

August 2018



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Upcoming Events

Table with 2 columns: Date and Event Name. Includes Tuttle Rodeo, Planning Commission, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, Tuttle Fair, City Council Meeting, First Day of Tuttle Schools, Chamber Luncheon, City Council Workshop Meeting, and Labor Day.

Helpful Numbers

Table with 2 columns: Service Name and Phone Number. Includes Animal Shelter, Area Chamber, City Hall, Code Enforcement, Library, Fiber, Police-Fire-EMS, Public Works, School Administration, OEC, and PSO.

Trash & Recycling Reminders

Table with 2 columns: Date and Reminder Text. Includes Recycling Week (8/6-8/10, 8/20-8/24), No Delays/Changes for Trash & Recycling Service (9/3), and Bulk Trash (Everyone) (10/22).

TUTTLE SCHOOLS BEGIN AUGUST 16TH
SLOW DOWN: BACK TO SCHOOL
MEANS SHARING THE ROAD

School days bring more traffic: school buses are picking up kids, kids on bikes, kids walking.

It's never more important for drivers to slow down and pay attention than when kids are present - especially before and after school.

Sharing the Road with Young Pedestrians

According to research by the National Safety Council, most of the children who lose their lives in bus-related incidents are 4 to 7 years old, and they're walking. They are hit by the bus, or by a motorist illegally passing a stopped bus. A few precautions go a long way toward keeping children safe:

- Don't block the crosswalk when stopped at a red light or waiting to make a turn, forcing pedestrians to go around you; this could put them in the path of moving traffic.
In a school zone when flashers are blinking, stop and yield to pedestrians crossing the crosswalk or intersection.
Take extra care to look out for children in school zones, near playgrounds and parks, and in all residential areas.
Don't honk or rev your engine to scare a pedestrian, even if you have the right of way.
Never pass a vehicle stopped for pedestrians.
Always use extreme caution to avoid striking pedestrians wherever they may be, no matter who has the right of way.

Sharing the Road with School Buses

If you're driving behind a bus, allow a greater following distance than if you were driving behind a car. It will give you more time to stop once the yellow lights start flashing. It is illegal in Oklahoma to pass a school bus that is stopped to load or unload children.

- Never pass a bus from behind - or from either direction if you're on an undivided road - if it is stopped to load or unload children.
If the yellow or red lights are flashing and the stop arm is extended, traffic must stop.
The area 10 feet around a school bus is the most dangerous for children; stop far enough back to allow them space to safely enter and

exit the bus

- Be alert; children often are unpredictable, and they tend to ignore hazards and take risks

Sharing the Road with Bicyclists

Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as vehicles, but bikes can be hard to see. Children riding bikes create special problems for drivers because usually they are not able to properly determine traffic conditions. The most common cause of collision is a driver turning left in front of a bicyclist.

- When passing a bicyclist, proceed in the same direction slowly, and leave 3 feet between your car and the cyclist.
When turning left and a bicyclist is approaching in the opposite direction, wait for the rider to pass.
If you're turning right and a bicyclist is approaching from behind on the right, let the rider go through the intersection first, and always use your turn signals.
Watch for bike riders turning in front of you without looking or signaling; children especially tend to do this.
Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods.
Watch for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars.
Check side mirrors before opening your door.

By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can co-exist safely in school zones.

72nd Annual Tuttle Reunion

Everyone is invited to the 72nd Annual Tuttle Reunion which is scheduled for Saturday, August 4th at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center, located at 15 S.W. 2nd Street. Doors open at 10:00 am, and a catered dinner will be served at 11:30 am (reservations must be made in advance). The cost of each meal is \$15.00. For more information or to make a reservation, please contact Jeanette Haywood by mail at 3219 E. Hwy 37, Tuttle OK 73089, or by phone at (405) 381-4101.

2018 INDIVIDUAL SAFE ROOM REBATE PROGRAM

Do you live inside the Tuttle City limits? Do you own your home? Are you interested in peace-of-mind when tornadoes threaten? If you answered "yes" to all three of these questions, you may be eligible to apply for a rebate of 75% of costs to install a new safe room.

We are getting ready to open the 2018 cycle of the City of Tuttle ISR program for applications. Applicant meetings will be held 11:30 AM and 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 9, 2018, at Tuttle City Hall. Applicants who applied in previous years that were not awarded will receive priority in the awardee selection process if they re-apply.* Applicants who attend one of the applicant meetings will receive preference in the awardee selection process over those who do not attend.*

* Assuming the City receives an award for the program from FEMA.

SUMMER FIRE DANGER

August is here, which means high-temperature and low-humidity days. Combine that with the missing link of high winds and we have a volatile wildfire situation. Please be aware we are in a near-drought condition and wildfires can spread at very rapid speeds under these extremely dry conditions. It would be a great help to your Fire Department if everyone would be vigilant in their attention to detail and exercise extreme caution when dealing with open fires or other outside ignition sources. Help us help you!

Please remember to first call the Fire Department at 405-381-4464 prior to any controlled burns.

CAMPAIGN SIGNS

Campaign signs are permitted in Tuttle, but please keep these basic rules in mind:

- Signs should not be located on anyone's property without their permission;
- Signs should not be removed from anyone's property without their permission;
- Signs should be located at least 10 feet from the curb or edge of the pavement;
- Signs should not be located within the "sight triangle" of any intersection; and
- Signs should not be located on public property, including medians, city hall, and parks.

City crews will remove all signs located on the highways and roads. Thank you for helping keep our community clean!

36th ANNUAL TUTTLE RODEO AUGUST 3RD & 4TH

The 36th Annual Tuttle Rodeo will be held August 3rd and 4th at Schrock Park in Tuttle. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. each night. This year's rodeo will include bronc riding, team roping, calf roping, double mugging, barrel racing and bull riding. There will also be mutton busting for those 5 years and younger and performances by equestrian drill teams both nights. On Saturday night there will be a skydiving exhibition by Mission Volant, a veteran support group.

This is an open rodeo, so anyone wanting to enter should call the stock contractor, Rafter D Rodeo Company (580) 512-4682. Those who want to watch should attend Friday or Saturday. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 7 to 12 and seniors, and free for children 6 and under. In addition, seniors aged 75 and older will be admitted free in honor of the 75th Anniversary of the Tuttle Round-Up Club, which sponsors the rodeo.

There will also be a rodeo parade Saturday afternoon at 5 p.m. In addition to horses, organizers expect the Shriners motorcycle and clown car units to perform in the parade.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Tuttle Emergency Management is recruiting to meet the EM needs of our growing community! If you're at least 18 years of age, have a clear criminal background, and are interested in helping to make your community stronger and more resilient, visit emtuttle.com for more!

FARMERS' MARKET OPEN SATURDAY MORNINGS

Make sure to support your local farmers by buying local! The Farmers' Market, located at 410 W Main St, will be open from 7:30 AM to 11:00 AM Saturdays.

Be sure to like and follow us on Facebook for updates on the market. For more information please contact Amber Riley at City Hall.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Public Works construction activities anticipated in month of July:

- Contractors are constructing fiber service in neighborhoods fronting SH-37, moving to the east. This project is 100% paid for by fiber service customers.
- City Crews have begun doing some grade work at the soccer complex to prepare for the trail extension and new restroom facility. This project is 80% paid for by grants.
- Contractors will begin work to rebuild the roads in the west section of Rock Creek Addition. This is 100% paid for by the residents of this subdivision.
- Contractors will begin work to repave roads near the schools. This project is 50% paid for by grants. Streets include:
 - SE 1st St, SE 2nd St, SE 3rd St, SE 4th St, SW 1st St, and SE 2nd St between Main St and Oak St;
 - Bond St, Maple St, and Locust St between SW 1st St and SE 4th St; and
 - Oak St, between SW 2nd St and SE 4th St.
- Contractors are finishing sidewalks on E. Main St. to Edith Ln. This project is 80% paid for by grants.
- Grady County is finishing work on S Cemetery Rd. This project is 100% paid for by Grady County.

ENROLL FOR NEW TRASH & RECYCLING TEXT REMINDERS

Please visit 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 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.

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