01  SURPLUS AUCTION

The next City of Tulsa Surplus Property Auction will be held Saturday, May 19, starting at 9:30 a.m. at the City’s surplus facility, 108 N. Trenton Ave. That facility is located two blocks north and one block west of the I-244 and Utica Avenue intersection.

Prior to the sale, you may preview the merchandise Friday, May 18, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. or Saturday, May 19 at 7:30 a.m. Photos of the merchandise also can be viewed online by visiting: www.chuppsauction.com

All sales are “as is.” It is the bidder’s responsibility to determine the condition of the merchandise. Three auctioneers may be selling simultaneously, so bidders wanting to bid on multiple items need to bring a partner/proxy. No one under the age of 16 may be admitted to the City surplus property facility.

Cash, MasterCard and Visa cards are accepted. Checks can be accepted only if accompanied by a letter of guaranty from the financial institution on which the check is drawn. Payment is required in full within one hour after the auction ends. Sales tax will be collected on auction purchases unless a sales tax permit is provided with proof of regular engagement in the resale business for items purchased. An Oklahoma Tax Commission auditor may be present.

If you have questions about the auction, please call (918) 596-7233.

02  SAFE DRINKING WATER

TULSA’S MOST VALUABLE RESOURCE

The City of Tulsa works diligently to deliver safe drinking water to you and your family and joins the American Water Works Association in celebrating Drinking Water Week, May 6-12, 2018. The water that flows freely through your tap delivers many things no other water can deliver. What do you know about H2O?

Public Health Protection: Our first obligation is to provide water that is safe for consumption and protects the public health. In parts of the world without modern water systems, an estimated 3 million people die every year from preventable waterborne diseases like cholera and dysentery. In contrast, stringent U.S. water regulations require water systems to regularly monitor for more than 100 contaminants and meet public health-based standards.

Protecting the Source: Sixty miles east of Tulsa you will find Lakes Spavinaw and Eucha. These lakes provide half of all water flowing throughout Tulsa. The other half comes from Lake Oologah 35 miles north of the city. High quality water begins at the source, and the Tulsa Metropolitan Utility Authority (TMUA) works diligently to protect these water sources. TMUA follows a Source Water Protection Plan to minimize phosphorus loading in our water source that could turn into taste and odor concerns in finished water for our citizens.

Renewing Our Infrastructure: Tulsa’s water system contains over 4,000 miles of water and sewer lines which were mostly built several decades ago. TMUA and the City of Tulsa are taking a proactive approach to replace degrading system infrastructure. Delaying investment in critical system components could result in disruptions that increase expenditures for repair and replacement. Degrading utility systems is a national trend, and Tulsa is doing its part to ensure that our utilities are maintained for present and future generations.

Quality of Life: Tap water is an essential part of our lives – we can hardly imagine a day without it. If the City of Tulsa didn’t have a reliable source of water, how would we wash clothes or dishes, bathe, flush toilets, or water our yards? How would businesses operate? Some measures of a successful society depend on the accessibility of safe water, resulting in low mortality rates, economic diversity, productivity and public safety.
CITY JOB OPENINGS
JOIN OUR TEAM TO SERVE OUR CITIZENS

If you are currently looking for a job or thinking about a career change, consider applying for a position at the City of Tulsa. The City is looking for team players who are dedicated to offering citizens outstanding customer service.

The City of Tulsa has a variety of jobs available for applicants with qualifications starting from a high school diploma or GED, progressing to bachelor’s degrees and higher. To search for available positions, read job descriptions and fill out an application online, go to www.cityoftulsa.org/jobs

While visiting the City of Tulsa’s Employment page, you can create a personalized account online and register to be notified about available positions in your areas of interest. Select the job categories in which you are interested; you will be alerted via email when new job opportunities arise. The City of Tulsa has immediate openings in several areas, especially for emergency 911 dispatchers – true first responders, of Tulsa has immediate openings in several areas, especially for emergency 911 dispatchers – true first responders.

Employees at the City of Tulsa work as a team of dedicated professionals who care about serving the citizens of Tulsa. The City of Tulsa provides stable employment and offers benefits including medical and other types of insurance, health savings accounts, flexible spending accounts, a pension plan, paid holidays, vacation and sick leave.

SAFE DIGGING MONTH
PIPELINE SAFETY IN OUR COMMUNITY

April is National Safe Digging Month. Before you begin any outdoor projects this spring, consider the following information that can keep you and your neighborhood safe.

As you know, the City of Tulsa provides water, sewer and stormwater service through a network of underground pipes. Your private water and sewer lines connect to the City’s system. When you combine these piping systems with the electric, natural gas and telecommunications networks, it’s easy to see why utility lines can be damaged if not properly located before digging.

Call Before You Dig – please be cautious before you begin any construction project on your property. While digging, if you accidentally hit the utility networks buried underground, you could interrupt services that thousands of people depend on, and put yourself in danger as well. Whether you’re planting a tree, or installing a deck or sprinkler system, state law requires calling 811 at least 48 hours before you plan to dig, to allow all utility line locations to be marked. There’s no charge to you for this service.

The City of Tulsa and other member utilities participate in “Call Okie,” the Oklahoma One-Call System, which locates and marks their underground infrastructure, including pipelines, cables and wires within 48 hours of a request.

The City of Tulsa encourages you to be safe and avoid costly repairs: plan ahead and call 811 to locate underground utilities prior to digging. For more information, please visit: www.callokie.com

SAFE ROOM BENEFITS
BE PREPARED FOR TORNADOES, FLOODS

To ensure safe construction and proper installation, safe rooms built or installed within the City of Tulsa are required to have a building permit before construction. This is particularly true when building or installing safe rooms in flood-prone areas.

Flood hazards are an important consideration when placing an above-or below-ground safe room in a new or existing home. Below-ground safe rooms must be designed to avoid accumulating water during the heavy rains that often accompany severe windstorms.

Homeowners should contact the City of Tulsa Permit Center at (918) 596-9456 to obtain a safe room building permit. City staff can help you determine what additional requirements or restrictions there may be for your safe room if your property is located in a floodplain.

If you already have a safe room at your home or office, you should consider participating in the City of Tulsa’s Storm Shelter Registry. This registry provides information to emergency responders to help them locate citizens after a natural disaster such as a tornado. Having a registered safe room will provide emergency personnel with time-saving information should your safe room be blocked by debris.

You can register your safe room online with your City utility account number. To participate in the registry, go to www.cityoftulsa.org and search for “safe room.” After registering, you can call the City of Tulsa Customer Care Center at 311 to request that Tulsa Fire Department personnel visit your home or business and obtain the exact GPS coordinates of your safe room.

Tornadoes are dangerous, but the severe storms and flash flooding that often accompany them can be just as dangerous. During a tornado warning, it is always best to use a safe room or shelter in place in a sturdy building with as many walls between you and the tornado as possible and at the lowest level of the house. If you are in a mobile home, find a sturdy building or preferably a safe room you can go to when the storm threatens and allow plenty of time to get to it. You should always avoid basements with a history of flooding.