

DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from the Commissioner



Wow, what a whirlwind of a year 2023 was. We've made great strides towards improvements to the Levee System and are working to secure additional funding. My Chief Deputy James Rea has given seven tours of our Levee System to state and federal delegations in order to educate them on the importance of the levees. Crucial repairs and updates will begin very soon.

We continue looking for ways to help our community members that are experiencing homelessness. The 2024 Point in Time (P.I.T.) count took place last week. James and I participated last year and it was very illuminating. The data from last year's count can be found at www.housingsolutionstulsa.org/reports-data/pit-data/.

Thank you again for your continued support and I wish you and your family health and happiness in 2024!

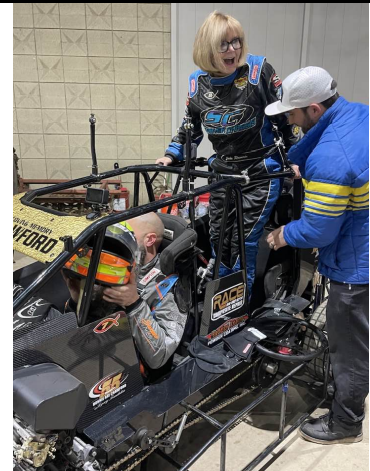


*Sincerely,
Karen Keith, District 2 County Commissioner*

Chili Bowl 2024

Another successful Chili Bowl has come and gone. This world class event attracted more than 300 drivers from five countries and 32 states to compete at the SageNet arena at Expo Square. For the second straight year, Logan Seavey captured the Golden Driller. This event brings millions of tourism dollars to the area each year.

I had the opportunity to ride a few laps in one of the cars driven by Emmett Hahn's grandson Matt. It was so much fun! Thank you to The Hahn family for allowing me to experience the Chili Bowl like never before!



Save The Date- Tulsa County Job Expo

Tulsa County will be hosting a job fair on Wednesday, February 21, at the Expo Square Exchange Center. County departments will be there to answer questions and assist with applications. The Parks Department will be hiring for seasonal summer positions as well! View open positions at <https://www.tulsacounty.org/jobs>.

WE'RE
HIRING!

TULSA COUNTY JOB EXPO



Wednesday, February 21
10am - 6pm

Expo Square Exchange Center



ARPA Updates

The BOCC recently awarded the City Lights Foundation \$1 Million in federal ARPA funds to build infrastructure for a tiny home community in North Tulsa. The village will be a 23-acre community for Tulsans experiencing housing insecurity. Eden's Village, a similar tiny-home community, previously received \$1 Million in ARPA funds.



We also approved \$25,000 to the United Way of Tulsa for operation of the 211 line. United Way hopes to expand and improve the service, which connects Oklahomans to services and resources 24/7.

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

Poll Workers Needed

Tulsa County is in needs over 300 poll workers! Poll Workers are paid based on the job position.

Ready to be a Poll Worker?

- Be a registered voter in Tulsa County
- Attend a mandatory 1-day paid training
- Arrive at the polls at 6am on Election Day

Poll Worker Jobs

- **Inspector** - Picks up supplies and ballots and opens the polls, ensures ballots are processed correctly, returns supplies and ballots to the Election Board office on election night
- **Judge** - Greets voters, verifies voter identification, processes voters and communicates with Clerk to ensure correct ballots are issued
- **Clerk** - Issues ballots, directs voters to voting booths and devices



Find more info and sign up for training: www.tulsacounty.org/pollworkers.

Road Updates



The overlay of West 61st Street South in Oakhurst was recently completed thanks to a partnership between Tulsa County and Creek County. The road sits on the dividing line between the two counties. The project was made possible through collaboration and a Rural Economic Action Plan grant.

If you have a pothole or road issue to report, please visit our online portal at www2.tulsacounty.org/citizen-request/.

Out and About

Commissioner Keith spoke to the women of Tulsa Executive Exchange (TEE) in January, an organization made up of women business owners, executives, and community leaders.

In December, she helped unveil a bench dedicated to former OSU-Tulsa President Pamela Fry on the campus of OSU-Tulsa.

Commissioner Keith also spoke at the Sand Springs Chamber of Commerce "State of the County" event in December with other Tulsa County elected officials.

She had a blast participating in the Veterans Day parade in November. Tulsa County is proud to employ over 70 Veterans in all different departments.

Commissioner Keith also helped kick off the groundbreaking for the new Anne & Henry Zarrow YMCA in West Tulsa in November. The project received \$495,339 in federal ARPA dollars.

Looking for a speaker at your next event? .
Call 918-596-5016 for more information.





Calendar of Events

Date	Event
January 29 - February 4	Tulsa Boat, Sport, and Travel Show - Expo Square SageNet Center
February 9 - 6 to 8:30pm	Black History in Motion at O'Brien Park
February 16 - 18	Vintage Tulsa Show - Expo Square Exchange Center
February 16 - 18	Darryl Starbird Rod and Custom Car Show - Expo Square SageNet Center
February 21	Tulsa County Job Expo- Expo square Exchange Center
February 24 - 6 to 8pm	Bingo at LaFortune Park
March 5 - 10	OKRHA Ride & Slide - Expo Square
March 7- 10	Greater Tulsa Home & Garden Show - Expo Square SageNet Center
March 9	Pickleball Madness at SoCo

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