



# DISTRICT 3 NEWSLETTER

## Remarks from Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley

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Hello Tulsa County! We've made a few updates and changes to our website you may need to be aware of. [bit.ly/dunkerley](http://bit.ly/dunkerley)

First of all, our road paving plan for year 2024 to 2025 is now available on the right hand side of our webpage. There is a link where you can report a problem; whether it's a pothole, maybe some improper mowing or a tree limb that needs to be trimmed, just let us know. We have also included some economic development updates that you might want to pay attention to. Check out our District 3 team's bios, too.

In addition, we also have added a Request to Speak; if you have a civic club or an organization that you would like Commissioner to speak at please click that link and complete the information. Thank you to Tulsa County citizens. It's an honor to serve as District 3 Commissioner.

*Kelly Dunkerley*  
District 3 County Commissioner  
[www2.tulsacounty.org/government/elected-officials/kelly-dunkerley/](http://www2.tulsacounty.org/government/elected-officials/kelly-dunkerley/)



## Roads and Bridges



### Bridge Replacement Completed!

Doyle Nix, longtime South Tulsa County resident, was the first driver to cross the new bridge when it opened on 171st Street, between Elwood & Hwy 75. Thank you for being patient during this project.

### Bridge Repaving

Repaving continues on 5 small bridges on a 1.3 mile stretch of 171st St. between 145th E. Ave & 161st E. Ave. (Old Hwy 64).

### Snake Creek Bridge Replacement



The 201st St. S Bridge over Snake Creek has been closed while replacement plans were being made. Construction started this week with site clearing. Snake Creek Bridge is a truss bridge built in 1909. It is 125 ft long, and 14 feet wide and was Functionally Obsolete and Structurally Deficient, prior to its closure. This \$2.13 Million project is estimated to be complete in January of 2025.



### Garnett and 101st Expansion

The project will widen Garnett Rd. from 2 lanes to 4 lanes, from 101st St S to the OTA overpass, and to 5 lanes from the overpass to the 91st St S Intersection. The project is being funded by 4 to Fix II (~1.7M) and a Hazard Mitigation Grant (~8.1M), for an overall project cost of ~9.8M. The project will take approximately 10-12 months, and will be bid as soon as the regulatory approvals are completed. We hope to be cleared to bid the project late in 2024 for a spring 2025 construction start. Expect to start seeing some progress very soon!

[www2.tulsacounty.org/government/departments-offices/highway-engineering/](http://www2.tulsacounty.org/government/departments-offices/highway-engineering/)

## Economic Development

Economic Development is booming in Tulsa County! Over 10 years ago, Commissioner Dunkerley was on the frontline to help bring Simon Premium Outlets to Jenks. On August 15th, he was front and center with other speakers such as Governor Kevin Stitt, State Representative Lonnie Sims, Muscogee Nation Chief David Hill, and Simon Mall Officials for their Grand Opening.



The new Reasor's in Broken Arrow opened August 8. There are also several new restaurants and shopping venues coming to the South Aspen Ave./Creek Turnpike Area.



The new Scheel's store at Woodland Hills Mall is set to open this October and it's going to be a shopping and recreation destination! Once opened, Tulsa Scheels will employ over 500 workers and house 75 specialty shops within 240,000 square feet of retail space housing over a million products from hunting gear to home decor, and everything in between.



Bixby is also poised for growth with the new hotel and conference center, shopping and office space going in at "Spartan Square."



# What's New at the Parks

## Junior Disc Golf World Championship

Chandler Park and Haikey Creek Park were thrilled to welcome hundreds of athletes from 19 countries and 35 states to compete in the PDGA Junior Disc Golf World Championship in July. Watch the video recap here:

[www.facebook.com/Tulsacountyparks/videos/481178454557510](http://www.facebook.com/Tulsacountyparks/videos/481178454557510)



## LaFortune Park Tennis Center

The LaFortune Park Tennis Center was just named a USTA Missouri Valley premier facility! The USTA Premier Facility program launched this year and was designed to cultivate a standard of excellence across the tennis industry by recognizing and rewarding best-in-class tennis operators!

Expansion continues on the LaFortune Park Tennis Center as well. The ground breaking took place in April and will include three new indoor courts, spectator seating, restrooms and other essential court amenities.

## South Lakes and LaFortune Golf Courses

The restrooms are almost complete at South Lakes! These beautiful new facilities are a huge upgrade!

If you want to beat the heat, play in the evening under the lights of the LaFortune Park Golf Course, par 3 course (51st and S Yale). Lights are on until 11:00 p.m.



## Haikey Creek Pickleball

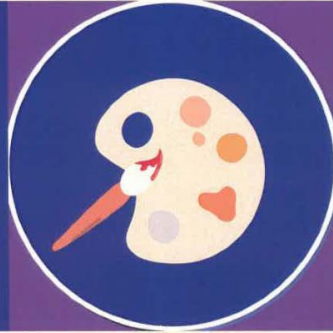
The Pickleball Courts at Haikey Creek Park are now back open after court resurfacing and the installation of new nets. A new lighting system was installed last year to extend play opportunities.

# ART IN THE PARK

**Saturday,  
September 14  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

 **Southwest entrance of  
LaFortune Park**

***Honoring  
Tulsa County's  
First Responders  
and their families***

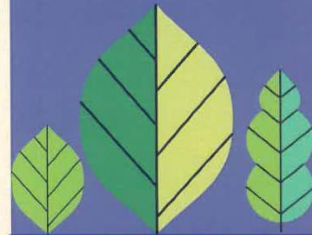


**TOUCH-A-TRUCK**

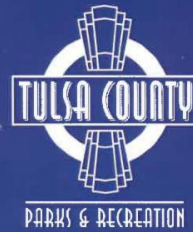


Art in the Park is free to the public and will feature live entertainment, food vendors, interactive activities, and art on display by local area Tulsa artists. Grab a comfy lawn chair, unwind, and soak in the beautiful scenery of LaFortune Park.

- Live music
- Art
- Vendors
- Food
- Fun!



***11 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Live music by:  
Mr. & Mrs.  
Smith***







The 9th Annual

# MONARCHS ON THE MOUNTAIN

2024 MIGRATION CELEBRATION

*Celebrating Eastern Oklahoma's vital role in the amazing Monarch butterfly migration!*

**A TULSA COUNTY PARKS SIGNATURE EVENT**

Mobile Migration  
Event & Plant Sale  
Planting Days  
Merch



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION

**SAT, SEP 21ST**

9am - 1pm, Chandler Park  
**FOOD TRUCKS, ACTIVITIES, AND MORE!**

Presentations by Dr. Emily Geest at 10am and 1:30pm.  
Tagging demo at 11:30am.

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**Out and About**

Commissioner Dunkerley was front and center for the big grand opening of the Simon Premium Outlet Mall in Jenks.

The Commissioner also toured the new Scheels Sporting Good Store being built at the Woodland Hills Mall. It's set to open in October.

He was also on hand for the new Reasor's store grand opening in Broken Arrow on August 9.

The groundbreaking for the new Senator James M. Inhofe Air Traffic Control Tower at the Tulsa International Airport took place on August 1. The new tower will be 100 feet taller than the current 70-year-old structure, greatly increasing the square footage available for commercial business expansion on TIA grounds.



Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell, Congressman Kevin Hern, and Commissioner Kelly Dunkerley all spoke at the dedication of the 15-foot bronze angel, Grace at the Memorial Park Cemetery. A beautiful new landmark, the designer of the monument chose an angel to provide comfort to visitors, conveying life is eternal.



Would you like to schedule Commissioner Dunkerley as a speaker at your next event? Fill out the form at the link below.

[Request Commissioner Dunkerley to be your next speaker - click here](#)

## Calendar of Events

Date	Event
August 24 - 10am to 1pm	<a href="#">Siegfried Kite Festival</a> - South County Rec
August 24 - September 1	<a href="#">Tulsa Reining Classic</a> - Expo Square
August 30 - September 2	<a href="#">Zink Lake and Dam Opening Party</a>
August 31	<a href="#">Tulsa Punk Rock Flea Market</a> - Expo Square
September 2	County Offices Closed - Labor Day
September 7 - 10am to 1pm	<a href="#">Grand Opening</a> of Samuel Washington Nature Center at Chandler Park
September 14 - 11am to 1pm	<a href="#">Art in the Park</a> - LaFortune Park
September 17- 7pm to 8pm	<a href="#">Harvest Moon Hike</a> - Chandler Park
September 20 - 9am to noon	<a href="#">Paint in the Park</a> - LaFortune Park
September 21 - 9am to 1pm	<a href="#">Monarchs on the Mountain</a> - Chandler Park
September 26 - October 6	<a href="#">Tulsa State Fair</a>

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