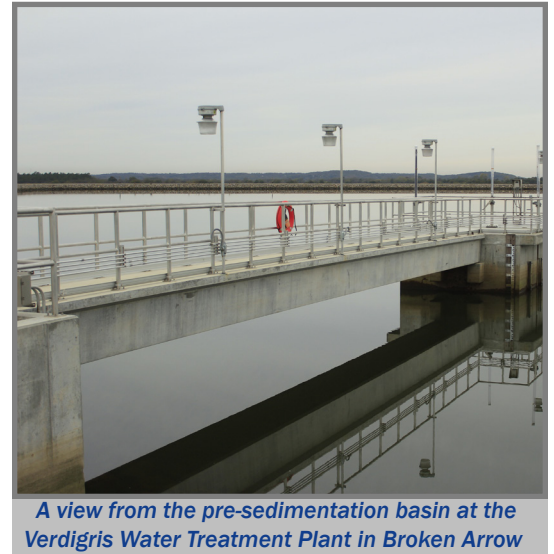


Your Role in Maintaining an Adequate Water Supply During the Hot Summer Months

Water customers in Broken Arrow use an average of about 12 to 13 million gallons of water per day (MGD); but in the summertime, that figure doubles to over 24 MGD! The highest monthly water usage in Broken Arrow generally occurs in July, August and September. Naturally, our water demand increases during the hot summer months, with more frequent watering of lawns and landscaping. This causes major stress to our water supply, and if not properly managed, can lead to a water shortage. Last year, the City Council adopted a Water Conservation Plan that will help make sure all our citizens will receive water if our supply is low.

The first phase of the water conservation plan is voluntary conservation. During this phase, we will ask customers to reduce their water usage. This may include watering lawns and gardens every other day, restricting watering to the evening and early morning hours, or reducing usage on the weekends. If the situation becomes worse, the City will move into mandatory conservation. During this phase, we will also limit watering for golf courses and turn off the splash pads in our parks. If the situation continues to worsen, we move into emergency conservation. During this phase, City pools will be shut down. If a water conservation plan ever needs to be put in place, you will receive an automated call from the City Manager letting you know that water conservation is in place. We will also post it in the local newspapers, on our website, and our social media sites. Learn more about the phases at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/WATERCONSERVATION.



A view from the pre-sedimentation basin at the Verdigris Water Treatment Plant in Broken Arrow

Broken Arrow's Water Sources

Broken Arrow's main water supply comes from its municipal water treatment plant, which draws raw water from the Verdigris River. The Verdigris River Water Treatment Plant produces approximately 19 MGD. We recently completed construction of a second supplemental water connection with the City of Tulsa. This new connection, when needed, will provide Broken Arrow with an additional five million gallons of water a day (MGD), while our plant is at peak production. In addition, our primary water connection with Tulsa is capable of providing up to four MGD. The total combined water delivery from both our plant and Tulsa is approximately 28 MGD. Read the City's Water Conservation Plan at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/WATERCONSERVATION.

Proposed Fiscal Year 2018 Budget Highlights

One of the most important responsibilities of the City Council is the adoption of the annual budget. Broken Arrow works on a fiscal year (July - June) cycle. The Administration begins preparing the annual budget in January and submits it to the governing body for consideration in May.

The proposed FY 2018 budget totals \$248.4 million and includes all revenues and expenditures associated with operating the City's General Fund and Utility authority (BAMA). Operational expenses are up approximately 7.5% this year over last year's budget. The budget also includes the capital improvement program, which makes up large ticket items like: maintenance of streets and roads, new infrastructure, public buildings, park facilities, and utility department infrastructure. The highlight of the Capital Improvement Program is the issuance of \$18.4 million of voter-approved 2014 General Obligation bonds for projects and initiatives and securing loans in the amount of \$30.1 million for utility projects in our system (water, waste water, and stormwater projects).

The annual financial plan includes the City's proposed plans of work for the organization. Also, it lists the challenges and opportunities as seen by the administration for the coming year, to include the fact that Oklahoma municipalities are heavily dependent upon sales tax for general fund operations. Unfortunately, Oklahoma is the last state in the United States that relies solely on sales tax to fund a large portion of operations. History has demonstrated that sales tax is an unreliable source of revenue and extremely difficult to predict year-to-year. This is a continuing concern for City Officials.

The City Council is scheduled to adopt the proposed FY 2018 budget on June 15. Citizens are able to view a copy of the proposed FY 2018 budget at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/CITYBUDGET.

LifeRide Enrollment/De-Enrollment Period Begins August 1, 2017

The enrollment period to opt in or out of LifeRide, the City of Broken Arrow's ambulance subscription program, is scheduled to begin on August 1, 2017 and ends August 31, 2017. LifeRide is a voluntary, subscriber based program that provides patients with valuable cost-savings on emergency medical response and transportation in Broken Arrow and supports the Broken Arrow Fire Department's Emergency Medical Services Division.

The average ambulance bill can cost up to \$1,500 or more. Many insurance companies will not cover the entire bill, leaving you responsible for the balance. LifeRide members with health insurance receive the benefit of not paying out-of-pocket costs, after a claim is submitted to the health insurance provider. For members who do not have health insurance, a 40% discount is provided. All members of the household who claim the address registered with LifeRide as their primary residence will be covered.

LifeRide costs only \$5.45 monthly per household for those inside the City limits and \$7.50 per month for those outside the City limits but within the Broken Arrow fence line. For most members, the monthly fee will show up as a line item on your utility bill. If you are interested in enrolling in LifeRide but you do not receive a City of Broken Arrow utility bill, LifeRide is paid on an annual basis. Individuals and families who do not wish to receive the benefits of LifeRide may opt-out by completing a nonparticipation form and submitting it to Utility Customer Service by August 31. Residents may also complete the form at the Utility Customer Service office located at 116 E. Dallas Street, Broken Arrow, OK 74012.

Download enrollment or nonparticipation forms, starting August 1, 2017, at www.LiferideBA.org. For additional assistance, call 918-259-6595 or email liferide@brokenarrowok.gov.

Fireworks Permits Now Available

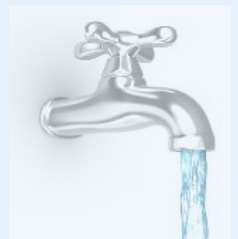
Residents of Broken Arrow who would like to legally discharge fireworks in the City limits may do so by purchasing a fireworks permit for \$21. Permits are available for in-person purchase at City Hall through July 3. The One Stop Center is located on the north end of City Hall at 220 S. First Street. Permits will not be issued to persons under 18 years of age. For added convenience, the City has also made fireworks permits available for purchase online. Applicants can access the system by visiting www.brokenarrowok.gov/fireworks.

Permits are valid during the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 3 and July 4 only. Additional rules are listed on the printed permit. It is unlawful to discharge fireworks within City limits without the permit. Certain restrictions apply. Fireworks must be discharged on a noncombustible surface of sufficient size to contain the entire ground portion of the display, not closer than 25 feet to any permanent structure.

For questions regarding the application, residents can call the One Stop Center at 918-259-2411, option 0.

How Fire Hydrant Testing Affects Your Tap Water

During the warmer months, the Broken Arrow Fire Department conducts routine testing on fire hydrants, to make sure hydrants are in normal working order. This involves releasing water at a high rate from the hydrants, which stirs up the harmless sediment naturally found in the bottom of our water lines.



As a result of fire hydrant testing in your neighborhood, you may notice the water from your faucet appears to have a yellowish or brownish color. This is normal! Your water will run clear again as the sediment settles back to the bottom, which usually happens within two hours.

If you continue to see discolored water or you have any questions, please contact the City Water Quality Technician at 918-259-2400 ext. 7381 between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. After those hours, you may reach the non-emergency dispatch center at 918-259-8400.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing through October - Rose District Farmers Market 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 7:00 a.m. - noon on Saturdays, 418 S. Main Street.

Ongoing through July 22 - BA Recreation Youth Soccer Registration. Boys and girls ages 4-18. Visit www.bascok.com.

July 2 — Rockets Over Rhema 5:00 - 10:30 p.m. 1025 W. Kenosha. Music celebration, concert, food, inflatables, and fireworks! For more information, visit www.RocketsOverRhema.com

July 3 (Monday) — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

July 4 — City offices closed for Independence Day. Trash service will resume on the next scheduled pickup day.

July 8 — Mom & Son Luau 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Nienhuis

Aquatic Facility, 3201 N. 9th Street. Tickets are \$5 per person. For details, call 918-259-7000.

July 13 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

July 18 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

July 27 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

August 10 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

August 12 — Sand Dazzle Sand Sculpture Contest 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Nienhuis Aquatic Facility, 3201 N. 9th Street. Free to the public! For details, call 918-259-7000.