

# DISTRICT 2 NEWSLETTER

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# **Greetings from the Commissioner**



Spring is here and with it comes all kinds of fun community events.

Sand Springs held their popular Herbal Affair & Festival this past weekend, and it was a huge success. Farmers Markets all over the area are starting back up with fresh produce and baked goodies! Our Tulsa County Parks has several upcoming events planned, including "Art in the Parks" at LaFortune Park, and a family camping weekend at Chandler Park. Our summer camps have already sold out! Mayfest in Tulsa is just around the corner and is bringing artists and musicians together downtown for three days of fun. And we can't forget Cinco de Mayo festivities! So get out and enjoy all our community has to offer, and we hope to see you there!

Sincerely, Karen Keith, District 2 County Commissioner

# **Don Comstock Honorary Street Dedication**

Many in District 2 knew Don Comstock for his dedication to West Tulsa. Comstock volunteered countless hours cleaning and mowing neighborhoods. Don passed away in March, but not before the BOCC approved an honorary designation of .3 miles of W 3rd Street S as Don Comstock Lane. District 2 Commissioner Karen Keith, County staff, and Comstock family members met March 19 for the street dedication.





# **Tulsa Area United Way 100th Anniversary**

Tulsa Area United Way has been serving our community for 100 years! They kicked off the yearlong party with a ceremony at Driller Plaza on April 1. The Golden Driller was dressed in his best TAUW attire and party goers had a cupcake toast to celebrate! The centennial celebration theme is "100 starts with 1". The BOCC signed a proclamation declaring April 1-5, 2024, as Live United Week in Tulsa County. This year they will celebrate the memories, successes, and people whose lives have been changed and saved through a century of heroes.



# Levees

The Levee Feasibility Study, completed in September 2019, showed our levee system could fail due to overtopping and inadequately controlled seepage. Since that time, the cost to repair it has increased to \$191 million. \$137 million in federal funding has already been secured, but requires the match of \$67 million from local and state funds. \$15 Million has been identified from Tulsa's Fix Our Tulsa Program, the Vision Tulsa Program, Vision Tulsa County, and from Drainage District No.12.



Commissioner Keith appeared before the Senate Appropriations Committee in February to discuss levee funding. They voted to approve the \$50 million needed for levee improvements. The House also approved the request. The bill received approval from the full senate on Wednesday, April 25, and funds are pending availability at the end of the session. We are very grateful to the Legislators for their support.

# **Road Updates**

In March, County crews milled, patched, and overlaid S. Yukon Ave. near AAON. The county road sees heavy truck and equipment travel and was due for an update.

Other recently completed projects include 36th St S, 257th W Ave., and 8th St. S. Upcoming projects include 51st S, East of Highway 97, Charles Page Blvd from 81st W Ave to 65th W Ave., and the Oakhurst Estates Subdivision.



Tulsa County's mowing contractor will begin mowing right-of-way beginning in May. Please contact us if you notice any trouble spots or missed areas.

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

# Earth Day at Chandler Park

# Chandler Park celebrated Earth day on April 19 and 20.

Friday featured activities for students, home school groups, and organizations. Saturday was open to the everyone. There were scavenger hunts, hikes, plantings, journal making, a trash fashion show, and much more! Last year, Chandler Park won the "Green Event of the Year" from the Metropolitan Environmental Trust.

(photos L-R) Trash Fashion Show, Chief Deputy James Rea tries the nature activity





# **Homeless Outreach Resources**

If you encounter someone experiencing homelessness, scan the QR Code or click the link below to request assistance from an outreach team:www.housingsolutionstulsa.org/assistance-request/

Email: outreach@housingsolutionstulsa.org

Phone: (918) 322-9922



# **Out and About**

Commissioner Keith helped kick off the State of Downtown Tulsa event held by the Downtown Tulsa Partnership at the Vista at 21 in Greenwood on April 18. Urbanist Richard Florida spoke about ways to invigorate downtown areas and attract more residents and businesses.

Commissioner Keith, along with Commissioner Dunkerley, Commissioner Sallee, Parks Director Charles Wall, Tennis Director Melissa McCorkle, and donor Mike Case, broke ground on the Case Tennis Center expansion at LaFortune Park on April 16. Three new indoor courts, viewing areas, and parking are being added to the already busy facility.

The Commissioners attended a ceremony at the Parent Child Center of Tulsa, where they proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention and Awareness Month. 2,711 pinwheels were planted to represent the number of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect in Tulsa County each year.

We were thrilled to welcome the Bass Master Classic back to downtown Tulsa. The event drew 107,000 to the area. Commissioner Keith helped cut the ribbon on March 22 to open the convention at the Cox Business Center.

Commissioner Keith spoke at the Jenks Chamber Legislative luncheon on March 13. She gave an update on economic development throughout the County.

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











# **Calendar of Events**

Date	Event
April 26 - 28	Mid-Continent Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show- SageNet Center
April 27	Jenks Herb and Plant Festival
April 27 - 5pm	Tulsa VFW Never Forget Garden Dedication
April 27	Carney Fest - The Church Studio
April 30 - 7:30am	Breakfast with Karen at the Crescent Café
May 3 - 4	Kentucky Derby- Fair Meadows Hall
May 4	Tour de Tulsa- River West Festival Park
May 4	Senior Living Expo - Exchange Center

May 4 - 5	Oklahoma Dressage Spring I & 2
May 5	Bridal and Wedding Expo- Central Park Hall
May 11 - 5	Breeder's Invitational- Ford Livestock Complex, Expo Square
May 12	Oddities and Curiosities Expo- SageNet
May 12 - 14	Mayfest- Downtown Tulsa
May 25 - May 26	Family Camping Night at Chandler Park
May 31 - 6 to 8pm	Art in the Park- LaFortune Park

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