

City of Tuttle Newsletter

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CITY OF TUTTLE, OK

Upcoming City Events

- *Monday, September 5th City offices closed for holiday*
- *Monday, September 12th City Council Meeting, Community Building at 6:00 PM 102 Suzan Road*
- *Tuesday, September 20th, Bulk Trash Day*
- *Monday, September 26th Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30PM Community Building at 102 Suzan Road*
- *Thursday, October 13th, Town Hall Meeting at Community Building 6:00 pm 102 Suzan Rd.*

Register Your Water Wells

The City of Tuttle uses ground water as its primary source for its water system. State law automatically grants municipalities the right to access and use groundwater from all platted lands within the respective municipalities. At the same time, municipalities are required to notify all owners of water wells within ¼ mile of all existing municipal water wells any time it requests access to additional water rights. The City of Tuttle will be requesting access to additional water rights later this year. In order to meet the requirements of the State of Oklahoma, the City Council is requiring all water well owners to register their water wells with the

City, as allowed by state law. Not only will this help the City comply with the notification requirements of the State, as enforced by the Oklahoma Water Resources Board, but will also help the City Council in its short-term and long-term water planning efforts. All water well owners must register with the City before the close of business, October 3, 2011. There will be no charge to register your water well prior to this date. Water well registration forms are available at City Hall and at www.cityoftuttle.com. You can also submit your registration electronically at www.cityoftuttle.com.

Why No Water?

On Monday, August 15th, and again on Wednesday, August 17th, a contractor installing a fiber optic line along Main St/SH-37 hit Tuttle's primary water main. As a result, water was not available to residents and businesses west of Richland Rd for a period of about 7 hours each time. Tuttle has issued citations to the contractor for damaging the utility system, and is seeking full restitution for the City's cost to respond to these emergencies, and the loss of significant amounts of treated water.

Did you know that the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) requires frequent testing of the water system? Our ODEQ trained and licensed water system operators know the dos and don'ts to getting water turned back on after a water line break and other water system repairs. When water flow in the pipes experience a rapid change in flow, some of the minerals that build up in the pipe during normal conditions are disturbed, giving the water a temporary red color. This also happens anytime a fire hydrant is opened for the first time in several months. While we do not recommend washing your clothes when the water is red, it is in fact very safe to drink .

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



Bag it

Please bag all trash that is put in your blue polycarts or dumpsters. When the trash trucks dump the trash into the truck, if any debris is un-bagged, it is much more likely to blow out of the truck and land in your neighborhood. This simple act of bagging your trash will help keep our city clean.

You may have up to three bags of trash in addition to your trash can. It must be bagged and not in another container. Although if you continually have bagged trash, you will be asked to get a second polycart. Additional polycarts are an \$6.00 a month. If you have any questions or you need an additional polycart, please call Julie at (405) 381-2335 x 102



Water Conservation

As of the printing of this newsletter, Tuttle has not lifted its water conservation measures. It is still over 100 degrees at 8:00 pm many days. Outdoor watering is still generally prohibited between 10:00 am and 8:00 pm daily. When this historic hot summer begins to finally fade away, the water conservation measures will be reduced or lifted. The any changes to Tuttle's water conservation measures will be posted at www.cityoftuttle.com and at City Hall.

With forecasters beginning to predict 2012 as another hot, dry year, similar to what we are currently experiencing, all residents and businesses will still need to be mindful of their water use. Not only has the City seen its well water production decrease this year, we have also received many reports of water wells in the east parts of the city going dry or experiencing other issues related to lower ground water levels. Water is a shared resource. If all of us will do our part to be good neighbors and water smart, we will get through this historic drought.

Spay and Neuter Pets

The neutering operation for cats and dogs (spaying in females) is the best and safest method of pet birth control. The alternative to birth control is the mass destruction of unwanted, surplus pets. This is not only costly to the tax payer but repulsive to all of us who care about animals. There are low-cost options available for qualifying families. Please visit <http://www.vawokc.org/>, http://www.bestfriendsokc.org/spay_neuter_assistance.htm for this information or call your local veterinarian.



Silver City Ridge Bridge Update

The bridge is open! Thank you to everyone impacted for your patience and understanding during this important, yet frustrating project. Some more work remains before the project is complete. Sod should be installed sometime in early September by a professional sod installer, depending on the likelihood it can be installed without dying due to the extreme heat. Striping work also remains, and should be completed in September. Please be cautious when using the bridge while workers continue to put the finishing touches on this project.

The Oklahoma Department of Transportation still plans for work to begin later this year or early next year to install a deceleration/turn lane for traffic traveling southbound on N Mustang Rd/SH-4 turning west onto East Silver City Ridge Rd. This project will be constructed by a contractor selected by ODOT, at ODOT's cost. The bridge is expected to remain open.

Town Hall Meeting

On Thursday, October 13th, the City Manager will host another quarterly Town Hall Meeting. The focus of this town hall meeting will be input for Tuttle's new Economic Development Strategic Plan. A group of citizens have been working to put together a plan that will guide the City's approach to economic development for the next 5 years. The draft plan will be available for viewing at City Hall on our website beginning the first week of October.