



DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

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Remarks from Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley

Greetings from District 3! The Holidays are upon us and we have so much to be thankful for.

We are excited to welcome recently elected Lonnie Sims as District 2 County Commissioner. He will be taking over the role from Commissioner Keith in January. His background and experience will help propel the County forward.

Expo Square is staying busy with national equine, BMX, and gymnastic events. And it's almost time for the Chili Bowl once again!

Many communities are hosting holiday parades and events, so be sure to check your local calendars and get out to enjoy the spirit of the holidays.

We wish you health and happiness this holiday season!

Kelly Dunkerley
District 3 County Commissioner
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(L-R) Commissioner Dunkerley, Sheriff Regalado, incoming D2 Commissioner Sims, and Undersheriff Brown, at the Tulsa Veterans Day Parade.





Roads and Bridges

Bridge replacement continues on 201st St. South, between Memorial and Mingo. The previous bridge was built in 1909 and was closed nearly 10 years ago. This \$2.13 million project is scheduled to be complete in early 2025.

The final top layer of a 4-mile resurfacing project on 201st St. from Peoria to Sheridan was completed in October.

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Emergency Disaster Preparedness

District 3 was pleased to participate in the Emergency Disaster Preparedness meeting on November 12. Dr. Phillip Garland, Superintendent of Liberty Public Schools, hosted the gathering. Community members heard from first responders, emergency management professionals, and government officials on how to be better prepared in case of an emergency. More events will be planned in the future.



Gantz Completes Training



District 3 Chief Deputy Darren Gantz recently achieved Basic, Advanced I, and Advanced II accreditations through the County Training Program (CTP). CTP is part of the Oklahoma Cooperative Extension Service at Oklahoma State University (OSU) and is mandated by state statute and authorized under the Commission on County Government Personnel Education and Training.

Gantz completed a minimum of 63 hours of instruction to earn his initial Basic Accreditation, followed by an additional 48 hours of instruction to earn his Advanced I Accreditation. To achieve his Advanced II Accreditation, he completed an additional 36 hours for a total of 147 hours of instruction. Gantz was honored at the 2024 Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma Fall Conference, held recently in Norman.

Mayor of the Year



A big congratulations to Glenpool Mayor Joyce Calvert for winning "Mayor of the Year" for cities over 5,000 from the Mayors Council of Oklahoma. A well deserved honor!

Mayor Calvert was recognized for her dedication to securing funding for critical public works projects and fostering strong relationships with neighboring indigenous governments.

Veterans Events and Services

Tulsa County values our Veterans. We hosted an appreciation lunch for our Veteran employees on November 7. We also represented Tulsa County in the Broken Arrow Veterans parade and the Tulsa Veterans parade. Tulsa County employs approximately 70 Veterans in all departments.

Our County Clerk's office preserves DD214 Military Discharge papers for free. Our Alternative Courts program has a Veterans Treatment Court to help those who have served our nation and who have been charged with a criminal offense and also struggle with addiction or mental health problems. The Tulsa County Assessor's office provides a Disabled Veterans Exemption for 100% Disabled Veterans.

Thank you to all Veterans for your service and sacrifice. For more information on Veteran services, visit www.tulsacounty.org/veterans.



Out and About

Commissioner Dunkerley participated in the Tulsa Veterans parade on November 11. It was a wonderful opportunity to honor all our Veterans for their service and sacrifice.

Tulsa County held a groundbreaking ceremony at the new location for OSU Extension on the OSU Tulsa campus in October. This new location will offer new opportunities to collaborate.

Commissioner Dunkerley attended the retirement



reception of Broken Arrow Police Chief Brandon Berryhill in October. Best wishes to Chief Berryhill on his transition to an Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice for Northeastern State University.

Commissioner Dunkerley attended both the Bixby and Glenpool State of the City addresses in October. It's so exciting to watch the growth and progress of both communities.

We had a blast at the 11 days of Awesome of the Tulsa State Fair. Over a million visitors made their way to the fair to enjoy the exhibits, food, and festivities!

There was a good turn-out for neighborhood cleanup day in September located at Liberty Public Schools. Two 30-foot dumpsters were filled with household waste. Be on the lookout for more cleanup days soon!

Commissioner Dunkerley spoke at the Broken Arrow Chamber's Advocacy Breakfast in September. It's great to hear about all the growth and progress in Broken Arrow.

Would you like Commissioner Dunkerley to speak with your community group or organization? Fill out the speaker request form at the link below. ↓



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Calendar of Events

Date	Event
November 27 - December 1	USA BMX Grand Nationals - SageNet
November 28 - 29	County Offices Closed - Thanksgiving
November 30	Tulsa Flea Market - Expo Square
December 6 - 7	Nutcracker Festival - SageNet
December 7	Broken Arrow Civitan's Christmas Parade
December 7	Jenks Planetarium: Holiday Under the Stars
December 7 - 8	Tulsa Dog Training Club AKC Agility Trials -

	Ranger Arena
December 7 - 8	Mac Gun Show - Exchange Center
December 12 - 14	Tulsa Farm Show - SageNet
December 13	Trivia: The Nightmare Before Christmas - LaFortune Park
December 13 - 15	8th Annual Pride Gymnastics Invitational - Central Park Hall
December 14	Let's Get Frosty - South County Rec
December 21	Holiday on the Hill - Chandler Park
December 30 - January 4	Tulsa Shootout - SageNet
January 12 - 18	Chili Bowl - SageNet



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