

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Fall and Season's Greetings!

I am elated to be back in OKLAHOMA and to be in Broken Arrow! My first 60 plus days have been great, and I'd like to thank everyone for welcoming Jill and me into this wonderful community. Currently, my days are filled with operational orientations with City Departments and focusing on getting out in the City and up to speed on "what's happening." Believe me...there's a lot to be excited about! I'll have more to report in the coming months.



I hope everyone is enjoying the great weather we're having and trying to get down to the Rose District or out to one of our excellent parks. In closing, with the holiday season approaching I'd like to encourage everyone to "Shop BA". Every dollar spent in our community helps both our local merchants and generates sales tax that the City returns to you in the form of local services (i.e. police, fire, parks, streets, etc.). The community's continued support of the local economy will definitely help keep the "awesome" in BA!

Michael L. Spurgeon, City Manager

December Special Events

2015 Christmas Tree Exhibit at the Broken Arrow History Museum: November 5 through December 12, Tuesdays through Fridays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Saturdays 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The BA History Museum is located at 400 S. Main Street. Each year businesses, organizations, and individuals donate uniquely decorated trees to be on display at the museum. After the exhibit ends, the trees are donated to Broken Arrow Neighbors and dispersed to their clients. For more information, please contact the Museum at 918-258-2616.

Civitans Christmas Parade: Saturday, December 5 at 10:00 a.m. on Main Street. The annual parade is hosted by the Broken Arrow Civitans. It will begin at College Street and head South on Main through the Rose District.

The Ten Tenors - Home for the Holidays: Tuesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m., BA Performing Arts Center, 708 S. Main Street. It's the most wonderful time of the year, and what better way to celebrate the holiday season than with international singing sensation The TEN Tenors? *Home for the Holidays* is a magical experience for the whole

family that will dazzle, delight and captivate audiences. For details, call 918-259-5778 or visit www.brokenarrowpac.com.

Buy Broken Arrow Prize Drawing: Tuesday, December 15 at 3:00 p.m. at Moody's Jewelry, 2013 W. Kenosha. This holiday season when you shop or dine with participating Broken Arrow merchants, you receive tickets for your chance to win part of \$15,000 in cash and additional prizes! For more information, visit www.bachamber.com.



Pizza With Santa:

Saturday, December 19 from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 North 9th Street. Enjoy fresh CiCi's Pizza, fun activities, and watch 'The Grinch Stole Christmas' with family and friends. Activities include holiday crafts, coloring pages, face painting, and photos with Santa. For details, call 918-259-6550.

New City Holiday

Christmas Eve Approved as New City Holiday

The Broken Arrow City Council approved a new City holiday at their September 15, 2015 meeting. Starting this year, Christmas Eve will be a paid holiday for City employees.

Holiday Trash Schedule

City offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, December 24 - 25 and Thursday, January 1. There will be no trash pickup on those three days. Trash pickup for the Thursday route will resume on the next regularly scheduled pickup day, which is Monday. Trash pickup for the Friday route will resume on the next regularly scheduled pickup, which is Tuesday. Questions? Call the Sanitation Division at 918-259-8373.

Prevent Pipes From Freezing

Before the onset of cold weather, prevent the freezing of water supply lines and pipes by following these recommendations:

- Drain water from swimming pool and water sprinkler supply lines following manufacturer's or installer's directions.
- Remove, drain, and store hoses used outdoors. Close inside valves supplying outdoor hose bibs. Open the outside hose bibs to allow water to drain. Keep the outside valve open so that any water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing the pipe to break.
- Check around the home for other areas where water supply lines are located in unheated areas. Look in the basement, crawl space, attic, garage, and under kitchen and bathroom cabinets. Both hot and cold water pipes in these areas should be insulated.
- Consider installing specific products made to insulate water pipes like a "pipe sleeve" or installing UL-listed "heat tape," "heat cable," or similar materials on exposed water pipes. Newspaper can provide some degree of insulation and protection to exposed pipes – even ¼ inch of newspaper can provide significant protection in areas that usually do not have frequent or prolonged temperatures below freezing.

During cold weather, take preventative action:

- Keep garage doors closed if there are water supply lines in the garage.
- Open kitchen and bathroom cabinet doors to allow warmer air to circulate around the plumbing.
- When the weather is very cold outside, let the cold water drip from the faucet served by exposed pipes. Running water through the pipe – even at a trickle – helps prevent pipes from freezing.
- Keep the thermostat set to the same temperature both during the day and at night.
- If you will be going away during cold weather, leave the heat on in your home, set to a temperature no lower than 55° F.

Source: American Red Cross

BeyondBA Equips Students for Success

With a mission to help BAPS students prepare for their future, BeyondBA is a college and career resource center designed to help parents and students navigate the multitude of post-high school options, so that they may confidently take the next step after graduation.



Parents and BAHS students are encouraged to attend the following, upcoming events:

- The 5 Most Common Mistakes Made During the College Application Process, Thursday, Nov. 19, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- ACT Test Taking Tips, Thursday, Dec. 17, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Show Me the Money! Information about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) presented by Impact Tulsa, Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

All of the events are free and will take place at the BAHS Media Center, 1901 E. Albany Street. For more information on BeyondBA, visit www.baschools.org/beyondba or call 918-259-4723.

City Attorney Receives Prestigious Recognition



At an awards ceremony in October in Las Vegas, Nevada, the International Municipal Lawyers Association (IMLA) awarded the designation of IMLA Local Government Fellow to Broken Arrow City Attorney Beth Anne Wilkening. She is now one of a select number of individuals in the United States and Canada to be recognized as specialists in the field of local government law by IMLA. Not only was she named a Fellow, the Executive Director called one of her exam responses “absolutely brilliant”.

Ms. Wilkening began working for the City of Broken Arrow in 1996 then briefly spent two years in private practice before returning in 2005. We congratulate her on receiving this significant achievement!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing — Buy Broken Arrow (see related story)

Ongoing through December 12 - Christmas Tree Exhibit (see related story)

December 1 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 3 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 5 — Civitans Christmas Parade 10 a.m., Main St.

December 5-6 — Ruts & Guts Pro Cyclo-Cross Competition, Chisholm Trail South Park, 2101 E. 101st St. For details, visit www.rutsandguts.com

December 8 — Ragtime the Musical 7:30 p.m., BA Performing Arts Center, 701 S. Main St. For details call 918-259-5778.

December 15 — The Ten Tenors - Home for the Holidays 7:30 p.m., BA Performing Arts Center, (see related story)

December 15 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 17 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 19 — Pizza With Santa (see related story)

December 24-25, January 1 — City offices closed for Christmas and New Years Holidays.

January 5 (tentative) — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m.

January 7 (tentative) — Planning Commission 5 p.m.

January 16 - Deadline for BA Youth Soccer registration for boys and girls ages 4-18. Visit www.basok.com for details.

Stay in touch!

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