



01 SPRINGFEST 2016

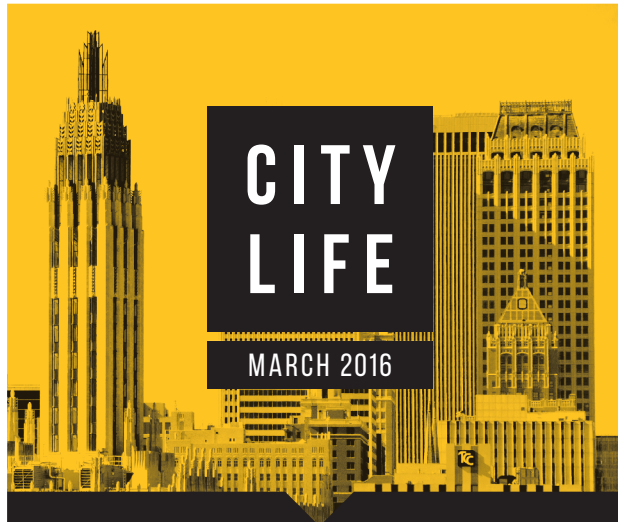
GARDEN MARKET AND FESTIVAL

Whether you are an experienced gardener or would like to plant your first garden this year, you're likely to enjoy a visit to the SpringFest Garden Market and Festival. The event will be held April 8 and 9 at Tulsa Garden Center in Woodward Park, 2435 S. Peoria Ave. Hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and admission is free.

SpringFest Garden Market and Festival will feature a large variety of plants, gardening information, garden art, unique art and craft vendors, a kids' zone with fun activities, plus food and fun for the whole family. Area plant nurseries will offer the newest and best plant selections for 2016. Expert gardeners at the festival will be available to answer questions.

While at SpringFest, don't miss the beautiful Linnaeus Teaching Garden, a state-of-the-art demonstration garden in Woodward Park, and Helmerich Horticulture Center, a recent addition. The popular Linnaeus Teaching Garden pass-along plant tent will be full of plants for sale from the gardens of Linnaeus gardeners and other friends of the Tulsa Garden Center.

Mark your calendar now to attend this gardening extravaganza. Proceeds from SpringFest Garden Market and Festival will benefit Tulsa Garden Center educational programs. For more information, please call (918) 746-5125 or visit: www.tulsagardencent.com



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04 SPAY OR NEUTER PETS

Dog, cat owners need to follow City ordinance, help control overpopulation.

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02 FREE LANDFILL EVENT

CLEAR OUT AFTER SPRING CLEANING



Do you need to dispose of items too big for regular trash pickup? Tulsa utility customers can take advantage of Free Landfill Days on Saturday, April 9, and Sunday, April 10, at the Quarry Landfill, 13740 E. 46th St. N., approximately one-and-a-half miles east of U.S. 169. This event is sponsored by the City

of Tulsa and Tulsa Authority for Recovery of Energy (TARE).

The landfill is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., closing promptly at 3 p.m. Simply show a City utility bill or a driver's license with a Tulsa address for admission to the landfill. No items containing Freon refrigerant will be accepted, such as air conditioners and refrigerators.

There are state-imposed fees for discarding tires and the fee is \$2 per tire. Loads in trucks and trailers should be secured and covered to prevent contents from blowing out onto roadways and creating traffic hazards.

NOTE: There are two landfills on East 46th Street North. Look for the Quarry Waste Management Inc. signs.

03 EMERGENCY SIRENS

LEARN WHAT TULSA'S SIRENS MEAN

Being prepared when disaster strikes helps save lives and property, prevent injury and decrease recovery costs. Knowing about warning sirens and understanding the different siren tones can help you take the right protective action.

Tulsa has 98 siren locations in and near the city, with each siren reaching an approximately one-mile radius. The sirens' tones are intended to warn people who are outdoors about severe weather and other civil emergency threats. Tulsa's warning sirens are tested live each Wednesday at noon, weather permitting. The sirens also are tested silently if we are unable to do live tests due to the weather.

THREE TYPES OF SOUNDS

Three-minute "steady, one-note" tone – is activated when the National Weather Service issues a tornado warning including the City of Tulsa. The tone also is activated if the National Weather Service forecasts 80 mph winds within 30 minutes of the City of Tulsa. This tone is steady, but may sound like it is changing due to changes in wind velocity and direction. Upon hearing the tornado warning/high-wind tone, citizens should seek shelter immediately and monitor weather radios and the broadcast media for further information.

Three-minute "high-low" tone – is activated when the National Weather Service issues a flood warning for the City of Tulsa. Also, City of Tulsa hydrologists, in coordination with the Tulsa Area Emergency Management Agency and first responders, have verified that flood waters are escaping creek or river channels and are threatening structures. Upon hearing the flood sirens, citizens should immediately move to higher ground and monitor weather radios and the broadcast media for further information. During any flood or high-water event, motorists should avoid driving through flood waters, and remember to "Turn Around – Don't Drown."

Three-minute "wavering" tone – is similar to the "wailing" sound made by police and fire vehicles and is used only to warn of nuclear attacks.

To hear what Tulsa's different types of warning sirens sound like, you can visit: <http://bit.ly/COT-Sirens>

BACKFLOW PREVENTION

PROTECT OUR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

The City's Water & Sewer Department is dedicated to ensuring the water delivered to your home is safe to drink. However, situations outside of the City's control may jeopardize the quality of your drinking water by allowing backflow into the public water system.

Backflow is the reverse flow of water from a plumbing system into the public water system.

Cross-connections can occur between the public water system and anything else allowing the **backflow** of foreign materials into the system.

Follow these simple precautions to help protect our drinking water system from backflow events:

- **Never submerge hoses in buckets, pools, tubs, sinks or other containers.**
- **Always keep hose ends clear of possible contaminants. An air gap of 2 inches or more between the hose end and the receptacle is the safest and simplest way to prevent backflow.**
- **Don't tamper with the temperature and pressure valves on hot water tanks. These valves will discharge when there is thermal expansion in the tank. Install a thermal expansion tank if necessary.**
- **Buy and install inexpensive backflow-prevention devices called vacuum breakers for all faucets in your home.**
- **Don't use garden hose spray attachments to apply chemicals without using a vacuum breaker at the faucet. Lawn or cleaning chemicals are toxic and may be fatal if ingested.**



04 IT'S HIP TO SNIP

PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER DOGS, CATS

Every day in the United States, 70,000 puppies and kittens are born. Every day in the United States, 10,773 humans are born. These statistics show a main reason why so many animals are in shelters.

Last year Tulsa Animal Welfare took in 9,948 dogs and cats. While over 5,000 went back to their homes, new families or rescue groups, 4,702 were humanely euthanized. You can help decrease the number of animals coming to our shelter by spaying or neutering your pet.

Benefits of spaying or neutering include:

- **Increase chances for longer, healthier lives**
- **Minimize risk of disease in reproductive organs**
- **Reduce aggressive behavior, including dog bites (males)**
- **Lower desire to escape from home in search of a mate**
- **Avoid a citation for having an unsterilized animal in the City of Tulsa. Yes, it's the law in Tulsa to spay or neuter pets.**

Tulsa Animal Welfare does not offer spay/neuter services to the public. Consult a veterinarian or low-cost spay/neuter clinic. For more information, see www.tulsaanimalwelfare.org