

## Mosquito Prevention Starts at Home

The best way to control the mosquito population in Broken Arrow is by not allowing them to breed in the first place.

Start by draining sources of standing water:

- Prevent items such as buckets and tarps from holding standing water.
- Empty your outdoor pet's water bowl and refill daily.
- Rinse, scrub, and refill birdbaths weekly.
- Empty plastic wading pools weekly and store indoors when not in use.
- Regularly maintain swimming pools and outdoor hot tubs. Empty water from the pool and hot tub covers weekly.
- Store boats covered or upside down.
- Regularly check for clogged rain gutters and clean them if needed.
- Repair leaky lawn irrigation spouts.
- Adult mosquitoes like to stay out of the sun because it dries out their bodies and kills them so they rest in tall grass and shaded areas. If grass is kept short, it will help keep them out of your yard.

It's also important to protect yourself against mosquito bites:

- Use mosquito repellent when outside during mosquito season.
- Wear long sleeves and pants when possible.
- Avoid the outdoors during mosquitoes' main feeding time (from dusk till dawn).
- For more information about choosing insect repellents, visit [www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents](http://www2.epa.gov/insect-repellents).

### REQUESTS FOR MOSQUITO SPRAYING

From time to time during mosquito season, the City of Broken Arrow receives requests to spray in a certain area. Due to federal regulations, the City must first prove there is a mosquito problem before crews can treat the requested area. Information is collected on a weekly basis from permanent trapping sites, and that data helps determine whether treatment is warranted.

Starting this year, the Tulsa Health Department (THD) will take over the Tulsa County portions of Broken Arrow's mosquito collection process, allowing staff to focus on core mission duties.

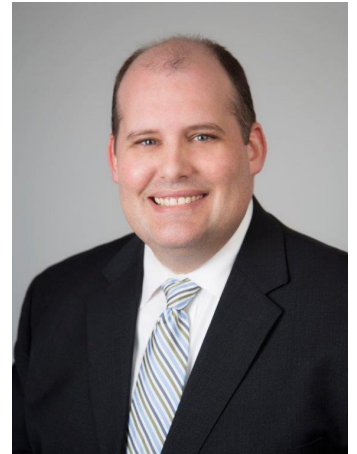
The THD also tests Broken Arrow mosquito pools for the West Nile Virus on a weekly basis.

To report a mosquito problem, call the Action Center at 918-258-3587 or email [action@brokenarrowok.gov](mailto:action@brokenarrowok.gov).



## Get to Know Scott Eudey, Newly Elected Ward 4 Councilor

Elected in April of 2015, Scott Eudey is the newest member of the Broken Arrow City Council.



Eudey attended the University of Tulsa where he graduated in 1995 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and studied education and music. After earning his Juris Doctorate in 1998 from Southern Methodist University's Dedman School of Law in Dallas, Texas, Eudey returned to Oklahoma and made Broken Arrow his home.

Eudey started his legal career in 1998 as an associate attorney in the law offices of Jack W. Ross & Associates, located on Main Street in what is now known as the Rose District. Eudey has been the managing partner of Ross & Eudey since 2010 and focuses on estate planning, business development, real estate and contracts. Since making Broken Arrow his home, Eudey has served in numerous community service organizations and leadership positions, including the Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce, Rotary, Jaycees, Broken Arrow Seniors and more.

Scott is married to his college sweetheart, Misa. They are raising two children, Taylor and Reagan. Eudey is a member of Timber Ridge Assembly of God, where he serves on the Board of Deacons.

## 2014 Annual Water Quality Report Available Online

The City of Broken Arrow 2014 Annual Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) will be available online at [www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/2014waterreport](http://www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/2014waterreport) starting May 25.

In years past, the Water Reports were mailed with the utility bills. Due to cost saving measures, the report will now be available for viewing online. Those who prefer a paper copy may pick up the report at City Hall, 220 S. First Street.

# Who Needs a Building Permit?

## ***YOU DO!***

Have you ever wondered if you need a building permit for a construction project?

Building permits are always required if the project either meets the definition of a structure or is an alteration or improvement to a structure.

So...what is a structure? A structure is defined as any building having a roof, supported by columns or wall, used or intended to be used for the shelter of or enclosure of persons, animals, or property.

Permits are also required for any alteration or improvement to the structure, mechanical, electrical or plumbing.

### Building permits are required for:

- Carports
- Decks
- Garage (new or conversions)
- Gazebos
- Patio Covers or enclosures
- Ponds, if they are deeper than 24"
- Room additions or remodels
- Storage buildings (more than 200 sq ft)
- Storm Shelters (all types)
- Swimming pools or spas
- Tents (larger than 10x10)
- Adding or removing an interior or exterior wall
- Other improvement or alteration

### Trade Permits are required for:

- Replacement of a Water Heater (Hot water tank)
- Replacing or repairing any component in your Central Heat and Air System
- Repair of a Water line, Sewer line or Gas line.
- Pulled Gas Meter or Electric Meter (if required by utility company)
- Upgrading Utility Services

A basic trade permit costs \$64.50 (which includes one approved inspection). Other permits vary by project type. A list of our fee schedule can be found on our website, [www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/fees](http://www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/fees).

For more information, contact the One Stop Center at 918-259-2411.

## What to Expect at Rockets Over Rhema 2015

This year's Rockets Over Rhema is scheduled for June 28, 2015, at the Rhema Campus, 1025 W. Kenosha. There will be plenty to do before the fireworks get started.

At 5:00 p.m., organizers will hold a patriotic tribute in the Rhema Bible Church Auditorium. Outdoor activities begin at 6:00 p.m., with children's inflatable games, face painting, temporary tattoo stations, mechanical bull and rock climbing wall. A car show will feature antique vehicles from the '20s and '30s, along with custom-built hot rods, racing cars, and motorcycles. Concessions will be available.

The concert will begin around 6:30 p.m. and features music the entire family can enjoy. The grand finale will begin around 10:00 p.m. Grab a blanket, a lawn chair, or just sit on the grass and watch one of the largest fireworks displays in the Tulsa/Broken Arrow area.

## Police Volunteers Contribute Big Savings

The City of Broken Arrow recognized 163 volunteers that make up the "Volunteers in Police Service" group. These volunteers provide a wide variety of services for the Police Department, including answering phones, helping victims, and assisting animal control and other divisions such as emergency management.

During this past year, volunteers donated 16,498 hours, which translates into a savings of \$344,493 for the Police Department and the City of Broken Arrow! If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, visit [www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/policevolunteers](http://www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/policevolunteers) for more information.



Mayor Craig Thurmond accepts a ceremonial check from police volunteers Amanda Lindstrom and Peggy Brooks.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Ongoing — Broken Arrow Soccer Club fall registration through July 10.** Go to [www.bascok.com](http://www.bascok.com) for more details.

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

**June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 — Tuesdays in the Park Concert Series,** 7 to 9 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

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

**June 6 — Fishing Derby,** 8 a.m. to noon, Chisholm Trail South Park, 4000 E. New Orleans St.

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

**June 15 (Monday) — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m.,

City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**June 25 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**June 28 — Rockets Over Rhema,** Rhema Bible Church, 1025 W. Kenosha St. (See related story.)

**July 3 — City offices closed for Independence Day Holiday.** No trash service that day.

**July 7 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**July 9 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

**July 11 — Mom and Son Luau,** 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 N. 9th St. Call 918-259-6550 for more details.