

Insights

October, 2025



EL RENO
It's good to be here.

Demolition Wraps at Future "Hub" Site



The City of El Reno has nearly completed demolition at the corner of Sunset and Choctaw, paving the way for the next phase of its Route 66 revitalization. The future El Reno "Hub" will expand downtown parking and create a new community gathering space along Route 66.

The aging structures had become a safety concern, making demolition a necessary first step toward redevelopment. The site has also been accepted into the Oklahoma Corporation Commission's Brownfield Program—the 100th property to be enrolled—ensuring proper environmental assessments and cleanup before construction begins.

City officials say the success of the Filling Station Visitor Center has underscored the need for more parking, safer pedestrian crossings, and new amenities to support the growing number of travelers and community events.

When complete, the El Reno "Hub" will feature expanded parking, wayfinding signage, native landscaping, sidewalks, and a Route 66 mural, blending nostalgia with modern improvements. The site will also serve as the future home of the Twisters Trolley, a key prop from the 2024 movie *Twisters*, adding another unique Route 66 attraction to downtown El Reno.

The City is applying for a Route 66 Commission grant to help bring this exciting project to life.



Streets UPDATES

Roadwork Advancing Throughout El Reno

Roadway improvements are moving forward across the community. Chip and seal work is underway at Jones Road and N Shepard Avenue through our partnership with Canadian County. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation is also making significant progress on Rock Island from Elm Street to E Wade Street, Wade Street to S Choctaw

Avenue, and from S Choctaw Avenue to N Choctaw Avenue at Caddo Street. In addition, ODOT is working along Sunset Avenue, better known as Route 66, from S Choctaw Avenue to S Hadden Avenue. We're excited to see these important projects coming together and are grateful for the partnerships making them possible.

Left: Paving crews are hard at work on the U.S. 81 (Rock Island) resurfacing project through downtown. Please slow down, watch for cones, and give crews plenty of room as this major Route 66 corridor gets its upgrade.

Community DEVELOPMENTS

BUILDING

September Totals:
Commercial Additions/Remodels- 1
Commercial New- 3
Commercial Certificate of Occupancies- 1
Residential New- 1

COMMERCIAL UPDATES

The Dogg House

Construction is well underway and progressing quickly. The owner anticipates opening later this fall.

Taco Mayo

Inspections are now in progress, and vertical construction is expected to begin soon.

The Great Wall

The restaurant is expanding to include a hibachi dining area. Remodeling work is currently underway.

Blessing Baskets

A groundbreaking ceremony was recently held, and the building permit is nearing issuance.

Brakes Plus

The building permit has been issued, and construction activity will begin shortly.

Waffle House

A few outstanding items remain before the building permit can be issued, but we are working closely with the Waffle House team to get the project underway soon.

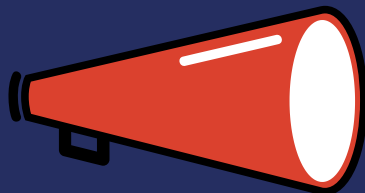


Code Updates

Development Services continues to update building codes to ensure the highest safety and quality standards for our residents and business owners.

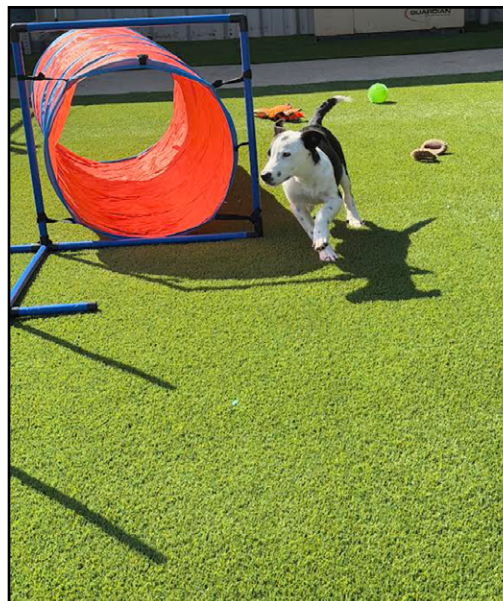
Recently, City Council approved an amendment requiring emergency electrical disconnects- a significant safety achievement.

Looking ahead, we are bringing an ordinance to Council in October that will prohibit the use of copper-clad and other bi-metal wiring. This initiative is the result of close collaboration with Trent Bryan, Fire Marshal, who has provided valuable data and insights from fire professionals across the region.



What's New?!

The Sticky Coop is now open at 210 S. Rock Island offering another great food destination for the downtown area!



Ribbon Cutting at the El Reno Animal Shelter



**Wednesday, October 8
1 p.m.**

for the official ribbon cutting on the new play yard at the El Reno Animal Shelter.

2400 Spur Lane

Come see the new space, meet some adoptable pets, and celebrate this exciting improvement for our four-legged friends. All are welcome!

MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 8,	1 pm	Ribbon Cutting on Remodeled Play Yard
El Reno Animal Shelter		2400 Spur Lane
October 9,	2 pm	Airpark Authority Advisory Board Meeting
El Reno Regional Airport		Hangar 2
October 10-11		2 Hip Chicks Roadshow
Canadian County Expo Center		
October 14,	5:30 pm	Recreation Authority Meeting,
City Hall		Airpark Authority Meeting
		City Council Meeting,
		Municipal Authority Meeting
October 14,	7am-7pm	School Bond Election
October 15	11am-3pm	Halloween Blood Drive
The Filling Station		WE WANT YOUR BLOOD!
October 16	10am	Convention & Visitors Bureau Meeting
City Hall		
October 16-18		Crossroads of America Farm Show
Canadian County Expo Center		crossroadsokshows.com
October 18	Judging @ 11:30am	Pet Costume Contest and
The Filling Station		Shelter Pet Adoption Event
October 23	6pm	Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
City Hall		
October 24, 24, 26		Town-wide Garage Sale
City of El Reno		Call 405-262-5180 to add your listing.
October 25	10am	El Reno Downtown Spooktacular
Historic Downtown El Reno		and Trick or Treating
October 27	4pm	Library Board Meeting
El Reno Carnegie Library		
October 30	7:30 a.m.	El Reno Now
Public Safety Center		2707 Faith Ave.

Centennial Grove Project Approved

The City of El Reno is proud to announce that our Centennial Grove project has been officially approved, marking another exciting step in preserving the natural beauty of Route 66 as we approach its 100th anniversary.

Through this partnership, new trees will be planted along America's Mother Road—enhancing our community's landscape, supporting a healthier environment, and celebrating Route 66's living heritage.

To qualify for this program, City personnel even pledged to care for the trees like family—including reading them stories! This lighthearted commitment reflects the genuine pride and stewardship our team brings to every Route 66 initiative.

The Oklahoma Forestry Service will provide expert support, training, and supplies to ensure the trees are planted and maintained successfully. Sunshine Farm & Nursery will supply high-quality trees, and the program will offer step-by-step guidance throughout the process.

Looking ahead, the City plans to apply for additional Centennial Grove projects, expanding the effort even further. If you'd like to help nurture these special trees and be part of this Route 66 legacy, we'd love to have you involved!

This initiative reflects El Reno's ongoing commitment to beautifying our Route 66 corridor and investing in projects that honor our past while growing toward the future.



We Want Your

BLOOD

October 15, 11am-3pm

HALLOWEEN BLOOD DRIVE

HELP US SAVE LIVES!

FOOD TRUCK ON-SITE! Must bring photo I.D. to donate blood.

THE FILLING STATION


 Oklahoma
Blood Institute

120 S. Choctaw Ave., El Reno

VOLUNTEER TROLLEY DRIVERS NEEDED!



info@CanadianCountyMuseum.com



Ready to Vote?

**Tuesday, October 14, 2025
7am - 7pm**

**El Reno Public Schools
2025 Student Investment Plan**



Tim Young, David & Gayle Black, Emily Richey, Lindsey Grigg-Moak, Ellen & Steve Jensen, Matt Sandidge, Lyndsay Bayne, Amy & Chris Smith, Judy Holbrook, Kamie Brookshire, and Katie Gore

El Reno Receives Statewide Innovation Award for The Filling Station

The City of El Reno is proud to announce that we have received the 2025 Municipal Innovation Award from the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) for our work on The Filling Station Visitor Center.

This prestigious award recognizes El Reno's creative vision and leadership in transforming a 1950s service station into a thriving Route 66 visitor hub. Since opening on May 24, The Filling Station has welcomed travelers from all 50 U.S. states and 51 countries, becoming a shining example of how historic

preservation and tourism investment can revitalize a community.

This honor reflects the dedication of our City leadership, staff, and community partners, whose teamwork brought this project to life. Their shared commitment to celebrating El Reno's heritage and welcoming visitors from around the world continues to put our community on the map.

Thank you to everyone who played a part in making this achievement possible.



September Cars of the Month Spotlights

September kicked off with a 1966 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray 427, owned by Lynn and Edwardene Fees. This striking classic set the tone for the month with its unmistakable style and power—and it's still on display for a few more days, so be sure to stop by and see it before it's gone.

Valentine Poindexter even chose the iconic Vette as the backdrop for part of his senior photo session, captured by Leslie Poindexter Photography—a perfect blend of local pride and Route 66 charm.

The display then featured a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle SS, owned by Tom Curtis, which wowed visitors with its bold red finish and timeless muscle car appeal.

Rounding out the month was a stunning turquoise International Scout, generously shared by Carmen Hall, adding a rugged vintage charm to the lineup.

Thank you to Lynn and Edwardene, Tom, and Carmen for sharing these incredible vehicles with the community and Route 66 travelers!

PET COSTUME CONTEST

and Shelter Pet Adoption Event



Saturday, October 18
Judging at 11:30 am

THE FILLING STATION

120 S. Choctaw Ave., El Reno

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El Reno Carnegie Library

October

Lit Kit Boxes

Each month we will have a
themed book box available for
10 teens and 10 adults!
Register here

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Hours Mon-Thur 9-7 Friday 9-5 Saturday 9-1	1 Storymakers @ 11	2 Teen Writing Workshop Flash Fiction 5:30 Together Tales @ 5:30	3 Visit the Children's area for Creepy Carrots themed activities!	4 Fall Community Puzzle available in main area all month!
6 Horror Lit Kit Pickup Starts TODAY! Banned Books Week!	7 Yoga @ 5:30	8 Storymakers @ 11 Teen/Adult Craft: DIY Ghost Canvas @ 5:30	9 Art Lab @ 4	10 Friends Book Sale 10-4	11 Second Saturday Storytime @ 11 Friends Book Sale 10-2
13 Cozy Fiction Lit Kit Registration Opens	14 Bubbles & Board Books @ 11	15 Storymakers @ 11	16 Lego Club @ 4 Haunted Escape Room Thursday-Friday	17	18
20 Curiosity Crew @ 4	21 Yoga @ 5:30	22 Storymakers @ 11	23 Little Learners Lab @ 4	24 Lit Kit Registration Closes Haunted El Reno All Hallows Tea @ Senior Center 6-8pm	25 Spooky Lawn Party feat. Storytime @ 10am Pony rides, lawn games, music, and candy @ 10-12
27 Fan Fiction Book Binding Series @ 4-6	28 Hobby Hoppers: Beadwork @ 5:30	29 Storymakers @ 11	30 Iron Tree Costume Karaoke @ 6-8	31	1

Contact us! 405-262-2409 | library@elrenolibrary.org

Townwide Garage Sale and Curbside Bulk Collection Make Their Return

The City of El Reno is helping residents get ready for fall clean-up with Free Bulk Dump Days, the Townwide Garage Sale, and the return of curbside bulk waste collection.

Oct. 24–26, 2025 — Townwide Garage Sale

List your garage sale free of charge to be included on the El Reno Tribune map. Call 405-262-5180 or email citygaragesale@elrenotribune.com.

Nov.–Dec. 2025 — Curbside Bulk Waste Collection (One Pass Per Street)

Items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on your scheduled day. Crews make only one pass per street and will not assist in moving debris.

Residents may begin placing items curbside one week prior to their pick-up date and should stack items in an orderly fashion. Keep personal property (e.g., portable basketball goals) away from the curb to avoid accidental removal.

Important Regulations

Debris not meeting these requirements will not be collected, and no notification will be provided:

1. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners accepted only if freon has been properly removed and certification is attached.
2. Brush, tree limbs, lumber, decking, fence panels, etc., must be cut to 4 feet or shorter and bundled with rope or cord.
3. Flooring (any type) must be bundled in 4'x4' sections and tied.
4. No concrete, rocks or bricks.
5. No construction or demolition materials.
6. No hazardous waste: batteries, paints, tires, oils or other hazardous liquids.
7. No dead animals.

8. No large tree stumps — must be cut to 4' length x 12" diameter.

9. Jacuzzis, pools, etc., must be cut to 4'x4' pieces.

10. Small loose materials must be placed in containers.

11. Empty cardboard boxes must be flattened/broken down.

Dec. 1–14, 2025 — Quarterly Bulk Dump Days (Canadian County Landfill)

To wrap up the fall clean-up season, residents may take advantage of the Quarterly Bulk Dump Days from Dec. 1–14, 2025 at the Canadian County Landfill. The same proof of residency rules apply as in September.

Town-Wide GARAGE SALE October 24-26

Call 405-262-5180 or email citygaragesale@elrenotribune.com
to be included in the free El Reno Tribune Map and list.



CURBSIDE BULK COLLECTION STARTS NOVEMBER 1ST

COLLECTION SCHEDULE:

NOV. 1 — MONDAY TRASH ROUTE
NOV. 8 — TUESDAY TRASH ROUTE



NOV. 15 — WEDNESDAY TRASH ROUTE
NOV. 22 — THURSDAY TRASH ROUTE
DEC. 6 — FRIDAY TRASH ROUTE

Seniors Saddle Up for a Clydesdale Trip

Tuesday, October 14



The Senior Center is heading out on a special field trip to see the famous Express Clydesdales in Yukon!




We'll enjoy an early lunch at the Center at 11:15 a.m., followed by departure at 12:15 p.m. sharp. The

guided tour begins at 1:00 p.m. at Express Clydesdales, 12701 W. Wilshire Blvd., Yukon, and lasts about an hour

There are 14 seats available on the bus, so if you'd like a ride, please sign up on the bus ride sheet. If you prefer

to meet us there, sign up on the separate list at the Senior Center.

This fun excursion is completely free, thanks to our generous sponsors—so don't miss out on this memorable outing!

<div><div>CITY OF EL RENO</div><div></div><div>SENIOR CENTER</div><div>- 401 S. Grand -</div></div>		<div>2025</div> <div>Oct</div>	<div>ROSS</div> <div>SEED COMPANY</div> <div>True Value</div>	<div>MITCHELL</div> <div>INDUSTRIAL</div> <div>TIRE SERVICE</div>	<div>EL RENO</div> <div>Chamber of Commerce</div>	<div>GOOD FOOD.</div> <div>THE SHED</div> <div>GRILL & BAR</div> <div>GOOD FRIENDS. GOOD TIMES.</div>	<div>BancFirst</div> <div>RMH</div> <div>RUSSELL-MURRAY HOSPICE</div>	<div>BLANC FARMS</div> <div>2019 OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL FARM</div> <div>EL RENO</div>	<div>InterBank</div>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
<div>ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</div>		<div>OPEN MON-FRI 10AM-2PM</div> <div>LUNCH SERVED AT NOON</div> <div>\$2.50 DONATION FOR 60+</div> <div>\$4 DONATION FOR 55+</div> <div>FOOD PROVIDED BY THE SHED GRILL & BAR</div>	<div>COOKIE DECORATING WITH KYLIE 11AM</div> <div>BINGO AT 12:45</div>	<div>EL RENO FIRE DEPT 11AM</div>	<div> MUSIC WITH JIM TATE 11AM</div>				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11			
<div>BINGO WITH KRISTEN ARCHWELL HEALTH 11AM</div>	<div>RUSSELL MURRAY HOSPICE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS 11:30AM</div>	<div>SIT, STRETCH, AND CHILL OUT 11AM</div> <div>BINGO AT 12:45</div>	<div>REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERYBODY CHAIR YOGA WITH SHANNON 11AM</div>	<div>REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERYBODY FIELD DAY 11AM</div>					
12	13	14	15	16	17	18			
<div>REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERYBODY STRENGTH TRAINING WITH ANNA 11AM</div>	<div>CLYDESDALE FARM FIELD TRIP 1PM</div>	<div>TANYA FISHER DOMESTIC VIOLENCE 11AM</div> <div>BINGO AT 12:45</div>	<div>LAUNDRY PRODUCT GIVE AWAY 11AM</div> <div>BREANNA DEVOTED HEALTH</div>	<div>TELL YOUR STORY - FAVORITE MEMORIES 11AM</div>					
19	20	21	22	23	24	25			
<div>SHANNON WITH SOONER STATE ADVISORS 11AM</div> <div>HOT CHOCOLATE WITH JEREMY GLOBAL HEALTH 12:30</div>	<div>RUSSELL MURRAY HOSPICE BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS 11:30AM</div> <div>MOVIE AT THE CENTRE THEATRE 1:30PM</div>	<div>CHEYENNE - ARAPAHO LANGUAGE LESSON 11AM</div> <div>BINGO AT 12:45</div>	<div>REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERYBODY CHAIR YOGA WITH SHANNON 11AM</div>	<div>NATURE CRAFT 11AM</div> <div>FIELD TRIP TO REDLANDS MEN'S BASKETBALL 2PM</div>					
26	27	28	29	30	31				
<div>REDLANDS FITNESS FOR EVERYBODY STRENGTH TRAINING WITH ANNA 11AM</div>	<div>GOSPEL MUSIC WITH KURTIS COLE 11AM</div>	<div>SIT, STRETCH, AND CHILL OUT 11AM</div> <div>BINGO AT 12:45</div>	<div>JONATHAN MEYER MAGICIAN 11AM</div>	<div> OCTOBER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION</div>					

El Reno Airshow & Community Day Soars to New Heights

The skies over El Reno came alive on Saturday, October 4, as thousands gathered for the El Reno Airshow & Community Day at the El Reno Regional Airport and Industrial Airpark. From thrilling flyovers and vintage aircraft displays to family fun and local food trucks, this year's event was the biggest and best yet.

The celebration marked the grand opening of The Caldwell Collection, housed inside a fully restored 1943 WWII hangar. Visitors stepped into aviation history with more than 20 antique aircraft, historical exhibits, and live restoration demonstrations that brought the golden age of flight to life

Families explored the tarmac, enjoyed entertainment, and sampled treats from more than 20 vendors, while aviation enthusiasts marveled at the impressive lineup of warbirds and vintage planes. Gates opened at 10 a.m. for this free community event, and the turnout reflected the city's growing reputation as a destination for aviation and heritage tourism.

Thank You, El Reno!

This unforgettable day would not have been possible without the incredible teamwork and support of so many people:

- City leadership and staff for their months of planning and on-the-ground execution.

- Vendors, sponsors, and volunteers for bringing energy, flavor, and community spirit.

- Aviation partners and performers for wowing the crowd with their skill and dedication.

- And most importantly, the community for showing up, sharing the excitement, and making this event a true celebration of El Reno.

Planning for next year's airshow is already underway. If you or your business would like to be part of this growing event, email airshow@elrenook.gov to learn about sponsorship opportunities for 2026.

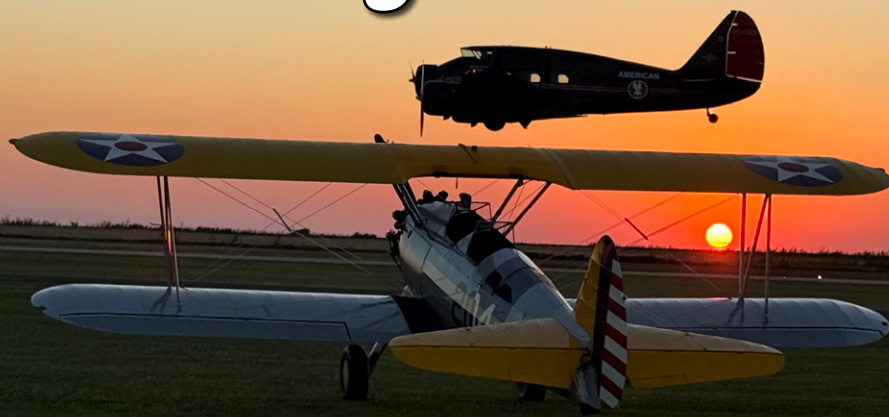


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Thank you El Reno!



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