seasoned, police motorcycle officers that know what it takes to stay safe on a motorcycle. Space is limited. For more information, call

In A FOG?

Fats, Oils and Grease detrimental to environment

By: Lauren Wilson, Pretreatment Coordinator, City of Broken Arrow

FOG, you might ask. Do you mean thick clouds of water droplets suspended in the atmosphere that restrict visibility?

No, that is not the kind I am talking about today. FOG stands for Fats, Oils, and Grease.

FOG has become a very popular acronym among water quality personnel in the last 10 years because of the large amount of damage it does to city sewer systems, wastewater treatment plants, bodies of water, and possibly your home and health.

The most obvious causes of FOG are used cooking oil, bacon grease, the ever popular rinsing of the ground beef that drains into the sewer system.

We definitely want to keep this fat out of our food, but we also need to keep it out of our waterways.

After all, it clogs our sewer pipes the same way it clogs our arteries.

Some other causes of FOG are vegetable peelings, uneaten food, old milk, and basically anything else that you put down your drain.

Anything that is organic will break down and turn into part of the problem. When these things are put down the drain, they begin to stick to the sides of the pipes, and eventually the pipes clog completely.

When the wastewater trying to come through these clogged pipes reaches a blockage it does a couple of different things; it can come spewing out of a manhole in the street or your back yard; or it has also been known to come spewing out of bathtubs, toilettes, or sinks.

None of these scenarios are inexpensive and all of them are a health risk.

So, what do we do?

- * Wipe the bacon grease out of the pan with paper towels and throw it away.
- * Put vegetable peelings into the trash or start composting.
- * Use a turkey baster to remove the oil off of our ground meat before we rinse it.
- * Scrape dishes off into the trash before washing them.
- * Get a large container and put all of our used cooking oil in it.

Some of you may not know, but we have a recycling center in Broken Arrow. They make it very simple to drop off items you want to recycle. We all have to work together to keep The City of Broken Arrow clean and beautiful.

Please help us by doing your part to protect the expensive sanitary sewer infrastructure.

To contact The MET:

Address:
302 N. Elm Pl.
Broken Arrow, OK 74012

Hours:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday: 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Accepts:

No. 1 & No. 2 Plastic Bottles, Glass Bottles, Newspaper, Office Paper, Magazines, Aluminum Cans, Scrap Metal, Motor Oil (5 gallon limit), Antifreeze (5 gallon limit), Batteries (household & auto), Cooking Oil, Eyeglasses, Steel Cans, Cardboard, Paperboard and Phone Books

www.metrecycle.com/recycling/met-centers/broken-arrow/