

2014 streets preservation projects begin

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“The Mayor and City Council approved the City Manager’s recommended 56 percent increase in street preservation funding this year, so Broken Arrow residents will really start to see street construction ramping up in their neighborhoods,” said City Manager Thom Moton.

As part of the initiative, several subdivision streets received face-lifts. Work began in the South Brook subdivision.

Crews removed the old asphalt layer in a process known as milling, then added a new layer of asphalt. The project cost approximately \$250,000. The City funded the project through the Sales Tax Capital Improvements (STCI) Fund, which cannot be used for general government operations.

Other neighborhoods and arterials soon to see street improvements are:

- Oak Crest Additions; Graham Franklin Park
- New Orleans Street from Olive Avenue to Garnett Road
- Vacation Center Subdivision



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“Until we completed the Street Index, we didn’t know the total preservation we needed to renovate our streets,” said Steve Arant, Director of Streets and Stormwater. “Now we know, and we have identified where those repairs will occur based on available funding.”

A copy of the Streets Preservation Report is available at www.brokenarrowok.gov/streetspreservation, or at the Engineering and Construction Department, 485 N. Poplar Avenue. For more information, contact Steve Arant, Director of Streets and Stormwater, at 918-259-7000, Ext. 7429.

Construction ongoing on tennis, basketball courts at Central Park

A City contractor began demolition of the Central Park tennis courts in May, to make way for a brand new recreational area.

Not only do the improvements include three (3) new tennis courts, but it will also add a new outdoor basketball court, new fencing, color system, nets and lighting.

The work is expected to be completed by Aug. 17. A Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) of \$370,000 is paying for the project.

“The new tennis courts will be rebuilt using post-tension slab construction, which will provide a great playing surface for users” said Scott Esmond, Director of the Recreation, Parks, Cultural Affairs & Tourism Department. “These improvements reflect the City of Broken Arrow’s commitment to providing the best recreational facilities for its citizens.”

During this construction time-frame, users may locate other tennis courts in the Broken Arrow Park system by visiting our website at: www.brokenarrowok.gov/tenn.

BAPD warn against leaving vehicles unsecured

The Broken Arrow Police Department would like to remind citizens of the importance of locking vehicles and securing valuables, particularly during the overnight hours.

As the temperatures warm, and outside activity increases, there is a noticeable increase in the number of vehicles that are burglarized in the overnight hours. Unlocked cars and trucks are the prime targets.

The department has seen a notable increase in the number of burglaries to vehicles in recent weeks and has made several arrests related to these crimes as a result.

Typically, the offenders are teens and young adults who seek out the unsecured vehicles and take whatever they can find (loose change, cigarettes, phone chargers, GPS units, etc.). With more and more frequency,

items of more significant value are being left in vehicles and are being stolen as well. This list includes purses, wallets, laptop computers, tools, smart phones, and even firearms. These crimes are mostly crimes of opportunity and can be deterred simply by removing valuables from the vehicles and locking the doors.

To combat the problem the Broken Arrow Police Department will continue to augment traditional patrol with the use of police bicycles.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR AUGUST 1-31

Aug. 1 — Art Night 5-8 p.m., Your Design, 211 S. Main St. Easels, and a few supplies will be provided. This is not a class, but an atmosphere of creation, inspiration and encouragement. For additional information, call 918-994-4473.

Aug. 2 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. Free and open to the public.

Aug. 2 — National Night Out 10 a.m.-noon, Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. home safety and security vendors will talk about how to make your house safe and secure. There will also be police and fire officials there to answer any questions about how to keep your home safe. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 918-451-8213

Aug. 5 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 9 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon, 418 S. Main St. Free and open to the public.

Aug. 9 — Back to School Bash 9 a.m.-noon, Tulsa Technology Center Broken Arrow Campus, 4600 S. Olive Ave. A FREE health and safety fair for Broken Arrow public and private schools students as well as Union Public School students to get ready to go back to school. For more information, call 918-451-8213.

Aug. 12 — Downtown Advisory Board 4 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 14 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 15 — Art Night 5-8 p.m., Your Design, 211 S. Main St. Easels, and a few supplies will be provided. This is not a class, but an atmosphere of creation, inspiration and encouragement. For additional information, call 918-994-4473.

Aug. 16 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 19 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 23 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 26 — City of Broken Arrow Bond Election. For more information, visit www.brokenarrowok.gov.

Aug. 28 — Broken Arrow Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Aug. 30 — Broken Arrow Farmers Market 8 a.m.-noon., 418 S. Main St. **Free and open to the public.**

Aug. 30 — Sand Dazzle All day, 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. For more info, call 918-259-7000, Ext. 5430 or e-mail dblue@brokenarrowok.gov.

Back to School Bash set for Aug. 9

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. 9 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:

- BAN will be distributing school supplies;
- Free haircuts provided by Tulsa Tech cosmetology/barber students;
- OK Chip Program by the Masonic Lodge will provide DNA, video and dental impressions for children 5 and up;
- The Caring Van will be on hand to give free immunizations;
- Blue Bell Ice Cream;
- Tulsa County Library;
- Broken Arrow Public Schools Buster the Bus and child nutrition will be in attendance;
- Vision screening by the Lions Club mobile unit;
- Akdar Shriner's popcorn wagon;
- McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog;



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- Vince & Larry the Crash Dummies;
- Elk's Lodge to hand out drug prevention material;
- And fingerprinting, hearing vision screening and many more resources for back to school

For more information, call Lisa Ford at 918-451-8213.

National Night Out Aug. 2

National Night Out is set for 10 a.m. to noon Aug. 2 with a kick off event at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St..

This event is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and spread the crime prevention message while having fun.

There will be free snow cones, Jupiter jumps, face painting, popcorn and give-a-ways.

Last year, Broken Arrow's National Night Out Kick-off had over 30 vendors and non-profits handing out free food and resources.

There will also be police and fire officials there to answer any questions about how to keep you home safe.

Individual neighborhoods can sign up through the Crime Prevention unit of the department if they would like an officer or fire truck to visit their neighborhood parties on Aug. 2. Contact Lisa Ford at 918-451-8213 or email lford@brokenarrowok.gov.

Make sure YOUR neighborhood joins the party in 2014!



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