

# DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings from the Commissioner



My first year serving as County Commissioner has certainly flown by. Sworn in on August 29, 2022, I've spent the past year working with colleagues, focusing on road improvements, and listening to constituents about the needs of our community.

While we have faced challenges, including the Father's Day derecho, we have many exciting things happening in District 3! Expansion of the Case Tennis Center at LaFortune Park will begin in fall 2023. The Jenks Premium Outlet Mall is set to open in 2024 and revitalization programs are underway in downtown Bixby and Broken Arrow's New Orleans Square District.



Thank you for the opportunity to serve and feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

*Sincerely,  
Kelly Dunkerley  
District 3 County Commissioner, BOCC Chairman*

## Meet the District 3 Team



**Darren Gantz**  
Chief Deputy Commissioner



**Patricia Lord**  
Administrative Assistant



**Brian Malone**  
Highway Maintenance Supervisor

The District 3 team is here to answer any questions or concerns you might have.  
**Chief Deputy: Darren Gantz- 918-596-5510 [dgantz@tulsacounty.org](mailto:dgantz@tulsacounty.org)**  
**Executive Assistant: Patricia Lord- 918-596-5011 [plord@tulsacounty.org](mailto:plord@tulsacounty.org)**  
**Highway Maintenance Supervisor- Brian Malone 918-591-6130 [bmalone@tulsacounty.org](mailto:bmalone@tulsacounty.org)**

# Road Updates

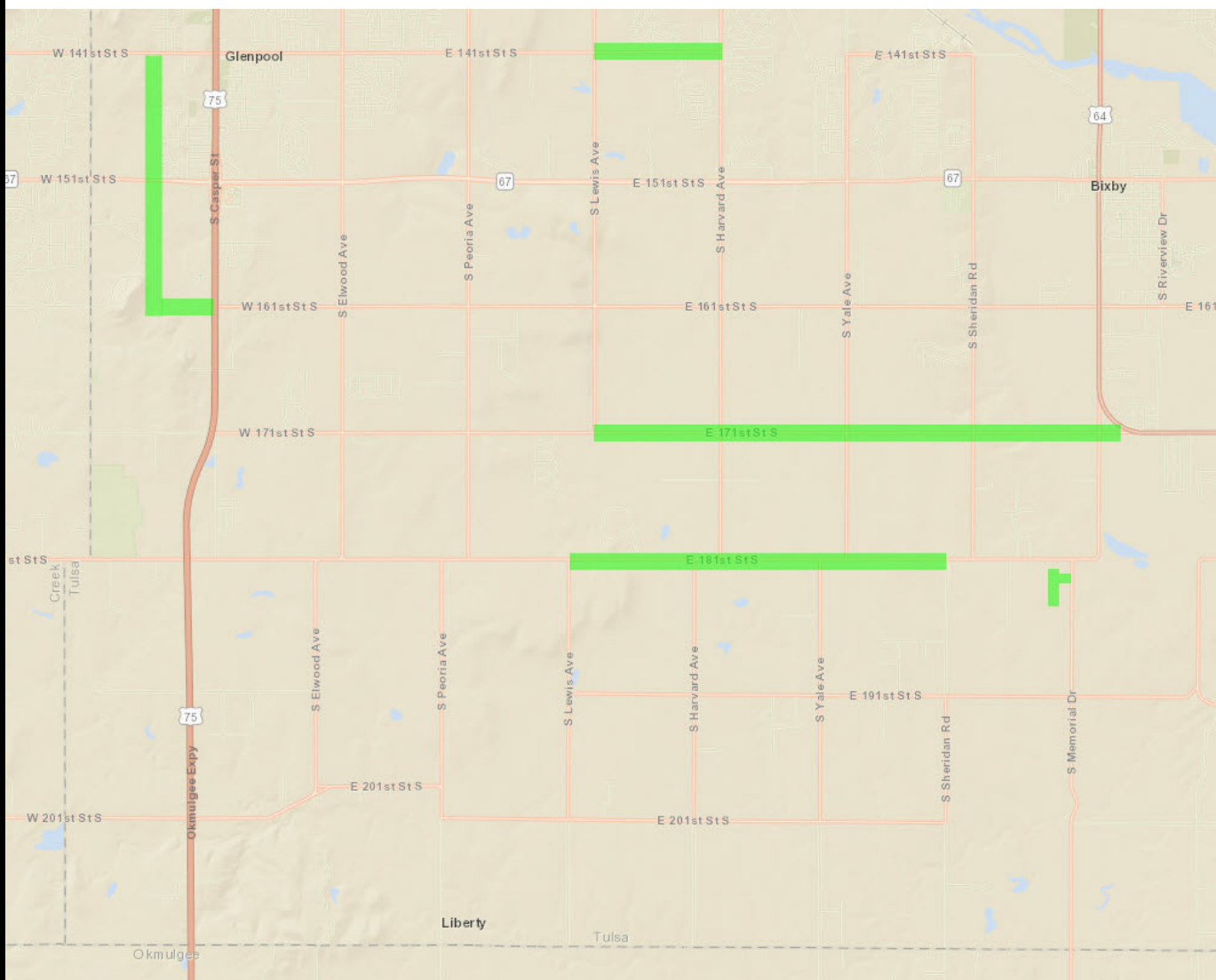


**Tulsa County Highway Construction & District 3 Maintenance crews have been hard at work making improvements to roads.** Over the past couple months, crews have completed over 11 miles of chip seal throughout the district and there are many more miles of improvements upcoming to finish out this year's paving plan.

To see the most up-to-date information regarding our paving plan, visit the Tulsa County Highway Engineering page at [www.tulsacounty.org/roads](http://www.tulsacounty.org/roads).

A list of District 3 Roadway Maintenance Projects can be found in the "Related Links" sidebar or you can view the [Engineering GIS Website](#) linked on the page and toggle on the "Tulsa County Projects" layer.

See a pothole? You can report issues on county roadways by clicking the "[Citizen Request](#)" link here or by emailing [engineering@tulsacounty.org](mailto:engineering@tulsacounty.org).



## Neighborhood Cleanup Days

**District 3 had two successful cleanup events this past spring.**

The March 25 cleanup day in Glenpool, Broken Arrow, South Tulsa, Leonard and Liberty,



resulted in twelve 40-foot containers of waste being collected. On April 15, Tulsa County partnered with the City of Bixby as part of the "Keep Bixby Beautiful" event, and filled four large dumpsters with waste.

More cleanup days are being planned for the fall so stay tuned!

## ARPA Updates

The Board of County Commissioners approved \$500,000 in Federal ARPA dollars to assist Eden Village with their infrastructure.

The gated tiny home community is being built on 17 acres in West Tulsa and will house individuals experiencing homelessness. There are plans for a community center and on-site farm as well. Several homes have already been built. Future homes will be built using an innovative 3D concrete printer.

View the latest ARPA Report and Recovery Plan here: [www2.tulsacounty.org/media/osmb4idy/arpa-report-2023.pdf](http://www2.tulsacounty.org/media/osmb4idy/arpa-report-2023.pdf)



## Legislative Updates

Several bills passed during the last legislative session that will benefit the Election Office. Tulsa County staff were instrumental in getting these introduced.

**SB 410** - Prohibits any person from being allowed to electioneer within 300 feet of the entrance to a polling place or in person absentee voting site or a person who is standing in line to vote outside the polling place.

**SB 481** - Makes it a crime to knowingly publish personal identifiable information about election officials with the intent to threaten, harass or intimidate. Allows officials to keep residence and mailing information confidential. Makes it a felony to threaten or intimidate an election official. Makes it a felony to damage or attempt to damage election equipment.

**SB 266** - Allows counties to combine precinct workers into a single location. With the recruitment and retention of precinct officials becoming more difficult and with some polling places withdrawing use of their facilities this will permit serving voters with fewer precinct officials.

**SB 290** - Increase precinct workers pay: Inspector to \$225 per day and Judges and Clerks to \$200 per day.

## Accolades and Announcements

Four bronze bison statues have been installed at **LaFortune Park**. When the installation is complete, visitors will be able to walk among the representation of

an entire herd. A new accessible trail is being built this week to view the installation.



Great News for Pickle Ball & Tennis players ~ County personnel completed installation of a new lighting system to allow extended play. **Hailey Creek Park** features also include: baseball, soccer, 18 Hole Disc Golf Course, playgrounds and walking trails.



## The Tulsa County Election Board Needs **Poll Workers!**

We are asking all registered Tulsa County residents to consider filling **Poll worker** positions for the upcoming **2024** Presidential election year.

**Do you have what it takes to be a **Poll Worker**?**  
You must be a registered voter in Tulsa County and attend a mandatory 1-day paid training class. Serve your community and get paid at the same time!

**Upcoming Classes: Sept 26 • 27 • 28**

Apply by going to [www.tulsacounty.org/pollworkers](http://www.tulsacounty.org/pollworkers), or call the number below.

555 North Denver Avenue Tulsa, OK 74103  
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## SOUTH COUNTY HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM

**Courses Offered: Homeschool Art, PE, and Science/Nature**

Starts: Thursday Sep. 7th

Cost: \$5 per class/per student

Semester 1: Sep. 7th- Dec. 7th

Grade Levels: K-12

Semester 2: Jan. 11- May 2

**CLASSES ARE OFFERED THURSDAY:**

PE	ART	SCIENCE/STEM
		K - 3 Grade: 8:30 - 9:20
	4th - 6th Grade: 9:30 - 10:20	7th - 12th Grade: 9:30 - 10:20
K - 3rd Grade: 10:30 - 11:20	7th - 12th Grade: 10:30 - 11:20	4th - 6th Grade: 10:30 - 11:20
4th Grade and Up: 11:30 - 12:20	K - 3rd Grade: 11:30 - 12:20	



Sign Up at: South County Recreation Center

1300 S Peoria Ave. Bixby, Ok 74008 | 918.746.3780

## Out and About

Commissioner Dunkerley has been out and about speaking to civic groups and organizations.

His monthly "Coffee with Kelly" is held at varying local restaurants. County staff regularly gives updates on topics such as roads, parks, and inspections, while Kelly answers questions and listens to constituent concerns.

Commissioner Dunkerley participated in the Broken Arrow Economic Development Breakfast on July 27. Updates were given on "Amplify Broken Arrow", a 5-year strategic capital investment campaign to provide a foundation to expand BA's economy by attracting new businesses, expand existing businesses, develop their future workforce, and foster entrepreneurship.

He toured the construction site for the Simon Premium Outlet Mall set to open summer 2024 in Jenks. This project will bring jobs and more opportunity to the Arkansas River corridor.

Have an event you'd like Commissioner Dunkerley to attend or speak at? Contact our office by email or call 918-596-5011.



Email us for  
info



## John Franklin Stephens Jr. Honored

Tulsa County Commissioners were proud to participate in Expo Square's ceremony honoring John Franklin Stephens Jr. on January 30. Stephens not only oversaw the building of the Golden Driller, the 76-foot-tall symbol of Oklahoma's rich history in oil production, but was also the model for it. Stephens was honored with proclamations from Governor Stitt, Tulsa County, and the Oklahoma Senate.



### Calendar of Events

Date	Event
September 2	Tulsa Punk Rock Flea Market- Expo Square
August 26 - September 3	100x Reining Classic-Expo Square
September 23 - 9am to 1pm	Monarchs on the Mountain- Chandler Park
September 28 - October 8	<a href="#">Tulsa State Fair</a>
October 7 - 4pm to 8pm	Fall Festival - Chandler Park Lower Level
November 3 - 5	Fall Home Expo- Expo Square

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