

Residents Approve 2014 General Obligation Bond Projects

Broken Arrow residents on August 26, 2014 approved all seven bond projects on the Special Election ballot. As a result, the City will be able to finance much needed infrastructure improvements, equip public safety personnel to protect and serve citizens, and create new parks and recreational facilities for residents to enjoy.

Voters also approved two questions that will allow the City to move forward with plans for a Conference/Convention Center off the Broken Arrow Expressway near Bass Pro Shops and a Creative Arts Center in the Rose District.

“What the results of the election tell me is that residents are looking ahead by investing in projects that position Broken Arrow for further economic growth,” said Mayor Craig Thurmond. “The yes vote gives us the green light to finance much needed capital improvements benefitting all of Broken Arrow for many years.”

Voters did not pass Proposition 8, which would have generated more revenue to support additional cultural and recreational programs in Broken Arrow. For a breakdown of projects, visit www.brokenarrowok.gov/2014bond.

WHAT'S NEXT

By January 2015, the City will have sold new bonds to finance projects approved in past and current bond elections. Property taxes will not increase as a result of approving these projects. Because of Broken Arrow's credit and repayment ability, bond issuance does not increase ad valorem tax rates.

You can follow the progress of all bond projects dating back to 1997 by visiting www.brokenarrowok.gov/bondprogress.



Rendering of Stoney Creek Conference Center site (Proposition 6)



Rendering of Creative Arts Center in the Rose District (Proposition 7)

2014 Bond Projects

Proposition 1: Streets \$36,475,000

Proposition 2: Public Safety \$8,550,000

Proposition 3: Quality Of Life \$10,065,000

Proposition 4: Public Buildings \$1,115,000

Proposition 5: Stormwater/Flood Control \$3,730,000

Proposition 6: Conference/Convention Center (repurposing \$5,855,000)

Proposition 7: Creative Arts Center (repurposing \$1,400,000)

Dallas Street Construction Underway

The improvement of Broken Arrow's downtown streets continues with the construction of W. Dallas Street, which started in early September.

As a result, Dallas between Elm Place to Ash Avenue will be closed intermittently to through traffic while contract crews are working on the road. Access to homes and businesses along the route will be maintained throughout construction. Workers will also need to close lanes between Ash Avenue and Main Street so they can install a new waterline.

Residents approved the Dallas Street improvements as part of the 2011 General Obligation bond. The \$816,000 project is set to be completed in January 2015.

The project involves removing the existing pavement and subgrade of the two-lane asphalt road and adding a concrete pavement with curbs and gutters, along with waterline and storm water improvements.

A contractor recently completed construction of W. Broadway Avenue from Elm Place to Main Street. This is part of the downtown roadway improvements and is another entry point into the Rose District.

“Drivers will experience traveling on some of the smoothest roads in Broken Arrow when they come downtown,” said City Councilor Jill Norman. “Excellent roads and ample parking will add to the overall experience when people shop, eat and do business in the Rose District.”

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Broken Arrow Fire Marshal Retires



**Paul Thompson, Broken Arrow
Fire Marshal**

Broken Arrow Fire Marshal Paul Thompson retired in September after 29 years and four months of service with the Fire Department. He served in many roles before taking the reins as Fire Marshal.

The longtime City employee first became a fire fighter in 1985 and holds the distinction of being the only person in Broken Arrow history to carry both the Fire and Police coins, due to completing both Fire and Police Academies. How did that happen? While working to become Fire Investigator, State Law required that Thompson had to be CLEET Certified. So, in 2006 he entered Broken Arrow's Police Academy. After 21 years of Fire Service, he graduated from not one, but two CLEET Classes!

Thompson then became Fire Marshal in 2009. As Fire Marshal, he was responsible for conducting or overseeing inspections of fire scenes and enforcing building fire codes. Through his efforts in fire prevention and safety, he made Broken Arrow a safer place to live.

Nearly 100 friends and City employees attended the retirement party for Thompson, who will be remembered for his good humor and dedication.

New Farmers Market Parking Lot Opens

The City of Broken Arrow has completed a new parking lot that provides additional parking for patrons of downtown businesses in the Rose District and the Farmers Market.

The new parking lot adds 120 new parking spaces, six of which are handicap accessible.

"The new parking lot will make shopping at the Farmers Market a much more convenient experience, when it opens again in April 2015," said Scott Esmond, Director of Recreation, Parks, Cultural Affairs & Tourism. "With ample parking just less than a block away, patrons can spend more time searching for the best produce rather than the perfect parking spot.

The new lot is located one block west of S. Main Street and is accessible from W. El Paso Street.

The new Farmers Market parking lot is open to the public year-round, making it a convenient place for Rose District visitors to park as well.



New Farmers Market parking lot

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nov. 1 to Dec. 14 — Buy Broken Arrow. Shop or dine at participating merchants and collect tickets for your chance to win part of \$15,000! For more information, visit www.brokenarrowchamber.com.

Nov. 13 to Dec. 31 — Rose District Holiday Pop-Up Shops.

Nov. 17 — 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. Easels and a few supplies will be provided. For more information, call 918-994-4473.

Nov. 27 and 28 — City offices closed for Thanksgiving.

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

Dec. 4 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 5 — LeeAnn Womack Holiday Show 7:30 PM, BA PAC, 701 S. Main St. For more information, call 918-259-5778.

Dec. 6 — Annual Broken Arrow Civitans Christmas Parade 10 a.m., Main Street.

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

Dec. 16 — Buy Broken Arrow prize drawing 3 p.m., Moody's.

Dec. 18 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Dec. 19 — Debby Boone Holiday Show 7:30 p.m., BA PAC, 701 S. Main St. For more information, call 918-259-5778.

Dec. 20 — Breakfast with Santa 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nienuis Park Community Center.

Dec. 25 — City offices closed for Christmas.

City Council Accepts ALS Ice Bucket Challenge

The Broken Arrow City Council took part in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge on Wednesday, September 3 at City Hall. Five constituents were given the opportunity to pour a bucket of ice water on their City Councillor.

The Broken Arrow City Council accepted the challenge from the Catoosa City Council. In turn they nominated the City Councils of Bixby, Jenks and Lumberton, North Carolina. The Broken Arrow Police Department also took part in the challenge separately.

The Ice Bucket Challenge was started by a group of individuals in mid-July to bring awareness to amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), more commonly referred to as Lou Gehrig's disease. Since then it has gone viral on social media websites, raising millions of dollars for the cause. Connect with the City on Facebook to watch the Ice Bucket video!



From left, Mayor Craig Thurmond, Vice Mayor Richard Carter, Councillor Jill Norman, Councillor Johnnie Parks, and Councillor Mike Lester