

# Greater Enid Chamber of Commerce

## 2023-24 Community Development Highlights

- **Advance Soccer Complex** opened. The facility is a tremendous quality of life and sports tourism asset for Enid.
- Sparq Renewables, NextEra Energy and the City of Enid broke ground on the **Scissortail Renewables project** which will convert methane from municipal waste at the Enid City Landfill into renewable natural gas.
- City of Enid has acquired 560 acres and secured \$15.8 million in ARPA funding to develop **66<sup>th</sup> St. West Industrial Park**.
- **No Man's Land Foods** completed a major expansion project in Enid.
- **TAKKION** completed its new remanufacturing center which will perform gearbox and main shaft repairs for wind towers. The company will provide 50 full-time jobs initially.
- **Bri-Steel** opened a seamless pipe manufacturing facility in the former GEFCO building.
- **NextEra Energy Resources** is planning to build a 250-megawatt solar energy center paired with 200-megawatts of battery storage southeast of Enid.
- **PT** is expanding to provide increased stainless-steel capacity.
- **Kaw Lake water pipeline** is scheduled for completion in September 2025. The project will provide a diversified, sustainable water source for Enid.
- Enid's W. Garriott corridor has **new restaurant and retail development**.
- **Improvements at Enid Woodring Regional Airport** include a south ramp upgrade and a second new joint use hangar. The projects will provide mission support for Vance AFB.
- **Wind development investment** in Garfield Co. is approaching \$2 billion.
- **Downtown Enid** is flourishing with new restaurants, bars, breweries, boutiques, and art projects.
- **"The One"**, a Christmas festival in Downtown Enid featuring a 122 ft. Christmas tree, concerts, expanded **Main Street Enid ice skating rink** and much more, attracted thousands of visitors to Enid.

## 2023-24 Enid Chamber Events & Activities

- Organized the **Enid federal legislative trip to Washington D.C.** Primary topics included Vance AFB priorities, economic development and infrastructure opportunities, border security and foreign ownership of agricultural land.
- Organized **Enid Day at the Capitol** legislative meetings. Primary topics were tax cuts, higher education consolidation concerns and increased funding for mental health and substance abuse services.
- Advocated for **additional Medicaid funding** for Oklahoma nursing home facilities to help improve elderly care and address the nursing shortage.
- **Chamber Ambassadors** conducted ribbon cuttings for new or expanding businesses and provided other volunteer support for the Chamber.
- Supported **Enid Public Schools bond issues** for safety and security, technology and transportation.
- Partnered with Enid News & Eagle to **sponsor a public forum** for the Enid Public Schools bond issue and City of Enid Ward 1 recall elections.
- Offered free **email marketing** for members.
- **Recognized retiring teachers** in Garfield County (Common Ed and Higher Ed)
- Promoted the **ENID 4 TEACHERS** program which provides business discounts for teachers in the region.
- Coordinated **Enid's military discount program**.
- Partnered with sponsors and other organizations to celebrate Enid's history and heritage through the **130<sup>th</sup> Cherokee Strip Celebration**.
- **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Candy Cane Cash** promoted holiday shopping in Enid and provided \$15,000 in cash prizes.
- **NW District Jr. Livestock Show** attracted over 2,500 visitors, supported youth agriculture education, and raised over \$225,000 for premium sale exhibitors.
- **Enlisted Appreciation Night** provided food, cash and prizes from Enid's business community to support Vance Air Force Base enlisted personnel.
- **Enid Chamber Committee of 100** contributions helped provide scholarships for area students to attend Northern Oklahoma College-Enid and Northwestern Oklahoma State University-Enid.