

Our Community

Tulsa and oil have gone hand in hand for many years. The oil boom of the 1920s gave the city its nickname “Oil Capital of the World,” pushed the population to nearly 72,000 people and provided a rich base for culture, art and architecture. By the 1950s Tulsa was well established as the cultural and arts center of Oklahoma and was once christened “America’s Most Beautiful City” by Time Magazine.

Today Tulsa remains both a beautiful city and a prominent leader in local and state economics. With an estimated population of nearly 400,000 people, Tulsa is the second-largest city in Oklahoma. No longer heavily dependent on the oil industry, Tulsa has diversified into energy, finance, aviation, telecommunications and technology.

Tulsa is a city rich in character, business and cooperation, yet has the heart of a small town. From the chic lofts of downtown Tulsa to the tree-lined suburbs, Tulsa has a variety of residential options. Additionally, Tulsa has been ranked as the largest metro region with the second shortest commute zone in the nation with a 20-minute average commute time. This spring Tulsa was also named by Forbes Magazine as one of America’s Most Livable Cities. Also known as “Green Country,” due to its rolling hills, lakes and green vegetation, nature lovers and sports enthusiasts consider Tulsa the jewel of north-eastern Oklahoma.

Tulsa remains a clean, safe, culturally vibrant community committed to economic expansion. Tulsa along with the surrounding smaller cities of Bixby, Broken Arrow, Jenks and Owasso are all communities where you can find a perfect fit for you and your family.

Welcome to Tulsa and Our Surrounding Communities

TulsaKids Magazine’s “New to T-Town Relocation Guide” is designed to make the transition a little bit easier for families new to the Tulsa metro area. You hold in your hands a handy guide that will give you some basic information about the area, including arts and entertainment, shopping areas, hospitals and healthcare, places to play, schools and childcare, information on Moms’ groups and a few fun facts to make you an insider in no time. The Tulsa community has so much to offer – and you will find that it’s a great place to raise a family! There’s so much to do and see, and plenty of ways to connect with other parents and families in the area. It is our hope that the guide will help you navigate your way through and around town.

And be sure to pick up TulsaKids Magazine every month. It’s a terrific monthly resource for parents – and it’s free at over 200 locations in and around Tulsa. Visit us online at www.tulsakids.com, Twitter and Facebook.

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Glenpool

Glenpool High School's varsity football team has been the 4A-2 champions for three years running.

One word describes the “town that made Tulsa famous”: Opportunity. With an explosion of revenue for city development thanks to recent retail businesses, now is the perfect time to consider a place in Glenpool. The town is already on the frontlines of new housing subdivisions, including an assortment of sizes and costs for new homes. An exciting new Tulsa County Community Center is in the works and more than half-a-million dollars is being utilized for neighborhood enhancements, sidewalks, trails and other improvements. All of this is within 15 minutes of Tulsa. Glenpool makes the ideal place to find a home, start a family or launch a business.

Chamber: www.glenpoolchamber.org

City: www.glenpool.com

Helpful Phone Numbers

Library: (918) 746-5190

Gas: (800) 834-8000

Electric: (800) 272-9741

Water: (918) 322-5409

Don't miss:

Black Gold Days (held every June)

Annual Christmas parade

Population: 9,000

Median Age: 29.8

Average Income: \$50,900

Estimated Median Owner-Occupied Housing

Value in 2007: \$101,500



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The “River City” is located six miles west of Tulsa and offers a wonderful and inspiring look at what northeast Oklahoma has to offer. While Sand Springs is continually blooming with an extended growth area of 150 square miles, families won’t want to stay home because of the tremendous opportunities. Families and friends can spend their weekends at the gorgeous Keystone Lake, admire the 1,300-acre old-growth forest at Keystone Ancient Forest or see and learn from the stunning exhibits at the Sand Springs Cultural and Historical Museum, which will be hosting a traveling Smithsonian exhibit in fall 2009. Sand Springs may be small but never boring.

Chamber: www.sandspringschamber.com

City: www.sandspringsok.org

Helpful Phone Numbers

Library: (918) 591-4585

Utilities: (918) 246-2527

City Hall: (918) 246-2500

Don’t miss:

Discoveryland

Sand Springs Lake

Zink Ranch

Population: 17,700

Median Age: 37

Average Income: \$55,473

Estimated Median Owner-Occupied Housing Value in 2007:
\$113,700





Sapulpa

Known as Oklahoma's most connected city

Often referred to as “the heart of Route 66,” Sapulpa has big-city ambitions but never forgets its small-town heritage. Being only 10 miles from Tulsa city limits, Sapulpa is seamlessly connected to four major highways that can easily take families and business ventures to Tulsa, Oklahoma City and beyond. This town’s “heart” is as big as its community that celebrates everything from the Creek County Fair to the annual Jazz Festival and is home of the Route 66 Blowout each June. Sapulpa is a perfect place to live in a metropolitan lifestyle with a homemade atmosphere.

Chamber: www.sapulpaokcofc.org

City: www.cityofsapulpa.net

Helpful Phone Numbers

Recycle: (918) 227-2865

Library: (918) 224-5624

Gas: (918) 834-8000

Electric: (918) 272-9741

Water: (918) 224-6220

City number: (918) 224-3040

Don't miss:

Frankhoma Pottery

Jazz Festival (held in June)

Population: 23,000

Median Age: 37.3

Average Income: \$40,000

Estimated Median Owner-Occupied Housing

Value in 2007: \$111,900



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A poster for the Tulsa Ballet 2009-2010 season. It features three photographs: a large image of Dracula, a smaller image of a ballerina in a white dress, and another image of a couple in period costume. The text reads: "Explore the Darker Side of Passion", "Tulsa Ballet 2009-2010", "Dracula - The Nutcracker - The Sleeping Beauty", "The Contemporaries - Pop Culture - Carmina Burana", and "For Tickets Call 749-6407 or visit www.tulsaballet.org". The Tulsa Ballet logo is in the bottom right corner.