

NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting: September 8, 2026, 6 p.m., City Hall



In July, all of the Title V Commissions met to share updates and best practices to supporting community. Sessions during the retreat focused on civil discourse and understanding the focus and goals of city departments such as the Office of Children, Youth, & Families, and the New Tulsans Initiative. Here are several of the commissioners that attended.

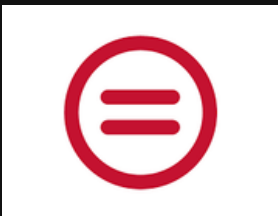
Chair & Committee Updates

Chairman Humphrey reported he and the Executive Committee have been working on the strategic focus and recruitment alongside Deputy Chief of Staff Brentom Todd. If you know someone that would like to apply to volunteer for a seat on the commission, email the name to gtaaacculturecommittee@gmail.com and we'll send the name along.

The GTAAAC committees are working on their current goals. This includes: Education - working on the Black Educator Awards program; Policy - finding opportunities to write op-eds on issues that affect the African American community at large; Culture - creating a digital and physical community directory.

The Human Rights Commission voted to establish an Accessibility and Inclusion Committee. This creates a formal platform for community members to contribute to this important conversation and lift up disability-related issues and solutions to HRC. Additionally, the Department of Resilience and Equity (DRE) has been working to update the complaints filing process and transition it online. This will create an easier and more accessible pathway for accessibility and other human rights complaints.

History Corner



On September 29, 1910, the National Urban League was founded. The National Urban League, formerly known as the National League on Urban Conditions Among Negroes, is a nonpartisan historic civil rights organization based in New York City that advocates on behalf of economic and social justice for African Americans and against racial discrimination in the United States. Learn more about the work of NUL [here](#).



Black Educator Awards

Nominations for the Black Educator Awards, named for Dr. La Verne Ford Wimberly, are now open. Nominations are due September 15th.

The categories for these awards include:

- Difference Maker Award
- Outstanding New Educator Award
- Trailblazer Award
- Guiding Light Award
- Excellence in Education Award

To nominate a Black educator for one of these awards, use the QR code above or go to the link [here](#).

Events

9/4: First Friday; Downtown Tulsa, 6 p.m.

9/4: Keys for Two-An Evening with Ryan & Ryan; LowDown, 9 p.m.

9/12: Black History Saturdays; Langston University, 9 a.m.

9/12: Boley Founder's Day Trailride; Boley, OK, 10 a.m.

9/17: Patti Labelle; Riverspirit Casino, 8 p.m.

9/18: 918 Day; Chapmen Green, 5 p.m.

9/18: Buddy Guy 90; Tulsa Theater, 7:30 p.m.

9/19: Black Trivia Fundraiser; Junior League of Tulsa, 6:30 p.m.

Urban Coders Guild Applications Are Open

Urban Coders Guild is accepting applications for its free 2026-27 afterschool computer science programs for Tulsa-area middle and high school students. Students can explore web development, Python, game development and cybersecurity through hands-on, project-based learning.

Beginners are welcome, and returning or more experienced students can continue developing deeper technical skills and pathways toward certifications, college and careers in technology.

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