

# DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

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# **Greetings from the Commissioner**



Mother Nature certainly threw us for a loop on Father's Day. District 2 was hit hard with storm damage, but neighbors and community organizations stepped up to help. Chandler Park had several solar panels blown off the roof and extensive tree damage. Cleanup is still taking place on the hiking trails and disc golf course. Tulsa County Social Services on Charles Page Boulevard served as a cooling station and provided 68 individuals with medication assistance. Our highway crews worked double shifts to clear roadways. Thank you to everyone who has worked so tirelessly to assist with the recovery.

If you are still needing assistance, please call 211 to be connected with resources.



Sincerely, Karen Keith, District 2 County Commissioner

# **Storm Cleanup Resources**

### TREE LIMB DISPOSAL:

Tulsa County residents can utilize the City of Tulsa Greenwaste site at E. Latimer St. & N. 89th East Ave. for **FREE through August!** Bring your ID and recent utility bill. If you live outside the Tulsa, Bixby, Broken Arrow, or Jenks city limits, fill out the following form and take it with you: <a href="https://www2.tulsacounty.org/media/utbjktn0/tulsacounty-manifest-2023.pdf">www2.tulsacounty.org/media/utbjktn0/tulsacounty-manifest-2023.pdf</a>

NOTE: Greenwaste consists of limbs and stumps, NOT construction materials.

### TO VOLUNTEER OR DONATE:

**Red Cross**: 1-800-RED-CROSS(1-800-733-2767) - 24

hours a day.

**United Way:** Dial 211 or 918-836-4357 to donate,



volunteer or seek assistance OR visit their storm relief web page here: <a href="https://www.tauw.org/storm-relief/">https://www.tauw.org/storm-relief/</a>.



# **ARPA Updates**



American Rescue Plan Funds are still being distributed throughout the community. You can view an update and look at some of the great projects and initiatives in the <a href="2023 Tulsa County Recovery Plan.pdf">2023 Tulsa County Recovery Plan.pdf</a> document here.

One great project had a ribbon cutting on July 14 - the accessible playground at THE CENTER for Individuals with Physical Challenges. This innovative playground has spaces for children of all abilities to swing, twirl, make music and much more. Tulsa County was the biggest contributor thanks to ARPA funds.



# **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

# **Upcoming Events and Information**



free vaccines, microchip, and spay or neuter services.

Click here for more info.



The Election Office needs poll workers. Get paid AND help your community. Only work during elections. Training begins in July.

Click here for more info.

### **Out and About**

Commissioner Keith has been busy speaking to community organizations. In March, Commissioner Keith spoke at the Sand Springs Retired Teachers luncheon. She joined a panel of media experts in April to speak to the Women in Communications group about the relevance of traditional media. In June she updated the International Facility Management Association's Tulsa Chapter about all the exciting economic development projects coming to Tulsa County. She also emceed the Oklahoma Home and Community Education fashion show at the Tulsa County Free Fair.

On August 30 at 7:00 am, Commissioner Keith will be speaking to the Sunrise Rotary Club at the Tandy YMCA.

Looking for a speaker at your next event? Commissioner Keith is available to speak or answer questions on a wide variety of topics.



Call 918-596-5016 for more information or email below.

Email us for info



### **Calendar of Events**

Date	Event
July 24 - July 30	NRCHA Hackamore Classic- Expo Square
July 29 - 10am to 2pm	Siegfried Kite Festival- Haikey Creek Park
July 29 - 9am to noon	Back to School Resource Fair- Central Park Hall, Expo Square
August 11 - August 20	NSBA World Show- Expo Square
August 12 - 11am to 4pm	Puppy Palooza- South County Recreation
August 19 - 10am to 2pm	Siegfried Kite Festival - LaFortune Park
August 26 - 10am to 5pm	Maker Faire - Expo Square Exchange Ctr.
August 26 -September 3	100x Reining Classic-Expo Square
September 23 - 9am to 1pm	Monarchs on the Mountain- Chandler Park

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