
TULSA LAUNCHES DEPARTMENT OF CITY EXPERIENCE

In July, as part of a citywide reorganization, the Working in Neighborhoods Department became the Department of City Experience, which combined several neighborhood-oriented services into a single department, the Department of City Experience (DCE). Based on some research in partnership with Gallup, the City found that residents who said they belonged in their neighborhoods and felt like city leaders heard them were twice as likely to thrive in life. So, the City set out to create a department focusing on designing, supporting, and maintaining neighborhoods where residents felt they belonged and were heard.

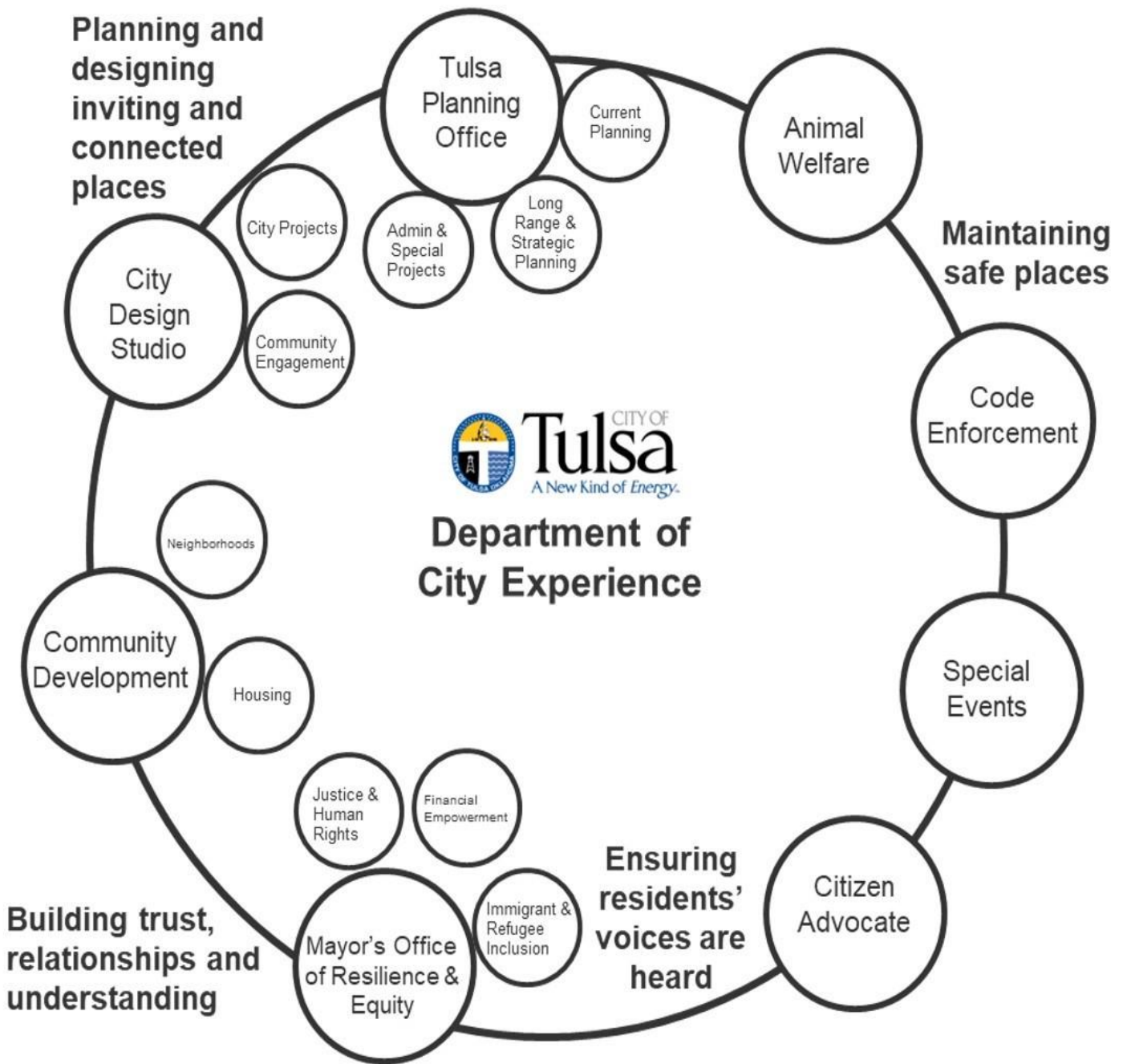
DCE now includes the **planning and design** phases of neighborhoods and the public realm between buildings in business districts, the **community development** work to build neighborhood capacity to encourage investment and involvement, and a housing office that ensures adequate, affordable housing. DCE also includes the maintenance and upkeep of private properties through **code enforcement** of zoning, nuisance, and property maintenance codes. DCE is responsible for ensuring neighborhoods are free from stray animals and that animals that come to the City's shelter find homes. And it includes a resilience office that creates a more equitable city by advancing economic and social outcomes for all residents.

Over the next year, DCE's leadership will develop strategic goals and work as a team **to create the best experience possible in neighborhoods throughout Tulsa**. The offices and divisions within DCE are as follows:

James Wagner, Director of the Department of City Experience

Divisions & Offices of DCE

- Animal Welfare - Sherri Carrier, Manager
- Code Enforcement - Brant Pitchford, Manager
- Community Development - Rodrigo Rojas, Managing Director
- Mayor's Office of Resilience & Equity - Krystal Reyes, Chief Resilience Officer
- Tulsa Planning Office - Susan Miller, Director
- City Design Studio - Manager TBD
- Special Events - Skipper Bain
- Office of the Citizen Advocate - Keri Fothergill, Citizen Advocate



HANGING TREE LIMB REMOVAL CONTINUES ACROSS TULSA

City contract crews continue to remove overhanging or unstable branches, limbs, and trees in the right of way or public spaces following the June 18 storm. More than 45,000 hanging branches in the public right-of-way, over sidewalks, and in parks have been identified for removal. Currently, 14,191 have been removed.

The City announced this endeavor in August, and crews anticipate finishing the clean-up at the end of November. The City asks for patience from residents as storm cleanup continues.

The removal of hanging limbs is covered under the federal declaration from the storm, and specific documentation requirements must be followed. Over the past few months, inspection crews have canvassed Tulsa roadways for tree branches and documented any hanging from a tree in the public right of way and in danger of falling.

Crews are using a grid system to collect branches, which will be piled alongside the curb for a follow-up debris removal crew to collect within two weeks.

To put things into perspective, the 2007 ice storm resulted in roughly 3 million cubic yards of debris, which took 18 months to clean up. In contrast, the current storm is predicted to produce about one million cubic yards of debris. It's important to note that we have only been cleaning up for three months, and the disaster declaration was made one month after the storm.

If you come across hazardous tree limbs in the right of way, you can contact 311 during regular business hours or send an email to Tulsa311@cityoftulsa.org with the location and a brief description of the issue. When you report a tree or limb, it will be added to a list and taken care of as soon as the crew works in the related area.

For more information about limb removal and a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit the City's website at www.cityoftulsa.org/weather.

According to Title 24 Nuisance Code, it is the responsibility of the tree owner to take care of tree limbs that are still hanging and attached, and Code Enforcement will work them as such.

GREATER TULSA AREA INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION HOSTS NATIVE AMERICAN DAY FESTIVITIES OCT. 9

The Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission hosted Tulsa's annual Native American Day Celebration on October 9 at Dream Keepers Park, 1875 S. Boulder Drive. This year's theme was "Weaving a Legacy." Native American Day is celebrated annually on the second Monday of October.

The city of Tulsa is home to approximately 30,000 Native Americans. Oklahoma is home to 39 federally recognized Native American tribes. Native Americans have continuously inhabited the Greater Tulsa area for thousands of years. By celebrating Native American Day, Tulsa formally recognizes its indigenous populations who have made valuable contributions to our community through shared knowledge, stewardship of the land, labor, science, technology, philosophy, arts, and deep cultural influences that have substantially shaped the character of the city of Tulsa.

[Special Events Road Closure Map](#)

Guthrie Green April Events

Date: Oct. 1 - 29
Time: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. (Varies)
Location: 111 E. Reconciliation Way
Road Closure: 7:00 a.m. - Midnight
Anticipated Attendance: 500 per day
Host: Guthrie Green
Contact: Derek Combs (918) 671-9317
www.guthriegreen.com

Gathering Place High Park Attendance

Date: Oct. 1 - 30
Time: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Location: 2950 S. John Williams Way
Road Closure: Left Turn

Lane Closure Only 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. as needed
Anticipated Attendance: 12,000 a day
Host: Gathering Place - GGP Parks
Contact: Julie Friedel (918) 600-8516
www.gatheringplace.org

[BOK Center Events](#)

Date: Oct. 2 - 29
Time: Varies
Location: 300 S. Denver Ave.
Road Closure: 5 p.m. - Midnight
for 5000 or more attendance - See schedule
Anticipated Attendance: 34,000
Host: BOK Center - ASM Tulsa
Contact: Sarah Kate Rhoades (918) 894-4272
www.bokcenter.com

East Quarry Blasting Operations

Date: Oct. 2 - 31

Time: Varies

Location: 3605 N. David Patrick Ave.

Road Closure: Varies

Anticipated Attendance: 4

Host: APAC Central, Inc.

Contact: Tyler Leithauser (918) 694-4506

kaitlynn.henson@apac.com

Downtown Midweek Market

Date: Oct. 11, 18, 25

Time: 4 - 7 p.m.

Location: 600 S. Main St

Road Closure: 3 - 8 p.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 300 per event

Host: Downtown Tulsa Partnership

Contact: Morgan Phillips (918) 671-2708

www.downtowntulsa.com

Tulsa Farmers' Market

Date: Oct. 7, 8, 14, 21

Time: Saturdays, 7 - 11 a.m. | Sundays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: 1 S. Lewis Ave

Road Closure: Saturdays, 5 a.m. - Noon

Anticipated Attendance: 3,500 per event

Host: Tulsa Farmers' Market

Contact: Kristin Hutto (918) 636-8419

www.tulsafarmersmarket.org/

ONEOK Field Events

Date: Oct 7

Time: 7 - 10 p.m. (Varies)

Location: 201 N. Elgin Ave.

Road Closure: 1 - 10 p.m. (Varies)

Anticipated Attendance: 6,500 per game

Host: Tulsa Drillers

Contact: Justin Gorski (918) 574-8315

www.tulsadrillers.com

Parish Picnic

Date: Oct. 8

Time: 4 - 6 p.m.

Location: 1600 S. Quincy Ave

Road Closure: Noon - 7 p.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 100

Host: Christ the King Church

Contact: Maria Barnes (918) 584-4788

www.christthekingcatholic.church

Night Light Tulsa

Date: Oct. 5, 12, 19, 26

Time: 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Location: 200 N. Maybelle Ave.

Road Closure: 6 - 9 p.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 300 per day

Host: The City Lights Foundation of Oklahoma

Contact: Sarah Grounds (918) 991-9599

www.citylightsok.org

Native American Day Parade

Date: Oct. 9

Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Location: 1975 S. Boulder Ave

Road Closure: Staging 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Route 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 3,000

Host: Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission

Contact: Cheryl Cohenour (918) 896-0494

cheryl.cohenour@gmail.com

Monte Cassino Oktoberfest Fun Run

Date: Oct. 10

Time: One-Mile Run - 8:30 a.m. in Heats

Location: 2200 S. Yorktown Ave.

Road Closure: 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 700

Host: Monte Cassino School

Contact: BJ Weintraub (918) 746-4120

www.montecassino.org

Welltown Oktoberfest

Date: Oct. 13 - 14

Time: 4 p.m. - Midnight

Location: 100 S. Cheyenne Ave.

Road Closure: Oct. 12, 7 a.m. - Oct 15, Noon

Anticipated Attendance: 2,500

Host: Welltown Brewing

Contact: Emma Myatt (918) 260-1948

www.welltownbrewing.com

GCC 28th Anniversary of Million Man Movement

Date: Oct. 13 - 15

Time: Oct. 13, 8 - 11:30 p.m.; Oct. 14, 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Oct. 15, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Location: 100 N. Greenwood Ave.

Road Closure: Oct. 13, 6 p.m.; Oct 15, 11 p.m.;

Anticipated Attendance: 500

Host: The Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Contact: Freeman Culver (918) 378-2668

www.historictulsagreenwoodchamber.com

Kendall Whittier Arts Festival

Date: Oct. 14

Time: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Location: 1 S. Lewis Ave

Road Closure: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 2,000

Host: Kendall Whittier Main Street

Contact: Jessica Jackson (918) 633-1934

www.visitkendallwhittier.com

Tulsa Oktoberfest

Date: Oct. 17 - 22

Time: Oct. 17, 6 - 11 p.m.; Oct. 18, 3 - 11 p.m.; Oct. 19, 4 - 11 p.m.; Oct. 20-21, 11 - 1 a.m.; Oct. 22, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Location: 2100 S. Jackson Ave.

Road Closure: Oct. 16, 6 a.m. - Oct 22, 6 a.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 40,000

Host: Tulsa Oktoberfest, Inc.

Contact: John Downie (513) 615-1474

www.tulsaoktoberfest.org

Tulsa Football Game

Date: Oct. 19

Time: 6 - 11:30 p.m.

Location: 3105 E. 8th St.

Road Closure: 6 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 15,000

Host: University of Tulsa

Contact: Hadley Wade (918) 693-0763

www.utulsa.edu

BooHaHa

Date: Oct. 21

Time: 9 a.m. - Noon | Parade 11 a.m.

Location: 4500 S. Peoria Ave

Road Closure: Staging 7:30 - 11:45 a.m. |

Route 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 10,000

Host: Brookside Business Association

Contact: Matt Morgan (918) 742-8622

www.brooksidetheplacetobe.com

TTCU Tulsa Run

Date: Oct. 28

Time: 5K Run 7:30 a.m. | 2K Run 8 a.m. | 15K Run 8:30 a.m.

Location: 300 S Boston Ave.

Road Closure: Staging Oct. 27, 6 a.m. - Oct. 28, 3 p.m. | Course 7 - 11:30 a.m.

Anticipated Attendance: 7,000

Host: Tulsa Route 66 Marathon

Contact: Destiny Green (918) 210-7504

www.tulsarun.com