



OKC NEWS

FEBRUARY 2021

MARCH EVENTS

As the COVID-19 (new coronavirus) pandemic continues, check with venues and event organizers for schedule updates.

Chesapeake Energy Arena

chesapeakearena.com • (405) 602-8500
Visit nba.com/thunder for Thunder schedule.

12 MercyMe

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdogers.com • (405) 218-0000.

25 OKBio Brewfest

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

13 The Inner Realm
28 Of Perpetual Solace

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

27 Walking Tour

OKC Fairgrounds

statefairparkokc.com • (405) 948-6700

9-19 Youth Expo

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com

OKC CONVENTION CENTER



Construction of MAPS 3's \$288 million Oklahoma City Convention Center is complete after more than a decade of planning. The state-of-the-art facility is debt-free and elevates OKC's capacity for hosting meetings and conventions. The center will draw events that bring attendees from around the region and world. It will provide a boost to the economy and serve as an ideal venue for local events. It's east of Scissortail Park along Robinson Avenue between SW 4th and SW 7th streets, adjacent to Chesapeake Energy Arena and served by the OKC Streetcar. Scissortail Park is across the street to the west, with the Omni Oklahoma City Hotel to the north. Visit okc.gov/maps3 or okcconventioncenter.com for more.

Payment portal and app

The new My OKC Utilities payment and account portal is live at okcutilities.com, and customer service staff is on hand to help with the transition. Call (405) 297-2833 or email water@okc.gov if you can't find the account number you received in November. Customers on auto pay or paperless billing need to re-enroll at okcutilities.com using their address and account number. The My OKC Utilities portal and app allows you to pay your bill, manage your account, report missed trash pickup, transfer water service, link accounts, set up guest access, see current water outages, find upcoming trash and recycling pickup dates, and sign up for notifications.

Order a rain barrel

Conserve water and help your garden by ordering a rain barrel through the City of Oklahoma City and the Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance (COSWA). Visit upcycle-products.com/ok-programs/ok-city by April 30 to order one for \$63.50. Scroll down the page to choose your barrel, plus find upgrades, composters and more. The 55-gallon barrels come with screens to keep out mosquitoes and critters. Pickup is 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. May 8 or 15 at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 1621 S Portland Ave. Call (405) 297-1797 or email brooke.vierck@okc.gov for details or a printed order form.

St. Patrick's Day cruise

Join Oklahoma River Cruises for a Cocktail Cruise on St. Patrick's Day at 6:30 p.m. March 17. The cruise departs from the Regatta Landing, 701 S Lincoln Blvd. Seating is limited and physically distanced. On-board purchases are card only. Get required advance tickets at okrivercruises.com or call (405) 702-7755. Weekly Cocktail Cruise and River Tour options available.

Get tax help

If you're age 25-64 and earned less than \$56,000, you may be eligible for a credit of up to \$6,500 this tax season. The Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) is a federal benefit for working families that often remains unclaimed for many Oklahoma City residents. Don't miss out on thousands of dollars on your 2020 tax return. Visit OKCTaxHelp.org for details and free tax assistance.

COVID-19 updates

The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting some City of OKC services. Emergency orders may also affect business operations, events and more. Visit covid19.okc.gov for the duration of the pandemic for the latest local news, guidance and City services updates.

PARKS EVENTS

Due to the COVID-19 (new coronavirus) pandemic, we recommend you visit okc.gov/parks and okc.gov/parksignup for the latest details on these events in case of changes.

Hooked on fishing (ages 5-15): Learn basic trout fishing skills with hands-on instruction and fishing time. Rods, reels and bait provided.
March 6 • 8 - 10 a.m. • Free
Dolese Youth Park Pond, 5015 NW 50th Street
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35894

Advanced fishing (ages 16+): Learn rod selection for bait cast reels, lure and bait selection, and fish identification. Hands-on instruction with fishing time. Rods, reels and bait provided.
March 20 • 10 a.m. - noon • \$20
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35898

Youth Sports

OKC Dodgers rookie baseball (7-game season): Learn skills in a safe, fun and noncompetitive environment. End-of-season event at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. Includes hat, jersey and belt. Register by March 8.
Begins April 3 • \$35/player (4-6U) or \$55/player (8-10U)
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35416

Coed Youth NFL flag football (7-game season, ages 5-12): Fun and energetic non-contact program. Jersey and flag belt provided. Register by March 8.
Begins April 5 (plus postseason) • \$75/player
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35265

Coed Youth recreational soccer (7-game season): Learn skills in a safe, fun and noncompetitive environment with OKC United FC. Begins in March. Register by March 1.
\$55/player (U4-6) or \$65/player (U8-10)
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35433

Youth competitive soccer (8-game season, 4 home and away): Introduction to competitive soccer with OKC United FC. Games around the OKC metro. Begins in March. Register by March 1.
\$70/player (U12-14) or \$80/player (U16-19)
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35437

Adult Sports

Adult competitive soccer (16-game season plus playoffs): Sanctioned men's/coed league for high-level soccer with OKC United FC. Games on Sundays. Register by March 12.
Begins March 21 • \$2,600/team (25 players max)
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35367

Adult basketball leagues: Seven-game regular season and single-elimination championship tournament. All-Star Weekend events (game, 3-point contest, knockout and more). Register by March 12 at okc.gov/parksignup with keyword. \$350/team.

Women's Recreational & Competitive:
keyword 34745 (recreational) and 34750 (competitive)

Men's Recreational & Competitive:
keyword 34748 (recreational) and 34749 (competitive)

Adult 3v3 basketball: OKC Parks' first men's and women's 3-on-3 league. 14 games in 7 weeks, plus championship tournament. Begins in March. Register by Feb. 26 at okc.gov/parksignup with keyword. \$280/team • keyword 35969 (men's) or 35977 (women's)

Men's flag football: 8 vs.8, non-contact league. 7 games, plus championship tournament. Begins in March. Register by Feb. 26.
\$450/team
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 35253

Adult softball league: Register by Feb. 26 with keyword at okc.gov/parksignup. Begins in March. Single-headers \$350/team, double-headers \$650/team, coed draft \$45/player (individual registration).

Mon. coed single-header (34751)
Tues. women's double-header (34752)
Wed. Metro Business League single-header (34753)
Thurs. coed double-header (34754)
Fri. 5-inning coed double-header (34755)
Sun. coed draft double-header (34756)
coed single-header (35173)
5-5-5 coed doubleheader (35174)
men's double-header (34757)

Senior Events (ages 50+)

5 Top U.S. Artists & Their Masterpieces: It was only in the 20th century that U.S. artists began to have major international influence. Learn about five of the masters. Tuesdays beginning March 2 • 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.
\$10/class • Woodson Senior Center, 3401 S May Ave.
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 34489

Senior open cornhole tournaments: Register by March 1 at okc.gov/parksignup with keyword.
March 20 • \$10/player
10 a.m. - 1 p.m. (singles) and 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. (doubles)
keyword 35988 (singles) or 35990 (doubles)

Trash/recycling set-out

Remember these simple rules to help ensure your trash or recycling is picked up on time:

- Place trash and recycle carts on the curbside no later than 6 a.m. on your assigned pick-up date.
- Don't place carts in the street or on the sidewalk. Keep them at least five feet away from obstacles like mailboxes, trees, fire hydrants and vehicles.
- Don't park your car in the street on your designated pickup day.

You may set trash carts at the curb as early as 7 p.m. (or one hour before sunset, whichever is earlier) on the day before your assigned pick-up day. You must put your carts away no later than 8 p.m. on the day after your collection day. Visit okc.gov/mytrashday to find your next trash, recycling or bulky waste pickup day.

New bike racks

Biking downtown just got easier thanks to 50 new bike racks and 5 new repair stations installed by the City, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the Downtown OKC Partnership. ACOG and Downtown OKC split the \$25,641.60 project cost. ACOG's Air Quality Small Grant program, funded by the Federal Highway Administration's Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program, covered 80%. Downtown OKC paid for the rest, and will be responsible for maintaining the bike racks and repair stations. The Planning Department's Office of Sustainability managed the grant application, which the City Council approved in 2019.

Volunteer for LitterBlitz

OKC Beautiful is hosting their annual LitterBlitz. Gather a team of neighbors, coworkers, friends, family, or civic club members and help us make our city cleaner and greener by picking up litter. This is a safe and easy way to give back and reconnect with people and nature. Simply gather your team, pick a day and time in April, choose a location, and conduct a litter cleanup. OKC Beautiful will provide trash bags, gloves, and basic safety and training tips. Visit OKCBeautiful.com/programs/litterblitz or call 405-525-8822 to register your team.