



City of Tuttle

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January 2022 Monthly Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

12/31	Closed in observance of New Year's Day
01/03	Planning Commission 6:30 PM
01/10	City Council Meeting 7:00 PM
01/24	City Council Workshop 6:00 PM
01/10-01/14	Bulk Trash NORTH of SH-37
01/17-01/21	Bulk Trash SOUTH of SH-37
02/03	OBI Blood Drive @ City Hall

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The City of Tuttle would like to thank the following sponsors for supporting the community with sponsorships for Home for the Holidays: M&T Septic & Backhoe, Patriot Heat and Air, P&C Sales, Absolute Smiles Family Dentistry, Sooner State Bank, Williams Foods, Al's Heat and Air, First National Bank, Farm Credit, Scallywags Pet Resort, Vibe Beauty Bar, The Dauphin Mortgage Team, Jaree Spurlock Agency, Marshall Auto Supply/NAPA, Excel Physical Therapy, Cokes Mechanical Heat & Air, Ladder Up Christmas Lighting, First Baptist Church, and Martinbird Tree Farm for donating the City's tree again this year. Mr. & Mrs. Martin have donated the tree since the first festival, this is greatly appreciated. Also, to Mandy Hess and the staff of Flower Boutique for decorating the outside tree. Thank you to the Tuttle Christian Church for providing their building for Santa and staffing the Santa room, Republic Services for providing trash service for the event, Erica Gibson Photography for lending us her gorgeous couch for Santa pictures and to Soar Business Solution for discounted drone and aerial footage of the festival and Parade of Lights.

Thank you to the many businesses, booster clubs, organizations, churches, and individuals that continue to support the community, without their support we simply could not do this fun event.

Thank you to the City's staff for working diligently in preparation for the night, every person in every department has a role in the planning and execution of the event.

Thank you to everyone that came to the event this year, we did a few things different this year and the changes seemed to work great. This was the biggest and best festival to date, I can't wait to start planning the 2022 Home for the Holidays Festival.

Amber Riley, Parks and Events

JOB OPENINGS

The City of Tuttle is now accepting applications for seasonal part-time and seasonal temporary full-time employees and supervisors for the Parks & Recreation Department. We will be hiring two full-time seasonal grounds keepers and multiple concession stand workers. Concession stand workers must be 16 or older on or before March 15th, 2022.

We are also hiring a full-time Network IT Tech. Applications can be found at www.cityoftuttle.com Please submit a resume or completed application to HR@cityoftuttle.com, mail to PO Box 10 or drop a resume off at City Hall. The City of Tuttle is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

BULK TRASH SERVICE REMINDER

January is bulk trash month:

NORTH of State Hwy 37 -- January 10th-14th
All bulk trash must be at the curb by Sunday, January 9th.

SOUTH of State Hwy 37 -- January 17th-21st
All bulk trash must be at the curb by Sunday, January 16th.

There is a limit of three cubic yards per household. Three cubic yards is the equivalent to two-thirds of a regular pick-up bed. The bulk waste program only applies to City of Tuttle utility and trash customers.

For a complete list of items that can and cannot be picked up as bulk waste, please see details at <https://www.cityoftuttle.com/302/Bulk/Trash>.

If at any time you need a roll-off container you must contact Republic Waste Services to order a roll-off container for an additional charge. The contact number for Republic Waste Services is 405-745-4141.

LETTER FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Dear Tuttle Community,

We have reached 2022! Transitioning to a new year is always an exciting time at City Hall. Not only does the calendar change represent the beginning of a new fiscal year, when all of our budgets are reset, but it also represents a time to reset our focus on the many services we provide.

The most exciting news is in regards to the Tuttle Public Library. The word “public” in the title has been a bit misleading. I gave a presentation years ago pointing out Tuttle was the largest community in Oklahoma without a publicly funded library. The current library began operation in 2013. With the library’s formation in 2013, the library has been operated and funded by the Friends of the Tuttle Public Library (FOTPL). Up to this point, the City’s involvement has been to provide a building at no cost for the library’s use and to not charge for the use of city-provided utilities (i.e. water, sewer, trash, natural gas, and fiber internet). The FOTPL has been reimbursing the City for the monthly electric bill since 2013. Looking through some old City Council (then Town Council) minutes, I found a formal request made by the Tuttle Lions Club requesting the Town of Tuttle to start a public library inside of the old City Hall back in 1961.

Libraries serve an important role in communities. Everyone knows that libraries are the place to go to “check out” a book. However, libraries are so much more. Libraries provide enhanced educational experiences for persons of all ages. Libraries provide free access to movies and audio books. Libraries provide computers and internet access for everyone, regardless of income status. Libraries provide spaces for groups to gather for meetings. Libraries are economic development engines which provide additional opportunities for residents to consider shopping and doing business locally. Studies show libraries across Oklahoma and the rest of the nation are busier than ever as the libraries continue to evolve with the needs of their communities.

Now, more than 60 years later, the City Council has appropriated funds to operate the library as a true public library for the first time. The adoption of the budget simply sets a minimum amount for a bare-bone library operation. Much more funding will be necessary in order to operate the library in a similar manner as you will find in Mustang, Newcastle, and most other communities. Before the City can begin operating the library, we will need to adopt ordinances, enter into agreements with the FOTPL, coordinate with the Oklahoma Department of Libraries, and much more. This will take time; however, the allocation of minimum funding is a major step amongst many steps in making the library publicly operated.

The FOTPL has done an incredible job raising money and operating the library themselves. The volunteers have put in numerous hours, and for many volunteers these hours have been weekly, equivalent to working a part-time job. About every library in the nation has a “Friends” group who works to support their local libraries, similar to the booster clubs who support our local school athletics and organizations. The FOTPL will continue in this manner. The FOTPL welcomes anyone to join to support the library and its day-to-day operations.

The budget is posted on the City’s website, www.cityoftuttle.com, along with other financial documents. We strive to be transparent with our finances. Feel free to take a look. If you have questions, or have an idea, please reach out to Amber Riley at ariley@cityoftuttle.com.

Sincerely,

Tim Young, City Manager