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City of Tuttle Newsletter

90% of responders say this newsletter is the #1 way to find out what's going on here!

**Welcome New Tuttle Businesses! Red Dirt Marketplace & Screening 151 E. Main Ste. 7 and, also
Casey's Cajun Catfish Plus 151 E. Main Ste. 9**

Special points of interest:

- Feb. 1 Planning Commission 6:30
- Feb. 2 Groundhog Day
- Feb. 2 Parks Board 6:00
- Feb. 8 City Council 7:00
- Feb. 9 VOTE on Grady County Initiative: (See article)
- Feb. 14 Valentine's Day
- Feb. 15 Presidents' Day: City Offices Closed
- Feb. 24 Chamber's Emergency Preparedness luncheon (see article)



Chamber of Commerce February Luncheon Set

The program for the Tuttle Area Chamber of Commerce will be on Emergency Preparedness by a Certified Red Cross Volunteer, just in time for the Spring storm season.

It will be held in the Chincie Ross Room in Tuttle City Hall at Noon on February 24th.

Call 381-4600 or email pat@tuttlechamber.org by Feb. 18.

Grady County Sales Tax Election Tuesday, February 9th

A special election will be held on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 requesting Grady County voters to raise the sales tax in Grady County 0.25% to fund improvements to Grady County Memorial Hospital, it is no longer able to provide many of the life-saving serviced needed for most of the residents in Grady County. At the moment, the nearest emergency room (able to provide life-saving services) and surgery center for Chickasha is over 45 minutes away. The hospital, owned by Grady County, has been self supporting up to this point in it's history. Grady County Memorial Hospital operates a medical clinic in Tuttle.

The total sales tax rate going to Grady County to support Grady County Fairgrounds, Senior Nu-

trition Centers, and Rural Fire Department will increase from 0.5% to 0.75%. When combined with the 4.5% sales tax rate for state government and the 4.0% sales tax rate for Tuttle, the combined sales tax rate will increase from 9.0% to 9.25%.

Recognizing that residents in the northeast portion of Grady County, including most residents, use hospital and medical services in the Oklahoma City area, a part of the sales tax will be given directly to the City of Tuttle to use for ambulance services throughout the 20-year term.

The annual amount to be given to Tuttle annually is estimated to be about \$175,000.

Currently the ambulance service in Tuttle requires subsidies from water, sewer, gas, and trash utilities.

If the tax is approved, \$175,000 of the current ambulance subsidy will be reallocated to improving Tuttle streets.

Cash Klan Starting

Want to be a part!

The Cash Klan will visit one Tuttle business each month. Each member of the Cash Klan will guarantee to spend at least \$20 in that business on the day we all shop while wearing our Cash Klan t-shirts. We're looking for 20 people to kick this off. For more info. Or to sign up!

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This is the new City logo as approved by the Tuttle City Council on 1-11-16. The process started by City Manager Tim Young last October. Most cities that have seen growth and progression

Tuttle has a new logo!

need a new logo that represents the community. **The background color** is red dirt that represents the soil that we have here. The **wheat** that incases the U in Tuttle represents our farming community and our roots. The **steer** inside the wheat represents our history with the Chisholm Trail. At the old Silver City Cemetery next to the Canadian River north of Tuttle you can imagine the cattle graz-

ing as the workers enjoyed the cool air blowing off of the water.

The **artistic arrow** represents the many service businesses that are in Tuttle and finishing it off is **"Since 1902"** because that's when we began. This logo represents our past while making way to our future.

It was put together by Tuttle City Employees, Leisa Haynes, Amy Natcher and Jason O'Neal.

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OKC Metro Area City Tuttle and Surrounding

We're on Facebook: City of Tuttle- Like us!

Limbs Update:

We are about 70% complete with our 1st pass through the city. We will attempt to complete a 2nd pass but cannot guarantee we will make it to every neighborhood or section of city limits.

We're asking anyone who can to please bring your limbs to the disposal site at 1500 N. Cemetery Rd ASAP as this site will close Feb. 28 to begin construction of the new soccer fields.

Advertise Here

Distributed in over 2800 homes in the Tuttle area

\$25 per month

Contact Leisa at Lhaynes@cityoftuttle.com

City Services Survey Results...164 received.

A few months ago we asked the residents of Tuttle for their opinions about the City Services and 164 responded. Thank you for your input, almost every survey had hand written comments to help us understand even more what you were thinking and feeling. Here are a few of the survey results.

What is your age? 80 or older=6% / 65-79 yrs. =33% / 55-64 = 24% / 40-54 = 18% / 25-39 =15% / 19-24 = 1%

If you were on the City Council would you vote to renew the City's current trash collection contract with Republic Service for another 5 year period? 68% Yes / 20% No

How do you receive information about city information meeting? Utility Bill Newsletter 87% / Newspaper 37% / Talking to friends 33%

How do want to receive information? Utility Bill Newsletter 45% / City of Tuttle App 22% (this is coming soon) / Texts 7%

Rate your overall satisfaction: Very Satisfied (listed first) or Dissatisfied (listed second)

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| Police 40% and 6% | Planning & Zoning 8% and 13.5% |
| Fire 41% and 2% | Parks & Recreation 14% and 13.5% |
| Ambulance 39% and 1.5% | Cemeteries 9% and 9% |
| Trash 29% and 6.5% | |
| Water 25% and 6% | |
| Sewer 13% and 20% | |
| Natural Gas 13% and .07% | |
| Economic Development 10% and 16% | (We are working to bring more jobs with new businesses. This month we have two) |