

'Night Out Against Crime, Fun and Games in Main' Oct. 26

The BA Police Department, along with the Main Street Merchants Association, is sponsoring "Night Out on Crime with Fun and Games on Main" from 6-8 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Farmers Market, 418 South Main St.

Objectives of the event are to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police community partnerships.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back against crime.
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anticrime efforts.

This event creates the opportunity for the police department and numerous public service agencies to distribute educational materials to area residents.

Attractions are geared toward family entertainment for children and parents.

The event will feature:

- 2,000 Free hot dogs courtesy of Reasor's on 71st and Lynn Lane
- 2,000 cups of soda, courtesy of Ferguson Pontiac
- 1,000 ice cream sandwiches, courtesy of Bluebell Ice Cream



BAPD Chief David Boggs (left) and Crime Prevention Specialist Lisa Ford (far right) spend time with McGruff the Crime Dog and the Crash Dummies during a previous Night Out Against Crime.

- Rollover simulator
- BAPD's Special Operations Team, bike patrol, communications, animal control, K-9, crime scene investigator, DIVERT and motorcycles.
- Broken Arrow Fire Department
- Vince and Larry Crash Dummies
- McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog
- Numerous non-profit agencies
- Costume contest
- Pumpkin decorating contest
- Petting zoo hosted by the Main Street Merchants along with Fun and Games on Main.

ANNUAL FALL CLEAN-UP Oct. 12

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the city's annual Spring Clean-Up.

This year, the event will be Oct. 12 from 7 a.m.-4 p.m.

The location for the Spring Clean-Up is the Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North.

This is easily accessible by traveling north on U.S. Highway 169 to the Eastbound exit at 46th St. North.

Residents may dump free by presenting a drivers license with a Broken Arrow address or a recent utility bill. City employees will be on site to verify residency.

Any household waste can be dropped off except for the following items: Hazardous materials, liquids (such as paint in liquid form, gasoline, used oil, etc.), batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, untreated medical waste and compressed gas cylinders.

Refrigerators/air conditioners/freezers/ or Freon containing items will be accepted with the proper documentation that the refrigerant has been properly removed by a licensed CFC technician.

There will be a \$2 fee for each car tire, \$4 fee for each truck tire.

For more information, call 918-259-8373.

Applications being accepted for Youth City Council

The Broken Arrow City Council is now accepting applications for its Youth City Council.

The YCC consists of 10 members, 5 seniors and 5 juniors.

Applicants will be appointed by the Broken Arrow City Council from their respected wards through an application process.

The YCC will begin a series of sessions this year focused on general government, designed to educate the teens on how city departments operate.

Members will have the opportunity to tour city facilities and meet with representatives from the various departments, including police and fire departments.

For an application, visit www.brokenarrowok.gov.

Questions may be directed to the City's Director of Intergovernmental Relations at 918-259-2400, Ext. 5325.

Applications can be downloaded at www.brokenarrowok.gov.

Deadline is 5 p.m. Oct. 4.

Eligibility Requirements

- A resident of the City of BA
 - A junior or senior in high school
 - Maintain at least a 2.5 GPA and commit to attend at least 75 percent of all meetings
 - Open to private, public and home-schooled students
 - Fulfill the responsibilities of the office held
 - Set a proper example for the youth of Broken Arrow
- Complete an application that includes a 250 word essay on "Why I want to be a Youth City Councilor."

BBQ cook off, car show set for Oct. 19

The Broken Arrow Parks Department, Broken Arrow Civitans, BA Arts and Humanities Council and Vintage Motorsports presents "Grilles and Grills on Main" BBQ competition and car show, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Oct. 12 on Main Street, in the newly formed Rose District.

Live entertainment, artists and a kids interactive fun zone will be available.

Taster kits will be for sale for the public's opportunity to sample BBQ and choose a People's Choice winner.

For information and registration on the grilling competition, car show and artist go to GrillesandGrillesBA on Facebook and watch for the completion of the website at www.grillesandgrills.com. For information and registration on the car show, call 918-266-6688.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12

Oct. 6-12 is Fire Prevention week and the Broken Arrow Fire Department offers the following tips to keep you safe.

FAST FACTS ABOUT FIRE

Home Fires

- In 2011, U.S. fire departments responded to 370,000 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,910 civilian injuries, 2,520 civilian deaths, \$6.9 billion in direct damage.
- On average, seven people die in U.S. home fires per day
- Cooking is the leading cause home fires and home fire injuries, followed heating equipment.
- Smoking is a leading cause of civilian home fire deaths.
- Most fatal fires kill one or two people. In 2011, 12 home fires killed five or more people resulting in a total of 67 deaths.

Smoke Alarms

- Almost 62 percent of reported home fire deaths resulted from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. Working smoke alarms cut the risk of dying in reported home fires in half.
- In fires considered large enough to activate the smoke alarm, hardwired alarms operated 92 percent of the time, while battery powered alarms operated only 77 percent of the time.

Escape Planning

- According to an NFPA survey, only one-third of Americans have both developed and practiced a home fire escape plan.
- Almost three-quarters of Americans do have an escape plan; however, more than half never practiced it.
- One-third of Americans households who made and estimate they thought they would have at least 6 minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. The time available is often less. And only 8 percent said their first thought on hearing a smoke alarm would be to get out!

Cooking

- U.S. Fire Departments responded to an estimated annual average of 156,600 cooking-related fires between 2007-2011, resulting in 400 civilian deaths, 5,080 civilian injuries and \$853 million in direct damage.
- Two of every five home fires start in the kitchen.
- Unattended cooking was a factor in 34 percent of reported home cooking fires.
- Two-thirds of home cooking fires started with ignition of food or other cooking materials.
- Ranges accounted for the 58 percent of home cooking fire incidents. Ovens accounted for 16 percent.
- Children under five face a higher risk of non-fire burns associated with cooking than being burned in a cooking fire.
- Microwave ovens are one of the leading home products associated with scald burn injuries not related to fires. Nearly half, 44 percent, of the microwave oven injuries seen at emergency rooms in 2011 were scald burns.

Heating

- The leading factor contributing to heating equipment fires was failure to clean, principally creosote from solid fueled heating equipment, primarily chimneys.
- Portable or fixed space heaters, including wood stoves, were involved in one-third (32 percent) of home heating fires and four out of five (80 percent) home heating deaths.
- Half of home heating fire deaths resulted from fires caused by heating equipment too close to things that can burn, such as upholstered furniture, clothing, mattresses or bedding.
- In most years, heating is the second leading cause of home fires, fire deaths, and fire injuries. Fixed or portable space heaters are involved in about 4 out of 5 heating fire deaths.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

OCTOBER 1-31

Oct. 1 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 5 — Broken Arrow Invitational Broken Arrow High School Stadium, 1901 E. Albany St. The Broken Arrow Invitational (BAI) is about excellence and opportunity. Participation offers students a positive performance environment alongside their peers. Cost: Day Pass (Prelims & Finals) \$12; Finals Ticket \$8; and Children (5-12 yrs) \$5. For additional information, visit www.brokenarrowpride.com.

Oct. 8 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 10 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 13 — Dogtober Fest 1-5 p.m., Village Vet Animal Clinic, 2026 W. Houston St. Dogtober Fest is a place for families and family pets.

Everyone will enjoy the cool pet products, contests, entertainment, Vet advice and adoption opportunities. Shop the unique items from local vendors, enter your furry friend in the fun "talent" contests, pet exotic animals and jump in all the inflatables. The event benefits N.O.A.H. and Cupid's Bridge Animal Rescue. It is free and open to all pet lovers and pets. For more, visit www.villagevetanimalclinic.com.

Oct. 15 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 19 — Grill and Grilles on Main 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Broken Arrow Main Street. Grill and Grilles on Main, hamburger cook off competition and car show. For information and registration on the grilling competition, call 918-258-4328. For info and registration for the car show, call 918-266-6688.

Oct. 22 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 24 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Oct. 24 — Ricky Skaggs and Bruce Hornsby with Kentucky Thunder 7:30 p.m., Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. Virginia cool meets Kentucky thunder in a quintessential collaboration between multi-instrumentalist virtuoso Ricky Skaggs and genre-bending pianist Bruce Hornsby. Combined, the pair lay claim to an astonishing 15 Grammy awards. They first collaborated on a track for a Bill Monroe tribute album and went on to record an entire album together in 2007. For ticket information, call 918-259-5778, or visit www.thepacba.com.

Oct. 26 — 41st Annual ESA Benefit Craft Show 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Oliver Middle School, 3100 W. New Orleans St. Admission: Free. Benefitting local charities and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Booth space available. For more information, call

918-251-0617, or e-mail craftshow102613@aol.com.

Oct. 26 — Main Street Merchants Fun and Games on Main with Night Out Against Crime Free activities, food, safety and crime prevention information, clowns, ice cream, a Jupiter Jump and more.

Oct. 26 — Sinbad and Take 6 7:30 p.m., Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. It's going to be a night of fun, vocal acrobatics and laughter as comedian Sinbad and acapella group Take 6 present a night to remember! Sinbad has been all over the world, including movies and television, discussing everything from fatherhood to family, marriage and the inevitability of aging. Take 6 have honed their craft for more than 20 years, sharpening their Gospel harmonies alongside such talents as Stevie Wonder, Martina McBride, Whitney Houston and Ray Charles. For ticket information, call 918-259-5778, or visit www.thepacba.com.