

NEW! Read the Annual Financial Report

New this year, the City of Broken Arrow is mailing out its first annual financial newsletter, called “Your Money at Work.” The report illustrates how the City generates revenue and how your tax dollars are spent. It also details projects the City will be working on in Fiscal Year 2017.

It’s important for citizens to know where their tax dollars are going. The financial newsletter includes several detailed graphs explaining how the City gets its revenue, how it spends it, and the breakdown where sales and property taxes go. We hope this helps you gain a greater understanding of how the City operates. Expect to see “Your Money at Work” in your mailbox after Labor Day. It will also be available online at BrokenArrowOK.gov/YOURMONEY.

Debris Pickup Finished

The debris pickup from the July 14, 2016 storm is now completed! It took about three weeks, and there was a lot more debris than anticipated – our 6-acre green waste site is completely filled!

We thank everyone for their patience and kind words for our cleanup crew during this long process.

City Council Highlights

Check out City Council Highlights, a quick recap of major actions taken at Broken Arrow City Council Meetings. We will provide routine updates after every meeting, in order to keep everyone in the loop with what’s going on in local government. View the latest video at www.BrokenArrowOk.gov/CIVICMEDIA.

City to Investigate Implementation of Curbside Recycling

The City of Broken Arrow will form a special citizens committee to investigate residential curbside recycling, after the City Council approved the results of the recent refuse and recycling survey. A recommendation on curbside recycling will be presented to the City Council in Spring 2017. If accepted by the City Council, curbside collection could start by the end of 2017 and would include an in-depth public education process on implementation.

Between May 9 – 13, 2016, SoonerPoll administered a randomized, statistically valid telephone survey which asked residents about their satisfaction with the current trash system and gauged interest in a recycling program. SoonerPoll used a combination of randomly-dialed landlines in Broken Arrow and cell phones of adults (age 18 and older) living in the City.

Survey Findings:

- 91% of respondents like the current trash collection program.
- 82.4% would make an effort to recycle more if they had curbside recycling service.
- Residents agree that their limited access to recycling is “behind the times.”
- Residents have varying opinions on a cart-based

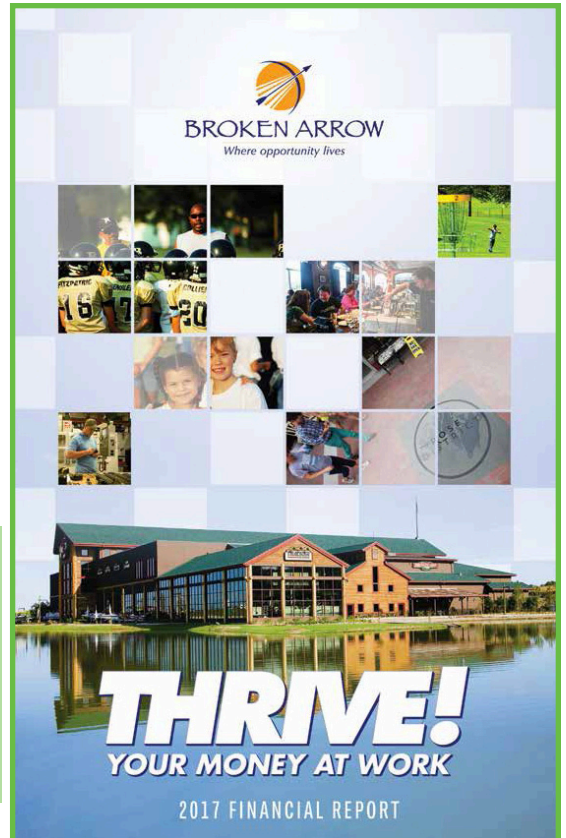
collection system.

- View more findings at www.BrokenArrowOk.gov/RECYCLING-SURVEY.

“It is very important for residents to know that the current refuse collection will not change. What could change is the addition of some sort of curbside recycling to our menu of services,” said City Manager Michael Spurgeon. “We will make sure the community is involved in the planning process, and that’s why we’re forming a citizens task force to explore options for curbside recycling. The collection method that is decided on must fit into our residents’ routines.”

About BA’s Refuse Service

Broken Arrow’s Sanitation Division provides refuse pickup services to more than 33,000 residential solid waste customers. Residents receive twice weekly trash service, either Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday. Sanitation crews collect approximately 3,100 tons of refuse monthly. This varies throughout the year based on yard waste. The average Broken Arrow household generates about 203 pounds of solid waste per month. Refuse is taken to the Waste Management Quarry Landfill. The landfill is located 15 miles from the center of Broken Arrow.



BA Native Hired to Lead Engineering & Construction

Please welcome our new Director of Engineering and Construction, Alex Mills, who began working with us on August 8, 2016. Alex is a Broken Arrow native with 22 years of experience in engineering and obtained both his bachelor's and master's degrees in Civil Engineering from Oklahoma State University (OSU).



"I am very excited about the addition of Alex Mills to our staff," said Assistant City Manager of Operations Kenny Schwab. "He's absolutely the right fit for us at the right time. He brings a unique and special blend of technical expertise coupled with excellent interpersonal skills, which will benefit our organization and community as a whole."

With continuous development occurring throughout the City of Broken Arrow, the Engineering & Construction Department manages a large workload of high-profile projects aimed at improving the lives of residents.

Mills will oversee the design and construction of City projects, by working with consultants, engineers, architects, contractors and other agencies in planning and implementing improvements. The department and its employees are responsible for the design of streets, stormwater systems, water systems, wastewater systems, parks and buildings.

Permit Required for Open Burning

It's almost 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 \$50 fee will need to be paid before burning is allowed.

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

October Special Events

Free Dump Day October 22

Residents will have the opportunity to dispose of unwanted items at the City's annual Fall Clean-Up on Saturday, October 22 from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Waste Management Quarry Landfill, 13720 E. 46th St. North. This is easily accessible by traveling north on U.S. Highway 169 to the eastbound exit at 46th St. North. Residents may dump free by presenting a driver's license with a Broken Arrow address or a recent utility bill. City employees will be on site to verify residency. To view a list of eligible items, visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/FREEDUMP or contact the landfill at 918-439-7835.

Make Plans to Attend Night Out Against Crime with Fun & Games on Main

The Broken Arrow Police Department will host the annual Night Out Against Crime and Fun & Games on Main Street from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29. This yearly fall event heightens crime and drug prevention awareness, as well as strengthens neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships. Children will find many fun activities, including plenty of candy to fill their treat bags!



What is the Curfew on Halloween?

The curfew for individuals under 18 years of age is between 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. on Sunday through Thursday, and between the hours of midnight and 6:00 a.m. on Friday and Saturday. Children accompanied by an adult are not in violation of the ordinance.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing through October 9 — Broken Arrow Youth Basketball Registration. 1st thru 9th grade boys & girls living in BAPS district. To register, visit www.bahoops.com or call 918-251-1015, x250.

October 4 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

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

October 14-15 — Grilles and Grills **cancelled**

October 16 — Broken Arrow's Birthday!

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

October 22 — Free Dump Day (see related story)

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

October 29 — National Night Out Against Crime with Fun & Games on Main (see related story)

October 28-30 — Coweta Mission Civil War Weekend and Reenactment sponsored by the Broken Arrow Military History Center, 32721 East 61st Street South. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Call the Military History Center at 918-794-2712 for details.

October 29 — 44th Annual Benefit Arts & Crafts Show 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oliver Middle School, 3100 W. New Orleans Street. For more details, call 918-251-0617.

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

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

November 5 — United Methodist Women's Heart of the Crafter Craft Show 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., FUMC Activity Building, 112 E. College St.

November 11 — City offices closed for Veterans Day Holiday. There will not be trash service that day.