

# Insights

November, 2025



**EL RENO**  
*It's good to be here.*

## El Reno Reflects on the Life and Service of Sgt. Thomas Duran



### Message from Mayor Jensen

This week, we gathered together to celebrate the life of Sgt. Thomas Duran. It was a truly beautiful service — a meaningful time filled with love, stories, faith, and heartfelt remembrance. It is with both great sadness and profound gratitude that we continue to honor the life and service of Sgt. Duran. He was a man of deep faith and integrity — a powerful example of what it means to work heartily for the Lord.

Sgt. Duran made a tremendous impact on the officers he served alongside, as well as those he encountered throughout our community. El Reno was truly blessed to have him serve our city for 14 years.

After hearing the stories shared this week, I am deeply humbled by his love for his family, his dedication to his profession, and his steadfast faith in his Savior, Jesus.

As we move forward from this time of remembrance, I ask that you continue to pray for his wife, Kirsten, his children, his family, the officers of the El Reno Police Department, and all those who have been impacted by his life and service.

— Mayor Steve Jensen

Photo courtesy El Reno Tribune, Travis and Amanda Dice



# Streets

## DEVELOPMENTS

### Streets & Public Works —Monthly Snapshot

As crews continue working across the city, Public Works wrapped up another high-output month focused on pavement repairs, drainage fixes, material hauling, mowing, and sign safety. Here's a fast breakdown of where equipment rolled, rock landed, and improvements were made across El Reno this month:

#### ***Roads & Repairs***

- Potholes repaired across Foreman, Boynton, 27th, Wilson, and Hwy 81
- 400 tons of rock installed on Airport Rd/22nd (Darlington to Memorial)
- Blade patching at Mill Ridge & Boynton

#### ***Street Maintenance***

- Sweeping in Ridgecrest and Downtown
- Debris cleared at Sheppard & Golf Course Dr. drains

#### ***Signage & Safety***

- Stop signs replaced at Fort Reno/Darlington + Woodson/Keith
- Speed limit sign repaired + low branches trimmed at Hoff

#### ***Animal Shelter Construction***

- Grading, excavation, fencing restoration
- Footings poured + stem wall excavation & steel tied

#### ***Materials & Hauling***

- Delivered 100+ tons of rock/asphalt/millings to Country Club, Sheppard, Jones & Boynton

#### ***Grading***

- Regular grading across north/NW/NE zones + Country Club corridor

#### ***Traffic Checks***

- Malfunctioning light reports at Hwy 81/10th & Elm/Rock Island — both functioning properly

#### ***Drainage***

- Replaced storm drain at Country Club and Sunset
- Identified failed -275' galvanized drain at Golf Course Dr/Magnolia
- Cleared clogged French drain (suspected fiber contractor damage)

#### ***Special Projects***

- City Hall lot blocked for work
- Alfadale guard rail sourced/repared



**Storm drain replacement on Country Club north of Sunset.**



### Two El Reno Bridges Approved for Full-Funded Federal Replacement

El Reno has been awarded federal funding—administered by ODOT through the Bridge Formula Program (BFP)—to replace/rehabilitate two local bridge structures.

This program provides 100% federal funding and no local match is required.

The two bridges included are:

- **Banner Road — south of Wilshire**
- **Alfadale Road — south of U.S. Route 66**

These improvements will enhance safety, drivability, and long-term infrastructure reliability along key commuter and farm-to-market corridors.

Project design and coordination with ODOT will begin soon. The City will share construction timelines and traffic details as the process moves forward.

# El Reno Carnegie Library to Receive \$10,000 Gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York

The El Reno Carnegie Library has been selected to receive a \$10,000 gift from Carnegie Corporation of New York, the foundation established by Andrew Carnegie. The award is part of Carnegie Libraries 250—a national initiative recognizing the upcoming 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and honoring the approximately 1,280 Carnegie Libraries still serving their communities today.

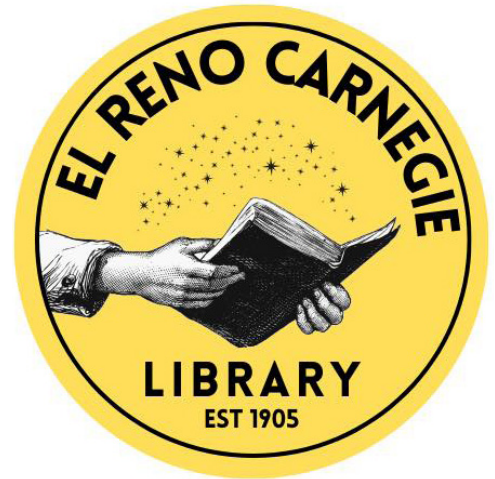
Between 1886 and 1917, Scottish immigrant Andrew Carnegie funded the construction of 1,681 free public libraries across the United States. Roughly 750 are still in their original buildings, including ours. Built in 1905, the El Reno Carnegie Library is one of only 25 original Carnegie Libraries in Oklahoma.

“This gift not only helps continue to support our library’s work in the

community, but it serves as a reminder of the rich history and our important connection to Carnegie Libraries across the country,” said Library Director Bridget Scheffler.

“Our founder, Andrew Carnegie, who championed the free public library movement of the late 19th century, described libraries as ‘cradles of democracy’ that strengthen the democratic idea, the equality of the citizen, and the royalty of man,” said Dame Louise Richardson, president of Carnegie and former head of the University of Oxford. “We still believe this and are delighted to celebrate our connection to the libraries he founded.”

The El Reno Carnegie Library will receive the funds in January 2026 and may use the gift at its discretion to celebrate the 250th anniversary, advance its mission, and benefit the community.



215 E Wade St., El Reno, OK 73036

(405) 262-2409

[elrenolibrary.okpls.org](http://elrenolibrary.okpls.org)

## El Reno Carnegie Library

# November

**Lit Kit Boxes**  
Each month we will have a themed book box available for 10 children, 10 teens, 10 adults! Register using Eventbrite

Contact us! 405-262-2409 | [library@elrenolibrary.org](mailto:library@elrenolibrary.org)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Hours</b> Mon-Thur 9-7 Friday 9-5 Saturday 9-1			Visit the Children's area for Little Old Lady Who... themed activities!	<b>1</b> Add to our Gratitude Tree this month in the main area!
<b>3</b> Cozy Fiction Lit Kit Pickup Starts TODAY! NaNoWriMo Writing Session @ 5	<b>4</b> Sit & Stitch @ 5:30	<b>5</b> Storymakers @ 11 Gardening Class @ 5:30	<b>6</b> Art Lab @ 4	<b>7</b> Stuffy Sleepover Drop-off Starts @ 9am Friends Book Sale 10-4	<b>8</b> Stuffy Sleepover Pick-up Before 1pm NaNoWriMo Writing Session @ 11 Friends Book Sale 10-2
<b>10</b> Holiday Vacation Lit Kit Registration Open Nov 10-21 NaNoWriMo Writing Session @ 5	<b>11</b> Kid Lit Kit Pickup November 10-21 Bubbles & Board Books @ 11	<b>12</b> Storymakers @ 11	<b>13</b> Little Learners Lab @ 4	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> NaNoWriMo Writing Session @ 11
<b>17</b> Curiosity Crew @ 4	<b>18</b> Anti- Anxiety Art @ 5:30	<b>19</b> Storymakers @ 11	<b>20</b> Lego Club @ 4 Hobby Hoppers: Beginners Sewing @ 5:30	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> NaNoWriMo Writing Session @ 11
<b>24</b> NaNoWriMo Writing Session @ 5	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> -----Closed for Thanksgiving-----	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>



# Curbside Bulk Collection is this Saturday for Wednesday Trash Routes

## Curbside Bulk Waste Collection Continues (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.

- **Nov. 15 — Wednesday trash route**

- **Nov. 22 — Thursday trash route**

- **Dec. 1 — Friday trash route** *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. Proof of residency required.

*Curbside*

**BULK TRASH**

**PICK UP**

**THIS Saturday - 7a.m.**  
*for the Wednesday trash route.*

## **NEWLY ANNEXED AREAS**

Newly annexed areas are included in this Curbside Bulk Pick-Up. However, residents must have El Reno trash service to participate in future collections.

To sign up for El Reno Trash Service, email [utilitycollections@elrenook.gov](mailto:utilitycollections@elrenook.gov).





- **Nov. 15 - Wednesday trash route**
- **Nov. 22 - Thursday trash route**
- **Dec. 6 - Friday trash route**



**El Reno Senior Center**  
**401 S Grand Ave., El Reno**  
**(405) 262-1968**

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



<div>CITY OF EL RENO</div> <div><div>SENIOR CENTER</div><div>- 401 S. Grand -</div></div>		<div>2025</div> <div>Nov</div>	<div>ROSS</div> <div>SEED COMPANY</div> <div>True Value</div>	<div>MITCHELL</div> <div>INDUSTRIAL</div> <div>FIRE SERVICE</div>	<div>GOOD FOOD.</div> <div>THE SHED</div> <div>GRILL &amp; BAR</div> <div>GOOD FRIENDS. GOOD TIMES.</div>	<div>BancFirst</div>	<div>BLANC FARMS</div> <div>2019 OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL FARM</div> <div></div>	<div>EL RENO</div> <div>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</div>	<div>Canadian Valley</div> <div>PHARMACY</div>	<div>RH</div> <div>RUSSELL-MURRAY HOSPICE</div>	<div>InterBank</div>
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday					
<div>ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</div> <div>FOOD PROVIDED BY THE SHED GRILL &amp; BAR</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>								1	
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15					
<div>GOSPEL MUSIC WITH KURTIS COLE 11AM</div>		<div>TELL YOUR STORY FAVORITE MEMORIES 11AM</div> <div>FIELD TRIP TO IRON TREE FOR HOT CHOCOLATE</div>	<div>LETS MAKE SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS 10:45AM</div> <div>BINGO AT 12:45</div>	<div>EL RENO TROLLEY RIDE 1PM</div>		<div>LOQUITA LONEMAN BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS 11AM</div>					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22					
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29					
<div>BINGO WITH KRISTEN ARCHWELL HEALTH 11AM</div>		<div>WHAT'S NEW WITH MEDICARE BY DEVOTED 11AM</div>	<div>SIT, STRETCH AND CHILL OUT 11AM</div> <div>BINGO AT 12:45</div>	<div>Happy Thanksgiving</div> <div>SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</div>	<div>SENIOR CENTER CLOSED</div>						

# New EMS Truck Added to the Fleet



The City of El Reno EMS has officially added a fourth truck to the fleet — strengthening our department's ability to respond, support, and serve our community.

This newest EMS unit will primarily be used as a backup response vehicle and as a special event support unit, giving our team added capacity during large gatherings, peak call times, or when another medic unit is tied up on a call or in transport.

The City would like to extend a sincere thank you to Banner Fire Equipment for their partnership in this purchase — and to our city leadership and the citizens of El Reno for your continued support, trust, and investment in public safety.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

<b>November 11, 5:30 pm</b> City Hall 101 N. Choctaw Ave.	<b>Recreation Authority Meeting, Airpark Authority Meeting City Council Meeting, Municipal Authority Meeting</b>
<b>November 13, 7:30 am</b> Public Safety Center 2707 Faith Ave., El Reno	<b>El Reno Now</b> Topic: Adam's Park Master Plan
<b>November 13, 2 pm</b> El Reno Regional Airport 6600 S. Mustang Field Rd.	<b>Airpark Authority Advisory Board Meeting</b> Hangar 2
<b>November 18, 7am-pm</b>	<b>City of El Reno General Election</b> <b>GO VOTE!</b>
<b>November 18, 5:30 pm</b> City Hall	<b>Municipal Planning Commission Meeting</b> 101 N. Choctaw Ave., El Reno, OK
<b>November 20, 10am</b> City Hall	<b>Convention &amp; Visitors Bureau Meeting</b> 101 N. Choctaw Ave., El Reno, OK
<b>November 27 &amp; 28</b>	<b>City of El Reno Offices Closed</b> <i>Happy Thanksgiving!</i>
<b>December 6, 5 pm</b> Downtown El Reno	<b>Christmas Kicks on Route 66</b> Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting
<b>December 9, 5:30 pm</b> City Hall 101 N. Choctaw Ave.	<b>City Council Meeting, Recreation Authority Meeting, Airpark Authority Meeting Municipal Authority Meeting</b>
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<b>December 16, 5:30 pm</b> City Hall	<b>Municipal Planning Commission Meeting</b> 101 N. Choctaw Ave., El Reno, O

## WORK FOR EL RENO!

Explore our current job openings below. Each position will remain open until filled.

• [Paramedic](#)

• [EMT](#)

• [Utility Lines Technician](#)

• [El Reno Police Officer](#)

• [Communication Officer \(Dispatch\)](#)

[\*\*APPLY ONLINE\*\*](#)

The City of El Reno is an equal opportunity employer. Candidates must pass a post-employment offer physical and drug screen.





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## Crimson Creek Golf Course



### History of the Course

Crimson Creek Golf Course, located just one mile north of I-40, continues to shine as a community favorite. Originally a 9-hole country club in the 1960s and redesigned into a full par-72 course by P.B. Dye, Jr. in 1998, it offers both classic and links-style golf. The front nine features tree-lined fairways and rolling hills, while the back nine wraps beautifully around Lake El Reno. We're proud to have such a standout course representing our city!

### Meet the Staff



Pro Shop Manager: Kevin Armold



Superintendent: Chad Weinrich

#### Pro Shop Staff:

Brad Ayers  
Emrie Hoffman  
Ava Steffen  
Kara Busey  
Kason Haydon

#### Cart Staff:

Brad Siler  
James Thompson  
Colton Vaught  
Jim Rinehart  
Randen House

#### Course

#### Maintenance:

Tywan Hyatt  
Manh Mach  
Isaiah Smith  
Andres Orantes  
Kaleb Melvin  
Blake Hillman  
Cooper Neilson



Hosted by the City of El Reno & El Reno Public Schools

## Breakfast and Community Meeting

With Updates from Mayor Jensen,  
and ERPS Superintendent Matt Goucher

# 11|13|25

**7:30 a.m. | Public Safety Building | 2707 Faith Ave.**

#### Guest speakers:

Nathan Pratt, Artist  
Jordan Evans, Halff  
James Hazzard, Freese and Nichols  
*Topic: Adams Park Master Plan*

## \$10 | BREAKFAST & COFFEE

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Flowco, Inc. (Flogistix)	Ross Seed company
Great Plains Bank	



# BLACK FRIDAY! HOLIDAY Specials!

**Crimson Creek**  
Golf Course

801 Babcock Dr, El Reno, OK 73036  
(405) 422-4653 • crimsoncreekgolf.com

# Christmas Kicks on Route 66 rolls into Downtown El Reno — Saturday, December 6 at 5 p.m.

## *Downtown El Reno is starting to sparkle!*

City crews are already decorating and the El Reno Christmas Parade will return Saturday, December 6 at 5 p.m. This year's theme — Christmas Kicks on Route 66 — and will keep our Route to Freedom momentum rolling as the 2nd official event in our ongoing 12 Months of Celebrations honoring the Route 66 Centennial in 2026.

We're inviting community groups, businesses, churches, clubs, school groups, car clubs, and civic organizations to jump in, decorate a float, take the wheel on a themed entry, or support this event as a sponsor.

## **How to participate:**

- Enter a float
- Sign up as a non-profit vendor
- Become a sponsor and support the magic

Sign up online here: <https://elrenook.gov/.../Christmas-Kicks-on-Route-66>  
... or email: [parade@elrenook.gov](mailto:parade@elrenook.gov)

NEW this year — help decorate Santa's ride!

Before parade night even begins, Santa's wheels will be parked at The Filling Station Visitor Center — and we need the public's help!

In the spirit of Route 66 nostalgia, we're turning Santa's ride into a showstopper

and we want the community to help add the sparkle, garland, lights, and little touches that make the magic

Come join us at the Filling Station to help decorate Santa's ride! More details will be announced on our social platforms — keep an eye out for the day and time as we get closer.

Bring your holiday spirit, your imagination, and your love for El Reno — let's make Santa's Route 66 arrival unforgettable.

Downtown is about to glow. Let's kick off the holiday season together — Route 66 style.

# Christmas on Kicks



**December 6th  
5:00 p.m.  
Downtown El Reno**



**Route to Freedom:  
12 Months of Celebrations on Route 66**





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