

## DISTRIBUTION OF CITY TRASH BAGS CHANGING TO VOUCHER PROGRAM

*WasteZero to provide  
service for residents, City*

For many years Broken Arrow has issued trash bags to refuse customers through an annual distribution event located at the Broken Arrow Maintenance Facility.

Due to the high volume of traffic caused by utilizing a central distribution location a new plan has been established to increase resident convenience.

The City has now contracted with WasteZero to provide City trash bags through participating local merchants.

As before, Broken Arrow refuse customers will receive vouchers that can be redeemed for bags.

Vouchers will be mailed out twice a year, with each mailing containing four vouchers good for a total of 100 bags (four rolls of 25 bags per roll).

Some changes include bags with draw strings, rolls packaged in 25 bags per roll and perforated vouchers so customers can redeem them for bags as they need them.

No longer will customers be limited to a two-week window with limited pick up

hours in order to obtain bags.

Bags will also be available for purchase from the participating retailers as well.

Residents can help the City reduce costs by redeeming the vouchers for only bags needed and help reduce its carbon footprint.

A list of participating merchants will be available on the City's website, [www.brokenarrowok.gov](http://www.brokenarrowok.gov) and will be included in informational mailings.

WasteZero partners with municipalities to deliver the most effective waste reduction programs in the United States.

### Guidelines for redeeming vouchers include:

- Residents will receive four vouchers, one for each roll of black trash bags.
- The vouchers are perforated. Residents will need to separate them and redeem only the one(s) you need.
- Take the voucher to one of the participating local retail stores.
- Residents will not be charged for the bags, but must have a voucher to receive bags at no charge.
- Vouchers are redeemable one time only, as they are tracked by barcode and therefore cannot be duplicated.
- If additional bags are needed beyond the standard issue, bags may be purchased at participating retailers for a nominal fee.
- Residents will receive vouchers each April and October.
- Bags will be available at participating merchants by April 14, 2014.



This new voucher program will replace the existing distribution process and alleviate the need for residents to pick up bags during the designated two-week period.

## Broken Arrow E&C Director submits resignation

Broken Arrow Engineering and Construction Director Kenny Schwab has submitted his resignation effective Jan. 31.

"In Kenny's time as E&C Director, he has made a significant and positive impact on the organization and the City as a whole," City Manager Thom Moton said. "We are grateful to Kenny for his years of service to this community and extend our well wishes for his continued success."

Schwab will be leaving the department to

take a position with the Cowan Group, LLC. He has been with the City since January 2008.

"The City of Broken Arrow has allowed me to grow professionally as an engineer, as well as personally as a human being," Schwab said. "I will always reflect highly on my experience with the City. Our accomplishments over the past several years are second to none. I am honored to have been a part of this effort."

### A list of his of achievements included:

- Oversaw the largest design and construction project in the history of Broken Arrow, the 20-million-gallon per day water microfiltration treatment facility – Verdigris Water Treatment Plant.
- Led water customers through a controversial change in disinfection

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# Farmers Market opens April 19

The Broken Arrow Farmers Market, 418 S. Main St. will open its 2014 season April 19.

The Market will continue each Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. through October 5th.

## Market goodies

When the Market opens, shoppers can purchase early crops such as spinach, kale, leaf lettuces, and find bison, chicken and local honey.

Non-GMO seeds and several types of vegetable starts will also be available along with a variety of unique agricultural crafts.

Produce availability changes with each season.

Shopping at the market provides customers with an opportunity to find both regular and unique types of produce.

To stay in touch with what is available at the market and receive healthy eating tips, like the market at Facebook.com/BAFarmersmarket.

Customers can also enjoy breakfast or a

great cup of coffee.

Beginning in May, live music will take the stage every Saturday.

Take time to bring the kids by the new Kids Corner located under the small pavilion.

## Support the local farmer

The market is unique to the area because it exclusively promotes Oklahoma made and Oklahoma grown products.

Shoppers benefit by consuming the freshest produce available while supporting the local farms.

## Market part of Rose District

Located in newly renovated Rose District, the market is now in its sixth season.

The market has continued to steadily grow and attract a wide variety of vendors.

While in town, be sure to take time to visit the quaint shops and great new eateries nestled on Main Street in Oklahoma's heartland.



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process, in which efforts to adequately addressed environmental activists' claims in opposition to the conversion to chloramines have recently been recognized at a national level in the Southwest Journal of the American Water Works Association.

- Coordinated, directed and oversaw the combined efforts of the Council, Downtown Advisory Board, Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Corporation, City Administration, Main Street Merchants, along with numerous different City staff personnel, as well as outside professional consultants and contractors, with respect to the new Rose District improvements.
- Completed several past general obligation bond programs, while keeping the past two general obligation bond programs on schedule.
- Completion of in-house design on projects that equate to nearly \$44 million worth of construction improvements.

A 1984 graduate of Broken Arrow High School, Schwab graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1988 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and in 1995 obtained a Master of Science degree in Civil Engineering with an emphasis on Geotechnical Engineering.



Photo Courtesy of Judy Prieto

Celia Englebrecht prepares her table for the day. The Broken Arrow Farmers Market is scheduled to open April 19

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### APRIL 1-30

**Ongoing — Broken Arrow Youth Football** Online registration begins. For more information, call 918-251-1015, Ext. 240, or visit [www.bayouthfootball.com](http://www.bayouthfootball.com).

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

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

**April 8 — Downtown Advisory Board** 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220

S. First St.

**April 9 — Chamber of Commerce Forum Luncheon** 11:15 a.m., Central on Main Ballroom, 210 N. Main St.

**April 10 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

**April 19 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

**April 22 — Memphis** 7:30 p.m., 701 S. Main St. From the underground dance clubs of 1950s Memphis, Tennessee, comes a hot new Broadway musical that bursts off the stage with explosive dancing, irresistible songs and a thrilling tale of fame and forbidden love. Inspired by actual events, MEMPHIS is about a radio DJ who wants to change the world and a club singer who is ready for her big break. Cost: \$20-\$60. For more information, call 918-259-5778.

**April 26 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market** 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**



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