



City Councilor Karen Gilbert talks about the launch of a citywide food drive Monday. Donations will be collected at the police precincts, fire stations, library branches and City Hall. STEPHEN PINGRY/Tulsa World

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## **Police Toy Drive**

The Tulsa Police Department's fifth annual toy drive began Monday.

Donations of new, unwrapped toys will be accepted at all three three uniform division offices from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dec. 17.

Individuals who are unable to deliver a toy to the division may leave a message and police will attempt to pick up the gift.

By KEVIN CANFIELD World Staff Writer | 0 comments

One fact stuck out at Monday's news conference kicking off the city's annual "Stock the Station" holiday food drive: If you want to donate money instead of food, a dollar will buy four meals.

Eileen Bradshaw, executive director of the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, said that's a big deal in a state where 1 in 4 children are food insecure.

"For the person who is receiving that meal, I can assure you that \$10 donation is a big deal," Bradshaw said.

Cash donations will have an even greater impact this year thanks to the George Kaiser Family Foundation, Bradshaw said.

The foundation will match all first-time donations dollar for dollar.

For those people who have donated previously, the foundation will match any increase over the last donation dollar for dollar.

"A lot of people, myself included, sometimes I think the amount I can afford to give might not make a difference," Bradshaw said. "But when you think that every dollar is four meals and now you have that matched," it





## Details On The Nov. 4 General Election

Governor, lieutenant governor, state superintendent of public instruction, labor commissioner and two U.S. Senate seats are among the offices to be decided in the Nov. 4 general election.

The two Senate seats are on the ballot in the same year for the first time in state history because of Sen. Tom Coburn's retirement. Republican James Lankford, Democrat Connie Johnson and independent Mark Beard are contending for the final two years of the current term.

Incumbent Gov. Mary Fallin is seeking her

Call 918-596-1679 to nominate a child to receive a donated toy. The child must be younger than 12.

The deadline for name submissions is 4 p.m. Dec. 17.

Tulsa police officers will deliver the toys before Christmas.

Last year, new toys were provided to nearly 400 children.

Drop-off locations are Riverside Division, 7515 S. Riverside Drive; Gilcrease Division, 3436 N. Delaware Ave.; and, Mingo Valley Division, 10122 E. 11th St.



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makes a difference.

Bradshaw joined Mayor Dewey Bartlett, City Councilors David Patrick and Karen Gilbert and officials from the police and fire departments at Fire Station No. 4 to announce the food drive's kickoff.

Food donations can be made through Dec. 31 at any Tulsa police or fire station, any Tulsa City-County Library location and at City Hall.

Donations can also be made by phone at 918-585-2800 or online at <u>okfoodbank.org</u>. Cash donations will also be accepted at the food bank, 1304 N. Kenosha Ave.

Checks should be made out to the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma or CFBEO.

Bartlett said the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma is a perfect example of Tulsa's giving spirit.

The organization served approximately 335,000 meals a week last year in the state's 24 most eastern counties.

"We need to keep in mind that we have a lot of people in our community that aren't quite as fully funded or well-positioned as most of us are," Bartlett said. "We need to keep our hearts open and (our) generosity of spirit."

Bartlett urged University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University alumni and fans to fill the donation boxes at City Hall, which will be marked with each school's name.

Gilbert said the number of people going to sleep hungry in the state is unacceptable.

"I am encouraging my fellow city councilors, constituents, family and friends to step up and to donate food," she said.

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second term against Democrat Joe Dorman and two independents, and three-term U.S. Sen Jim Inhofe will go for his fourth term against Democrat Matt Silverstein and three independents.

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Mike Workman, Democrat x-Mark Costello, Republican

#### UNITED STATES SENATOR (Full Term)

Matt Silverstein, Democrat x-Jim Inhofe, Republican Aaron DeLozier, independent Ray Woods, independent Joan Farr, independent

#### UNITED STATES SENATOR (unexpired term)

Connie Johnson, Democrat James Lankford, Republican Mark T. Beard, independent

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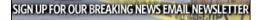
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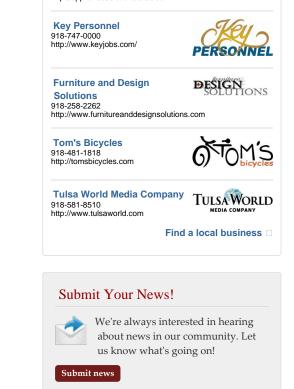
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