

COMING SOON:

New traffic signals for Tucson, Aspen and Tucson, Redbud intersections

The City of Broken Arrow is in the process of installing a new type of traffic light at the intersections of Tucson Street and Aspen Avenue and Tucson Street and Redbud Avenue.

This next generation traffic signal allows for protected and permissive left turns from dedicated left turn lanes and will help alleviate traffic congestion.

“The new traffic signals will give drivers more opportunities to turn in dedicated left turn lanes,” said General Services Director Lee Zirk. “Instead of sitting at a red light when there’s no oncoming traffic, the new signal allows drivers to make a permissive left turn and reach their destination without unnecessary delays.”

HOW IT WORKS

The new left turn traffic signal head includes the standard red, yellow and green arrows which have been used for years, along with an additional “flashing yellow arrow.”

The “flashing yellow arrow” indicates to drivers that they can make a permissive left turn if there is no oncoming traffic or pedestrians.

ADVANTAGES

A national study demonstrated drivers had

fewer crashes with flashing yellow left turn arrows than with traditional signals.

- *Less traffic delay.* Motorists have more opportunities to make a left turn with the flashing yellow left turn arrow than with the traditional yielding left turn indications, which keeps traffic moving.
- *More flexible.* The flashing yellow left turn display provides more options to effectively handle all types of traffic volume and reduce traffic back-ups.

SAFETY

The National Cooperative Highway Research Program (NCHRP) studied the flashing yellow arrow configuration and compared it to various protective/permissive left turn (PPLT) control devices and signal arrangements.

The study determined a flashing yellow arrow PPLT display was consistently found to be equal to or superior to existing PPLT displays, both in a laboratory environment and field experiments in cities.

This configuration is now adopted in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD).

The new standard for protected left turn signals was included in the 2009 edition of



the MUTCD, which the state adopted in 2012.

The flashing yellow arrow gives left turning traffic more opportunities to pass through an intersection than its predecessor, which was the solid steady green “ball” signal.

PUBLIC AWARENESS AND EVALUATION

The new signal will be the first of its kind here in Broken

Arrow.

The City will monitor traffic flow at the new signal locations to evaluate if its use would be beneficial throughout the City and for future road/intersection improvements.

A video demonstrating how the new left turn signal works can be viewed at www.brokenarrowok.gov/leftarrow.

Residents are encouraged to review the video to prepare for the new signals.

BA named Best City for First-Time Home Buyers

Broken Arrow has been named the Best City for First-Time Home Buyers by personal finance website WalletHub.

To determine which housing markets most favor first-time home buyers, WalletHub assessed the affordability of homes as well as the conditions of the real estate market and community environment in the 300 largest U.S. cities.

WalletHub used 17 key metrics, ranging from median house prices and real estate taxes to median home price appreciation and price-to-rent ratios.

“It’s no surprise that out of the 300 largest cities in the U.S., Broken Arrow is the best city for first time home owners. You

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New online employment system makes applying for City jobs easier

The City of Broken Arrow has launched a new software system to improve the hiring process for job seekers and personnel managers.

Job seekers are able to quickly apply online to positions currently open via www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/jobs.

Interested candidates can apply for current vacancies or sign up to be notified when new openings become available.

This new software streamlines the job search and application process for job seekers. Instead of applying for multiple job openings using paper applications, candidates can now submit multiple applications electronically.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR NOVEMBER 1-30

Nov. 1 — United Methodist Women's Heart of the Crafter 9 a.m.-3 p.m., First United Methodist Activity Building, 112 E. College St. A wide range of items, which include Christmas items, cross-stitch and crocheted items, jewelry, clothing, wood products, used books, and baked goods. The UMW also offers breakfast and lunch menus. For more information, call 918-251-5898.

Nov. 1 — Buy Broken Arrow campaign begins Just by entering a participating merchants store participants can receive one free ticket. For more information, visit <http://www.brokenarrowchamber.com>.

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

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

Nov. 7 — Art Night 5-8 p.m., Your Design, 211 S. Main St. Participants will find a place of inspiration, meet like minded people and be motivated to create! Easels, a few supplies and light snacks provided. Simply bring materials, ideas and get started! This is not a class, but an atmosphere of creation, inspiration and encouragement! When the weather cooperates, we will set up outside. Bring the supplies you have on hand and you will be amazed with the results. For more information, call 918-994-4473.

Nov. 11 — City offices closed for Veterans Day

Nov. 14 — Holiday Tea Off 6-9 p.m. in the Rose District. The annual event acts as a holiday open house for Main Street merchants where customers can also sign up to win \$100, \$300 or \$500 shopping vouchers. This year, festivities include horse-drawn carriage rides, live entertainment and a visit from Santa, among other things. Customers can begin registering for the Tea-Off drawing beginning Nov. 11 at select Rose District retailers. There are multiple chances to win and customers can redeem the vouchers at select merchants on Main Street. The total amount to be given away Thursday evening is \$2,000 and you do not have to be present to win. For questions and more info, contact Patsy Terry, chairperson of the Main Street Merchants Association, at 918-251-7484, or Teresa Fleming, president of the Main Street Merchants Association at 918-251-5371.

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

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

Nov. 21 — Art Night 5-8 p.m., Your Design, 211 S. Main St. Participants will find a place of inspiration, meet like minded people and be motivated to create! Easels, a few supplies and light snacks provided. Simply bring materials, ideas and get started! This is not a class, but an atmosphere of creation, inspiration and encouragement! When the weather cooperates, we will set up outside. Bring the supplies you have on hand and you will be amazed with the results. For more information, call 918-994-4473.

Nov. 27 and 28 — City offices closed for Thanksgiving

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get a high value home for less than what you'd pay in other parts of the country," said Mayor Craig Thurmond. "Our low crime rate, excellent schools, availability of high-paying jobs and a wide variety of recreational and cultural amenities makes Broken Arrow an attractive place for people to buy their first house.

According to real estate database Zillow, the current median home value in Broken Arrow is \$146,500.



Home values have gone up 6 percent over the past year and Zillow predicts they will rise 1.6 percent within the next year.

Read the complete WalletHub report at <http://wallethub.com/edu/best-and-worst-cities-for-first-time-home-buyers/5564/>.

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The new system also allows hiring managers to more effectively create minimum qualifications to sort through a pool of applicants.

With the new system, administrative work and technical maintenance costs are reduced as this workload is handled by the NEOGOV system. NEOGOV is one of the nation's largest cloud software vendors for HR in

government and education.

"The new online job application process helps the City of Broken Arrow attract highly qualified, highly skilled employees," said Acting Human Resources Director Jannette McCormick. "By continuing to hire the right employees, the City is able to provide the best services that make Broken Arrow an attractive place to live."

A jobs kiosk has been set up in the Human Resources lobby for interested applicants who do not have access to a computer. It's located at 220 S. First St., in the City Hall Annex. Otherwise, job seekers may visit www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/jobs.

BUY BA Campaign kicks off Nov. 1

Each year, the Broken Arrow Area Chamber of Commerce holds an annual Buy Broken Arrow Campaign that promotes the many wonderful businesses that are a part of our community.

Beginning Nov. 1, shop or dine with participating Broken Arrow merchants

and collect tickets for your chance to win part of \$15,000.

On Dec. 16, the drawing for the \$10,000; \$3,000 and \$2,000 prizes will be held in Broken Arrow at 3 p.m. at Moody's, 2013 W. Kenosha St. The winning ticket holder will have two business days to claim the money.

If not claimed, the second number will be drawn on Dec. 18 at 3 p.m.

After Dec. 18, the drawing dates are as follows until a winner comes forward:

- Dec. 22, 3 p.m.
- Dec. 29, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 2., 3 p.m.
- Jan. 6, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 8, 3 p.m.

The Chamber office will be closed on Dec. 24-26, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1.

Watch your local news and check the Chamber's website, www.bachamber.com, the Buy Broken Arrow Facebook page or check the City of Broken Arrow's website, www.brokenarrowok.gov, for the winning number to be announced.

Ticket holders do not have to be present at the drawing to win.

It is not too late to sign up to be a participating merchant for Buy Broken Arrow. Business interested in participating merchant, contact the Broken Arrow Chamber at 918-251-1518.

