

Neon Tour

Neon signs are synonymous with Route 66. They act as landmarks and are symbols of community pride, history, and entrepreneurial spirit.

In 1923, French engineer, chemist, and inventor, **Georges Claude** brought neon signage to the United States. The first two signs were sold to a Packard car dealership in Los Angeles, CA.

The first neon signs were nicknamed “**liquid fire**” because they were so bright.

Neon lighting is all handmade. Although some of its parts, like electrodes and most glass tubes, are prefabricated, neon lighting is still a **handmade art**. Artisans use blow torches to heat glass tubes before bending them into place and sealing them together.

Neon signs hit their peak popularity in the 1920s-1960s. Later inventions and innovations resulted in an eventual decline in the popularity of neon signs. In Tulsa, that’s the opposite. We have a **neon renaissance** because of the Tulsa Route 66 Commission’s **Neon Sign Grant Program** which helps fund the creation and revitalization of neon signs.

While you’re cruising Route 66 on your self-guided neon sign tour, stop by the local restaurants, bars, shops, and businesses in the district.

For more district info & tours, visit TulsaMarketDistrict.com



2918 E. 11th St.
Arby's



2545 E. 11th St.
Tulsa Welding School



2630 E. 11th St.
The Campbell Hotel



2626 E. 11th St.
Jane's Delicatessen



2616 E. 11th St.
AlphaGraphics



2604 E. 11th St.
Flo's Burger Diner



2446 E. 11th St.
918 Coffee



1102 S. Lewis Ave.
Tulsa Market District



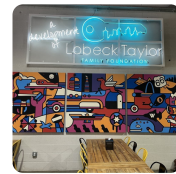
1115 S. Lewis Ave.
Justin Thompson Catering



1115 S. Lewis Ave.
Cityscape Home Mortgage



1124 S. Lewis Ave.
Mother Road Market



1124 S. Lewis Ave.
Lobeck Taylor Family Foundation



1147 S. Lewis Ave.
Renaissance Brewing Co.



2110 E. 11th St.
Eleventh Street Shops & Lofts



1735 E. 11th St.
Benchmark Monument Co.



1629 E. 11th St.
El Rancho Grande



1621 E. 11th St.
Spirit Ranch Professional Dog Training



1503 E. 11th St.
Ike's Chili Parlour



1020 S. Rockford Dr.
The Shops at Pearl



1516 E. 11th St.
Howdy Burger



1406 E. 11th St.
Mon Amie Nails & Spa



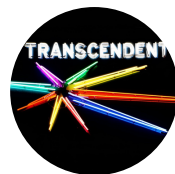
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Burnett's Flowers



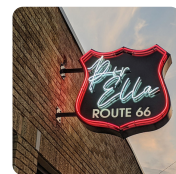
1401 E. 11th St.
The Sky Gallery



1401 E. 11th St.
Decopolis



1401 E. 11th St.
Transcendent Tulsa



1404 E. 11th St.
Por Ella



1347 E. 11th St.
Buck Atom's Cosmic Curios



1324 E. 11th St.
Meadow Gold Historic Sign

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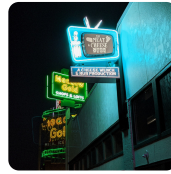
We encourage you to explore our neighboring districts to see their neon signs too. The entire Route 66 corridor in Tulsa shines brightly at night.

Neon Signs & Attractions We'd Recommend:

- Oasis Motel
- Desert Hills Motel
- Tally's Cafe
- Circle Cinema
- Date & Nite Rugs
- Interparts of Tulsa
- Avery Plaza Southwest Neon Sign Park



1306 E. 11th St.
Meadow Gold
Shops & Lofts



1306 E. 11th St.
The Meat &
Cheese Show



1306 E. 11th St.
The Boneyard



1306 E. 11th St.
Wildflower Cafe



1306 E. 11th St.
Southwest Trading
Company