



DISTRICT 2 Newsletter

May 2018

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE HOLIDAY.

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By Commissioner Keith

May is on the horizon along with it May Day, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. We hope there are no bad weather events but just in case our new Executive Director Joseph Kralicek of TAEMA has provided us with some timely information about his department.

Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency

By Joseph Kralicek, Executive
Director

Oklahomans are no strangers to disasters. As a result, we have all learned to rely on our area first response community to conduct rescues and save lives. But very few people know about the work that is performed by the [Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency \(TAEMA\)](#) to prepare for the disasters and coordinate the aftermath to help get those affected recover. TAEMA in its modern form owes its existence to the old Tulsa City-County Civil Defense

program started after the Second World War, and still takes the mission of protecting the people of Tulsa County very seriously, having expanded its role to meet the needs of the community. In addition to preparing for man-made issues such as civil unrest, attacks on the population, and hazardous materials release, TAEMA also plans for and works to mitigate against 13 different types of natural disaster that might affect the residents of Tulsa County.

Even if you don't know about TAEMA, you have undoubtedly heard them at work as they are the agency responsible for activation of the outdoor warning sirens, a task which requires constant monitoring of weather conditions. The siren system has three different alerts that can be sounded: a steady tone which is used for tornados, a high-low tone used for flooding, and a warbling tone used in the event of nuclear attack.

During a disaster, TAEMA operates the Emergency Operations Center and helps to coordinate the communities' response activities to ensure that disasters are handled as efficiently as possible.

Following a disaster TAEMA is tasked with performing official damage assessments and beginning the recovery

process to help the residents resume life as it had been prior to the disaster, helping to ensure that the impact to the community is minimal. In order to help citizens prepare for disasters TAEMA has created a free mobile app for Android and iOS devices called ["Tulsa Ready" that can be downloaded from the Google Play store and the App Store.](#)

49th West Avenue Road Work

By Scott Gray, District 2
Maintenance Superintendent

49th West Avenue is now open, is back to normal. Drainage boxes were replaced on the south end of 49th in the 3500 block. An asphalt overlay will be placed this summer.

Those Monday Church Dinners!

By Commissioner Keith

I wanted to highlight the Monday church dinners that are held each month at various locations throughout the west Tulsa area. These dinners began in the Lake Station neighborhood first and is widely known as “**First Monday Feast**”. It was begun by Mary Ann McGinty as a way to generate can goods and/or money that could be given to the Sand Springs Community Service to provide meals for those who are in need. It is held on the **first Monday of each month at Lake Station First United Methodist Church, 7750 West 14th Street, Tulsa**. The cost is \$1 or a can of food which is then donated to the Sand Springs Community Service. The church starts serving at 5:30 p.m. but you had better get there early for a parking spot, the best seat at the table, and to visit with the neighbors! The following churches follow the same premise as Lake Station First United Methodist Church: **Olivet Baptist Church at 155 North 65th West Avenue hosts the 2nd Monday of the Month Meal; Grace United Methodist Church at 519 South 49th West Avenue hosts the 3rd Monday of the Month meal; and Sand Springs United Methodist Church at 319 North Main Street hosts the 4th Monday of the Month Meal.**

District Business Highlight, Colebrook Nursery

By John Fothergill



It is so wonderful to have many nurseries in Tulsa County for our citizens to shop for all of their landscaping needs. [Colebrook Nursery](#) is one of those choices! Colebrook is located at 5915 West 31st Street, Tulsa. Please visit their website at [colebrooknursery.com](#) for store hours. You can also follow them on Facebook. They have a knowledgeable, friendly staff to aid Tulsa County citizens in picking out just the right flower, shrub and/or tree to

make your yard beautiful. Not only can they help with those choices but they also have gardening supplies galore! Gordon will be happy to talk with you about your landscaping needs.



PatriotFest 2018

By John Fothergill



As the past chair of [PatriotFest](#), I might be biased, but I don't think you can have a better time on the Saturday before Memorial Day, than to attend PatriotFest on Route 66! PatriotFest started in 2015 and is sponsored by the [Tulsa Route 66 Main Street](#) program. PatriotFest is staffed completely by volunteers and they have some amazing partners that include the City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, [the Route 66 Village](#), the Southwest Tulsa Chamber, the Tulsa Metro Chamber, and many other organizations who participate by showing their support for veterans, donating goods and services, and making financial contributions. Interest in the 2018 PatriotFest has spread to other Route 66 organizations and enthusiasts and organizers expect participation to grow substantially. The objectives of PatriotFest are to support our military and veteran organizations, promote Tulsa as the “Most Patriotic City” in the nation and to promote Route

66 and Tulsa as destination city for the Memorial Day weekend.

The event kicks off with a cruise from East Central High School to Webster High School down historic Route 66 and is the only time you can blow every red light without fear of getting a ticket. An exciting part of the PatriotFest is always the car and motorcycle show and the winners. We also have a most Patriotic Pet competition, Patriotic Pinup competition, a kid's zone, live music from various bands, food trucks vendors, military uniform display, and veteran's agencies and support groups.

Thanks to our sponsors and festival donors, we were able to give away \$15,000 in awards from last year's proceeds. The organizations receiving awards this year include: [Veteran's Memorial Cemetery](#), Commerce, OK: \$5,000, [Coffee Bunker](#): \$4,000, [Veteran's Day Parade](#): \$2,000, [Folds of Honor](#): \$1,000, [Pets for Vets](#): \$1,000, [Blue Star Mothers, Chapter 1](#): \$1,000 and [Daniel Webster High School's JROTC](#): \$1,000.

There is something for everyone and if you come out, I promise you won't be disappointed or your money back (it's free to attend)!

Family Center for Juvenile Justice

By Commissioner Keith



The [Juvenile department](#), employees, Judges and support teams, will be walking into a new building in a little over a year. Ground was broken on the 7.5 acre, old Storey Wrecker Site near Denver and Archer Friday, April

20th. There are many to thank for getting us to this point.



Our best advocate for the project, Judge Doris Fransein is considered a national expert on best practices in the world of Juvenile Justice and has a hand in designing court rooms that will be “more nurturing” for our youth and families as they interact with the system. The Zarrow Foundation gift of a million dollars will insure that the exterior of the building will be as inviting as the interior. Norm and Scott Asbjornson with AAON will make sure we have the most up to date heating and cooling for the buildings. The Architect Team at Selser Schaefer worked years to make us the best possible facility for the money, with Crossland Construction doing the building. Reed Woods, Justin Jones and Deputy John Fothergill were instrumental in working with the entire team to get the project over the finish line.



The Family Center for Juvenile Justice will face Archer, the skin will be predominately colored Aluminum panels.

The facility will include two buildings: A 100,000 square foot courthouse, with 6 courtrooms, administrative offices and a 47,000 square foot detention facility with 60 beds, a dining hall, classrooms and an enclosed recreation yard.

The facility is being funded with a .041 percent countywide sales tax that will run 15 years. We are all grateful to the taxpayers for making this project possible and giving our employees a much better place to go to work!

Welcome Aboard! Michael Craddock

By Commissioner Keith



Please help me in welcoming [Michael Craddock, Tulsa County Acting Commissioner, District 1](#). He is completing former Commissioner John Smaligo's term. He has been a Tulsa resident since graduation from Oklahoma State University. He has a bachelor of Science in Business Administration. He has been a licensed real estate sales associate in Oklahoma since 1983 and a broker since 1986.

Michael spent two years with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and has a strong background in problem solving. He is actively involved in the Oklahoma Association of REALTORS and served as President in 2009. In 2015, he served as President of the Greater Tulsa Association of REALTORS. The Oklahoma Association of REALTORS selected him as REALTOR of the Year in 2016. In 2012/2013 he served as an Oklahoma Real Estate Commissioner. He serves on the Research Committee, Commercial Committee and as a National Board of Director Member of the National Association of REALTORS. In 2000, he started a right-of-way acquisition company to help Counties and Municipalities with various infrastructure projects. This venture allowed him to be involved with highway and road projects as a court appointed commissioner for the City of Tulsa and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. His other accomplishments include:

1. Most Unique Deal of the Year Award from Hotel Motel Brokers of America.
2. 2015 - Appointed by Mayor Bartlett to Tulsa Preservation Commission.

3. 2017 - Served as Chair on the Tulsa Preservation Commission.

4. 2017 - Reappointed to serve additional three-year term on Tulsa Preservation Commission.

If you need to reach Acting Commissioner Craddock, please call him at [918-596-5020](tel:918-596-5020) or mcraddock@tulsacounty.org

Expo Square Public Events

<http://www.exposquare.com/events>

5/5, 2018: Off Track Betting Special Event, Kentucky Derby

5/5 & 6, 2018: OK Dressage Society Show

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5/5 & 12, 2018: Flea Market

5/6, 2018: NEOkla SCCA Solo-Auto X

5/12- 26, 2018: Breeder's Invitational

5/19, 2018: Off Track Betting Special Event - Preakness

5/19 & 20, 2018: RK Shows Inc. Gun & Knife Show

Memorial Day, May 28, 2018

Memorial Day or Decoration Day (which dates back during the Civil War) is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering the people who died while serving in the country's armed forces. The holiday is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May. Before 1967 it was officially called Decoration Day. In 1971, observation was changed from May 30 to the last Monday of May.

Do You Need A Public Speaker?

Commissioner Keith and Deputy Commissioner Fothergill are available to speak to your group. From Boy Scouts to Rotary to a church group, we will do our best to be available to speak or answer questions on a wide range of topics that deal with Tulsa County. If you would like to check their availability, please contact Sherry Langston at slangston@tulsacounty.org or call 918-596-5016.



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BOCC United Way Project

Would you like to purchase a Tulsa County logo front vanity license plate for your vehicle or “just because” it looks so good? Proceeds go to the Tulsa Area United Way campaign. **Please contact Sherry at 918-596-5016 and she will take care of it. Cost is \$10.00**

County meetings are located at: Ray Jordan Tulsa County Administration Building
500 South Denver, Avenue, Tulsa, OK

		1	2	3	4 International Jazz Fest, 6:00 p.m., Guthrie Green	5 100 Mile Yard Sale – Sand Springs www.sandspringschamber.com for a map with towns
6 100 Mile Yard Sale- con't	7 BOCC Meeting, 9:30 am, Room 119 Keystone Fire Meeting, 25505 W. 41 St. South, Sand Springs	8 Tax Roll Corrections Board Meeting, 3:00 pm, Room 119	9	10	11	12
13	14 BOCC Meeting, 9:30 am, Room 119	15	16	17 TCPFA Meeting, 8:00 am, Expo Square Culinary Training Center, 3902 E. 15 th , Tulsa SPECIAL BOCC Management Conf., 9:30 am, Room 315 Library Commission Meeting, Zarrow Regional Library, 2224 W. 51 St., Tulsa, 12:00–1 pm	18	19
20	21 BOCC Meeting, 9:30 am, Room 119 Industrial Authority Meeting, 10:30 am, Room 315 Budget Board Meeting, 2:00 pm, Room 119	22 Breakfast With Karen, Crescent Café, 7:30 am, 3417 S. 113 W. Ave., Sand Springs	23 TCCJA Meeting, 8:30 a.m., Room 119	24	25	26 Route 66 PatriotFest, 8:00 a.m.. Route 66 Village, 3770 SW Boulevard, Tulsa
27	28 COUNTY OFFICES CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY	29 BOCC Meeting, 8:30 am, Room 119	30	31 3 rd Annual Taste of Sand Springs, 6:00- 8:00 p.m., s4600 S. 129 W. Ave., Sand Springs		