

City of Tuttle Newsletter

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Tuttle Chamber of Commerce Banquet

- *Monday, October 31st, Trick or Treating.*
- *Friday, November 11th Veteran's Day, city offices Closed*
- *Monday, November 14th, City Council Meeting, Community Building at 6:00 PM 102 Suzan Road*
- *Tuesday, November 22, Tuttle Chamber of Commerce Annual Banquet. 11 S Morgan Rd, Snowhill Baptist Church*
- *Thursday, November 24th and 25th Thanksgiving Holidays city offices closed.*
- *Monday, November 28th Planning Commission Meeting, 6:30PM Community Building at 102 Suzan Road*
- *Thursday, December 1st, Home for the Holidays celebration and parade. See back page for details.*



Lt. Governor, Todd Lamb

Join us for the Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet on November 22, 2011 as we celebrate Tuttle businesses. The silent auction begins at 6:00PM and the dinner begins at 7:00 PM. It will be held at 11 S Morgan at the Snowhill Baptist Church. Lt. Governor Todd Lamb will be the keynote speaker.

Tickets are \$8.00 each or \$280 for a corporate table that seats eight. Tickets are available from Chamber Director Lara Douglas. If you would like to donate to the silent auction to benefit the chamber and to advertise your business, please contact Lara at 405-816-4612.

Capital Improvements

In 1928, Tuttle voters approved raising their property taxes for 20 years to construct Tuttle's first sewer system. Most of the original area in and near the original town area is still serviced by the sewer lines that were installed in the late 1920's. Very little expansion, upgrading, or replacement of the sewer system in Tuttle has occurred since. More than 80 years later, the sewer system is beginning to fail. Several weeks ago, TPWA workers discovered the main sewer line connecting the City to the sewer lagoons has collapsed. Due to the condition of the line, along with much improved and mandated engineering practices and materials, this line cannot be simply repaired. As a result, the TPWA has declared an immediate emergency, authorizing the immediate replacement of this critical section of the sewer system.

The estimated costs to replace this portion of the sewer line exceeds \$500,000. The TPWA Board of Directors, comprised of the Mayor and members of the City Council, has voted to take out a 20-year loan to help pay for the emergency sewer repairs, additional needed sewer repairs, and begin expanding the sewer system towards SH-4 to serve future businesses. Most restaurants and other needed businesses will not build east of downtown without access to sewer.

To help pay for the sewer improvements, the TPWA will adjust sewer rates. Less than 25% of all Tuttle households are connected to the sewer system. Due to the lack of customers, the adjustments made to sewer rates will not generate enough revenues to cover the annual payments for the loan. Today, Tuttle does not collect or receive any property tax for any purpose. Since a functioning sewer system is especially necessary for the schools and businesses, the City Council and TPWA has decided to create a new Capital Improvement Fee. This \$6.50 fee will be dedicated only to capital projects. As additional people move to Tuttle, and as the sewer loan is paid off, this fee will be used to help further expand utilities, repair roads, and improve our parks.

The TPWA's trash contractor, Allied Waste, has increased its prices to the TPWA for trash service. Due to this increase, trash rates will be raised. It has been several years since trash rates were increased. The base rate for a single polycart will be raised from \$19.12 to \$20.00

Water rates, which have not been adjusted since 2009, will NOT be increased. Tuttle is proud to sell water to our customers cheaper than most of our surrounding communities. 5,000 gallons of water costs Tuttle residents \$30.45 month, versus \$35.11 in Newcastle and \$76.75 for Grady County Rural Water #6 customers.

Safety is a huge concern when it comes to natural gas. The cost of operating a safe, reliable natural gas system continues to rise. To help offset some of the increased costs of operating the natural gas system, the minimum monthly rate charged to natural gas customers will increase \$2.45. Even with this increase, Tuttle will be selling natural gas from ONEOK/Oklahoma Natural Gas to our customers much cheaper than ONG sells natural gas to its own customers.

All rate increases will become effective on your December 1, 2011 utility bills.

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



***MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW AND ENJOY
ALL THE FESTIVITIES!***

**4th Annual
Home for the Holidays
December 1, 2011 4:00pm**

Santa Bucks Drawing
Parade of Lights: 6:30pm
Tree Lighting - bring an ornament
Santa Claus - FREE bring a camera
Food & Merchant Vendors
Live Entertainment
Quilt Show
Children's Area

Need information on Santa Bucks?
Find us on Facebook for information:

Tuttle Home for the Holidays

For more info contact: Wendy Emerson 409-8312 or Misti Paxton 642-7298