

We want to hear from you!

A survey is being done to gather feedback on overall satisfaction, ways to improve the City

The City of Broken Arrow is seeking feedback from citizens regarding overall satisfaction with City services, ways to improve the City and projects they'd like to see done using General Obligation (GO) Bonds through a city-wide survey. Public input is an important part of the process for selecting bond projects and initiatives. The City will ask voters to approve the next GO bond package likely in late 2018.

Your opinions play an important part in determining which projects the City will ask voters to approve. Without this feedback, highly desired projects could be put off until a future bond vote, delaying when they could be completed.

GO Bond financing is a common funding tool used by Oklahoma municipalities to pay for large capital projects, such as the building of roads, public facilities and parks.

The survey can be filled out online at BrokenArrowSurvey.com until Oct. 31. Those without internet access can complete a paper copy at City Hall, 220 S. First St. Participation is limited to one survey per household.

Your bond dollars at work: BAFD does more than fight fires

A message from Fire Chief Jeremy Moore

The Broken Arrow Fire Department aims to be an innovative and caring public safety agency. We strive to be a leader in fire and emergency medical service (EMS) not only in Oklahoma, but across the nation. The Broken Arrow Fire Department stands with our citizens and seeks to provide them with the highest levels of customer service, dignity and respect. Our goal is to improve the quality of life for our citizens. We're honored to have the opportunity to serve and thankful for the amazing support from our citizens, which we depend on to make these goals happen.

Thanks to voters renewing the Vision 2025 sales tax, we were able to hire 20 new firefighters to help serve the public. Keep in mind, although they're called firefighters, every one of our men and women are either Emergency Medical Technicians or Paramedics, and the majority of the emergency calls we respond to are medical in nature. This past summer we were able to put our seventh ambulance into service, which has reduced response times across the City.

However, we can do even better with your help. A \$4.1 million replacement for Station No. 3, currently located at 8000 S. Elm Pl., is in the works thanks to voters approving both the 2011 and 2014 GO Bonds. Also in the works is a replacement for Station No. 7, located at 2900 S. Elm Pl. Land was purchased for this station at Washington and 1st Place thanks to the 2014 Bond, but we need future bond dollars to build



An artist rendering of the future Station No. 7 at Washington and 1st Place.

it. The total cost for the land, design and construction is approximately \$4.8 million. Both existing stations were built in the 1970s and have outlived their useful lives. Modern stations are built to house more firefighters as well as larger apparatus and equipment needed to provide today's high levels of fire protection and EMS.

Another reason the Fire Department needs your support is due to our aging fleet. Our goal is to replace fire engines every 10 years and ambulances every five years or 100,000 miles. To do this, we need to buy five or six engines in the next three years and about 12 ambulances over the next eight years. Hopefully, both of these projects will be financed with bond dollars.

Department's innovations. Thanks to Tulsa Community College, we are setting the standard for firefighter training in Northeast Oklahoma. We're training TCC students during our Fire Academies and Broken Arrow firefighters are able to take Fire and EMS courses at TCC through this partnership. Firefighters are also involved with our local schools. We're improving the quality of life for some of our younger citizens by reading to younger children in classrooms, mentoring students and, along with area hospitals and other groups, we're helping train 1,000 freshmen each year in CPR.

Later this year, you'll start hearing about a new innovative partnership.

Partnerships are key to the Fire

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Permit Required for Open Burning

It's fall, and for a lot of people that means bonfires and leaf burnings. In order to burn within city limits, residents are required to obtain a burn permit. The permit can be filled out at the Public Safety Complex, 1101 N 6th Street. The burn site will need to be inspected and a \$53 fee will need to be paid before burning is allowed.

For the complete process of obtaining a burn permit, visit www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/BURNPERMIT. You may also contact the Broken Arrow Fire Marshal's office at 918-259-8360.

Keep streets and storm sewers free of leaves

Inundated by fall leaves? Remember to properly dispose of your leaves by bagging, mulching or composting them. Do not blow or rake leaves into the street or storm sewers. Not only is it a violation of City of Broken Arrow code, but storm sewers clogged with leaves, grass clippings and other debris create flooding hazards.

Section 12-6 of the Code of Ordinances addresses unlawful deposits: "It shall be unlawful for any person to throw, sweep or otherwise deposit, into or upon the streets, alleys, parkings, sidewalks or other public places of the city, any garbage, trash, paper, rubbish, grass, weeds, tree trimmings, dirt, crates, boxes

or other refuse of any kind. It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to deposit any garbage, trash or other refuse upon private property, whether owned by such person or not, within the limits of the city, unless the same shall be enclosed in a suitable container."

The City's Sanitation Division will remove up to ten 30-gallon size or smaller bags during regular trash pickup at no additional cost. Each additional bag beyond ten will be charged \$1.25 per bag. (Note: Bags sized over 30 gallons are counted as two bags.)

For composting tips, visit metrecycle.com/composting-2.

City, PepsiCo Recycling team up to increase recycling

The City of Broken Arrow has teamed up with PepsiCo Recycling to bring new recycling bins to several City facilities. The PepsiCo Recycling Bin program provides people with an easy and convenient way to recycle bottles and cans away from home.

You may have already noticed the recycling containers, which are shaped like plastic Pepsi bottles, located at 24 locations across the City, including parks, community centers, splash pads, pools, recreation facilities and four of the City's office buildings.

City staff empty the bins and deliver the bottles and cans to the Metropolitan Environmental Trust (M.e.t.) recycling facility in Broken Arrow. The M.e.t. processes the bottles and cans and proudly employs adults with developmental disabilities to sift through its daily loads. This ensures a clean product with the highest recycle value.



Economic Development in South BA

On August 22, 2017, the City Council held a special meeting at South Broken Arrow Baptist Church, where residents were presented with up-to-date information on everything the City has done to encourage new retail and restaurant opportunities in the southern part of town.

If you missed it and want to watch, the entire meeting

can be viewed online at www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/SouthBAForum.

Topics included infrastructure improvements in South Broken Arrow, housing plans and potential growth, economic development recruitment and the Shops at Aspen Creek announcements regarding Starbucks and Great Clips coming!

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Together with St. Francis South, we will be the first agency in Oklahoma to support the PulsePoint app. This life-saving app notifies CPR-trained subscribers of medical emergencies in their vicinity so they can help render aid before paramedics show up. Early CPR is proven to increase survival rates, and this app has been successful in that effort across the nation already.

Each day we strive to provide each of you, our citizens, with the highest levels of customer service in the City in addition to the most highly trained, skilled, innovative and efficient Fire and EMS department in the nation. We couldn't do it without your continued support. You're making it possible to achieve our goal, which is to somehow each day improve the quality of life for our citizens. Thank You.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing through January 13 — Broken Arrow Soccer Club registration Open to boys and girls ages 3-18. Visit www.bascok.com.

November 2 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

November 4 — Bark in the Park 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Ray Herral Nature Park, 7101 S. 3rd St.

November 4 — United Methodist Women's Heart of the Crafter 9:00 am. - 3:00 p.m., First United Methodist Activity Building, 112 E. College St.

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

November 10 — Veterans Day (Observed) City offices closed. There will not be trash service that day.

November 12 — Salute to Veterans 2 p.m. Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center. Hosted by the Military History

Center. Call 918-794-2712 for more details.

November 16 — Holiday Tea Off, Ice Rink opens The Rose District

November 16 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

November 21 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

November 23-24 — Thanksgiving Holiday City offices closed. There will not be trash service those days.

December 2-3 — Ruts N' Guts Cyclocross Competition Visit facebook.com/RutsnGuts for details.

December 5 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

December 7 — Planning Commission 5:00 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.