

Crawford brothers receive national appointments

The twenty-one years during which Crawford & Associates, P.C. has focused its accounting practice on state and local governments has given the company's leaders some well-earned national recognition. In September, both Crawford brothers were appointed to national positions.

Mike Crawford was appointed vice-chairman of the Governmental Accounting Standards Advisory Council (GASAC), an organization of professionals that advises the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) as that organization establishes and improves standards of accounting and reporting for state and local government entities. It also advises the Financial Accounting Foundation on matters affecting the GASB.

That same month, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants named Frank Crawford chairman of its Government Expert Panel. The panel comprises 15 experts from around the country in the areas of governmental accounting, auditing, and financial reporting. Its mission is to identify state and local government financial reporting and auditing issues and to work with appropriate bodies to resolve those issues in such a way as is in the best interest of the public.

The Oklahoma Municipal League wishes to extend its warmest congratulations to both Crawford brothers. Their clients have long been aware of the tremendous expertise Mike and Frank bring to their profession. We're lucky to have them, and we're glad to see them getting the recognition they deserve outside the state.

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zens, Paschall said. She remembers the frustration expressed by many citizens at the sight of old Sinclair tanks that had been left to decay in view of a main road in Ardmore. She got a sound lesson in how things are done when she first attempted to resolve the problem through Sinclair.

"I realized it was at the top of my list and at the bottom of theirs," she said. When the issue was brought to the attention of elected state and national officials, however, the tanks were promptly removed.

Regarding litter, Paschall said that the city manager's office provided the ABC with a hotline number. When callers report a litterbug's license plate to the ABC, the group responds by sending the offender a friendly letter explaining that litter isn't tolerated in Ardmore.

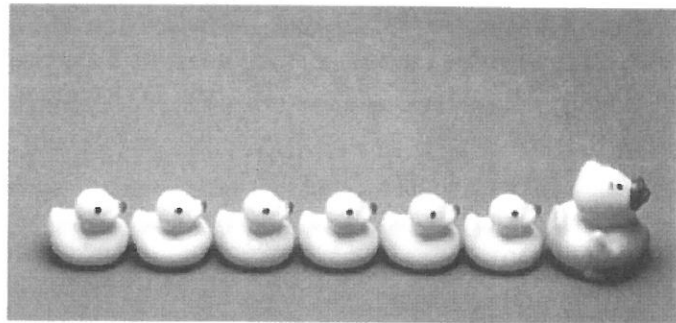
"We try to do a lot of creative things," Paschall said. "The city has been a great partner in making this

program a success. Litter can be an overgrown lawn that needs mowing, or trash that has been thrown out along the roadside. City officials have been very efficient and effective in handling litter violations in Ardmore."

Paschall said the ABC gets many calls from other communities, both to ask questions and to share experiences about beautification efforts in other parts of the state.

The rewards of a sound beautification program are so numerous they're hard to quantify. Would you like to talk with a pro about how to make your city or town's beautification program more effective? Get in touch with the ABC at abc.ardmore@sbcglobal.net or see the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful website at www.keepoklahomabeautiful.com. Or perhaps your community has a beautification program you'd like to see featured in *OC&T* — if that's the case, send an email to rebecca@oml.org and tell us about it.

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