

Firework permits on sale through July 3

Residents of Broken Arrow who would like to legally discharge fireworks in the city limits may do so by purchasing a fireworks permit for \$20.

Permits are available for purchase through July 3.

To better serve the citizens of Broken Arrow, the City has made these permits available online.

Applicants can access the system by visiting www.brokenarrowok.gov.

Permits may be applied for and obtained online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In addition, permits may also be purchased in person at Broken Arrow City Hall, One Stop Center (north end of City Hall) 220 S. First St.

Permits will not be issued to persons under 18 years of age.

Please remember: Permits are valid during the hours of 3-11 p.m. July 3-4 only.

Other rules are listed on the printed permit.



This is the eighth year the city is selling the permits which will make it legal to discharge Class 1.4g fireworks within city limits.

Sale of the permits was started in 2005 to fund more police officers on the streets over the holiday period.

It is unlawful to discharge fireworks within the city limits without the permit.

Certain restrictions apply.

Fireworks must be discharged on a noncombustible surface of sufficient size to contain the entire ground portion of the display, not closer than 25 feet to any permanent structure.

A copy of the issued permit must be posted at the permitted address for easy view by police and fire personnel.

If you have any difficulty with this application, please call the One Stop Center at 918-259-8333 and someone will walk you through the steps to complete this type of permit application.

City Inspector achieves MCP designation

Joe Williford, City of Broken Arrow Chief Building Inspector, has earned the Master Code Professional (MCP) credential from the International Code Council (ICC).

Williford is only the 10th person to achieve this level of certification in the State of Oklahoma.

“We are very excited about Joe’s achievement as a MCP,” said City of Broken Arrow Development Services Director Michael Skates. “He has worked exceptionally hard in his short time with the City to reach this level. This provides the City and its citizens a higher level of safety and welfare in the construction community and is highly recognized by the Building Code Effectiveness Grading Schedule (BCEGS.)”

To accomplish this designation, Williford obtained 21 certifications from the ICC.

To become an ICC Master Code Professional, a candidate must first earn eight core ICC certifications plus an additional number of elective ICC certifications. Typical Master Code Professionals hold 17 or more ICC certifications. To become Master Code Professional, certified individuals must complete an additional 45 hours of Continuing Education Units every three years to maintain active status.

Williford joined the City of Broken Arrow in April 2011. He has been a volunteer fire fighter for the Tahlequah Fire Department since April 2002 where he currently holds the rank of Captain.

Ozone Alerts begin during summer months

Ozone Alerts are designed to help keep the area within the Environmental Protection Agency’s air-quality standards.

Last year, Tulsa had 21 Ozone Alert days, with the first on May 18 and the final one on Sept. 5.

Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality offers the following tips for helping control Ozone levels on Ozone Alert days:

- Leave your car at home. Walk, bike, carpool, ride the bus or telecommute.
- Avoid long idle times. Walk in rather than drive through.
- Postpone refueling. Wait until evening or not at all.
- Postpone mowing and using other gas-powered lawn tools.
- Postpone errands. Do them another day.





Drums of Summer to march into BA for 11th consecutive year

Drum Corps International Drums of Summer show returns to Broken Arrow. Marching Music's Major League will make its 11th consecutive appearance in BA. The event will be held at 7 p.m. July 17 at Broken Arrow Memorial stadium on the Senior High School campus, 1901 E. Albany St.

Drums of Summer has grown each year and this year's show is packed with top level group.

Ten groups will participate and feature some of Drum Corps finest groups



including: The Academy, Blue Knights, The Cadets, Cascades, Colts, Crossmen, Pacific Crest, Pioneer, Spirit of Atlanta and

Troopers.

The Broken Arrow band parents group has been instrumental in improving this event each year.

As a major fundraiser for the Broken Arrow Band program the parents organization works hard to maximize the profits for the program while making the event a fun activity for everyone involved!

Additional information about Drum Corps International and Drums of Summer can be found at www.drumsosummer.com.

Visit the ticketing page to see views of the stadium and hotel choices.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY 1-30

- July 2 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- July 4 — Independence Day - City Offices Closed**
- July 6 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- July 9 — Downtown Advisory Board** 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- July 11 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- July 13 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- July 16 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- July 17 — Drums of Summer** 7 p.m., Memorial Stadium, 1901 E. Albany St. For more information, visit www.drumsosummer.com.
- July 20 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**
- July 23 — Downtown Advisory Board** 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- July 25 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- July 27 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**



Farmers Market open through September

The Broken Arrow Farmers Market, "Market on Main," 418 S. Main St., is open each Saturday morning from 8 a.m.-noon, thru mid September.

The market will feature herbs, leafy greens, onions, spinach, breads, Oklahoma made cheeses, beef, poultry, Oklahoma wines and much more.

Purchase a cup of coffee and a pastry while shopping the market and talk to the vendors about the crops you'll expect to see this year.

To view an Oklahoma seasonal crop chart, visit www.brokenarrowok.gov.

The Broken Arrow Farmers Market is an Oklahoma Grown / Oklahoma Made market recognized by the State of Oklahoma Department of Agriculture.

