

# EL RENO *Insights*

April 2025



## Exciting Updates Coming to El Reno This Spring!

There's a lot happening in El Reno—here's a quick update!

We're breaking ground on a new terminal at El Reno Regional Airport this spring—a big step for regional aviation!

Grayson Ardies, Executive Director of Oklahoma Aerospace & Aeronautics, joins our next El Reno Now event to discuss the future of aviation in our state.

Renovations at WWII Hangar #3 are moving fast! Once complete, The Caldwell Collection will be a major aviation attraction.

### Utilities & Infrastructure

Waterline projects are progressing citywide, with Foreman Road's upgrade next on the list.

The SH-66 & US-81 roundabout remains on schedule. ODOT will also begin resurfacing South Rock Island Ave, U.S. 81/Choctaw Ave, and Sunset Dr. this summer.

Exciting times ahead—thank you for your support!

Matt Sandige, City Manager  
City of El Reno



## ODOT's Roundabout takes shape



Aerial view of ODOT's ongoing construction at SH-66 and US-81 in El Reno, part of ODOT's \$10 million roundabout project. With an 18-month timeline, the project aims to improve traffic flow and safety before the 2026 Route 66 Centennial.

## Breakfast and Community Meeting

With Updates from Mayor Jensen, Matt Sandige, City Manager, and ERPS Superintendent Matt Goucher

# 4|24|25

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



Guest Speaker:  
**Grayson Ardies**  
OK Department of Aerospace & Aeronautics



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## Town-Wide

## GARAGE SALE

# APRIL 4-6



## Historic WWII Hangar Renovation Nears Completion

Hangar 3 at El Reno Regional Airport is being renovated with a new roof and exterior, preserving its iconic arched design. Tony Caldwell is transforming the hangar into a museum to preserve aviation history.

To the right, the Caldwell Collection's latest addition, a 1929 Rose Parrakeet biplane, will be featured among up to 25 antique aircraft when the museum opens in September.



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### Seasonal Positions

- Lifeguards & Concession
- Golf Course
- Parks & Recreation



### 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.

### Code Enforcement Officer

The Code Enforcement Officer is responsible for ensuring compliance with city codes and ordinances related to property maintenance, zoning, and public health and safety in El Reno. This position plays a crucial role in maintaining and enhancing the quality of life for residents and promoting community well-being.

[Applications can be found at elrenook.gov or click here.](http://elrenook.gov)

### CALLING ALL LOCAL NON-PROFITS!

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### COMMUNITY > BURGERS

EVERY YEAR WE WELCOME INTO OUR HISTORIC DOWNTOWN DISTRICT THOUSANDS OF VISITORS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME OF THEM TRAVELLING FROM JUST DOWN I-40, SOME COMING FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY, & ALL OF THEM WANTING A BITE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST FRIED ONION BURGER... AND TO SEE IF THE RUMORS ABOUT EL RENO'S GENUINE HOSPITALITY & UNMATCHED BURGER JOINTS ARE TRUE.

WE WANT TO SHOW THEM THAT OUR COMMUNITY IS EVEN BETTER THAN "AS SEEN ON TV" AND WE WOULD REALLY LOVE FOR THEM TO MEET YOU.

SCAN CODE



OR VISIT [ELRENOBURGERDAY.COM](http://elrenoburgerday.com)



## Filming of "Pale Night" Takes Place Above Rinehart Law Office with Support from Oklahoma Film Commission

Above the Rinehart Law Office, the filming of Pale Night unfolds, with El Reno's own Roger Rinehart and Matt Sandidge visiting the set alongside the Oklahoma Film Commission and the dedicated crew, all contributing to the magic of cinematic storytelling.

# IMPORTANT DATES

### April 4-6 **Town-wide Garage Sale**

No permit required this weekend.

### April 4-6 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. **Oklahoma Mini Hereford Association** Canadian County Expo Center

### April 8 5:30 p.m. **City Council Regular Meeting** El Reno City Council Chambers

### April 10 2 p.m. **Airport Advisory Board Meeting** El Reno Regional Airport Hangar 2

### April 14 **Route 66 Day at the Oklahoma Capital**

### April 17 10 a.m. **CVB Board Meeting** El Reno City Hall Conference Room

### April 19 2 p.m. **The Great Egg Hunt 2025**, Adams Park

### April 22 6:30 p.m. **Municipal Planning Commission Meeting** El Reno City Council Chambers

### April 24 7:30 a.m. **El Reno Now**, Public Safety Center 6 p.m. **Parks Board Meeting** El Reno City Council Chambers

### April 26 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. **ORMCA Mixer Driver Championship** Canadian County Expo Center

### April 28 4 p.m. **Library Board Meeting**

### April 28 - May 2 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. **National Land & Range Judging Contest** Canadian County Expo Center

### May 3 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. **Fried Onion Burger Day** Downtown El Reno

### May 6 7 - 9 p.m. **Fair Board Meeting** Canadian County Expo Center

### June 1-14 **Free Landfill Days**, Canadian Co. Landfill

### June 6-8 8 a.m. - Dark: **A Small Town Weekend**, Adams Park



## El Reno Prepares for Route 66 Centennial with New Signage

Colton Atkinson installs signs marking the original alignment of Route 66, contributing to the ongoing preparations for the centennial celebration of this legendary highway. In 2026, Route 66 will celebrate its 100th anniversary since being officially established, with a year-long series of events and festivities taking place along its historic route. These celebrations will honor the enduring legacy of America's 'Main Street,' highlighting its profound impact on American culture, travel, commerce, and the development of communities across the nation.



Finished drainage project at Jensen and Dillie Ave. This channel ties into drainage improvements previously completed upstream.



City workers replaced the marquee sign at the Center Theatre to a more modern and functional system.



401 S Grand Ave  
El Reno,  
(405) 262-1968

**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.**



El Reno Senior Center residents celebrate in style at the March birthday party, enjoying lively music, fun games, and delicious treats as they mark another year of community and joy.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 <b>ALL EVENTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>	31	1 CHAIR STRETCHES 11AM	2 BINGO AT 12:45	3 PAINTING ON CANVAS 10:30	4 FOCUSED BREATHING 11AM	5
6	7 PENCIL DRAWING DUST MITE 10:30	8 BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS	9 BINGO AT 12:45	10 PENCIL DRAWING SHADING 10:30	11 GAME DAY	12
13	14 ARTS AND CRAFTS WITH SHANNON OF HEARTLAND FINANCIAL 10:30	15 CHAIR STRETCHES 11AM	16 BINGO AT 12:45	17 MAKING YOUR LEGAL DOCUMENTS 10:30AM ARCHWELL HEALTH	18 FRIDAY - CENTER CLOSED	19
20	21 PAINTING ON CANVAS 10:30	22 BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS	23 BINGO AT 12:45	24 RECOVERY STEPS AFTER A NATURAL DISASTER 10:30AM	25 APRIL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION	26
27	28 PLANTING SENIOR CENTER GARDEN 10:30AM	29 CHAIR STRETCHES 11AM	30 BINGO AT 12:45	1	2	3
4	5	<b>ADVANTAGE Insurance Group</b>	<b>BancFirst</b>	<b>EL RENO FAMILY DENTISTRY</b> GENERAL COSMETIC IMPLANT SEDATION <sup>TM</sup>	<b>BLANC FARMS</b> 2019 OKLAHOMA CENTENNIAL FARM 7650 S. REFORMATORY ROAD EL RENO, OKLAHOMA 73036 (405) 262-7303	<b>InterBank</b>



# Major Utilities and Infrastructure Upgrades to Enhance Safety and Efficiency

The City of El Reno is making significant strides with several ongoing utilities and infrastructure projects that will not only improve water distribution but also enhance the safety and efficiency of our transportation network.

## Ongoing Waterline Construction Projects

Waterline construction efforts are progressing steadily across various areas, including:

- U.S. 81 Corridor:** Crews are working on enhancing the water distribution system along this crucial route, which is essential for local residents and businesses.

- Jensen Road:** Waterline upgrades are actively being implemented to improve service and infrastructure resilience in this area.

### • Radio Road I-40 Crossing:

Work is underway at this key intersection to ensure better water service reliability and support future development.

These projects remain on track, with substantial advancements expected over the coming month. The progress being made is part of our ongoing effort to modernize and strengthen the city's utility systems.

### Upcoming Waterline Replacement on Foreman Road

A significant infrastructure enhancement is planned along Foreman Road, where an aging waterline will be replaced from Keith Avenue to Sunset Drive. This critical upgrade will improve the reliability and capacity of our water system, addressing long-term needs and preparing our infrastructure for future growth.

### Upcoming Road Resurfacing and Improvements

In addition to waterline projects, several road resurfacing and improvement initiatives are scheduled to begin this summer, ensuring smoother and safer travel for our residents:

- South Rock Island Avenue Resurfacing:** Starting later this summer, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) will begin resurfacing South Rock Island Avenue, from E. Elm Street to Downtown El Reno, and continue north along U.S. 81/Choctaw Avenue to Caddo Street. This vital project will significantly improve road conditions for commuters, enhancing both safety and comfort.

### • Sunset Drive Resurfacing:

Another key project will resurface Sunset Drive from Choctaw Avenue to S. Hadden Avenue, further ensuring safer and smoother travel routes for residents and visitors alike.

These resurfacing projects will improve overall road safety and traffic flow throughout the community, enhancing the daily travel experience for all residents.

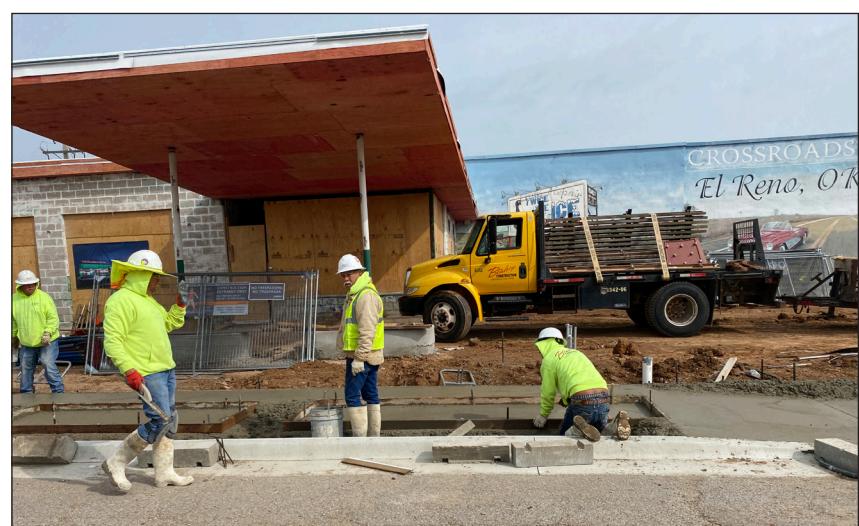
### A Commitment to Growth and Safety

These projects reflect our ongoing commitment to upgrading and modernizing El Reno's utilities and infrastructure, ensuring that they meet the needs of our growing community while enhancing safety and quality of life. With continued improvements, we are preparing for a brighter, more efficient future for all residents.

## Ribbon Cutting for Filling Station Set for May 3 at 10:30 a.m.

Join us at 10:30 a.m. for the highly anticipated Ribbon Cutting and soft opening of the brand-new Filling Station Visitor Center. This event marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter, bringing fresh opportunities and a welcoming space for residents and visitors alike.

In the photo to the right, you can see crews hard at work, pouring concrete and making preparations for the facility. Along with these improvements, a brand-new roof has been installed, ensuring the space is ready to serve the community for years to come.



# EL RENO CARNEGIE

# Library

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

The El Reno Carnegie Library, a historic institution serving Canadian County since 1905, continues to enrich the community with a variety of new offerings:

**New Book Arrivals:** In March 2025, the library introduced a fresh selection of books for all ages, including titles like "Writer" by James Patterson, "Elphie" by Gregory Maguire, "Sunrise on the Reaping" by Suzanne Collins, and "The One and Only Bob" by Katherine Applegate.

**Upcoming Events:** The El Reno Carnegie Friends of the Library are hosting their monthly Book Sale on April 11-12. Join us

April 14th and/or 21st for a special Make-It Monday where we will be learning how to cross-stitch. Celebrate National Library Week by participating in the April Library Love Reading Challenge or by stopping by April 7-12 to write a love note to the Library!

**New Service Announcement:** Starting on April 14, your library card will give you free access to over 34,000 popular and award-winning movies and tv shows. Enjoy Kanopy streaming service wherever you are, using your phone, computer, or smart tv. Contact the Library for more information.

***Get involved in your  
community by joining  
a Board or Committee!***

- 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**

405-295-9310

**El Reno Carnegie Library events**

# April



## New this month:

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- Library Love Beanstack Reading Challenge
  - Cross Stitch Classes
  - Art Lab for Littles
  - little Learners Lab

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <p>APRIL LIBRARY LOVE Reading Challenge</p>					
<b>7</b> <b>National Library Week!</b> LIBRARY LOVE  NOTES - ALL WEEK <b>Right to Read Day</b>	<b>8</b> TEEN SYNC:  BLACK OUT POETRY (DROP-IN) <b>Library Workers Day</b>	<b>9</b> STORYMAKERS @11   <b>Library Outreach Day</b>	<b>10</b> ART LAB AGES 7-12 @ 5:30  <b>Take Action for Libraries Day</b>	<b>11</b> LITTLE LEARNERS LAB @ 1 	<b>12</b> SECOND SATURDAY STORY TIME   @ 11
<b>14</b> MAKE-IT MONDAY: CROSS-STITCH @ 5:30  <b>Try KANOPY today!</b>	<b>15</b> TEEN SYNC: WRITING CLUB @ 4:30 	<b>16</b> STORYMAKERS @11  	<b>17</b> LEGO CLUB @ 4 	<b>18</b> closed	<b>19</b> closed 
<b>21</b> MAKE-IT MONDAY: CROSS-STITCH @ 5:30 	<b>22</b> TEEN SYNC:  ROCK PAINTING (DROP-IN)	<b>23</b> STORYMAKERS @11  	<b>24</b> TEEN STUDY GROUP @ 4:30  FAMILY STORYTIME @ 5:30 	<b>25</b> ART LAB AGES 0-6 @11 	<b>26</b> 
<b>28</b> GARDENING CLASS: BENEFICIAL BUGS @ 5:30 	<b>29</b> TEEN SYNC: BOOK CLUB @ 4:30 	<b>30</b> STORYMAKERS @11  			 AGES 13-18  ADULTS 18+  ALL AGES  OLDER ADULTS

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