

HONORING YEARS OF SERVICE



Mayor Craig Thurmond (left) presented Vice Mayor Richard Carter and Councilor Mike Lester with service pins at a recent City Council Meeting.

Carter, Lester receive service pins

Vice Mayor Richard Carter and City Councilor Mike Lester recently received recognition for their year's of service to Broken Arrow.

Carter was first elected to the City Council in April 1993. In April 2013, Carter began his sixth term.

Carter has also served as Mayor during his

tenure on the council.

Lester was elected to office in April 2007 and is currently serving his second term. He served as Commissioner from June 1989-Aug. 1992 and again from May 1998-May 2004.

Carter was the recipient of a 20-year pin, while Lester received a 15-year pin.

Utilities begin programs in June

The City of Broken Arrow Utilities Department will begin several initiatives in June.

- The water plant will be calling on pre-selected resident volunteers to start a Lead & Copper Sampling program. This program will conclude September.
- The department will be operating each fire hydrant throughout the year. It is estimated 1,000 hydrants will be refurbish. The plan is to start from Elm Place to Lynn Lane and from Kenosha to Houston streets.
- The sewer department will be smoke testing starting in June. The department will put smoke bombs inside of manholes with blowers forcing the smoke down the sewer line. The program is designed to identify any bad spots in the line.

City receives Tree City USA designation for 14th year

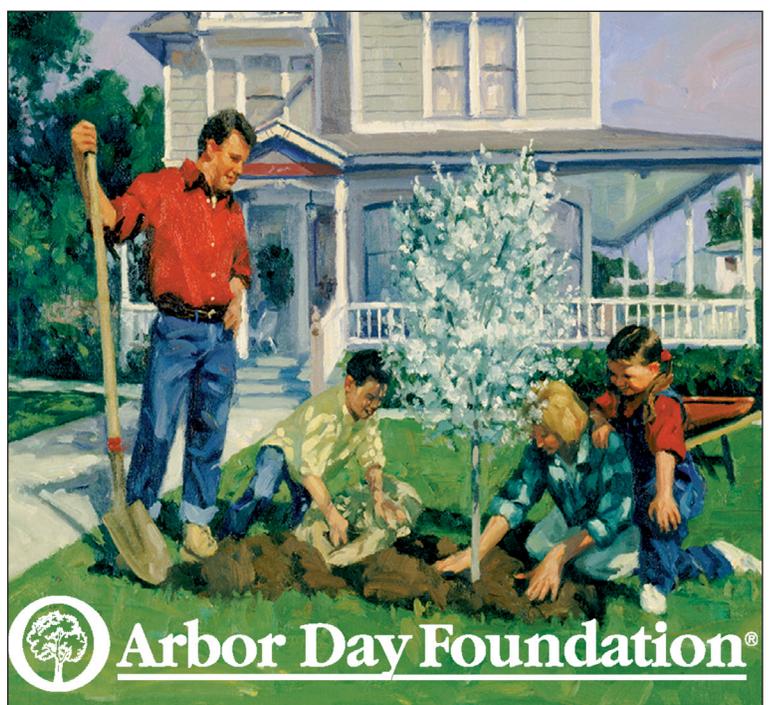
Broken Arrow achieved Tree City USA recognition by meeting the program's four requirements; a tree board or department, a tree-care ordinance, an annual community forestry budget of at least \$2 per capita and an Arbor Day observance and proclamation.

The Tree City USA program is sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Forest Service and the National Association of State Foresters.

"Everyone benefits when elected officials, volunteers and committed citizens in communities like Broken Arrow make smart investments in urban forests," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Trees bring shade to our homes and beauty to our neighborhoods, along with numerous economic, social and environmental benefits."

Cleaner air, improved storm water management, energy savings and increased property values and commercial activity are among the benefits enjoyed by Tree City USA communities.

"It is an honor for Broken Arrow to be selected as a Tree City USA for the 14th consecutive year," said Scott Esmond, Director of Recreation, Parks, Cultural Affairs & Tourism Department for the City of Broken Arrow. "With spring coming soon, it will be nice to see our urban forest in bloom while enhancing the livability of our community."



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

JUNE 1-30

Ongoing — Broken Arrow Youth Football Online registration begins. For more information, call 918-251-1015, Ext. 240, or visit 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.

Ongoing — Broken Arrow Youth Soccer Sign-up Ages 4 to 18, boys and girls. Season begins September and ends in November. Register online at www.bascok.com.

June 2 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 3 — Tuesdays in the Park 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Acoustic Mofo. **Free and open to the public.**

June 5 — Thursday Night Theater 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Wizard of Oz.

June 6-7 — 'Chalk it Up' chalk art festival The Broken Arrow Parks and Recreation Department and the Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council will be presenting "Chalk It Up" chalk art festival from 7 a.m.-1 p.m. June 7 on Main Street. The event is free and open to the public. Visitors will also have an opportunity to vote for their favorite artist in each age group and category. For more information, contact 918-259-7007.

June 7 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

June 10 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 10 — Tuesdays in the Park 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Soul Intent. **Free and open to the public.**

June 12 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 12 — Thursday Night Theater 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. All Dogs Go to Heaven.

June 13 — Wine, Eats and Easels Time: TBA; Broken Arrow Farmers Market, 418 S. Main St. A night of fun and friends, sampling some of the best local vineyards and eateries, while also browsing some of the best local artists in all different mediums. Plus, the night air will be filled with the jazz stylings of GRADY NICHOLS and his terrific band. Cost: \$40 in advance, \$50 at the door. For more information, call 918-815-2854.

June 14 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

June 16 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 17 — Tuesdays in the Park 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

June 19 — Thursday Night Theater 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

June 21 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

June 24 — Tuesdays in the Park 7 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

June 26 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 26 — Thursday Night Theater 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

June 28 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

June 29 — Rockets Over Rhema 5:30 p.m., Rhema Bible Church, 1025 W. Kenosha St. **Festivities begin at 5:30 with fireworks beginning just after dark.**



SUMMER EVENTS

KICK OFF IN JUNE

With the arrival of June, the event season in Broken Arrow goes into overdrive.

Tuesdays in the Park

Now in its 18th season, Tuesdays in the Park concert series kicks off the month presented by the Broken Arrow Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Tourism Department and the Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council.

A free concert is held each Tuesday evening from 7-9 p.m., at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

Patrons will be treated to a wide array of music throughout the month. Concessions will be available, or participants can bring refreshments.

This year's line up includes:

- **June 3 - Acoustic Mojo**
- **June 10 - Soul Intent**
- **June 17 - Mary Cogan Band**
- **June 24 - Usual Suspect**

'Chalk It Up' chalk art festival June 6-7

Back for a third year is Broken Arrow's popular "Chalk It Up" chalk art festival.

The Broken Arrow Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Tourism Department and the Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council sponsor the event set for June 6-7 in the Rose District.

The event will take place from 7 p.m.-11 p.m. June 6, and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 7.

The festival includes street performers and live music entertainment.

Visitors will also have the opportunity to vote for their favorite artist in each age group and category.

For more information, artists should call 918-994-4473.

Thursday Night Theater

For the movie buffs, each Thursday night in June the Broken Arrow Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs and Tourism Department will host Thursday Night Theater.

Central Park is again the host venue for this free event.

Beginning approximately at 9 p.m. weekly, a family friendly movie is shown. Bring your own popcorn and soft drink and enjoy the show.

- **June 5 - Wizard of Oz**
- **June 12 - All Dogs Go To Heaven Thursday**
- **June 19 - Finding Nemo Thursday**
- **June 26 - Spiderman**

For more information, e-mail dblue@brokenarrowok.gov.

