

Spring is Flood Season in Oklahoma

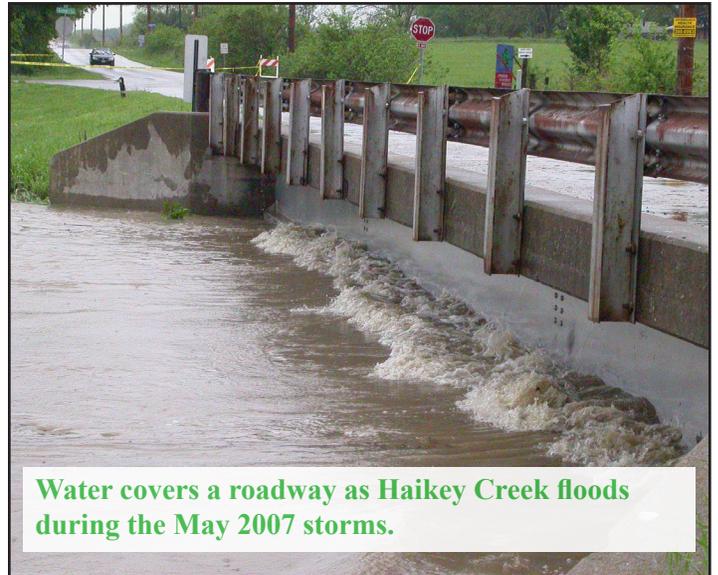
May is Flood Awareness Month - Be FloodSmart and Reduce Your Risk

There are a number of steps you can take to better prepare for flooding and reduce your risk.

- Purchase or renew your flood insurance policy now. It typically takes 30 days for a new policy to go into effect. For more information regarding a flood policy, call your insurance agent.
- Prepare your emergency plan. Visit Ready.gov for more information about family preparedness. Plan and practice flood evacuation routes from home, work, and school. Gather supplies in case of a storm and, if possible, strengthen your home against damage.
- Conduct a thorough home inventory. Documenting your belongings will help you file your flood insurance claim. Begin your home inventory today; visit knowyourstuff.org.

Flood insurance is required if a home is located in a regulatory floodplain and is mortgaged by a federally regulated lender. Broken Arrow residents who live outside a designated floodplain are also eligible to purchase affordable flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It's important to consider that nearly 25% of all NFIP claims were filed by people who live outside of mapped high-risk flood areas.

An average annual preferred flood insurance policy costs approximately \$500. In addition, Special Flood Hazard Area policies purchased in Broken Arrow are discounted



an additional 25%. Property owners living outside of the Special Flood Hazard Areas will continue to receive a 10% discount on their flood insurance policies, thanks to Broken Arrow's Class 5 Rating in the Community Rating System (CRS). The City's Stormwater Division is committed to maintaining these discounts through strict adherence of federal floodplain guidelines.

Remember to get a permit prior to construction or development if you live in or operate a business in a floodplain. For more information, contact the Broken Arrow Stormwater Division at 918-259-7000 ext. 5241.

Rooster Days Festival Returns!

Mark your calendars for Rooster Days 2015, coming to town May 8 - 9. Presented by the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, the "Oldest Festival in Oklahoma" is celebrating its 84th year of bringing family fun to Broken Arrow.

The festival kicks off at 3:00 p.m. Friday, May 8 at Central Park, 1500 S. Main Street.



Festival goers will find food trucks, a market filled with unique clothing and gifts, a family fun zone and live entertainment. Carnival hours will be Friday from 3:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. Ride passes range from \$25 to \$45, available at the festival and in advance at several locations listed on the event's website, www.roosterdays.com. The Rooster Days Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

This year's festival will again feature a FREE shuttle service, which will allow visitors to find parking at Arrowhead Park, 300 E. Washington Street (on 91st Street between Main and Lynn Lane). The shuttle will run during festival hours.



Spring Event Lineup

Does Your Car “Fit” You?

Friday, May 1

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

3746 S. Elm Place

Trained professionals will lead older drivers through a 12-point checklist with their vehicle, recommend car adjustments and adaptations and offer community specific resources and activities that could make their cars “fit” better or enhance their safety. An occupational therapist also will be on hand to provide information to older drivers on how to maintain and strengthen driving health. For more information, contact Lisa Ford at 918-451-8213.

KBAB Rose Festival at the Rose District Farmers Market

Saturday, May 16

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

418 S. Main Street

Enter your best rose or rose arrangement between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 am for judging.

Prizes will be awarded to all ages in many categories. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer questions. Kids can enjoy an art table and face painting. Plus, Blue Bell will be serving ice cream. Register for the rose art competition at www.keepbrokenarrowbeautiful.org.

Learn Life Saving Skills at Camp Bandage

Saturday, May 16

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

21101 E 101st Street

Did you know that more than 136,000 children under the age of 19 were seen

in emergency rooms for fire and burn injuries in 2012? Or that more children ages 5 to 14 are seen in emergency rooms for injuries related to biking than any other sport? These accidents and injuries are preventable with the right knowledge; knowledge that can be found at Camp Bandage.

At Camp Bandage, you’ll learn everything from injury prevention, first aid and CPR to bike, water, fire and home safety. The Broken Arrow Police and Fire Departments will also simulate a car accident to educate the community on how emergency responders work together. For more information, visit www.campbandage.org.

Tuesdays in the Park

Every Tuesday in June

1500 S. Main Street

The Broken Arrow Arts and Humanities Council presents the Tuesdays in the Park concert series. Every Tuesday in June, this fun-filled event provides great music with different bands and different music genres each year at Broken Arrow’s Central Park. Come enjoy the local food vendors, bring your lawn chair and enjoy music as Broken Arrow welcomes you into their backyard in this beautiful park setting. The Fabulous Midlife Crisis Band kicks off the concert series with all your favorite rock and roll hits.



BAPS 2015-16 Before & After Care Enrollment

Did you know that Broken Arrow Public Schools offers before and after care at its elementary and early childhood centers? From May 11 – 15, parents can enroll for the 2015-2016 school year at the B&A Connections Office, 210 North Main Street. Doors will open at 7:00 a.m. For more information, call 918-259-7413.

BAPD Junior Police Academy

The BA Police Department is taking applications until May 29 for the Junior Police Academy which is open to students in grades 6 – 12. For more information call 918-451-8200, ext. 8808.

Parks Employees Receive Playground Safety Certification

The Broken Arrow Parks Department continues to provide a safe place for children to play. Recently, two employees passed the certified playground safety inspector exam. Phillip Hink, Parks Maintenance Manager, and Steve Stafford, Parks Maintenance Worker are Certified Playground Safety Inspectors (CPSI) as recognized by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). Hink has been a certified playground inspector for many years and continues to test and keep his certification current.

The CPSI certification program provides the most comprehensive and up-to-date training on playground safety issues, including hazard identification, equipment specifications, surfacing requirements and risk management methods. These best practices protect children from injury due to playground hazards and protect the City from costly liabilities.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing — Broken Arrow Soccer Club fall registration through July 10. Go to www.bascok.com for more details.

Ongoing Each Saturday — Rose District Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, 418 S. Main St.

May 1 — CarFit Vehicle Safety Program, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

May 2 — Rooster Days Run, 6:30 a.m. registration, Chisolm Trail South Park, 21101 E. 101st Street.

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

May 8-9 — Rooster Days Festival (see front page story.)

May 8 — Rooster Days Rodeo, 7 p.m., BA Round-Up Club, S. 241st E. Ave.

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

May 16 — KBAB Rose Festival at the Rose District Farmers Market 8 a.m., Main Street.

May 16 — Camp Bandage, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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

May 25 — City offices closed for Good Memorial Day. Monday and Tuesday trash service will be one day later.

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

June 1 (tentative) — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

June 2 — Tuesdays in the Park, 7 to 9 p.m.

June 11 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.