



Tulsa Market Brief

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Spotlight on the Market

[Bama Cos. makes \\$700,000 donation to 12&12 addiction recovery center](#)

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A local addiction recovery center has gotten a significant boost to its fundraising campaign, receiving a \$700,000 donation from one of its most ardent supporters. The gift from Bama Cos. Inc., a Tulsa-based producer of baked goods, to 12&12 Inc. was announced Wednesday by Bryan Day, CEO of the nonprofit agency. The Bama contribution pushes 12&12's \$8.7 million Transforming Recovery campaign over the \$5 million mark, Day said during a news conference at the organization's midtown recovery facility at 6333 E. Skelly Drive.

[State construction employment jumps for 2017](#)

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The state of Oklahoma added the nation's third-highest percentage of new construction jobs during the past year, according to recently released federal figures. A total of 42 states added construction jobs between December 2016 and December 2017, according to an analysis of U.S. Department of Labor data done by the Associated General Contractors of America. Oklahoma accrued 8,200 jobs over that span, an increase of 10.7 percent. Only Nevada (12.8 percent, or 10,400 jobs) and Rhode Island (11.3 percent, or 2,100 jobs) had higher percentages.

[Tulsa area adds 3,600 new jobs in November](#)

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The Tulsa metropolitan statistical area saw the largest addition of new jobs in November that it has seen in any November in more than a quarter century. November 2017 saw 3,600 jobs added over the month, according to preliminary estimates from the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics' national monthly survey of employers. The previous high was 3,000 jobs in November 2012. In November 1990, when the current time series began, the Tulsa MSA saw the addition of 1,500 jobs. Both the Tulsa and Oklahoma City areas finished the year with a 1.6 percent increase in jobs.

[John Klein: Route 66 revival underway in Tulsa](#)

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Tulsa is inching closer to being a major attraction on the red-hot revival of Route 66, perhaps just months away from construction of the much-anticipated Route 66 Experience and an explosion of growth along the 24 miles of Route 66 in our city. It is estimated that about 2 million people either travel the entire length or visit some portion of Route 66 every year.

[Tulsa-area home building industry posts best year since 2007](#)

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2017 marked the strongest year for Tulsa-area home construction in a decade, data show. Housing starts totaled 2,829, a jump of 4.7 percent over the 2,702 in 2016, according to the permit tracking service New Orders Weekly. The year-end total is the most since the 4,303 recorded in 2007, just before the U.S. housing crash and ensuing global financial crisis.

[Tulsa Office of Film, Music, Arts & Culture to make splash at Sundance Film Festival](#)

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The Tulsa Office of Film, Music, Arts & Culture will make some noise next week at the Sundance Film Festival in Utah, using its #FilmTulsa reception to show off what all of northeastern Oklahoma has to offer as a destination for the making of films. And TV shows. And music videos. And whatever else someone might want to produce in a film-friendly environment in this part of the state, said Abby Kurin, director of Tulsa FMAC, which is connected to Tulsa Regional Chamber.

[Chamber touts increase in direct jobs with Tulsa's Future III](#)

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Tulsa's Future III, the third phase of a Tulsa Regional Chamber-led regional economic development plan, helped create 4,897 direct jobs in 2017, an increase of nearly 30 percent over 2016, the Chamber said Tuesday. Since its inception in 2005, The Tulsa's Future plan has provided support for the creation of more than 53,000 local jobs.

[Foundation for Tulsa Schools adds Partners in Education to its responsibilities](#)

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A key local education initiative has changed hands. Partners in Education, a former offshoot of the Tulsa Regional Chamber, will now be the responsibility of the Foundation for Tulsa Schools. Partners In Education has connected volunteers with Tulsa-area schools for 34 years. The chamber and the foundation announced the move Monday.

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[Sand Springs envisions retail development for land purchase at former steel plant site](#)

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SAND SPRINGS — The city of Sand Springs is spending money in hopes of making it. Labeling it the municipality's largest economic development announcement in more than a decade, the city said Friday that it has paid \$6 million for an 18-acre site it wants to transform into retail development. Located at the southwest corner of Morrow Road and Oklahoma 97, the land occupies a portion of the former Gerdau-Ameristeel steel plant that operated for years until its closing in 2009.

Expansions, Openings, Relocations, Acquisitions

[Restaurant news: Lotus Sandwich Eatery & Bar to open Friday](#)

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Lotus Sandwich Eatery & Bar, 111 N. Main St., has scheduled its grand opening Friday, Feb. 2, which coincides with First Friday Art Crawl in the Tulsa Arts District. Lotus will feature a selection of sandwiches, soups, salads, spuds, craft beers, wines and cocktails.

[West Virginia-based company brings facility to Claremore](#)

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CLAREMORE — A West Virginia-based manufacturer announced Tuesday the beginning of operations at a facility expected to bring 40 -50 jobs to the city over the next three years. Located at 900 N. Owalla Ave., the BelGAS Flame Management division of Marsh Bellofram Co. will offer a range of flame arrestors, tank venting accessories, burners, and specialty fabrication services for the oil and gas industry.

[Retro Den opens new co-op space with grand opening Saturday](#)

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Retro Den, 1216 S. Harvard Ave., is opening Tulsa's latest local-business co-op Saturday, Jan. 27. The Studios at Retro Den will celebrate its grand opening Saturday with a shopping and make-and-take event, according to a news release. The new co-op will feature handmade home textiles company House Sparrow Fine Nesting, stationery and calligraphy duo Laurel & Marie, sewing instructor Mary Perisho of Mary Make & Do, and modern quilting and fabric store Owl & Drum.

[Ruselectric constructing new training facility in Broken Arrow](#)

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BROKEN ARROW — A manufacturer that designs and builds power control systems and equipment broke ground Wednesday on a new training facility. The 2,000-square-foot Ruselectric Training Center, 1215 E. Houston (81st) St., will be dedicated to field service technicians and customers, plant manager Paula Munton said.

[Mother Road Market announces four new tenants](#)

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Mother Road Market proudly revealed four new tenants Monday evening, according to a news release from the Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation. Tulsa food businesses Bakeshop, Big Dipper Creamery, Bodhi's Bowl and The Wurst — all of which are graduates of the Kitchen 66 Launch Program — have each confirmed plans to open 320-square-foot shops in Mother Road Market by late spring.

[New Kum & Go store emphasizes expanded food options](#)

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Kum & Go is continuing its emphasis on expanded, fresh food options with its latest store. The West Des Moines, Iowa-based convenience chain just opened a new Tulsa location at 9610 E. 61st St. The store is the 34th in the Tulsa area and the third to feature the Go Fresh Market with fresh-made pizzas and sandwiches.

[Table Talk: The Bramble opens new location on Riverwalk in Jenks](#)

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The Bramble Breakfast & Bar on Monday opened its new location on the Riverwalk in Jenks. The new Bramble will be serving the same menu as the original at 311 E. Second St. in the Blue Dome District but will have expanded hours compared to the Tulsa restaurant. The Bramble on the Riverwalk is open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday-Saturday.

[Blo Blow Dry Bar opens in Brookside Friday](#)

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If you are looking for a quick hairstyle but you aren't sure where to go, there's a new place to try in Brookside. Blo Blow Dry Bar is opening Friday, Jan. 19. They are opening in Center 1 at 3509 S. Peoria Ave. Suite 300 (located across from Lulemon). Blo Blow Dry Bar is open seven days a week.

[Oklahoma Central Credit Union opens new branch](#)

Tulsa World - January 5, 2018

Oklahoma Central Credit Union will celebrate its 10th full-service branch location on when it unveils its Owasso branch during a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday. The branch will be located at the northeast corner of 116th Street North and 129th East Avenue.

[SeneGence expansion into Sapulpa includes renovations of historic buildings](#)

Tulsa World - January 4, 2018

SAPULPA — Founder of SeneGence International, a direct-sale cosmetics and skin care company, Joni Rogers-Kante is used to beautification. Now, she is changing the face of her former hometown. California-based SeneGence has purchased

and is revitalizing three century-old buildings on East Dewey Avenue as part of the company's new presence in Oklahoma. The firm also is planning to build a 744,448-square-foot corporate campus at the junction of the Turner Turnpike and Oklahoma 33.

Renaissance Brewing Co. finally set to open on Lewis Avenue

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Renaissance Brewing Co. is opening to the public next week. The long-planned brewery at 1147 S. Lewis Ave. will open at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11. This brewery was built from the ground up when most have taken an existing structure and made it work as a brewery.

Closures, Layoffs, Bankruptcies

Baker Hughes to close Oklahoma City facility, move some jobs to Claremore

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Baker Hughes, a GE company, will close a south Oklahoma City production facility and announced it would move some of the jobs to Claremore as the new company continues to work through its merger. The company did not say how many jobs will be affected by the closing of the Oklahoma City artificial lift systems operation, but said that some positions from the former GE facility will be transferred to the Baker Hughes artificial lift systems facility in Claremore.

Tulsa's Ann Taylor store in Utica Square set to close Saturday

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Utica Square's Ann Taylor store will close after Saturday, reports indicate. An employee of a nearby store confirmed that Ann Taylor, 1948 Utica Square, has a sign at its door announcing its final day. The store specializes in women's wear, including suits, separates, dresses, shoes and accessories.

Siemens to close Bartlesville facility

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BARTLESVILLE — Siemens has announced plans to close its Bartlesville facility, which employs about 135 people. Company officials told employees there on Tuesday that it was moving the operation to Houston, which is home to 90 percent of the customers served by its Bartlesville facility, company spokesman Robert Bartels said Wednesday morning.

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Comparative Unemployment Rates

Period	County %	MSA %	State %	U.S. %
2017 December	3.9	4.0	3.9	3.9
2016 December	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.5

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Rates are not seasonally adjusted.