

# EL RENO Insights

2025 May



## City of El Reno, Redlands Community College receive Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award.

This distinguished honor celebrates the dynamic partnership that has significantly contributed to education, workforce development, and community growth standards throughout the area.

We've had a lot of rain over the past several weeks, which has been great for our ponds, lake, and groundwater levels. Of course, all that rain means the grass is growing fast! It takes all of us working together to keep El Reno beautiful, and we each play a role in maintaining our properties and neighborhoods. Our city crews are hard at work mowing parks, rights-of-way, and the lake area to ensure our public spaces look their best.

It's also been a busy season for events! We celebrated the ribbon cutting at The Filling Station and broke ground on the new terminal at the El Reno Regional Airport. Burger Day was a major success—thanks to all of the city crews and volunteers who made it happen, especially the Fire Department, who make the big burger possible! And hats off to El Reno Main Street for organizing such a fantastic event! It was a great day for our community and for visitors to experience what makes El Reno special.

-Matt Sandidge, City Manager  
City of El Reno



Local and state leaders joined residents to cut the ribbon on the new Filling Station Visitor Center—El Reno's Route 66 gateway. The center will offer clean restrooms, El Reno souvenirs, and visitor information. An official opening is expected around the beginning of June, with a grand opening celebration to come! Photo / Courtesy

# Thank you to the City of El Reno staff and volunteers for your hard work during the 37th Annual Burger Day!

A special thank you to the El Reno Fire Department for cooking up the 'Big One' each year—we couldn't do it without you!



Clockwise top: Aerial view of crowd gathered around "The Big One". Top Right: ERFD Jason Duff and Gavin Duff tending to the fried onions. Below left: Colt Atkinson, Eric Wilkerson, and Braydon Horn deliver much needed golf carts to the Main Street office before the celebration. Below right: Becky Riggs and Scott Law man the City of El Reno's TWISTERS trolley. Bottom: ERFD's Kyle Dotson gives it his all but falls short in the burger eating contest.



## MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 13, 2025, 5:30 PM  
City Hall

Recreation Authority Meeting, Airpark Authority Meeting  
City Council Meeting, Municipal Authority Meeting

May 16, 9 - 11 AM  
Canadian County Expo Center

Redlands Community College Graduation

May 18, 2 - 6 PM  
Denny-Crump Rodeo Arena

Mustache Bash Bull Riding

May 24  
Legion Park

City Pool Opens

May 24  
RT 66/Sunset Dr. & HWY 81

The Filling Station Visitor Center opens

May 24 - 25  
Canadian County Expo Center

Sport Card Trade Show

May 27, 5:30 PM  
City Hall

Municipal Planning Commission Meeting

May 30 - June 1  
Canadian County Expo Center

Red Dirt Rendezvous State Hereford Cattle Show

Jun 1 - 14  
Canadian County Landfill

Free Landfill Dump (quarterly)

Jun 6 - 8  
Adams Park

A Small Town Weekend

June 10, 2025, 5:30 PM  
City Hall

Recreation Authority Meeting, Airpark Authority Meeting  
City Council Meeting, Municipal Authority Meeting





Top left: Aerial view of the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Filling Station Visitor Center with a crowd gathered beneath the mural reading "Crossroads of America – El Reno, OK. Drone photos courtesy ERPD. Top right: Matt Sandidge, Tim Young, and Zach Mclemore pose for a photo in the El Reno Fast Connect's Winner's Circle in the Wesley UMC Bun Run.

# El Reno Street Crews Tackle Repairs as Skies Begin to Clear



Our Streets and Drainage crew is working tirelessly to keep up with the challenges brought by the recent rains. Between clearing debris, managing runoff, and responding to drainage concerns, their workload has been non-stop. The downpours have also revealed new potholes/sinkholes and caused significant wear on our rural rock roads, making the task even more demanding.

Despite limited resources, these crews are making steady progress—day by day, street by street. Their dedication ensures that our infrastructure remains safe and functional, and we're grateful for their commitment to serving the residents of

El Reno. It's not easy work, but they continue to rise to the occasion with determination and pride.

Here's a look at what the team is working on:

**Rural Road Grading:** As weather permits, crews are grading rural roads and hauling rock and millings to 122nd Street to improve drivability.

#### Pothole Repairs:

Focus areas include Britton, Wilshire, Darlington, Reformatory, Alfadale, and various city streets.

**Culvert Replacements:** A 72-inch culvert east of Banner on Jensen Road is being replaced, along with another culvert on 27th Street west of the MW Bus facility.



Pictured: Jesse Trejo, Braydon Horn and Brett Holding work on Shepard Road north of Britton, patching potholes and rolling out fresh asphalt.

#### Sinkhole Investigations:

Crews are exposing and diagnosing sinkholes on Macomb, Magnolia, and Grisham to determine next steps for repair.

**Street Cut Repairs:** Several street cuts are scheduled for repair to prevent further damage and ensure safety.

#### Drainage and Ditch Work:

Ditch cleaning has resumed at Highway 81 and Jensen.

Crews are also cleaning out the Parkview Drive ditch.

Mowing drainage channels continues citywide to prevent overgrowth and blockages.

#### Concrete and Curb Repairs:

Sidewalk repair is underway on Sunset Drive.

Crews are repairing a sinking curb at the intersection of Ellison and Elm.

Residents are asked to be cautious around work zones and report any issues via the City of El Reno's website under "Report an Issue" or click the link below:

<https://elrenook.gov/226/Report-an-Issue>



**Thank you to everyone who joined us for the groundbreaking of the new El Reno Regional Airport terminal!**

Your support helps propel El Reno forward. Stay tuned as we build the future of aviation in our community.



Pictured clockwise: City of El Reno and state leaders break ground on the new terminal.

El Reno Vice Mayor David Black talks with Captain Teresa about the benefits of buying fuel at the El Reno Regional Airport.

Grayson Ardies, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics, and El Reno Mayor Steve Jensen speak at the groundbreaking ceremony.

- Lifeguards
- Parks & Recreation
- Senior Center PT Assistant
- Human Resources Generalist
- Utility Billing Clerk
- Code Enforcement Officer
- EMT
- Paramedic
- Visitor Center Attendant



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**DAILY LUNCH**  
12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.  
Lunches are \$4.00 for ages 55-59 and a donation of \$2.50 for ages 60 and up.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 <b>ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>	28	29	30	1 ROCK PAINTING WITH NANCY 10:45AM	2 ROCK PAINTING WITH NANCY DAY 2 10:45AM	3
4 	5 <b>CINCO DE MAYO</b>	6 MAKE A CRAFT 11AM BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS 11:30AM	7 TEND THE GARDEN 10:30AM BINGO AT 12:45	8 BROCK HUNTER LINE DANCING 10:30-11:30AM	9 JEREMY BRIDGES GLOBAL HEALTH ROOT BEER FLOATS 12:45	10
11	12 TENDING SENIOR CENTER GARDEN 11AM	13 SENIOR LIFE SOLUTIONS COPING WITH DEPRESSION 11AM	14 BINGO AT 12:45	15 INDOOR BEACH VOLLEYBALL 10:30	16 PRESSED FLOWER WINDOW HANGING 10:45am	17
18	19 BINGO ARCHWELL HEALTH 11AM	20 MAKE A CRAFT 11AM BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS 11:30AM	21 BINGO AT 12:45	22 REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERYBODY 11AM	23 TENDING THE GARDEN 10:30 AM BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS 11AM	24
25	26 <b>MEMORIAL DAY SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</b>	27 CHAIR STRETCHES 11AM	28 TEND THE GARDEN 10:30AM BINGO AT 12:45	29 PAINTING ON CANVAS 10:30	30  <b>MAY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</b>	31
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The El Reno Senior Center offers a variety of activities and outings for our seniors. Your sponsorship will help to bring fellowship, education, stimulation, and fun to our seniors and enable more seniors to participate.

Contact the Senior Center Today! Email [mbarnes@elrenook.gov](mailto:mbarnes@elrenook.gov) or leave a voicemail at 405-262-1968.

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El Reno Carnegie Library events					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
AGES 13-18 ADULTS 18+ ALL AGES OLDER ADULTS	AGES 0-6 AGES 7-12 YOUTH ALL AGES		1 Family Storytime @ 5:30	2	3 Try our new KANOPY streaming service
5	6	7	8 Lego Club @ 4	9 Friends Book Sale 10-5	10 2nd Saturday Storytime   Friends Book Sale 10-2
12 Make-It Monday: Flower Pot Painting @ 5:30	13	14	15 Last Day of ERPS Classes	16	17 ERPS Graduation
19 Get Ready for Summer Reading!	20	21 Puzzle Race @ 5:30	22	23	24 CLOSED
26 CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31 Summer Reading Kickoff Carnival @ 11-1

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