

Great Street Award Goes to the Rose District

The Oklahoma Chapter of the American Planning Association has given its 2015 Great Street Award to the Rose District in Broken Arrow. Jurors from Oklahoma and Arkansas selected the Rose District because of its unique identity, cultural interest, community involvement, and a sustainable vision for tomorrow. The City of Broken Arrow is thrilled the Rose District continues to be recognized for these qualities, along with the following attributes of a great street:

- Balances the competing needs of the street — driving, transit, walking, cycling, servicing, parking, drop-offs, etc.
- Is lined with a variety of interesting activities and uses that create a varied streetscape.
- Has urban design or architectural features that are exemplary in design.
- Encourages human contact and social activities.
- Promotes sustainability through minimizing runoff, reusing water, ensuring groundwater quality, minimizing heat islands, and responding to climatic demands.



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Voters Approve Funding for Public Safety, Streets

On Tuesday, November 10, City of Broken Arrow voters overwhelmingly approved renewal of the expiring Vision 2025 sales tax to hire more police officers, firefighters and fix Broken Arrow roads.

The two propositions will replace the existing Vision 2025 sales tax, so there will be no tax increase in Tulsa County. The Wagoner County portion of Broken Arrow will see a slight tax increase of 55 hundredths of a penny (\$0.0055).

Message from the City Manager

I want to take this time to say “Thank You” to the Broken Arrow community for believing in and going out to vote for a more successful and brighter future! It’s very encouraging to see that both propositions passed by an approval rate of nearly 80 percent. City employees have an enormous obligation to provide the highest quality services; and with your vote we can continue to do that, by adding more police officers, more firefighters and providing them the up-to-date equipment needed to do their job.

We look forward to reducing the backlog of road work in Broken Arrow so that your commute to home, work and school will be a smoother one. Thank you for the opportunity to make our community the best in Oklahoma!

Michael Spurgeon

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Proposition 1:

Establish a sales tax of three tenths of one penny (\$0.003) to hire additional police officers and firefighter/paramedics; as well as fund the acquisition and replacement of public safety vehicles, equipment, technology and apparatus.

Proposition 2:

Establish a sales tax of twenty-five hundredths of one penny (\$0.0025) for the purposes of improving, constructing, and maintaining city streets, sidewalks, and related stormwater appurtenances, including the installation of traffic control devices and signalization.

What’s Next?

The Vision 2025 sales tax is set to expire at the end of 2016. At that time, the Tulsa County sales tax rate will decrease by 6/10 of one penny. On January 1, 2017, the City of Broken Arrow will begin assessing a 5.5/10 of one penny sales tax to fund public safety and street improvements.

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The Police Department will add 20 new officers over the next five years, and the Fire Department will also add 20 new firefighters. The Streets Department will begin implementing their five-year Streets Maintenance Plan by seeking bids for the additional road work to be completed. Updates will be provided in an annual report so that citizens may track how the new revenue is being spent.

Snow Removal Policy

The City of Broken Arrow is tasked with maintaining more than 439 lane miles of roadway during snow events. Extra precautions are taken throughout the winter season, to ensure roads are safe for traveling.

During snow events, Streets Department crews will clear arterial roadways first as conditions warrant, with consideration for side streets (also known as collector/feeder roads) discussed after arterials are cleared. Neighborhood streets will not be plowed, unless the grade of street(s) exceeds a 10 percent slope. It is important to note that the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) maintains the Broken Arrow Expressway, Old Highway 51 and the Creek Turnpike.

If freezing rain is forecasted, crews will pretreat the roadways with a mixture of sand and salt. Snow plows cannot remove ice or packed snow from roadways. The sand/salt mixture will make ice/packed snow safer to travel, but sun and warm temperatures are the only thing that will remove ice. As the ice becomes slush, it can be plowed off the roadway.

If weather conditions deteriorate and the City's refuse trucks are unable to travel on neighborhood streets, regular trash pick-up will be postponed and resume on the next regularly scheduled pickup day.

The City's public information office will provide regular updates on the road situation through www.BrokenArrowOK.gov, email alerts, automated phone calls, social media and local media outlets. Visit our website to sign up for automated alerts.

A brochure that includes more information, along with a map of arterial and secondary streets, can be found at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/snow. Copies may also be picked up at City Hall, 220 South First Street.



Follow the construction progress on Stoney Creek Conference & Hotel Center on Youtube:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCXj5EKvfe003jnp-2B3YHUEw>

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- Is well maintained, and capable of being maintained without excessive costs.
- Has a memorable character.

Public commitment to Main Street has been met enthusiastically with support from the private community. More construction activity has occurred in downtown during the last five years than in the previous 50 years.

Since 2005, when the Downtown Master Plan was first adopted, business owners have invested more than \$25 million to rehabilitate and construct buildings. These investments have resulted in an arts and entertainment district where people can live, eat, shop, do business, and enjoy a variety of fun cultural activities.

This downtown corridor is anchored by public facilities such as the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center, the Rose District Farmer's Market, the Museum Broken Arrow (formerly known as the Historical Society Museum), the Military History Museum, and much more is still to come.

We believe that Main Street is the backbone of the community, and the Rose District is the heart of this corridor. Please continue to shape its future, by supporting the businesses that make a thriving, vibrant downtown a reality for Broken Arrow.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

January 1 — City offices closed for New Years Holiday

January 5 (tentative) — Broken Arrow City Council
6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

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

January 18 — City offices closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

January 19 (tentative) — Broken Arrow City Council

6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

February 2 (tentative) — Broken Arrow City Council
6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

February 6 — Daddy Daughter Dance, Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St. Tickets are \$5 per person. Call 918-259-6550 or 918-259-8437 for more information.

February 11 (tentative) — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.