

UPCOMING EVENTS



St. Patrick's Day Children's Festival



Sunday, Mar 17 / 2-5 PM

Free / Charley Young Event Park / 50 W Dawes

Bounce House • Obstacle Course • Face Painting • Exotic Animals
Balloon Artists • Irish Music and Dancing • Candy Food Truck

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

Food Trucks at the Park for Summer Meals

This is a fundraiser for the Bixby Outreach Center to raise money for their summer meals program. Kids who rely on free lunches at school also rely on this beneficial program. Food trucks will be giving their tips and a portion of sales back to the BOC.

Have Fun! Eat Great Food! Give Back to Bixby!

March 28th • April 18th • May 16th

5-8:30 PM at CYEP

Coming this Spring

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)

Engineer a Paper Roller Coaster

Saturday, Mar 9 / 2-4 PM / 6th-12th Graders

Registration required (918-549-7323)

Bixby Booksters

Thursday, Mar 14 / 6:30-7:30 PM / Refreshments

Discussing "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson

Movie Madness ~ "Ready Player One"

Monday, Mar 18 / 3-5 PM / 6th-12th Graders

Literary Ladies of Bixby

Wednesday, Mar 20 / 2-3 P

Discussing "A Walk in the Woods" by Bill Bryson

Beyblade Battles

Thursday, Mar 21 / 3-4 PM / 1st-8th Graders

Bring your own beyblade to do battle.

CONNECTING WITH BIXBY

2020 U.S. Census

Countdown to the 2020 Census is currently underway. Bixby's Census area office has been opened and recruitment for staff is taking place. Job applications can be found at <https://2020census.gov/jobs>

Why is the Census so important to Bixby?

There are several reasons why the Census is important to the City of Bixby. One reason in particular is the impact on area business and tax dollars. Companies rely on good information regarding the location of potential customers and how much money they might have to spend. The census provides the highest-quality and most consistent information on such items, and businesses have come to depend on it to make critical choices of where to open. Bixby is a rapidly growing City and the updated data will help attract more retail vendors.

The City of Bixby will continue to provide updates about the Census timelines and the impact the Census has on our community to ensure that every person is counted!

Connect with the City of Bixby on BixbyOK.gov and 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.

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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Downtown Economic Development Update

Over the last year, Downtown Bixby has seen renewed business investment, all the while maintaining small town charm. New stores have recently opened in the Downtown River District. **Creative Coffee House** located at 12 West Dawes, adjacent to Charley Young Event Park, cites the Bixby community as the inspiration for opening the establishment. **Creative Coffee House** began by offering cocoa and snacks during Bixby's Winter Wonderland. After serving and meeting local patrons, owner Donna Ragsdale decided she wanted a more permanent presence in Downtown. The store offers breakfast, lunch, teas and coffees. There are assortments of baked goods from cookies to cinnamon rolls. Their recipes and daily specials are inspired by family recipes. Customers can enjoy coffee and baked goods while playing their favorite board game from the available assortment.



Across from the **Creative Coffee House**, the **Escape Hatch** offers another entertainment venue to Downtown Bixby. The **Escape Hatch**, located at 7 West Dawes, is a family-friendly immersion game in which players are locked in a room and must use elements of the room to solve a series of puzzles and escape within an hour. Each room in the **Escape Hatch** is decorated to fit the story line and theme of the room. The **Escape Hatch** also offers a party room for corporate gatherings or birthday parties.



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Fieldhouse Gear (4 West Dawes Ave) creative is not new to Downtown Bixby, however, the store has grown and expanded its offerings in the recent months. **Fieldhouse Gear** still provides spirit wear, team uniforms, screen printing and embroidery. The store now also offers boutique clothing from infants to adult sizes and accessories.



Last month the Bixby Outreach Center (BOC) announced their new store Thrifty Threads will be opening this month. "We realize there is a need in the community for affordable clothing. There are many families that are in need but won't ever grace our doors or receive help from the BOC. We are hopeful that now we can reach those families through our thrift store. Going forward, we want to be good stewards of the amazing donations we

receive from the community and to make sure that everyone has access to quality and affordable clothing. We are so thankful for the outpouring of support and love we have received from our donors and community already!" Missy Brumley, Executive Director of the BOC, said.



City of Bixby Public Information/Event Coordinator Jennifer Rush said, "We are thrilled that so many businesses have seen the value of Downtown Bixby even before the Streetscaping project begins. Throughout the last year I have seen the number of people attending events at Charley Young Event Park increase. Events such as Movies in the Park, Food Fest, and the Bixby Farmer's Market are aiding in growing the Downtown community presence."

Due to last year's success, the Bixby Farmer's Market will start with two dates in each May and June. Mark your calendars for the first and third Saturdays and join the fun at the Charley Young Event Park. Applications for vendors can be found at www.bixbyfarmersmarket.com.



26th ANNUAL ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION
March 15 / 11 AM

Washington Irving Memorial Park and Arboretum
 13900 S Memorial Dr

Second program at 3:30 PM at
 Bixby Northeast Elementary
 (11901 E. 131st St. S)
 for Daily YMCA Kids

Bixby Free Land Fill Days
Friday, April 12th - Saturday, April 13th
Fri: 6 AM - 5:30 PM / Sat: 7 AM - 1 PM

Landfill is located at 13720 E 46th St North in Tulsa

- Participants must show a City of Bixby utility bill or driver's license with an address within the Bixby City limits in order to be admitted to the landfill.
- No items containing Freon refrigerant will be accepted (air conditioners and refrigerators). There will be an \$8.00 fee for each discarded tire to cover state fees for disposal and recycling of tires.
- Loads in truck and trailers should be secure and covered to prevent contents from blowing out onto roadways and creating traffic hazards.

For more information and directions contact the Quarry Landfill at **918-439-7835** or the City of Bixby at **918-366-4430**

Special Pollutant Collection

The City of Tulsa's Household Pollutant Permanent Collection Facility is holding a **special pollutant collection event** on March 30th from 8 AM - 2 PM at 4502 S. Galveston Ave. Tulsa, OK.

Special Event Accepted Items:

- Tires
- Ammunition
- Medication
- E-Waste
- Televisions / \$21 fee
- CRT Monitors / \$10 fee

This in addition to the normally accepted Items listed below. For this event, citizens will not need to make an appointment. The disposal of the special items will only be available to Tulsans and M.e.t. Member Communities. The City of Bixby is a M.e.t. Member Community. For more information call 918-584-0584 or visit the M.e.t. website at <http://metrecycle.com>.

Normally Accepted Items

- Fluorescent and CFL Lightbulbs
- Oil-Based Paints and Thinners
- Lawn Chemicals
- Batteries
- Cleaners, Aerosols, and Flammable Liquids
- Automotive Fluids

Never Accepted Items

- Industrial / Comm. Waste
- Latex Paint
- Medical Waste (syringes, needles)
- Asbestos
- Food or Organic Waste
- Radioactive Material

Residents of M.e.t communities may dispose of up to 60 lbs for free (special event items not included in weight limit).

Properly disposed household pollutants do not end up in stormwater runoff. Let's all do our part to protect Bixby's river, creeks, and environment.



Stormwater runoff does not flow to pollution treatment systems, it flows untreated to streams, rivers, ponds, and lakes.



www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

www.stormwaterok.net