

## 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.

### 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.

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### Additional websites with information on influenza

- [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov)
- <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/preventing.htm>
- [www.ok.gov](http://www.ok.gov)

## CITY, SCHOOLS WORK TOGETHER TO MODIFY SCHOOL ZONE MARKING POLICY

*New guidelines in place to provide flexibility, safety*

The Broken Arrow City Council recently adopted a new Arterial Street School Zone Marking Policy geared towards student safety.

This policy addresses the timing of the flashing lights in school zones.

“As the school system grows and changes, the policy did not provide the City flexibility to react quickly and make slight changes needed to accommodate the specific needs of the various schools,” said City of Broken Arrow General Services Director Lee Zirk. “Due to recent changes and additions of school facilities in the Broken Arrow school system, the policy needed to be amended to accommodate these changes.”

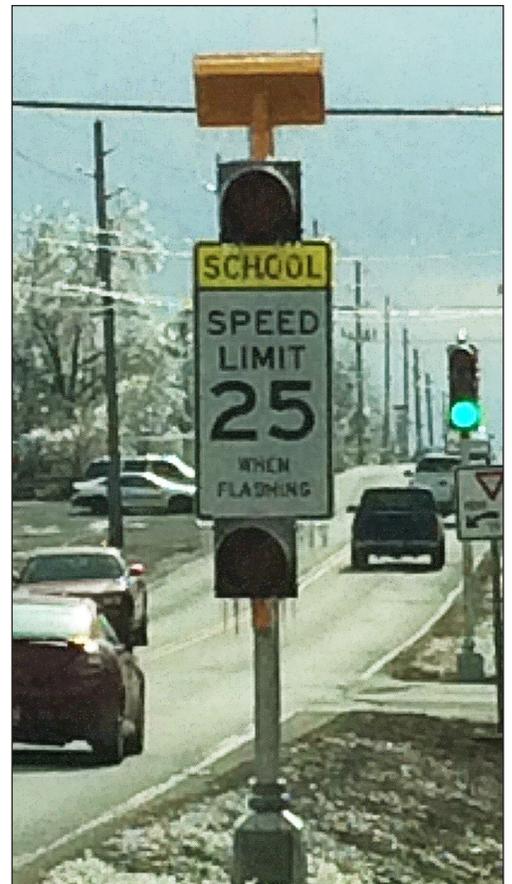
This document was changed from a policy to more of a guideline to allow for operational flexibility and adjustments as needed without having to go through the process of making a policy change.

The school zone time period is determined by arrival and dismissal times, activities and pedestrian traffic occurring at the school, not the amount of traffic during that period.

“This helps to keep children safe during these times,” Zirk said. “Generally, morning school zones will start 50 minutes before school begins and end 10 minutes after classes start. Afternoon school zones will start 10 minutes before school ends and end 50 minutes after classes are released.”

City staff also included several new items and removed no longer relevant information to these guidelines.

One new item is to require the school to inform the City in writing of any school designation change 10 days prior to the start of the school year. This will allow the City time make any appropriate changes to the school



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zone.

Another is to test the operation of school zones at some point no less than three days prior to the start of school to verify the signals and timing schedules work properly.

## Intergovernmental Relations Director resigns, contracts as lobbyist

The City of Broken Arrow's first Director of Intergovernmental Relations has resigned effective Dec. 31.

Terri Cleveland was hired on with the City of Broken Arrow in March of 2006 in an effort to increase the City's presence during the Legislative Session in Oklahoma City.

“The saying goes, ‘If you are not at the table, you are part of the menu,’” said Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond. “Terri has held our place at the table for years and has done a great job representing the City of Broken Arrow.”

During her time at the State Capitol, there

were several legislative bills she introduced to legislators that passed. All of which benefitted the City.

“I really appreciate the City Council for being so wonderful to work with,” Cleveland said. “The support I have had from them has been outstanding. Working for the City of Broken Arrow has been a wonderful experience. It's just time for me to move on to the next phase of my life.”

When the Oklahoma Legislation was not in session, Cleveland worked with the Coalition

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# Homeowners Workshop scheduled for March 1

The 2014 Broken Arrow Homeowners Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 12 noon Saturday, March 1, at Central on Main, 201 N. Main St.

The annual workshop will present several informational sessions of interest to all homeowners and homeowners association.

Each session will present experts

within their field of expertise. These topics will be offered in five concurrent sessions. Participants can attend any session at any time.

A few of the sessions offered include homeowners' association legal issues; public safety (police and fire departments); homeowners association insurance, accounting and tax requirements; Neighborhood

beautification; and roundtable discussion.

Those attending may move from one area to another during the workshop.

Light refreshments will be available.

The event is free and open to the public.

For more information, all 918-259-2400, Ext. 5416.

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### Watch for symptoms of the flu.

- 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.

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of Area Governments and the Oklahoma Municipal League to develop legislation beneficial to Broken Arrow. She was also responsible for the Homeowners Association database maintained by the City; the Youth City Council; and facilitating public meetings for each City Councilor.

### Her top three accomplishments include:

- **SB920** – Police Academy – 2007 – Cities with a population of 35, 000 and above are allowed to hold their own Police Academy.
- **HB1182** – Oklahoma Uniform Building Code – 2009 – Established a minimum statewide code affecting or relating to the built environment for the protection of life and property, to be utilized throughout the state.
- **SB331** – Qui Tam – 2011 - Taxpayers Lawsuit Demand – Removes joint and several liability and increased the number of registered voters needed to initiate lawsuit.



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## 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](http://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](http://www.bayouthfootball.com).

**March 1 — Annual Homeowners Association Workshop** 9 a.m.-noon, Central on Main, 201 N. Main St. The annual workshop will present several informational sessions of interest to all homeowners and homeowners association. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, all 918-259-2400, Ext. 5416.

**March 4 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**March 6 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**March 11 — Downtown Advisory Board** 4 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, 210 N. Main St. Visit <http://brokenarrowchamber.com/chamber/calendar.php> for more information.

**March 18 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St

**March 20 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.



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