

May 2018



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### Upcoming Events

- 5/7 Planning Commission 6:30 PM
- 5/8 Chamber Coffee 7:30 AM
- 5/14 City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
- 5/18 Tuttle HS Graduation
- 5/23 Chamber Luncheon 12:00 PM
- 5/28 Memorial Day (City Hall Closed)
- 6/16 Ice Cream Festival

### Helpful Numbers

Animal Shelter	405-381-8565
Area Chamber	405-381-4600
City Hall	405-381-2335
Code Enforcement	405-381-3872
Library	405-381-8586
Fiber	405-381-8920
Police-Fire-EMS	405-381-4467
Public Works	405-381-5902
School Administration	405-381-2605
OEC	405-321-2024
PSO	888-216-3523

### Trash & Recycling Reminders

4/30-5/4	Recycling Week
5/14-5/18	Recycling Week
5/28-6/1	Recycling Week
5/28-6/1	No Delays/Changes for Trash & Recycling Service
7/16	Bulk Trash (Everyone)

### Fire Danger!

**A BURN BAN, ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR, IS IN EFFECT (AS OF THE PRINTING OF THIS NOTICE)!** Fire Danger remains high due to the extended drought. Devastation can occur quickly. Please be cognizant of your actions and guard mishaps with extreme caution. Fire can grow rapidly under these current conditions Tuttle Fire Department asks you to be our partner in fire prevention. Thank you for your cooperation!

## TUTTLE BROADBAND *It's YOUR Internet*

Construction of Tuttle's new fiber broadband utility continues. By the end of 2018 over half of Tuttle will be served by Tuttle Broadband. The City Council has set a goal for the entire community to be served by the end of 2019.

Tuttle is the third community in Oklahoma to start its own internet system. Why is Tuttle taking on such an ambitious project? The answer is simple – because you, as a member of our community, will own it. You get to select the members who sit on the governing board, the City Council. You can directly hold your representatives accountable. Only you, the voters, can sell or dispose of the system. All of the excess revenues that might be generated will be reinvested in Tuttle, and only in Tuttle. It is your utility. *It's YOUR Internet.*

Over the past 20+ years, Tuttle has seen its cable system sold, and then abandoned. City Hall spent thousands of dollars and hundreds of hours of time to keep the system on and find someone to operate it until the system could be sold by the Federal Government. We even offered our area power company for the City to take over the cable system's electric bill while the system was going through foreclosure. Despite our best efforts, the cable and internet service to the entire community was turned off by the area power company on a Saturday afternoon with no notice, never to be turned on again.

Many meetings occurred with cable and Internet representatives, both big and small, trying to court them to our community. Due to the rapid changes occurring in the communications industry, com-

bined with our community's history of losing our cable and internet system, there was little interest in Tuttle. Only one communications provider submitted a bid on the foreclosed assets of the previous cable company's assets, which sold for less than \$50,000.

Tuttle next tried looking at partnerships. However, the City Council was unwilling to give any private business money to build a system without the City having a say in how the city would be served, ensuring the pricing was appropriate for the community, and guaranteeing the system would be usable in the future if the private business disappeared. It is important to the City Council that the entire community be served, and the pricing be reasonable. Ultimately, after working for years to bring Internet service back to Tuttle, learning along the way how the system works and is operated, the City Council concluded the only way to meet its goals of providing service to everyone at a reasonable price was to build and own the system ourselves.

No matter what happens, Tuttle Broadband will be here to serve the community because *It's YOUR Internet.* Just like any other issue you may have, you can always reach out to City Hall with questions, to share ideas, or to express concerns. If you are not satisfied with your service you can reach out to the Mayor and your Councilmember, all elected directly by you, in accordance with the City Charter put in place by you, the voters. With few exceptions, all decisions are made in public meetings, open to anyone to watch. All expenditures are open record. After all, *It's YOUR Internet.*

## NEW TRASH & RECYCLING DAY BEGINS APRIL 30th

Your trash and recycling days have changed! Please visit [www.cityoftuttle.com](http://www.cityoftuttle.com) or use the City of Tuttle App, available for download onto your phone, to see when your new trash and recycling days are.

The text reminder system has been set up to provide a reminder notice the evening prior to your trash and recycling day. Everyone MUST re-enroll in the text reminder system based on the color zone on the trash route map on our website and the Tuttle App. The Tuttle App will not be used for weekly trash service reminders.

To enroll for text reminders, text one of the color zones, based on where you live, to 95577:

- Text GREENZONE if you live in the green zone;
- Text PURPLEZONE if you live in the purple zone;
- Text REDZONE if you live in the red zone;
- Text BLUEZONE if you live in the blue zone; or
- Text YELLOWZONE if you live in the yellow zone.

For example, text GREENZONE to 95577 if you live in the green zone.

Call City Hall at 405-381-2335 if you need help setting up the reminder.

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## MAY IS TUTTLE FD AMBULANCE SUBSCRIPTION PROGRAM OPEN ENROLLMENT MONTH

The Tuttle Fire Department provides ambulance service for the City of Tuttle and northern Grady County. Tuttle operates three ambulances, allowing responses to most medical emergencies within about 5 minutes. The cost of providing medical services, including the ambulance service, continues to increase annually. A typical ambulance ride to the nearest hospital will exceed \$1,000. While private medical insurance and Medicare will often cover a majority of the ambulance cost, the patient will still be responsible for their co-pay and deductibles. For only \$5/month, the City of Tuttle offers peace-of-mind: our program will cover all out-of-pocket costs for any necessary EMS or ambulance service provided by Tuttle after your insurance has paid. The

subscription covers every member of your family who lives in your house. Most households are already enrolled in the program and need to take NO action. Anyone interested in enrolling in or withdrawing from the program, may do so between May 1 and close of business May 31. Information regarding the program, and how to either enroll or withdraw, is available at City Hall, Tuttle Fire Station #1, and at [www.cityoftuttle.com](http://www.cityoftuttle.com).

## GRADY COUNTY COMMUNITY SURVEY

Red Rock Behavioral Health Services is partnering with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to conduct an online survey surrounding prescription drugs and alcohol use. This survey will help provide insight on the trends surrounding the non-medical use of prescription drugs and underage alcohol use in Grady County. The results will be used to help our agency with strategic planning, which aligns the need of our community. This survey is completely anonymous. Once the survey is completed, participants have the option to enter a drawing for a chance to win \$250. Visit <https://www.research.net/r/OKcommunity>.

## BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

Tuttle is now accepting applications from residents interested in serving on one of the following boards:

- Planning Commission;
- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board;
- Cemetery Advisory Board; and
- Board of Adjustment.

Applications are available for download at [www.cityoftuttle.com](http://www.cityoftuttle.com).

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## FOURTH STREET THEATER MOVIES IN TUTTLE!

The Fourth Street Theater in Tuttle, home to the Oklahoma Children's Acting Guild, is hosting Movies in Tuttle! Located at SW 4<sup>th</sup> St & W Bond St in Tuttle, each movie will begin at 7:30 PM.

- May 5 – The Hitchhiker
- May 12 – Till the Clouds Roll In
- May 26 – Charade

Auditions for Alice in Wonderland will be May 18-30, and auditions for the Oklahoma Children's Acting Guild spring musical review will be May 20. Visit [www.fourthst.org](http://www.fourthst.org) for more information.