

Construction begins on downtown Broken Arrow's streetscaping project

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**Broken Arrow City Councilor
Jill Norman**

Broken Arrow city and community officials gathered inside the Main Street Tavern to reveal final plans for the streetscaping project and announce the location of Bruhouse Grill and Bar to The Rose District.

Hemphill Services was awarded the \$3.7 million contract to widen the sidewalks on Main Street between Dallas and College streets to increase usable space for local businesses, create a more pedestrian-friendly atmosphere, and become compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The streets will be narrowed from four lanes to three lanes (two traffic lanes and a center turn lane) to accommodate the wider sidewalks while still providing ample space for parades and main street events. Other district enhancements and amenities will include planters and landscaping adopting the Rose District theme, decorative street lighting and traffic signals, and an underground electrical system for special events.

Construction began June 10. All hardscaping is to be completed by Oct. 15 and all softscaping 30 days after. The goal is to return to business as usual before the holiday shopping season.

"It has been a long and delicate process to get us to this point, but it was important that we involve the community, merchants and downtown stakeholders every step of the way," said Councilor Jill Norman. "As a result, we feel we have put a plan together that best fits the needs and integrity of downtown Broken Arrow."

The construction plan follows a conscious approach to minimize impact on local businesses through several guidelines provided to the contractors.

The city has also awarded Roses Inc. a \$10,960 contract to provide landscaping services and plants to the newly constructed area.

"We have a tremendous opportunity to transform our downtown area into an intimate gathering space for Broken Arrow residents and visitors," said Mayor Craig Thurmond.

Also Chamber of Commerce also announced a former Tulsa business, the Bruhouse Bar and Grill, will open in downtown Broken Arrow. Owner Travis Bruton has leased the former Angus Inn, at 201 S. Main St.

Finally, a website found at www.rosedistrict.com was launched for The Rose District.

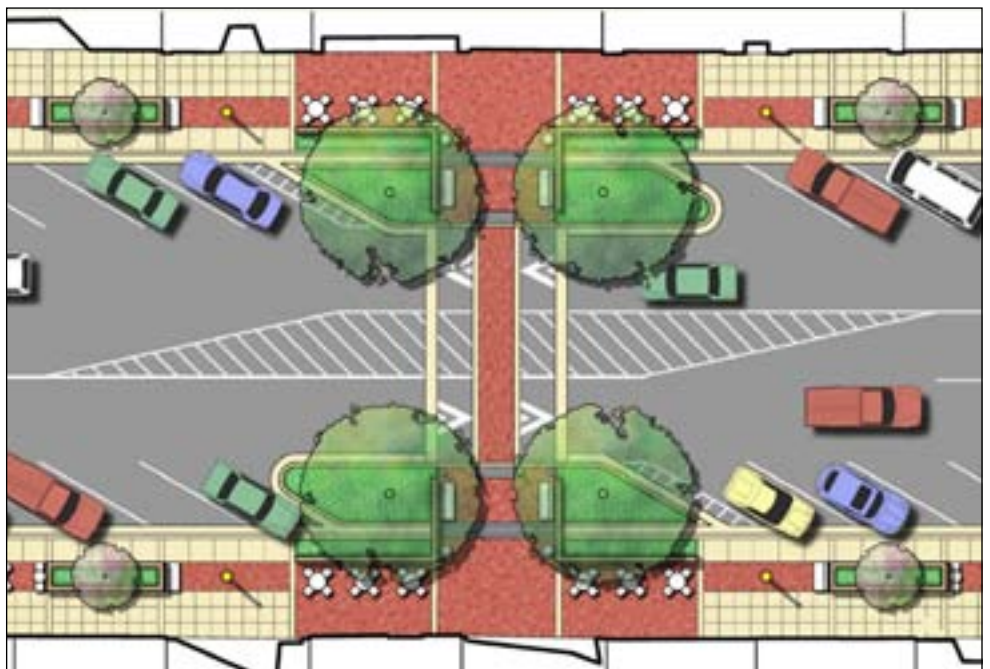
"This is a very exciting time for Broken Arrow," said Wes Smithwick, Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Corporation president and CEO. "We have so many wonderful things happening throughout our city, but it is especially exciting to see the attention turn to the Main Street corridor and the development occurring. The website is our one-stop shop for sharing all this information."

The Rose District website will house news and information about events, businesses and happenings in The Rose District as well as the history behind the name, available property and how to stay connected. Visitors will also soon be able to sign up for an e-newsletter to receive updates right to their inbox.

Additionally, while construction is occurring, the website will feature regular construction updates and progress on the homepage.



Above is an artist rendering of what Main Street Broken Arrow could look like once the streetscape plan is implemented.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 1-31

Aug. 3 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 3 — National Night Out An opportunity to meet your neighbors and spread the crime prevention message while having fun! Contact Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist, Broken Arrow Police Department at 918-451-8213.

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

Aug. 8 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 10 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 10 — Back to School Bash 9 a.m.-noon., Tulsa Technology Center, 4600 S. Olive Ave. FREE health and safety fair for Broken Arrow private and public school students and Union Public School students to get ready to go back to school.

Aug. 13 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 17 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 20 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 22 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 24 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 27 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 31 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 31 — Sand Dazzle 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. Ninth St. This sand castle event is geared to the young and young at heart to create to their imaginations content. There will also be a professional sand sculpting team working on a sculpture throughout the day. For those looking for sand sculpting tips, the pro's will be available to answer questions. For more info contact David at 918-259-7000, Ext. 5430 or e-mail dblue@brokenarrowok.gov.

Back to School Bash Aug. 10

A FREE health and safety fair for Broken Arrow private and public school students and Union Public School students to get ready to go back to school is set for 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 10 at Tulsa Technology Center, 4600 S. Olive Ave.

The event is sponsored by the Broken Arrow Police Department, Tulsa Technology Center and Broken Arrow Neighbors and will include:

- The Health Department will be there to tell you what shots are need and where the next shot clinics will be.
- Free haircuts provided by cosmetology students at tech and professional hairstylist
- Blue Bell Ice Cream
- Akdar Shiners' popcorn wagon
- Safe Kids Coalition
- Tulsa County Library Reading Road Show
- Broken Arrow Fire Department Education Trailer, Fire Truck and ambulance
- Roll-over-simulator, BAPD traffic unit
- BAPD K-9, School Resource Officers, Bicycle Officers
- McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog
- Vince & Larry the Crash Dummies
- Broken Arrow Masonic Lodge, OK Chip program child identification program
- Family and Children's Services
- Jupiter Jump Sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church and Camp Bandage
- Parent and Child Center
- Broken Arrow Elk Drug Prevention
- Children 12 and up can drive a golf cart to simulate what it would be like to drink and drive with the fatal vision goggles (drunk Goggles.)
- The Caring Van will also have a limited supply of adult meningitis vaccine available for adults ages 19-55 of age.
- Pedestrian safety sponsored by BAPD
- Free School supplies by BA Neighbors
- Free clothes closet by BA Neighbors
- More than 50 nonprofits providing information to make Back to School easy.



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Last year's National Night Out campaign involved citizens, law enforcement agencies, civic groups, businesses, neighborhood organizations and local officials from over 15,000 communities from all 50 states, U.S. territories, Canadian cities and military bases worldwide.

The celebration can include coloring contests, games, food, McGruff and police visits, and lots of good times and laughter.

Make sure YOUR neighborhood joins the party in 2013!

For more information, contact Lisa Ford, Crime Prevention Specialist, Broken Arrow Police Department at 918-451-8213.

To request a police officer call 918-451-8213.

To request a fire truck call 918-259-8335.



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