



Tulsa Technology Owasso Campus Dr. Kara Gae Neal presented drawings and specifics about the school to the Owasso City Council, March 2, 2010. Construction is scheduled to begin in late Spring 2010. This is the result of a unique partnership between Tulsa Technology, the City and private sector. The facilities will also provide space for Tulsa Community College, and meeting facilities to accommodate up to 1200 attendees.

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"Your Course" Bailey Ranch Golf Club
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Calendar of Upcoming Events March 2010 - May 2010

Regular Council Meetings
109 N. Birch - 6:30 p.m.
March 2 and 16
April 6 and 20
May 4 and 18

Board of Adjustment
109 N Birch - 6:00 p.m.
March 23
April 27
May 25

Planning Commission
109 N Birch - 6:00 p.m.
March 8
April 12
May 10

Annexation Committee
109 N Birch - 5:00 p.m.
March 24
April 28
May 26



City Council Meetings are open to the public. Regular meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 109 N. Birch, in the Old Central building east of City Hall.

Meetings begin at 6:30 p.m.

A list of meetings and agendas can be viewed on the City website, or if you prefer, can be emailed to you. Please contact Julie Stevens at jstevens@cityofowasso.com, or 376-1577.

Character First Leadership & Management Training

Hosted By: The City of Owasso and Owasso Character Council

Make Plans To Attend: April 20, 2010, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (lunch on your own) Old Central, 109 N Birch, Owasso, OK 74055

Cost To Attend \$50.00 per attendee. Checks can be made out to City of Owasso

Register Today Advanced Registration Required. Registration deadline is April, 12, 2010
Contact: Michele Dempster, mdempster@cityofowasso.com
Phone (918) 376-1535

Are you an owner, leader or manager of a business looking for a way to increase profit and employee morale? Find out how to do this and more by attending our Character First! Leadership & Management Training. You will receive powerful, yet practical insights on how to implement a focus on character within your organization and the lasting benefits that will result.

Spring, 2010

No Text and Email While Driving

In order to ensure the safety of citizens, the City has implemented a policy that prohibits City of Owasso employees from texting or emailing while operating vehicles on city business. For more information and a link to a video depicting the importance of this policy, visit the City's website at www.cityofowasso.com

Character Traits

March - Tolerance

Realizing that everyone is at varying levels of character development.

April - Creativity

Approaching a need, a task, or an idea from a new perspective.

May - Discretion

Recognizing and avoiding words, actions, and attitudes that could bring undesirable consequences.

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2010 Census - What it means for Owasso and you

Why is the 2010 Census important? The simple answer is the 2010 Census is the voice of our community in government. Without an updated Census, funds cannot be distributed to the areas that need them the most. The Census will help support decisions that need to be made which are vital to the future of our community.



our community and will be crucial in determining the number of seats being apportioned in the U.S. House of Representatives and in deciding how more than \$400 billion per year will be

time to fill in the form and mail it back promptly. When you think about it and do the math, it is easy to see what an accurate count of residents can do for our community. Better infrastructure, more services and, most importantly, a brighter future for our children.

Citizens should begin watching the mail in early March for the 2010 Census questionnaire. The form contains 10 questions that will take about 10 minutes to answer. It must be returned before

As citizens of Owasso and across the country fill out census forms, they are making a statement as to what resources our community will need going forward.

The accuracy of the data being reported will be a reflection of changes within

allocated for projects like new hospitals, job training centers, schools, senior centers, bridges, and other public works needs, as well as emergency services.

It is vitally important to take

April 1st. Being counted will ensure that our city benefits from a fair share of municipal aid that is provided to communities. Visit www.2010census.gov or call 376-1540 for more information.

Bailey Ranch Partners with YMCA

Bailey Ranch Golf Club is excited to introduce our exclusive partnership with Green Country YMCA. As a result of this partnership, members from any of the area YMCAs can play golf at Bailey Ranch for an amazing 45% off the normal price. This is a great opportunity to promote golf as an affordable option to those trying to have fun while maintaining a healthy, active lifestyle. With the program, YMCA members simply need to show proof of membership at check-in to take advantage of super savings on a great golf experience.

off those golf clubs. Now is the time to get a head start on your game. Bailey Ranch offers many programs to fit every golfer's needs. Memberships for the serious



golfer, discount cards for the budget conscious golfer, Family Tees for the young golfer, and FUN for every golfer. For more information call 274-GOLF (4653) or check us out on the web at

www.BaileyRanchGolf.com.

FREE Golf on "Your Course Day"... Bailey Ranch will host its fourth "Your Course Day" on Saturday March 13. The response for this event has been very successful as Owasso citizens have enjoyed fun filled days of activities for the entire family at no cost. Clinics, contests, and giveaways have all been part of the festivities.

Visit Bailey Ranch Golf Course Online at www.baileyranchgolf.com

Or call **918-274-4653**

Golf Course News... Spring is here and it's time to dust

OWASSO PARKS

All Park restrooms and the Spray Pad at Rayola Park are scheduled to open for the season on April 1 2010 and will be open from day light to dark in order to better serve the community of Owasso.

Residents requesting a shelter reservation can visit cityofowasso.com or call the Parks office at 371-7975 from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Friday.

“In the spring I have counted one hundred and thirty-six different kinds of weather inside of four and twenty hours.”

Mark Twain



CH Roger Shell Station (about 1930)
Inspiration for proposed replica CNG filling station

Visit the Owasso Museum to learn more about Owasso's history.

26 South Main
(918) 272-4966
Tu-Fri 12pm - 4pm
Sat 10am - 4pm

CITY MANAGER'S NOTE - CITY STAFF PRESENTS GREEN PLAN

Nearly a year ago, City staff began researching green initiatives in an attempt to create a plan which could guide the City toward a more environmentally friendly future. The result is the City's *Go Green!* Report, which was presented to the City Council at the March 2, 2010 Council Meeting. The plan was developed with the full participation of every city department and included 32 individual team members serving on 7 committees. The report addresses environmental concerns and includes strategies, recommendations, and schedules for implementation of proposed ideas.

The City's initial *Go Green!* discussion centered on why the City should undertake an initiative which, much like the City's Character Program, is perpetual. While there are myriad arguments for the development of a green culture, there are four compelling reasons as to why the City of Owasso

should pursue a greener approach to delivering public services:

- Reduce the ecological footprint of the City
- Reduce the consumption of natural resources by the City
- Provide a healthier and more productive workplace and community
- Achieve a reduction in the cost of operating our local government

The City's *Go Green!* Report is divided into six broad categories, and addresses:

- Green Facilities
- Green Processes
- Green Vehicles and Equipment
- Green Codes and Development
- Green Utility Facilities and Structures
- Public and Employee Education

Each of these broad categories is further divided into

groups containing proposals and recommendations for study and future action, as well as cost estimates and preliminary scheduling categories for implementation.

Through this report, and the community discussions that will follow, we anticipate the addition of new and creative ideas which, when implemented, will positively impact the delivery of the City's services. However, it should be recognized that becoming a truly green community will require the support of residents and a change in the current culture, as well as an understanding that a green philosophy is and will continue to be a process more than an event.

The *Go Green!* Report can be found on the City's website at www.cityofowasso.com. Comments and suggestions can be submitted to the City Manager at rjray@cityofowasso.com.

INTRODUCING THE NEW COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR



Karl Fritschen began his employment as the Community Development Director with the City, March 1, 2010. He has a Bachelor's degree in Landscape Architecture from Oklahoma State University, and a Master's degree in Regional and City Planning from the University of Oklahoma. His previous employment in-

cludes a position at the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments in Oklahoma City, and most recently in the Charlotte, NC region, working for the City of Concord, NC and WSP Sells, a global private civil engineering firm.

Karl was previously employed in Owasso as the city planner from 1997 through 1999. While here, Karl developed the Comprehensive Land Use Master Plan, which is still in use today. His wife and son join him in Owasso. Karl's wife is originally from Frederick, Mary-

land. Karl stated, "I believe my experience in North Carolina was some of the most valuable experience I gained in my career to date. It exposed me to some very cutting edge and progressive planning and development techniques, many of which I believe will work in Owasso. I witnessed how quality development, such as lifestyle centers and new urbanism, attracts a younger workforce, which in turn attracts quality companies paying higher wages."

DEPARTMENT NEWS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOX® key safes for senior citizens homes in the Owasso Fire response district. The Owasso **KNOX-BOX®** program is designed to assist seniors who need the services of the Owasso Fire Department, whether it is for fire or medical emergencies, by providing a way for the Fire Department to enter these residences through the use of a master key, saving time and potential damage to the residence. If you or someone you know would benefit from this program call 272-5253.

PUBLIC WORKS
The City of Owasso will begin collecting yardwaste April 12, 2010 through October 14, 2010. All yard waste is required to be separated, during these months and placed in city-supplied clear compost bags or specifically requested City issued red polycarts, if curbside pickup is desired. Brush should be tied in bundles not to exceed four feet in length and two feet in diameter. These bundles are then placed in the red poly-cart, or a city supplied clear yardwaste bag must be attached to each bundle. Cost for the red yardwaste poly-cart is \$11.70 per month and yardwaste bags are \$8.00 for a roll of ten bags. The approved clear compost bags are offered for sale at City Hall, the Owasso Recycle Center, and the Owasso Quick Trip stores. For more information, contact the Owasso Public Works Department at 272-4959.

STRONG NEIGHBORHOODS
The Owasso Strong Neighborhood Initiative is working to establish Neighborhood Associations. If your neighborhood does not have a Homeowners Association, now is the time to join with other residents in forming a volunteer Neighborhood Association. Contact Jerry Fowler, Neighborhood Coordinator at 376-1556 or email jfowler@cityofowasso.com to learn more.

For more information on these items and other department news, visit www.cityofowasso.com

FIRE
The Fire Department and the Owasso Fire Prevention Association continue to promote the Owasso Senior Citizen Key Safe Program designed to provide **KNOX-**

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EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Captain Michael Blevins has been with the City of Owasso Fire Department since April of 2000. Captain Blevins is supported in his career with the city by his wife, Rachelle and his two children, Tristan and Aubrey.



Captain Blevins began his career with the City of Owasso as a firefighter/paramedic. During his career, he worked with the Rotary Club to purchase the fire department's first Ther-

mal Imaging Camera, has been the Employee of the Month twice, an Eagle Award finalist twice, and has been chosen as the Employee of the Quarter once. When asked what he enjoys most about his work with the

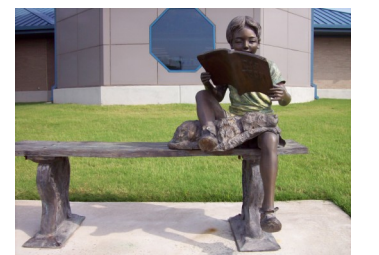
city, Michael replied "The thing I like most about working for the City of Owasso Fire Department is how we take care of each other. Working for the fire department truly is like being a part of a family where not only is each person important, but their family is important as well. Plus, I have the opportunity to do a job that I love to do and I can support my family without having to work more than one job."

FREE LANDFILL DAY will be Saturday, April 10, 2010, 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Waste Management - Quarry Landfill is located at 13740 East 46th Street North. A coupon must be presented. Coupons will be available in March at the City Hall Utility Billing window, Recycle Center and Public Works Office.

On the day of the event, staff will have coupons for residents with a government issued I.D. with an Owasso city address and/or a utility bill or other document available to confirm residency within Owasso City Limits. Items **NOT** accepted include tires, hazardous materials, liquids or appliances containing Freon refrigerants (air conditioners and refrigerators). For additional information contact the City of Owasso Public Works Department at 272-4959.

SEWER AVERAGING

The City of Owasso utilizes sewer averaging to compute the sewer charge for utility bills. Customer sewer charge is based on water consumption in the months of December, January, and February. Look for more details in your next utility bill, or the City's website www.cityofowasso.com Sewer averaging is scheduled to begin April 1, 2010.



Timmy at the Library

For more information, or for a map of all Timmy and Cindy locations, visit www.cityofowasso.com and click on the Timmy & Cindy link.