

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Upcoming Vote on February 12th

Proposition vote to renew the Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) 25-year non-exclusive franchise agreement with the City of Bixby. Voting is open to all Bixby residents registered to vote, however, only current PSO customers will be affected (not OG&E or East Central Electric customers).

### ♥ Valentine's Day Father/Daughter Dance ♥

Saturday, Feb 9 / 6-9 PM

\$5 admission/person (cash or check)

Bixby Community Center / 211 N. Cabaniss

### Movies, Music, and Food Trucks – Save the Date!

#### Food Trucks at the Park

Put the fun in fundraiser! Come support the Bixby Outreach Center Summer Meals Program for Bixby youth.

March 28th • April 18th • May 16th

5-8:30 PM at CYEP

#### Movies and Music at the CYEP

April 26th • May 24th • June 28th • July 26th

### What's Happening at the Bixby Library?

(20 E Breckenridge Ave)

#### Come Read to Fitz the Dog – Paws for Reading

Thursday, Feb 7 / 6-7 PM

Registration required (918-549-7323)

Each reader receives a free book from the Raymond and Bessie Kravis Foundation through the Tulsa Public Library Trust.

Be aware that when we have snow and ice on our streets, crews will be plowing/treating priority routes within the community. If you live on a designated "snow route" please do NOT park your vehicle on the street when inclement weather threatens. More information, including a snow route map and a priority list for roadways is available online at <http://www.bixbyok.gov>.

## CONNECTING WITH BIXBY

- 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**.
- Sign up for [nextdoor.com](http://nextdoor.com)
- Visit the Facebook pages for the City of Bixby, the Bixby Police and Fire Departments, the Bixby Public Library and the Charley Young Event Park for information and events.

Connect with the City of Bixby on [BixbyOK.gov](http://BixbyOK.gov) and [www.Facebook.com/BixbyCity](http://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

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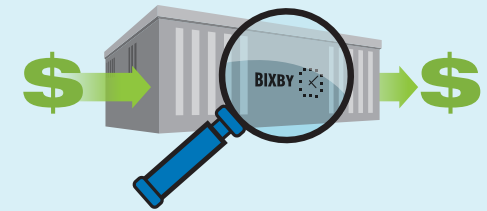
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## City of Bixby Annual Financial Summary

In order to check the effectiveness of the City of Bixby's processes and accuracy of accounting, the budget is audited each Fiscal Year.

**What is an audit?** An examination of the financial records and record keeping capabilities of an entity to determine if the financial records are accurate and present an accurate picture of the financial condition of that entity.



**Who conducts the audit?** A third-party firm hired to carefully check the accuracy of an entity's financial records. Auditors assess financial operations and ensure organizations run efficiently. They are tasked with tracking cash flow from beginning to end and verifying that an organization's funds are properly accounted for. They also examine the entity's processes to ensure that proper procedures are in place and being followed. The purpose of the audit is for the auditor to express an opinion that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the entity and the changes in financial position for the year.

This year, as in all recent years past, the City of Bixby received an unqualified opinion – the highest rating possible for last fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. The City also received "no findings" which means the proper procedures are in place and being followed.

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"We are very proud to have obtained this opinion, and have for many years now. It reflects positively on our staff and the city as a whole. It has allowed us to obtain and maintain a AA+ rating with Standard & Poors Bond Rating Service. Oklahoma City is the only city in the state with a higher bond rating," said Charles Barnes, City Treasurer

To view The Annual Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Reports visit [www.bixbyok.gov](http://www.bixbyok.gov)

### Bixby Improves ISO Building Code Rating

Bixby is proud to announce that its latest Insurance Services Office's (ISO) rating for both residential and commercial property improved from 2014 results.

ISO surveys municipalities across the U.S. to evaluate and rate the effectiveness of the building code departments. As ISO evaluates municipalities, the company releases the results with updates to Public Protection Classifications, a program that reflects ISO's assessment of a municipality's fire suppression capabilities.

ISO rating information is often a factor in the underwriting of residential and commercial insurance policies. Bixby's previous survey was completed in 2014 and resulted in a rating of 7 residential and 6 commercial. Ratings improved in the recent survey (completed in November 2018) and Bixby now has a rating of 5 residential and 4 commercial.

"I am glad that I was able to work with various departments within the City of Bixby to help improve the ISO rating for the City. Our goal will be to further improve our rating as we continue to enhance processes related to the building department," said Farley Fisher, Building Code Official.

### Bixby Fire Department Gives Back

Over the Holidays, the Bixby Fire Department contacted the Bixby Outreach Center to locate two Bixby families in need. Both Fire Stations purchased meals from Rib Crib and delivered the food along with drinks and desserts to the families.

### Junior Police Academy Applications

The Bixby Police Department is currently accepting applications for the 2019 Junior Police Academy scheduled for June 3-8, 2019. The Academy is provided at NO COST to the participants.

#### Requirements for Academy consideration:

Applicants must be 14-18 years old and must have no felonies or serious misdemeanors on their record.

Provide a short essay on one of two topics: "Why you are interested in attending the Bixby Junior Police Academy?" or "What does character mean to you?"

Must submit fully completed application, medical questionnaire and liability waiver. The Deadline is April 5th, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. Limited space available.

Online applications can be found at <http://www.bixbypolice.org/community-services/junior-police-academy> . To pick up an application form or if you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the Academy Coordinator, Cpl. Michael Konshak, via email at [mkonshak@bixbyok.gov](mailto:mkonshak@bixbyok.gov).

