

Comprehensive plan process engages residents, businesses

The City of Broken Arrow's Comprehensive Plan is an aspirational and strategic policy document that helps guide the City's future development pattern and further enhance quality of life over the next 20 years. Since the last Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 1997, Broken Arrow has seen significant growth and its estimated population has climbed to 112,000 — making it Oklahoma's fourth largest City.

Today, an update is needed to proactively prepare and respond to new and emerging market conditions in Broken Arrow. Through this 18-month



planning process, many future community needs will be identified, prioritized and incorporated into the Comprehensive Plan, with the help of professional plan development consultant Half Associates Inc.

In March, the City held a kick-off open house to introduce and help set the vision of the comprehensive plan.

Those in attendance were provided with an overview of the comprehensive planning process and an opportunity to provide ideas and preferences for improving neighborhoods and housing, commercial development, mobility and transportation options, parks and recreational facilities, community appearance and character, quality of life, and other plan components. Input from this initial and future public meetings will help set the priorities and strategies for Broken Arrow's future.

Follow the process at BrokenArrowNEXT.com.



9th Street widening project continues

The 9th Street (Lynn Lane/177th East Avenue) widening project between Elgin and Houston Streets officially began in March. The street is being widened from two lanes to five and a new traffic signal will be installed at Dallas Street.

The project is scheduled to take about nine months to complete, weather permitting, and should be completed by the end of 2018 or early in 2019.

During construction, drivers can expect delays through the area. It is suggested to avoid the construction zone and find another way around if possible.

BA makes USA Today's 'Most Charming' list

In February, USA Today named Broken Arrow's Rose District in their top 50 list of charming Main Streets across the USA.

The Rose District began when the City Council kicked off a Downtown Revitalization Plan in 2005, with a goal to make this area as vital and successful as it was in the last century. The City created a local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District to begin funding improvements, and voters later approved General Obligation (GO) bonds in 2011 and 2014 to continue improving key infrastructure.

Public projects, worth over \$65 million, included the renovation of

historic buildings, a new 1,500 seat Performing Arts Center, a new pavilion, an interactive water feature, and brick features. Private sector funding surged, as many new businesses relocated into this once declining district. An additional \$60 million in private development is currently on its way.

These changes have elevated the quality of life for residents and brought hundreds of new jobs and over 70 new businesses into the area. By offering unique dining, local artisan products, nightlife, entertainment and cultural experiences, the Rose District is now one of the most popular destinations in the region.

Memorial Day trash schedule

There will be no trash service on Monday, May 28. Monday's trash service will be picked up on Tuesday, May 29, and Tuesday's trash service will be shifted to Wednesday, May 30. Regular service resumes on Thursday, May 31.

Learn life saving skills at Camp Bandage

Camp Bandage is a safety camp and community outreach project. Learn injury prevention, first aid and CPR as well as bike, water, fire and home safety. See a simulated car crash and learn how emergency responders work together in a real accident scenario. Come see fire trucks, ambulances, K-9 units, police cars, Life Flight and so much more!

This free community event will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, May 19, at Chisholm Trail South Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. (just east of the Northeastern State University and the Creek Turnpike).

Fire hydrant tests can affect your tap water

During the warmer months, the Broken Arrow Fire Department conducts routine testing on fire hydrants to ensure they are working normally. 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 a.m.-3:30 p.m. After those hours, you may reach the non-emergency dispatch center at 918-259-8400.

Rooster Days return May 10

Rooster Days return to Broken Arrow for its 87th year from May 10-13 at Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. As usual, Rooster Days will be packed with adventure and fun!

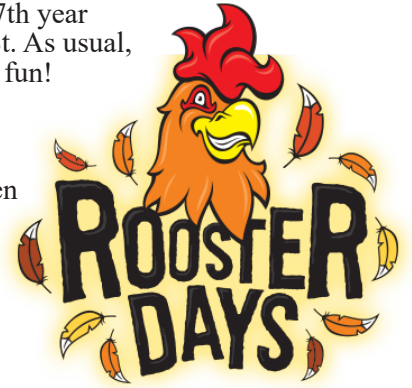
There is something for everyone at Rooster Days, including live entertainment, the Rooster Days Parade, carnival rides and food, wine garden and the ever-expanding Rooster Days Market Place.

Hours for the 2018 Rooster Days Festival are:

- Thursday, May 10: 4-10 p.m.
- Friday, May 11: 4-11 p.m.
- Saturday, May 12: 10 a.m.-11 p.m.
- Sunday, May 13: noon-6 p.m.

Rides will close 1 hour before the festival closes. Admission is free.

Interested in registering for the 5k and TTCU Fun Run? The run will be at 8 a.m., Saturday, May 12. Register at RoosterDays.com



Speed limit reduced near Bass Pro, Stoney Creek

The City of Broken Arrow reduced the speed limit on Albany Street between Elm Place and 9th Street (Lynn Lane) near Bass Pro Shops and Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center.

The speed limit in this area has been reduced to 25 miles per hour in both directions.

Broken Arrow Police urge drivers to use caution and adhere to the new

speed limit in this area.

The speed limit was lowered to keep people safe. A traffic study showed most drivers were dangerously speeding through the area.

Now that a pedestrian crossing has been added and there's much more commercial activity on both sides of the road, it's imperative that the City take steps to keep people safe.

Register your storm shelter

The City of Broken Arrow maintains a database of storm shelters and safe rooms to assist emergency responders after a storm. If you have such a facility and have not yet registered it with the City, please take time to do so. An online form is located at BrokenArrowOK.gov/StormShelter. Or call 918-451-8309.

A reinforced underground storm shelter, storm cellar, enclosed basement or safe room is usually the safest place to go during a tornado.

If you cannot get underground, remember the basic guidelines. Put as many walls between you and the outside as you can, and stay away from doors, windows and other openings to the outside.

If you are outdoors and a tornado is heading your way, do not seek shelter under a bridge or overpass. Emergency officials say it is safer to lie flat in a low spot, as far from the road as possible.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 13 through mid-July — Broken Arrow Soccer Club Fall Registration Open for boys and girls ages 3-18. Visit www.bascok.com for details.

Ongoing through October — Rose District Farmer's Market 8 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

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

May 4 — Community Bunco Bash 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. Bunco, BA Senior Center, 1800 S. Main St. \$10 in advance/\$12 at the door. Call 918-259-8377 for details.

May 5 — 5th Annual Rose Festival 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Rose District Plaza, 418 S. Main St.

May 5 — Mom & Me Hike 1-3:30 p.m., Ray Herral Nature Park, 7101 S. 3rd St. \$5 per person.

May 6 — Rose Festival Kites Over Broken Arrow 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Chisolm Trail South Events Park, 21101 E. 101st St. KeepBrokenArrowBeautiful.org

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

May 10-13 — Rooster Days Central Park. See related story.

May 15 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 19 — 9th Annual Bark Walk & Pet Fest 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Central Park, 1500 S. Main St. Details at www.tbro.org.

May 19 — Camp Bandage See related story.

May 24 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

May 28 — Memorial Day City offices closed. No trash service.

June 1-2 — Folk Arts and Woodcarving Festival 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Central Park Community Center, 1500 S. Main St.

June 3 — Share the Road Motorcycle Safety Advanced Course Visit BrokenArrowOK.gov/ShareTheRoad

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

June 5-26 — Tuesdays in the Park Central Park, 1500 S. Main St.

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