

# City of Tuttle Newsletter

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CITY OF TUTTLE, OK

## Upcoming City Events

- *Tuesday, April 5th Ward 1 council member election*
- *Wednesday April 6, 2011 Barrel Racing at Shrock park for more info go to <http://trikbarrels.com>*
- *Friday, April 15th Chamber of Commerce 5th Annual Golf Tournament Crimson Creek Golf Course, El Reno*
- *Saturday April 23rd Community Easter Egg Hunt 2:00pm Schrock Park*
- *Thursday, Friday, Saturday April 28th-30th City Wide Garage Sale sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce call or stop by the chamber for more information 381-4600 or 816-4612*
- *Saturday May 21st 20th Annual Ice Cream Festival sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce call or stop by the chamber for more info. 381-4600 or 816-4612*

## Garage Sale Permits

Garage sale season is upon us. Prior to conducting a garage sale, you will need to get a garage sale permit from the City. You can purchase your \$5 garage sale permit at City Hall during business hours and at the Tuttle Police Department after business hours and on weekends.

The City requires all garage sales to utilize City-Issued garage sales signs. These signs may be purchased at the same time you purchase your garage sale permit. Regular-sized signs are only \$2 each, and large-sized signs are \$3 each. Signs may be reused for future garage sales.

Qualifying professional "real-estate" signs for garage sales may also be displayed within the city for a small fee.

All permitted garage sales will be posted on the City's website and forwarded to various newspapers.

More information regarding garage sales is available on our website at [www.cityoftuttle.com](http://www.cityoftuttle.com). You can also contact Julie at 381-2335 or [jlueck@cityoftuttle.com](mailto:jlueck@cityoftuttle.com).

## Community Egg Hunt



Saturday April 23rd is the Community Egg Hunt. It will be held at Schrock Park at 2:00 pm Children ages 0-10 are welcome to participate.

Misti Paxton is again the coordinator. If you would like to donate candy (no chocolate please, it melts in the Spring sun) or prizes you may drop them off at Farm Bureau Insurance at 214 W Main. Cash donations to buy candy and prizes would also be welcomed.

If you would like to help stuff eggs and or hide eggs, Misti would welcome any help. Please call her at 381-3281

## Recycling Drop-Off Sites

- Cub Scouts Trailer, Main Street— Aluminum Cans
- First Assembly of God— Aluminum Cans
- Snow Hill Baptist Church— Paper
- Tuttle Elementary— Paper
- Tuttle Middle School— Paper

## Beautification Awards

As you're driving around Tuttle this month, take a glance around at the landscape—you may see a lawn or garden nominated as the City's most beautiful yard. Nominations have started coming in for the best looking yards in Tuttle, and every yard nominated will be designated with a special City sign. Churches,

homes, and businesses are all contenders for the Beautification Awards.

So keep on the lookout for the signs. Think you've found a yard that has what it takes to be called the best in Tuttle? Call in to City

Hall to nominate or visit our website and fill out the online form at <http://cityoftuttle.com/>. Winners will be featured in a special newsletter insert in November and honored at the annual Tuttle Area Chamber of Commerce banquet..

## 20th Annual Tuttle Ice Cream Festival

Tuttle is looking forward to another great Ice Cream Festival. It will be held in downtown Tuttle on Saturday May 21, 2011 10-4. We will have ice cream (of course), food vendors, craft vendors, bands, dancers and a whole lot of fun. The day kicks off with a parade through downtown. There will be two stages of entertainment featuring the red dirt band, South 77, musicians Cliff Shelder and Jim Bynum. Jonathan Myers will be back with his magic show for the kids. Additional entertainment from the Children's Acting Guild, an Elvis impersonator and a Johnny Cash impersonator.

They have spaces available for both food vendors and craft vendors. Contact the Chamber for an application.

Volunteers are needed to help with the inflatables and the children's area.

The chamber is currently selling t-shirt sponsorships call Lara at 381-4600 or 816-4612 for information about sponsorship, being a vendor or volunteering. For parade information, call Jo Bashaw at 381-



## Water Lines and Gophers

I have to admit, before working for the city, I never really read my utility bill. I paid the total due and never thought about it. It was high in summer to keep the lawn alive and lower in the winter. In January I happen to notice I had used 2000 more gallons than December. I wasn't that worried about it because I had heard one of our toilets running a few times but I called the plumber to check on it anyway. It turns out it wasn't the toilet, it was a leak under the slab of my brand new house. Apparently gophers had bit through the line. Although we had treated all summer, we had missed one mound over the winter and it hit our wallet hard. Here are some things you can do to keep gophers away:

- Treat each new mound when you see it.
- There are many treatment options out there; poison, traps and devices that emit sonic waves. Since gophers have a strong sense of smell many gardeners plant alliums which will repel them. Daffodils and Snowdrops are poisonous to rodents.

In addition to watching for gophers, read your water bill. Watch your usage, most leaks start small but quickly become big and expensive problems. If you have any questions about your water, gas or trash bill please call me, Julie at 381-2335 extension 102 or email at [jlueck@cityoftuttle.com](mailto:jlueck@cityoftuttle.com).



## Keep Tuttle Beautiful

With the warm spring weather, it is time for everything to wake up and turn green. This includes grass and weeds. If not regularly mowed, your lawn can quickly get out of control. Tall grass and weeds can harbor snakes, mice, and other pests. It also lowers property values. Please do yourself and your neighbors a favor and keep your lawn mowed. To report a yard with tall grass and weeds, that is "junked" up, or needs other additional attention, please call the Tuttle Police Department at 381-4467 at any time. All code enforcement complaints will be investigated by the City's Code Enforcement Officers and appropriate action taken. For questions or more information, please contact Mark Plumlee at [mplumlee@cityoftuttle.com](mailto:mplumlee@cityoftuttle.com)

