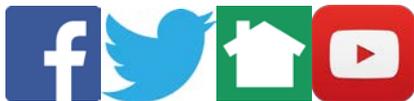


# City of Bethany Newsletter

## We're now on Instagram!

Please like and follow us on social media! It's a great way to stay in the loop and hopefully we can even make you chuckle every once in a while.

Our newest is Instagram @CityBethanyOK, but we're also on Facebook, Twitter, Nextdoor & YouTube!



## Tree Trimming

May 2017

Just a quick reminder that tree limbs hanging over streets and sidewalks need to be trimmed back to no lower than 12' over the street and 8' over sidewalks. Untrimmed tree limbs around the city are causing damage to our firetrucks and other tall private vehicles. It is the homeowners' responsibility to trim their trees (even the ones that hang over city streets). Please help us and your neighbors by reporting properties or structures that you might be concerned with. You may email concerns to [Paul.Jestice@bethanyok.org](mailto:Paul.Jestice@bethanyok.org) or call 789-6005.

### § 92.22 TREE LIMBS TO BE TRIMMED; FAILURE.

(A) (1) It shall be the duty of all property owners or occupants of premises within the city to keep the limbs of trees hanging or projecting over streets and sidewalks, trimmed to a height that they will not interfere with vehicles, pedestrians or other use of the streets or sidewalks.

(2) In any event, no tree limbs hanging or projecting over a sidewalk shall be less than 8 feet, and over a street no less than 12 feet. (Prior Code, § 15-503)

(B) If any owner or occupant of the premises in the city fails to keep shrubs, hedges, natural growth or trees trimmed, as required in § 92.21 and division (A) above, the Street Superintendent may cause the hedges, shrubbery, natural growth and trees to be so trimmed to conform to the requirements of the chapter and to assess the cost thereof against the owner or occupant of the premises. (Prior Code, § 15-504)

## Bethany Economic Development Authority

The city is looking for volunteers to join the newly created Bethany Economic Development Authority (BEDA).

BEDA is a five-member board tasked with improving economic development and sustainability in Bethany. Scope of possible activities may include any of the following: retail recruitment; development incentivization; buying, owning, operating and selling real estate; site clearance; installation of streets, utilities, parks, public parking, civic and convention centers, sidewalks over and underpasses and other needed public improvements; and repairing and/or rehabilitating buildings and other structures.

If you're interested in applying for BEDA, please complete and submit the Board Application located under the Citizen Advisory Boards section on our website at [cityofbethany.org](http://cityofbethany.org).

## Did you know...

Many third-party vendors allow you to pay your utility bills online. These sites and vendors are not affiliated with the City of Bethany in any way. The City of Bethany cannot be held responsible for late or missing payments if a third-party vendor payment fails to arrive on or before the due date. If a third-party payment arrives late, the account holder is responsible for the late charges.

Make sure you are paying your utility bill through the City of Bethany website at [cityofbethany.org](http://cityofbethany.org) using our payment features, by auto deposit, or in person at Bethany City Hall.

## Bethany Fire & Rescue Achieves 100% Master Firefighters

Fire Chief S.R. Hunter proudly confirmed that his entire crew accomplished Bethany Fire & Rescue's lofty goal and all now hold the rank of Master Firefighter.

This is no small feat and Bethany is one of the few in the entire State of Oklahoma to accomplish it. Requirements to become a Master Firefighter include: 96 hours of Firefighter II equivalent or greater training; 275 hours of EMT Basic Certification; and additional electives, based on each individual fire department's requirements.

The city couldn't be any prouder of our fire department! Despite our smaller community size, Bethany Fire & Rescue has continuously shown themselves to be leaders with regard to innovation and advancement in the fire industry. Congratulations Bethany Fire & Rescue!

## Bethany in Top 50 Safest Cities

**Bethany ranked #38 in this year's Top 50 Safest Cities in Oklahoma!**

"[Oklahoma]...has a lot to offer partially thanks to its healthy economy, which is a big producer of oil, natural gas, agricultural products, and biotechnology. But when residents aren't punching clocks and cashing checks, they're probably outside enjoying the state's natural bounty. After all, Oklahoma is home to 6 national parks, 50 state parks, 2 national-protected grasslands or forests, and several conservation and wildlife preserve areas. There's plenty to see here, and the fact that it has some very safe cities only adds to the draw."

~ National Council for Home Safety & Security

## Ride to Remember 2017

On April 19, 1995, a bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, destroying much of the nine-story structure. While the scars have healed since that day, the memories are still fresh in the minds of so many.

On April 22, 2017, people from across the country came together for the 10th annual "Ride to Remember" event to honor the 168 lives lost 22 years ago. Gone, but never forgotten.



***This year's Ride broke the Guinness World Record for number of participants in a benefit run! Congratulations to everyone that worked so hard to make this event a success!!!***