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City of Tuttle Newsletter

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The City of Tuttle needs Paramedics. Contact wmarble@cityoftuttle.com for a job description.

Special points of interest:

- City Offices closed Dec. 24 & 25
- City Offices closed at 1 pm on New Years Eve & off on New Years Day.
- Jan. 4th: Planning Commission 6:30pm
- Jan. 5th: Parks Meeting 6:00pm
- Jan. 11th: City Council-Please come! 7:00pm
- Bulk Trash Days: Jan. 12 North of Hwy 37 and Jan.19 South of Hwy 37
- Jan. 18: Cemetery Board, 5:00pm
- Remember your pets during the cold weather please. Bring them in, give them water & food and a soft bed. They will love you forever!

Utility Rate Increase: First in 5 years

On Friday, Nov. 20, 2015 the City Council approved the financing for the extension of the sewer system. The Phase 3 expansion will extend the sewer to the west side of N. Mustang Rd./SH-4 from near E. Silver City Ridge 1.5 miles S, just past the location of the ACAM Storage and Bridge Creek Burrito. Construction is expected to begin in early 2016, and be open by Christmas 2016. The project involves extending the forced sewer main from the existing lift station at E. Silver City Ridge and Worley Creek to a new lift station to be located at E. Silver City Ridge and N. Mustang Rd. The sewer line designed to also allow for the easy expansion of the sewer line to serve the E. side of N. Mustang Rd. when it is

ready to develop. The Phase 3 Sewer Expansion is a part of the Sewer Master Plan that was started by the City Council in 2008. The Economic Development needed to fund the operation and maintenance of our community, including roads, parks, police, and fire, is not possible without providing access to public sewer lines. New businesses also help raise additional funding for our schools, and can even help lower property taxes. Already, the sewer line is attracting new development to Tuttle. Farmers Credit of Western Oklahoma will be constructing a new bank at E. Tyler & N. Mustang Rd. The Montford, a new mixed use development, will also be located at the same intersection, with single-family homes and commercial develop-

ment.

The cost of the new sewer line is expected to be near \$2 million. The 15-year financing approved by the City Council will cover the cost of this project, along with some other smaller water and gas extension projects. Some rate increases are necessary to help fund the sewer line. Beginning with the Jan. 31, 2016 utility bill, the minimum sewer line fee will increase \$8, the minimum water fee will increase \$4, the minimum gas fee will increase \$4, and the minimum trash fee will increase \$2. Only the minimum fees are increasing, along with connection and installation fees for new development. This will be the first comprehensive utility fee increase since 2010.



Welcome new Tuttle Police Officer Ashlyn Truelove. She was sworn in by Mayor T.J. Chester on December 14, 2016 at the City Council Meeting.

Tree Limb Collection Extended Due to Additional Winter Weather

Due to the second ice storm during Christmas break, the City of Tuttle is extending the period the Tree Limb Collection Site is open. The site will remain available to the public through mid-February. It is located at the Tuttle Soccer Complex, 1500 N Cemetery Rd (or the 3-Mile Line). If you come to the site, please be careful. Grady County is assisting with the storm debris burning. Stay away from the burn pit area. Also, the

ground can be very soft and muddy after it rains.

Public Works staff will focus on filling potholes through mid-January, and will then resume picking up tree limbs through mid-February. Remember to cut the limbs no longer than four feet so that two people can lift them. Any limbs or trunks that cannot be lifted by two people will not be picked up. All limbs and trunks must be placed next to the road.

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) has only permitted the City to collect tree limbs and trunks. No leaves, household trash, or other debris will be collected.

Bulk trash will be picked up on the week of January 12th, 2016 for trash customers who live north of SH-37, and the week of January 19th, 2016 for trash customers who live south of SH-37.

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Tuttle Chamber Starting 2016 Strong

The Tuttle Area Chamber of Commerce will kick off the new year with a Noon luncheon on Jan. 27th at Snow Hill Baptist Church, 11 S. Morgan, with a two-fold program. Stevens Counseling will tell us about their services and then a legislative preview will be held by our Oklahoma State Legislators including Senator Ron Justice, Representative Leslie Osborn and Representative Scott Biggs.

Please RSVP by calling 381-4600 or emailing to pat@tuttlechamber.org by Jan. 20, 2016.

Thanks to PSO and OEC

The City of Tuttle is served by two great power companies, Public Services of Oklahoma (PSO) and Oklahoma Electric Cooperative (OEC). Both power companies have spent much time over the past several years trimming trees that may interfere with their lines during ice storms. Power was quickly restored after this season's first ice storm. Despite all of the massive damage from the Christmas break ice storms due to the ex-

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A new gas line was approved by the City Council on 12-14 for Tyler Road between Mustang Road and Sara Road. Work is expected to begin in February 2016.

Town Hall Meeting for Residents Living in the Bridge Creek Fire Protection District

Everyone who lives or owns property South of SH-37 and East of Cemetery Rd (the 3-Mile Line) is currently within the Bridge Creek Fire Protection District. When the City of Tuttle annexed this area 20 years ago, everyone gained automatic response from the Tuttle Fire Department. However, the area also remained a part of the Bridge Creek Fire Protection District, and all property owners in this area still pay an additional ad valorem (or property) tax every year to help support the district. The City of Tuttle has no property tax.

A majority of the residents in the Whispering Pines Addition filed a petition with the Grady County Board of Commissioners, in accordance with 19 O.S. 901.23 requesting to withdraw their neighborhood from the Bridge Creek Fire Protection District since they also pay for and receive service from the City of Tuttle. A potential decision to grant the withdrawal may be made by Grady County on January 25th, 2016.

Prior to this meeting, the City of Tuttle will be hosting a Town Hall meeting for the residents of the Whispering Pines Addition and any other Tuttle resident who also lives in the Bridge Creek Fire Protection District. The Town Hall meeting will be 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 14th, 2016, at the First Baptist Church of Tuttle's Family Life Center (14 SW 2nd St in Downtown Tuttle). Leadership with the Bridge Creek Fire Department will give a brief presentation regarding the services they provide, and how they believe you benefit by living in their district. Representatives for the City of Tuttle, including Mayor Tommy Joe Chester and most members of the Tuttle City Council, will also be present to answer any questions you may have regarding the Fire and Ambulance services we provide to the entire community. This 1-hour meeting is for informational purposes only. The City of Tuttle is hosting this meeting to help foster information-sharing with area residents so they can make an informed decision. This City of Tuttle does not have any decision-making authority regarding whether residents remain a part of the Bridge Creek Fire Protection District.

Fire Chief Bruce Anthony is always more than happy to speak with anyone regarding any questions or concerns they may have regarding Tuttle fire and ambulance services

Soccer SIGN-UPS
Get Your Game On!

Tuttle Youth Soccer Club is holding Sign-ups:
All American Pizza January 23rd and 30th
410 E. Main, Tuttle 11am till 2pm

For more information email: tuttleyouthsoccerclub@gmail.com

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