

EL RENO *Insights*

March 2025



EL RENO
It's good to be here.



The City of El Reno is making significant progress on the renovation of the historic filling station located at the intersection of Sunset Drive (Route 66) and Choctaw Avenue. This project aims to transform the former Texaco station into a vibrant community space that honors its historical significance while offering modern amenities.

Exciting things are happening in El Reno this spring!

Dear El Reno Community,

As we transition into spring, there's a lot happening in our great city! From community events to new projects, El Reno is buzzing with energy and growth. Warmer weather brings opportunities to enjoy our parks, support local businesses, and participate in upcoming festivals.

Stay tuned for updates on improvements, events, and ways to get involved. We're excited for a season full of progress and community spirit!



Best,
Matt Sandige, City Manager
City of El Reno

El Reno City Workers keep water flowing and streets clear during extreme cold snap

The recent extreme cold weather put El Reno's infrastructure to the test, but thanks to the dedication and hard work of our Utility Department, the city's water system remained fully operational with no major issues.

Navigating freezing temperatures is no small feat, especially when it comes to maintaining essential services. Our Utility Department worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that residents had access to clean, running water despite the harsh conditions. Their proactive efforts and quick response prevented potential disruptions and safeguarded our community's water supply.

Our street crews did an outstanding job salting, sanding, and clearing roads during the recent icy weather, ensuring safer travel for our community. Winter storms can be tough on our roadways, but our dedicated teams are already hard at work patching and repairing any damage caused by the harsh conditions.

A big thank you goes out to the entire team for their commitment to keeping El Reno running smoothly. Their work often goes unnoticed, but in times like these, we are reminded of just how vital they are to our city's daily life.

More Free
DUMP DAYS
UNTIL MARCH 14



CANADIAN COUNTY LANDFILL
20435 SW 29TH STREET, UNION CITY, OK 73090

Monday – Friday 7:30 am to 5:30 pm and Saturdays 8 am to Noon.

* Must be level truck bed sized load. You must bring verification of current El Reno residency to participate.

**NEXT FREE
LANDFILL
DAYS
JUNE 1-14**

**NEXT FREE
BULK DUMP
IN TOWN
OCTOBER 4**

PUBLIC SAFETY

Updates



El Reno Fire Department Enhances Rescue Capabilities with New Stokes Basket

The El Reno Fire Department has recently added a new Stokes basket to its rescue equipment, enhancing the department's ability to respond to emergencies requiring patient extrication. This specialized rescue stretcher is designed for transporting injured individuals across difficult terrain, such as steep inclines, collapsed structures, or areas with limited access.

A Stokes basket is a critical tool in emergency response,

particularly for situations like vehicle accidents in ravines, water rescues, and incidents in industrial or agricultural settings. The durable metal frame and secure strapping system ensure that patients remain stable during transport, minimizing movement that could worsen injuries.

"This addition to our equipment will improve our ability to safely and efficiently move patients in challenging



rescue situations," said Fire Chief Jason Duff. "Our firefighters train extensively for these scenarios, and

having the right tools can make all the difference in saving lives."

Ensuring the safety and well-being of our community remains a top priority for the City of El Reno. Our Police Department is actively training new recruits, equipping them with the skills and knowledge needed to serve and protect our residents. This continuous effort to strengthen our force helps maintain a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Meanwhile, our Animal Control team has been working diligently to address cases of neglected horses in newly annexed areas. As our city expands, we are committed to ensuring that all animals receive proper care and attention. These efforts not only protect animal welfare but also contribute to public safety and community responsibility.

In addition, high winds have significantly increased fire dangers throughout the region. Dry, dead grasses continue to pose a major risk. These hazardous conditions will persist. We strongly encourage residents to stay alert, take necessary precautions, and follow fire safety guidelines to help prevent potential wildfires.

We appreciate the ongoing support and cooperation of our residents as we work together to keep El Reno safe. If you see any concerning situations related to public safety or animal welfare, please report them to the appropriate city departments.



The drainage project on South Country Club Road, just north of Elm Street, is progressing as planned. In addition, we are continuing work on several other important initiatives, including culvert replacements, daily grading of rural roads, and sidewalk repairs along Sunset Drive, Crimson Lake Addition, and Country Club Road. We're also installing original Route 66 alignment signs and making improvements to striping and signage along Babcock.



City Council to Review New Water/Wastewater Plant Operator; Significant Progress on Waterline Projects Underway

The City Council will soon evaluate the selection of a new operator for the water and wastewater plants. Meanwhile, our waterline contractor has made significant strides on the Radio Road bore project, which will enhance the system by creating a crucial loop. Additionally, work is progressing on the Jensen Road and US 81 segments of the waterline extension.

COMMUNITY *Development*



As of March 2025, new Braum's and Casey's General Store locations are under construction along Highway 81 in El Reno, Oklahoma, aiming to enhance local dining and convenience options.

Braum's Ice Cream & Dairy Store: Braum's is constructing a new store on Highway

81 in El Reno to better serve the community. The project involves building a 6,067-square-foot facility with a construction value of \$800,000. The store will feature a full-service food and drink component, along with a grocery mart. Construction is underway by Wattsco of



Oklahoma Co. of El Reno, and the new store is anticipated to open sometime in the summer of 2025.

Casey's General Store: Casey's General Store is also constructing a new location on HWY 81 off I-40 in El Reno. This development aims to enhance the

convenience and services available to the local community. While specific details about the store's features and expected opening date have not been publicly announced, interested individuals can visit Casey's official website for updates.

AIRPORT EXPANSION TAKES OFF



At the airport, Tony Caldwell has started renovations on Hangar 3, and WL McNatt will soon begin work on the new airport terminal. Our engineers are also finalizing

plans for a new box hangar. Meanwhile, our airport crew is staying busy with routine maintenance and fuel sales, with an increase in travelers coming through.

El Reno Awarded \$25K Grant to Enhance Sunset Trail with New Trees



We are excited to announce that we have recently been awarded a tree grant by the Oklahoma City Community Foundation valued at approximately \$25,000. This generous funding will allow us to plant a variety of new trees along the Sunset Trail at Lake El Reno, significantly enhancing the trail's overall appeal. Not only will these new trees provide much-needed shade for those enjoying the outdoors, but they will also contribute to the improvement of the area's natural beauty, making it an even more inviting destination for both residents and visitors. This investment reflects our ongoing commitment to preserving and enhancing the environment, creating a more sustainable and enjoyable space for the community to connect with nature. We look forward to the positive impact this project will have and to continuing to build a greener, more vibrant El Reno for all.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Pool Manager

Job Overview: The Municipal Pool Manager is responsible for overseeing the operation and maintenance of the community pool, ensuring a safe, clean, and enjoyable environment for all patrons. This role includes managing pool staff, coordinating pool schedules, maintaining pool facilities, ensuring compliance with health and safety regulations, overseeing concession services and providing excellent customer service.

Park Guide

Job Overview: The Park Guide is responsible for overseeing the maintenance, safety, and conservation of the lake, the surrounding park areas, and park facilities. This role involves assisting visitors, ensuring the upkeep of facilities, monitoring the health of the lake's ecosystem, and contacting law enforcement when required.

Communication Officer / Dispatch

This position handles emergency calls, dispatches responders, provides medical information, and manages communications equipment. It also involves maintaining regulations knowledge, entering data, troubleshooting equipment, assisting with jail operations, and interacting with the public. The role requires calmness, multitasking, professionalism, independence, and teamwork.

Line Maintenance I

Line Maintenance 1 worker will join our Utility Services team. This position plays a crucial role in maintaining and repairing the city's utility infrastructure, ensuring the provision of safe and reliable services to our community.

Seasonal Positions

- Lifeguards & Concession
- Golf Course
- Parks & Recreation

Applications can be found at elrenook.gov



The El Reno Senior Center is serving up more than just meals—it's providing a place

for connection, community, and well-being for local seniors. The Senior Lunch Program, hosted at the center, offers nutritious meals every weekday, ensuring that older adults in the community have access to healthy, balanced food in a welcoming environment.

We offer lunch daily at 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 to help

cover the cost of meals.








Designed for seniors aged 60 and older, the program is an opportunity not only to enjoy a warm meal but also to socialize with friends, meet new people, and take part in activities that promote overall wellness. Meals are planned with senior nutrition in mind and served at an affordable cost.

Beyond food, the Senior Center provides a friendly and supportive atmosphere

where participants can stay engaged through recreational activities, health programs, and special events. It's a great way to stay active and involved while enjoying the company of others.

For more information on meal times, eligibility, or how to get involved, visit the El Reno Senior Center, 401 S Grand Ave, El Reno, or call at (405) 262-1968.

Come for the food, stay for the, friendships!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23	24 WE HAVE RESCHEDULED THE MUSEUM TRIP FOR THIS MONTH	25	26 ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE	27	28	1
2	3 TABLE CRAFT PROJECT 10:30	4 CHAIR STRETCHES 11:00	5 BINGO AT 12:45	6 CORNHOLE, DOMINOES, CHECKERS 10:30	7 PENCIL DRAWING DUST MITE 10:30	8
9 SPRING FORWARD DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	10 ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH SHANNON OF HEARTLAND FINANCIAL 10:30	11 BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS	12 BINGO AT 12:45	13 OK POISON CENTER MEDICATION SAFETY 11AM	14 PENCIL DRAWING PERSPECTIVE 10:30	15
16	17  ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION	18 CHAIR STRETCHES 11:00	19 BINGO AT 12:45	20 OKC MUSEUM OF ART FIELD TRIP 12:45 PM	21 PAINTING ON CANVAS 10:30	22
23	24 PAINTING ON CANVAS 10:30	25 BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS	26 BINGO AT 12:45	27 ISAAC MORRIS DISASTER AWARENESS 10:30	28  MARCH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	29
30	31 PLANT AN INDOOR HERB GARDEN 10:30	    				



OPEN BOARD, COMMITTEE & AUTHORITY POSITIONS

El Reno Library Board (Stacked Terms - 3yr)

2 terms expired/expiring/vacant (4/2025) – Next term to (4/2028)

El Reno Cemetery Board (Stacked Terms - 5yr)

1 term expired/expiring/vacant (4/2025) – Next term to (4/2030)

El Reno Municipal Planning Commission (Stacked Terms - 3yr)

3 terms expired/expiring/vacant (6/2025) – Next term to (4/2028)

El Reno Convention & Visitors Board (Stacked Terms - 3yr)

1 Term expired/expiring/vacant

- o Accommodations (Lodging and/or Restaurants) (6/2024)– Next term to (6/2026)
- o Community At-Large (6/2025)– Next term to (6/2028)
- o Meeting, Events and/or Attractions (6/2025)– Next term to (6/2028)

El Reno Board of Adjustment (Stacked Terms - 3yr)

1 term expired/expiring/vacant (6/2024) – Next term to (6/2027)

1 term expired/expiring/vacant (6/2023) – Next term to (6/2026)

2 terms expired/expiring/vacant (6/2025) – Next term to (6/2028)

El Reno Parks & Rec. Board (Stacked Terms - 3yr)

1 term expired/expiring/vacant (6/2024) – Next term to (6/2027)

1 term expired/expiring/vacant (6/2023) – Next term to (6/2026)

El Reno Recreational Advisory Board (Stacked Terms - 3yr)

2 terms expired/expiring/vacant (6/2024) – Next term to (6/2027)

2 terms expired/expiring/vacant (6/2025) – Next term to (6/2028)

El Reno Airpark Advisory Board (Stacked Terms - 3yr)

2 terms expired/expiring/vacant (6/2025) – Next term to (6/2028)

*Get involved in
your community*

- Offer Fresh Perspectives
- Build Leadership Skills
- Improve Quality of Life

*Participate in an area you
have interest in. There is
something for everyone!*

Applications can be found at
ElRenoOK.gov or at City Hall,
101 N. Choctaw, El Reno, OK -
Call the City Clerk's Office for
more information v405-295-9310.
Applications accepted through
Monday, March 31, 2025

Are you passionate
about the preservation
and revitalization of
our historic downtown
district and looking for
a way to get involved?

Do you have ideas for
unique events and
promotions that would
create foot traffic
for our downtown
merchants?

Are you interested
in exploring
collaborative ways
to foster a sense
of community
in El Reno?

Whether you're a long-
time resident or new to
the area, we want YOU
to be part of the team!

Ready to get involved?

Apply here:

www.elrenomainstreet.com/promotions

EL RENO CARNEGIE Library

215 E Wade St, El Reno, OK 73036
(405) 262-2409 • elrenolibrary.okpls.org

StoryWalk® Coming to El Reno's Lake Trail

Exciting things are happening in El Reno! Thanks to an ODL Health Literacy Grant, a brand-new StoryWalk® is coming to the walking trail around the lake, providing families with a unique way to enjoy both literacy and outdoor activity.

The grant is funding the installation of special StoryWalk® signs, which will be placed at intervals

along the trail. These signs will allow visitors to read a story as they walk, with each station displaying a portion of a book. The Friends of the Library have generously provided the required matching funds to bring this project to life.

The El Reno Parks and Streets Department is collaborating with the library to ensure the signs

are installed in time for the arrival of warmer weather. In addition to story pages, the signs will feature educational, nature-themed panels when no books are on display, making the trail an engaging experience all year long.

This project is part of the community's ongoing effort to promote literacy, wellness, and outdoor recreation.

Whether you're a parent

looking for a fun reading activity with your children, a teacher planning an outdoor learning experience, or simply someone who enjoys a good story while taking in nature, the StoryWalk® at Lake El Reno will offer something special for everyone.

Stay tuned for updates on installation progress and the first featured book!



El Reno Carnegie Library events					
March					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>AGES 0-6 AGES 7-12 YOUTH ALL AGES</p>	<p>AGES 13-18 ADULTS 18+ ALL AGES OLDER ADULTS</p>				1
3	4	5	6	7	8
	TEEN SYNC: JUST DANCE! @ 4:30 ⚡	STORY MAKERS @11	CLAY SEED MOSAICS @ 5:30 ☆	SENSORY PLAYTIME @ 1 ☁	HAPPY WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH! International WOMEN'S DAY March
10	11	12	13	14	15
MAKE-IT MONDAY: PUNCH NEEDLE @ 5:30 ☆	TEEN SYNC: WRITING CLUB @ 4:30 ⚡ 	STORY MAKERS @11		ART LAB @11 ▽	CROWNS TEA *TICKET REQUIRED @ NW COMMUNITY CENTER 1-3 ★
17	18	19	20	21	22
MAKE-IT MONDAY: PUNCH NEEDLE @ 5:30 ☆ FAMILY STORYTIME @ 5:30 ☁		STORY MAKERS @11	LEGO CLUB @ 4 ▽ GARDENING CLASS: OKLAHOMA PLANTS @ 5:30 ☆	ART LAB @11 ▽	
24	25	26	27	28	
MAKE-IT MONDAY: PUNCH NEEDLE @ 5:30 ☆	TEEN SYNC: BOOK CLUB @ 4:30 ⚡	STORY MAKERS @11	TEEN STUDY GROUP @ 4:30 ⚡		

IMPORTANT DATES

March 10,	2-3 p.m. Code Enforcement Hearings
March 11,	5:30 p.m. City Council Meeting
March 13,	9 a.m. El Reno Film Commission
March 13,	2 p.m. Airport Advisory Board
March 25,	5:30-6:30 p.m. Municipal Planning Commission
March 27,	10-11 a.m. CVB Special Board Meeting
April 1,	7:30 a.m. Coffee Connection hosted at Farmer's Insurance, 120 N Bickford Ave.
April 4-6	Town-wide Garage Sale No permit required this weekend.



Mike Fina, Executive Director of the Oklahoma Municipal League, discusses upcoming priorities, long-term plans, and the potential impact of the budget on El Reno's future.

Town-Wide **GARAGE SALE** **APRIL 4-6**

*No
Permit Required!*
*Free
Newspaper Listing!*

To add your address to
the free list,
contact the El Reno
Tribune at
(405) 262-5180 or email
[citygaragesale@
elrenotribune.com](mailto:citygaragesale@elrenotribune.com)

*Deadline for free listing:
March 28, 12 noon*

GARAGE **Sale**



**El Reno Main Street Fried
Onion Burger Day 2025
T-Shirts for Sale!**



elrenoburgerday25.itemorder.com