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## JENKS AMERICA MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# JAM NEWSLETTER

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### A lot is happening with the JAM

#### **Jenks America Museum & Historical Society Corp. is now an authorized 501 (c) (3) Tax Exempt Nonprofit**

We're thrilled to share some exciting news from the Jenks America Museum & Historical Society — we are now officially a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization!

This is a huge milestone for us and opens up incredible opportunities for growth and community impact. We couldn't have done it without the generous support and expert guidance of Jenks graduate Tadd Bogan and his firm, Jones Gotcher Attorneys and Counselors. Tadd was instrumental in helping us navigate the process, and we are so grateful for his dedication.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our investors, donors, and the amazing citizens of Jenks America who have shared their stories, artifacts, and time with us. Your support means everything, and we're excited for what the future holds.

Thank you for being a part of this journey! Now let's get this museum built and open for all to enjoy!

Donations are Tax Exempt and may be sent to:

Treasurer  
Jenks America Museum & Historical Society Corp.  
3165 E 86th St  
Tulsa, OK 74137



#### **JAM Hires Strategic Plan Consultant Ken Busby**

Ken Busby is the Cultural Czar of Northeast Oklahoma. He also serves as Executive Director & CEO of the Route 66 Alliance. Previously, he served as Executive Director & CEO of the Arts & Humanities Council of Tulsa for twelve years. A native of Tulsa, Busby holds a dual Bachelor of Arts degree in communication and French from the University of Tulsa. He has a Master of Arts degree in journalism from Indiana University at Bloomington. A member of Phi Beta Kappa, Busby is also a graduate of Leadership Oklahoma Class XVII.

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### Ken Busby Continued:

Busby is past chair of the Tulsa Route 66 Commission and was appointed by the Governor to the Oklahoma Route 66 Centennial Commission in 2020. He is president of the Oklahoma Museums Association and serves on the executive committees of the Tulsa Symphony, Tulsa Performing Arts Center Trust, and Green Country Tourism. In 2015, Busby was named the Leadership Oklahoma Distinguished Graduate, and in 2021, Busby received the Distinguished Service Award from the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence. In 2022, Busby was named to the inaugural class of 55 Over 55 Inspiring Oklahomans.

In addition to his work promoting Route 66, Busby is also a strategic consultant for nonprofit organizations in the areas of board development, strategic planning, and fundraising. Recent clients include Emergency Infant Services, Iowa Museums Association, and the Rogers County Historical Society.

Mr. Busby will meet with the JAM starting in May to develop its strategic plan. The JAM Strategic Plan Committee will meet for two four hour sessions to develop the outline of the plan. Mr. Busby will then develop a rough draft of the plan and meet with the Board to finalize the plan. After this final meeting, Mr. Busby will submit a final written plan for adoption by the Board of Directors.



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### YOU ARE INVITED TO: A CONVERSATION WITH THREE LIFELONG JENKS RESIDENTS

JAY CREEKMORE, LARRY WASSON AND J.D. NEWLAND

Join us for a special event featuring three lifelong Jenks residents as they share their experiences growing up in Jenks and memorable stories from the past.

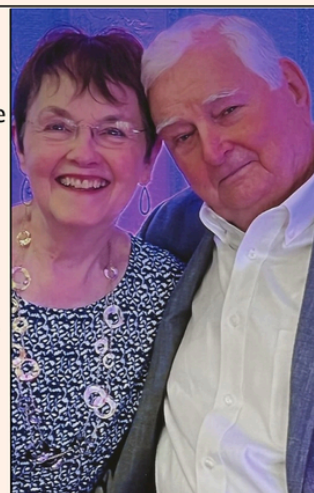
#### EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

- History Presentation
- Q&A Session
- Light Refreshments

#### SPEAKERS

Jenks Lifers: Jay Creekmore, Larry Wasson and J.D. Newland

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 26, 2025 AT 10:30**  
JENKS CITY LIBRARY



OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!  
FIND MORE INFORMATION AT  
[WWW.JENKSAMERICAMUSEUM.ORG](http://WWW.JENKSAMERICAMUSEUM.ORG)



ENTRY FEE:  
**FREE**

This event will be live streamed on Facebook  
on the  
Jenks America Museum & Historical Society page

**New Time  
Next JAM Meeting:**

**Monday May 5, 2025, 6:00 PM**  
**Louie's In Jenks**

**JAM Sponsored By**



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**Tulsa County Dist. 2 Commissioner**