

VISION 2025 EXTENSION *Plan Discussed at Town Hall Meeting*

At a town hall meeting held June 24, 2015, residents learned about a plan that would extend Vision 2025 to fund public safety, road repairs and economic development in Broken Arrow. The 6/10 of one penny sales tax was first approved by Tulsa County voters in 2003. The City of Broken Arrow seeks to extend .055 of the Vision Sales tax for projects that would directly benefit residents, and the remaining .005 would be available to Tulsa County.

Based upon Fiscal Year 2015 collections, the City would receive approximately \$7.2 million in additional revenue and Tulsa County would receive approximately \$655,000.

- \$3.6 million will be spent to hire 20 new police officers and 20 new firefighters/paramedics
- \$2.5 million will be used to repair roads
- \$1.1 million will be used for economic development projects leading to new jobs



There will be NO tax increase in Tulsa County as a result of extending Vision 2025. Learn more at www.brokenarrowok.gov/vision2025.

Stoney Creek Conference Center Breaks Ground

A groundbreaking ceremony in June marked the beginning of site work on Broken Arrow's new convention center, located on Albany Street across from the Bass Pro Shops. Stoney Creek Hospitality will build a \$23.5 million hotel, which features 170 guest rooms, an indoor/outdoor pool and a 40,000 square foot conference center. It is expected to open in late 2016. The company will lease the land from the City of Broken Arrow, which used 2014 General Obligation Bond and surplus Vision 2025 funds to purchase and make improvements to the property.



Broken Arrow has long needed a large event facility that the entire community can use to host conferences, conventions, expositions and other events. The new hotel and conference center helps fill that void. It's estimated the new project will attract 5,000 to 10,000 out-of-state visitors each year. Visitors have a tremendously positive impact on Broken Arrow's economy, as they book hotel rooms, eat out and shop in our stores.



New Utility Rates Take Effect in October

As recommended by a comprehensive utility rate study adopted by the City Council last year, Councilors approved a utility rate increase in the Fiscal Year 2016 budget. This is the second increase in a multi-year plan that ensures enough revenue is generated to sustain utility services at a level expected by customers and comply with more stringent environmental regulations.

The utility rate increases will go into effect October 1, 2015. The water rate will increase by 10%, the sewer rate 12%, and the stormwater rate 5%. This means a typical residential customer using 7,000 gallons of water will pay less than \$5 more per month for water, sewer and stormwater.

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WHAT THE RATE INCREASE PAYS FOR

The City’s aging infrastructure has not kept up with growth. Capital improvement investments are needed to minimize service disruptions, ensure the system works as intended and comply with state and federal regulatory standards. As a result, rate increases are needed to fund the replacement of old sewer and water lines, upgrade the wastewater treatment plants, as well as pay the loan on the new Verdigris River Water Treatment Plant.

On April 21, 2015, the Broken Arrow Municipal Authority (BAMA) approved three resolutions authorizing loan applications totaling \$25.6 million with the Oklahoma Water Resources Board. This loan will finance improvements for the following projects:

2015 BAMA Projects

- **Haikey Creek Lift Station – Phase 3 Force Main Replacement**
- **Haikey Creek WWTP Flow Equalization Basin (FEB) Expansion and Plant Effluent Water Pump Station**
- **Haikey Creek WWTP Activated Sludge Diffused Aeration**
- **Drive-by Automatic Meter Reading System**
- **Lynn Lane Waste Water Treatment Plant and Sewer Collection System**
- **Supervisory Control and Activation System (SCADA)**
- **Oneta Road Sewer Lift Station Rehabilitation**
- **Engineering Design Projects at the Lynn Lane Waste Water Treatment Plant**
- **Engineering Design and Right of Way Projects for Sewer System Improvements**
- **Water System Improvements**

**Last Month to Shop at
Rose District Farmers Market**

September is a great month to shop at the Rose District Farmers Market. Tomatoes are late this year because of the rain; farmers replanted several times. Potatoes, squash, beans, and peaches are available along with several other fall crops. Find a variety of unique garden, landscape and agricultural crafts. Sample cheese, local roast coffee and more.



The Market is open each Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. through September 26 at 418 S. Main Street.



**COMMUNITY
CALENDAR**

- Ongoing Each Saturday through September 26 — Rose District Farmers Market,** 8 a.m. to noon, 418 S. Main St.
- Ongoing through October 1 — BA Youth Basketball registration.** Call 918-251-1015 or visit www.bahoops.com.
- September 1 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- September 5 — Tennis in the Park,** 10 a.m. to noon, Central Park, 1500 S. Main Street. Call 918-259-8437 for more details.
- September 7 — City offices closed for Labor Day Holiday.** Monday and Tuesday trash service will be one day later.
- September 8 — Blue Star Mothers Charity Golf Tournament,** Golf Club of Oklahoma. Call 918-284-9688 for details.
- September 10 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- September 15 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- September 24 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- September 27 — Spotlight Series: Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.** 7:30 p.m. BAPAC. www.brokenarrowpac.com.
- October 3 — Fall Fun Fair,** 3 - 6 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Carnival games & prizes! Call 918-259-8437 for details.
- October 6 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- October 8 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Register for Free Motorcycle Safety Training Class

The 2015 "Share the Road" courses will be held on September 6 and September 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Nienhuis Park, 3201 N. 9th Street in Broken Arrow. The September 20 class is for ladies only.

Motorcycles are inexpensive to operate, fun to ride and easy to park. Unfortunately, many riders never learn the critical skills needed to ride safely. Motorcycling requires skill, concentration and reasonable precautions. Although it is possible to ride a motorcycle on your own, the trial

and error method is a tough teacher of motorcycle skills.

This course is designed to teach experienced riders how to survive riding on our roadways. It’s taught by seasoned, police motorcycle officers who know what it takes to stay safe on a motorcycle! By attending this course you will learn how to turn effectively, avoid obstacles, braking and more.

To register, go to www.brokenarrowok.gov/motorcycle, or call 918-259-2400 ext. 8692.