

## BIXBY NEWS

### BIXBY CEMETERY

The Bixby Cemetery has recently undergone a facelift. New fencing and entrance masonry has helped in the beautification of loved ones resting spaces.

For the safety of visitors and caretakers, please take note of the following grave space/lot city code regulations as caretakers have seen an increase in violations.

- Lot owners shall not create or erect improvements, monuments, markers or otherwise install any thing or structure upon any grave space. Such improvements or markers as may be placed or installed shall be done by or under the direction of the superintendent of the cemetery or authorized employees or officers according to the specifications of the city.
- Benches, urns, boxes, shells or similar articles of any description are inconsistent with the intended usage of the cemetery and are prohibited. Such articles, if found upon the premises, shall be removed.
- Funeral homes and individuals may place wreaths, flowers and temporary plants on graves for funerals and other holidays. No planting of shrubs, flowers or the like shall be permitted. No articles of any nature shall be placed upon the surface of the grave space except as herein specifically set out.
- To facilitate maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery, all decorations, flowers, wreaths or other articles of adornment which are not in permanent vases shall be removed from the grave space within five (5) days of placement or no later than five (5) days after any legal holiday. (1993 Code § 6-66)



Friday, July 3rd / Fireworks at 9:45  
Fireworks presented by The Bridge Church  
Visit [bixbyfreedomcelebration.com](http://bixbyfreedomcelebration.com) for more details

## CONNECTING WITH BIXBY

### FIREWORK PERMITS

Persons within the city limits may use or otherwise discharge permissible fireworks only from three o'clock (3:00) P.M. to eleven o'clock (11:00) P.M. on July 3rd, 4th and 5th. Participating retailers have the option to purchase and sell residential firework discharge permits. Beginning June 18th permits will be available at City Hall. Permits purchased at City Hall are \$20.

- Ever wonder how to report a pothole, downed street sign, or malfunctioning traffic light? It is easy to generate a work order with the City of Bixby. Either call 918-366-4430 or report a problem online at [www.bixbyok.gov/report-issues/](http://www.bixbyok.gov/report-issues/)
- Nixle is a service offered by the City of Bixby to keep you up to date with emergency, advisory, and community information. Sign up to receive relevant information regarding streets, utilities, weather, traffic, community events, and more. Opt in to the service by texting your ZIP code to 888777 or sign up by visiting [www.nixle.com/](http://www.nixle.com/).
  - For Bixby event information text **BIXBYEVENTS** to **888777**.
  - For emergencies and important City information text **74008** to **888777**.

Connect with the City of Bixby on [BixbyOK.gov](http://BixbyOK.gov) and [www.facebook.com/BixbyCity](https://www.facebook.com/BixbyCity) to stay informed on City events, updates on bond projects, and other information.

### City Council Meetings:

- 6 PM / 2nd and 4th Mondays each month
- City Council Chambers / Bixby Municipal Bldg. / 116 W Needles

Council meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the City of Bixby website, [BixbyOK.gov](http://BixbyOK.gov).

### IMPORTANT CITY/SERVICES NUMBERS

General Information	918-366-4430
Start/stop/transfer service	918-366-4430
Billing inquiries	918-366-4430
Payment arrangements	918-366-4430
Fax	918-366-6373
After hours/emergency	918-366-8294
Okie Line Locate	800-522-6543
Oklahoma Natural Gas	800-664-5463
Public Service of Oklahoma	888-216-3523
Oklahoma Gas & Electric	800-272-9741
East Central Electric	918-756-0833
BTC Broadband	918-366-8000

# THE BIXBY BEACON

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## Eagle Scout Builds Trail at Lake Bixhoma

Many Bixby residents and visitors from outside the city limits have had the opportunity to enjoy the trails at Lake Bixhoma while social distancing the past few months. However, some may be unaware that the trails at Bixhoma have been crafted by Eagle Scouts.

A few years ago an Eagle Scout designed and made a trail called the Ichabod Crane, named after the Headless Horseman. The trail is a 1/2 mile loop trail on the NW side of the lake.

Eagle Scout Benjamin Streeter, along with Troup 975, was recognized by

City Council this year for the completion of the Van Bran Brun Trail.

The trail project took a total of 526 man hours to blaze a trail over 1.5 miles in distance. The trail connects the West and East side of the lake through some existing trails to make a 3.5 mile loop.

The Van Bran Brun Trail, named in conjunction with the Sleepy Hollow theme, is marked with orange metal trail markers with a hiker depicted on them. There is also a wood sign to show where the trail starts.



Benjamin Streeter pictured at the trail entrance and also at a City Council meeting where he was recognized by Council for his work.

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## Help Protect Our Creeks & Streams While Preventing Flooding

### Please Keep Grass Clippings Off the Streets

With warmer weather and regular rain, we are having to mow our yards more often. Before you blow the grass clipping into the street, consider either composting or leaving them to naturally break down in your yard; after all, its nature's free fertilizer.

Grass clippings, leaves, and other debris tend to build up in the storm system. As it builds up, it can cause flooding or drainage issues in the street and neighborhoods.

Additionally, grass clippings can contribute nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorous, which cause unwanted and uncontrolled growth of algae, and low oxygen levels in our local creeks and streams.

When mowing make the first few passes blowing grass away from the street or ditch. If the grass is inadvertently blown into the street, please blow or sweep clippings back into your yard.



City Code:

#### 7-1-6: UNLAWFUL DEPOSIT OF REFUSE:

It is unlawful for any person to deposit, throw or sweep into or upon a street, alley, parking or sidewalk of the city any paper, rubbish, grass, weeds, tree trimmings, dirt, trash, crates, boxes, filth, refuse, garbage, ashes, rubbish, grass, paper, animal or vegetable matter, or any refuse of any kind. (1993 Code § 22-7)

## TEMPORARY TRAIL CLOSURE

The trail from 131st to Washington Irving Park (and Washington Irving Park to 131st) has been closed as of Monday, 5/18 due to construction. The developer of the River Crest sub-division has been granted the trail closure request in order to install storm drains into the Fry Channel. The closure is expected to last 30 days.



## 151st & Harvard Intersection Update

Construction of a signalized intersection with additional turn lanes began January 6th, 2020 at 151st (SH-67) & Harvard.

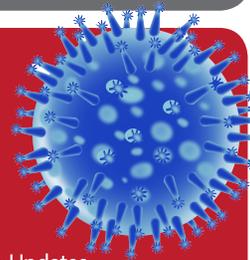
The project was expected to last through Summer 2020 with a project end date before the 2020- 2021 Bixby Public School Year began. However, several circumstances have allowed contractors to complete the work earlier than expected.

The new intersection will be a benefit to students, staff, and families at Bixby's newest elementary and intermediate, Bixby West Elementary and Intermediate School. The signalization helps provide a safer entrance and exit to the school.

## COVID-19 UPDATES

For up to date information and resources related to the COVID-19 Pandemic visit

<https://www.bixbyok.gov/662/Covid-19-Updates>



## 2020 Green Corn Festival

**Thurs, June 25th to Sat, June 27th**

Great corn, thrilling carnival rides, fun games, live music, and more in downtown Bixby at the Charley Young Event Park – a festival of old-fashioned, family-friendly entertainment. Browse arts and crafts vendor booths, sample various foods from on-site vendors throughout the day, and check out the pageants and musical shows for an awesome slice of small town charm brought to you by the Bixby Optimist Club.

### Thursday, June 25 | 6-11 PM

Carnival	6:00 - 11:00
Grand Opening Ceremony	6:45
Free Roasting Ears (while they last)	7:30
Gospel Music	7:00 - 10:00

### Friday, June 26 | 6-11 PM

Carnival	6:00 - 11:00
Little Miss / Mister Green Corn Pageant*	6:00 - 8:00
Live Music	6:00 - 8:15 8:45 - 11:00

### Saturday, June 27 | 8:30 AM-11 PM

Morning Events:

Green Corn Parade *	10:00
Box Turtle & Bull Frog Races Sign Up	8:30
Box Turtle Races	9:00
Bull Frog Races	9:30
Carnival	Noon - 11:00
Child and Adult Games	11:30 - 4:00
Live Music and Park Dance	6:00 - 8:15 8:45 - 11:00

\* Due to Covid-19 guidelines during this Festival, some or all events could be subject to change.