Kenny Schwab has the distinction of being one of the few people in city government who directly impacts the lives of everybody who lives, works and plays in Broken Arrow.

That’s true because as Assistant City Manager for Operations, Schwab has authority over some 400 employees in seven different departments; Community Development, Emergency Management, Engineering & Construction, Parks & Recreation, Streets & Stormwater, Solid Waste & Recycling and Utilities.

A lifelong BA resident, this year’s Great Graduate from the Class of 1984 was a letterman in both football and basketball and was active in a myriad of student organizations, including the National Honor Society, COLABASH, VICA and the Senior Executive Board. Following his days as a Tiger, Schwab attended Southwest Baptist University on both an academic and athletic scholarship. He later transferred to Oklahoma State University where he earned bachelor and master’s degrees in civil engineering and a Master of Arts in administrative leadership from Oklahoma University.

Since becoming part of the city management team in 2008, he has overseen some $400 million in public infrastructure projects and is currently involved in overseeing an additional $600 million in planned expansions and improvements.

Along with his city duties, Schwab serves as a trustee of the Regional Metropolitan Utility Authority and represents his hometown in a regional cooperative partnership between Tulsa Owasso, Jenks, Bixby and Broken Arrow.