

State of the City emphasizes BA as 'home'

Broken Arrow City Manager Michael Spurgeon gave his annual State of the City address Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019, during a Broken Arrow Chamber luncheon.

In his fifth address, Spurgeon included comments from community leaders, local business owners, and other community members in a video titled "Why We Call Broken Arrow Home."

"Broken Arrow has continued to thrive in 2019 and is increasingly seen as a leader for small cities in the state and around the region. This is one of the reasons so many love this City and why

they call it home," Spurgeon said.

Some key points he highlighted during the presentation include:

- The City's population is now around 115,000, up 15 percent from 2010, and the average household income is up to \$70,000.
- Over 320 manufacturers call Broken Arrow home.
- More than 530 new single family residential building permits were issued in 2019.
- The budget for Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) is \$307.6 million.
- Sales tax collections nearly equal to projections for the first six months of FY20; use tax collections

are above projections; and operational expenses are below projections.

Major projects completed in 2019 include the completion of a new Comprehensive Plan and updates to the Parks Master Plan. The City also saw the creation of its second tax increment finance (TIF) district in the Creek 51 Business Park. Also, the City Council created a committee to examine the issue of revitalizing the Elm and New Orleans retail area.

Looking ahead to 2020, Spurgeon said the City is gearing up for the implementation of its new solid waste and curbside

recycling plan.

Spurgeon did not back away from challenges still facing the City. Maintaining sales tax collection and correcting problems with the Hillside Drive and Tiger Hill retaining walls are areas under intense focus by City administrators.

"Let me reiterate that the current state of our city is strong!" Spurgeon said. "Hopefully, all of you are as excited about Broken Arrow's future as we are."

Video of the presentation and "Why We Call Broken Arrow Home" are available at BrokenArrowOK.gov/StateOfTheCity.



9th Street complete

The widening of 9th Street (Lynn Lane/177th East Avenue) from two to five lanes was completed in November.

The widening of 9th Street between Houston (81st) Street and the FlightSafety campus was approved by voters as part of both the 2011 and 2014 General Obligation Bond packages. The project cost about \$4.3 million.

"On behalf of the City Council and Administration, I would like to thank Broken Arrow voters for their support by approving bond funds to complete this project. This is an important corridor within our community and we are glad that the work is completed and the road is now open," said Broken Arrow Mayor Craig Thurmond.

Redeem trash bag vouchers at ISSC until Feb. 29

Beginning Wednesday, Dec. 18, residents will be able to redeem trash bag vouchers at Indian Springs Sports Complex, 13600 S. 145th E. Ave. The site will be open until Feb. 29 from 1-7 p.m., Monday through Friday, except City-observed holidays:

- Christmas, Dec. 24-25, 2019;
- New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2020;
- Martin Luther King Day, Jan. 20, 2020; and
- Presidents Day, Feb. 17, 2020.

Holiday Trash Schedule

City offices will be closed on Monday, Feb. 17, for Presidents Day.

There is no trash service on Feb. 17. Monday's pickup will occur Tuesday, Feb. 18, and Tuesday's pickup will occur Wednesday, Feb. 19.

The Police and Fire Departments will remain open. If an emergency call requires the services of Public Works crews in water or streets, employees will be brought in to fix the emergency. The after-hours emergency number is 918-259-8400.

Strengthen your neighborhood at the 2020 HOA Workshop

2020 Annual Homeowners Association Workshop



Saturday, February 29, 2020 ~ 10:00am - 1:00 p.m.

Helpful tips and resources for:

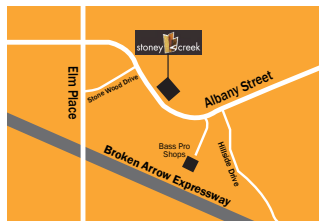
- Property Owners
- Renters
- Potential Home Buyers

Light refreshments will be available. The event is **FREE** and open to the public.

Register* and learn more at BrokenArrowOK.gov/HOA-Workshop

Location

Stoney Creek Conference Center Ballroom
200 W. Albany St.



*Pre-registration is not required.

The 2020 Broken Arrow Homeowners Association Workshop is a great place to get helpful tips and resources for property owners, renters and those wanting information on owning a home within an HOA. Learn all you need to know about getting your neighborhood started or being the best neighborhood you can be!

Join the casual roundtable discussion after the sessions to discuss topics tailored to those attending and get to know your “neighbors.” This is a great opportunity to network!

Topics taught in previous years include:

- Legal and Operation issues for Homeowners Associations
- Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments)
- Animal Control
- Building Permits
- Planning and Development

- Code Enforcement
 - Neighborhood Beautification
 - Stormwater Management and Low Impact Development (LID) Certification for Neighborhoods
 - HOA Insurance
 - Recycling
- Representatives from various City departments will also be available to answer your questions.

The free workshop will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 29, in the Stoney Creek Conference Center ballroom, 200 W. Albany St. Light refreshments will be available. Attendees will also be eligible to win door prizes. The event is free and open to the public.

To register or learn more, visit www.BrokenArrowOK.gov/HOA. Registration is not required.

‘Back to BA’ campaign aims to inspire shoppers to buy local

The City of Broken Arrow, like all municipalities in the State of Oklahoma, relies solely on sales tax revenue to fund necessary operational expenses, such as answering 911 calls, providing police and fire protection, and repairing potholes. Sales tax revenue is generated within Broken Arrow when customers purchase goods and dine out in our community; however, consumers today have many more options when it comes to buying merchandise, putting local retailers at a competitive disadvantage. They face competition from online stores, as well as stores located in Tulsa within close proximity to Broken Arrow.



stay profitable and generate much needed sales tax revenue for Broken Arrow, City leaders launched a shop local program to remind residents the importance of shopping in their community.

“Promoting local shopping not only generates much needed sales tax revenue for the City of Broken Arrow,

the publicity also boosts our local businesses. Many of our small business owners are residents of Broken Arrow, so by shopping local people are also supporting their neighbors and friends, and making sure our community continues to prosper and be one of the best places to live in Oklahoma,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon.

The campaign utilizes a “Back to BA” theme, with simple messages communicating how every purchase made in Broken Arrow directly benefits everyone living in the community.

People can learn more about the Back to BA campaign at the website www.BacktoBA.com.

In order to help local businesses

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Feb. 4 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- Feb. 8 — Daddy-Daughter Dance** 6 p.m., Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 N. 9th St.
- Feb. 13 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- Feb. 17 — Presidents Day** City offices closed.
- Feb. 18 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- Feb. 27 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- Feb. 29 — HOA Workshop** 10 a.m.-1p.m. Stoney Creek Conference Center, 200 W. Albany St.
- March 3 — Broken Arrow City Council** 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.
- March 12 — Planning Commission** 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS
9:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.

PLANNING COMMISSION
11:30 a.m. • 8:30 p.m.

BA NEWS
5:00 a.m. • 2:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. • 11:00 p.m.

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