

Council leads city government



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The City of Harrah has a city council made up of elected officials and led by a mayor. A council-appointed city manager runs the day-to-day administration of the city and oversees city staff. The city also holds a municipal court twice a month.

The city council consists of Mayor Larry Fryar and council members Kimberly Bishop, Tom Barron, Duane Patterson, and Cass Smith.

The City of Harrah includes several departments, including a small fire department consisting of several paid firefighters and many volunteer firefighters. The police department includes full-time detectives, patrol officers, part-time officers, and voluntary reserve officers. The city also offers a comprehensive set of public utilities managed by the utility department and a public works department.

BONDS BOLSTER SCHOOLS. The city lies in the Harrah school district, with some western parts of the city in the Choctaw-Nicoma Park school district. Both districts offer



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primary and secondary school education. Harrah schools spend approximately \$3,204 per student and have 16 students per teacher.

Although there are no higher education institutions in Harrah, OBU is located in Shawnee, Rose State College is in Midwest City and waives tuition for Harrah grads. Many students go directly to the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond and

many transfer there when they finish course work at Rose State.

There are a number of private schools in the Metro Area and the University of Oklahoma is located in Norman.

Signs of progress in Harrah include:

- * Harrah has a 160-acre Certified Industrial Park

- * Harrah has two new water wells

- * Harrah Wastewater Treatment plant has a capacity to serve a population of 15,000 residents.

- * Two new all-concrete, regulation basketball courts have been completed and are a welcome destination for residents of all ages who visit Harrah

- * The City of Harrah has a summer concert season at Heritage Park entitled Harrah Live! that includes free performances during the summer months beginning in May and concluding in August.

These concerts are performed in the Amp in the Park which contains state of the art sound and lighting with the pond providing a serene set-

ting for the background.

The Park also has Movies in the Park on select Friday nights during summer. These are shown in the Amp in the Park and are free of charge, beginning at dusk.

One of the most popular and widely used attractions in Harrah is the Splash Pad that is available to residents of Harrah and surrounding areas from 10 a.m. to 8 p. m. It will be open through Labor Day. The nearby Splash Pad Grille has a complete menu of snacks and drinks, featuring the popular snow cones and their hours reflect the Splash Pad, except for Sunday and Monday.

TURNPIKE'S COMING!

The much-maligned Turnpike that will slice through Eastern Oklahoma County connecting I-40 and the Turner Turnpike is springing up all around the Harrah Area, most noticeable on NE 23 where it will cross between Luther Road and downtown Harrah.

Residents should remember that varying speed limits have been posted around Turnpike construction sites and the fine for a ticket in a work zone is double in a construction zone.