



OKC NEWS

MARCH 2021

APRIL 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.

9 Jeff Dunham

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

2-3 The Music of Queen

10 Only Tchaikovsky

16-18 The Little Mermaid

18 Miss Oklahoma/Miss Teen USA Pageant

24 River Deep, Royal High(ness)

30 Blockbuster Broadway!

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

3 Easter Paws

17 Conservatory Plant Sale

24 Guided Walking Tour

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

1-3 Just Between Friends Kids Consignment Sale

15-17 2021 OKC Farm Show

24-25 Oklahoma Gun Shows

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com

NE WELLNESS CENTER



A contractor has been chosen to build the City's third MAPS 3 Health and Wellness Center and construction will begin soon. The 44,810 square-foot center, located at NE 36 and Lincoln, is expected to open next year. It will be operated by Langston University in conjunction with the YMCA. The center will provide wellness and social connections for people age 50+. Features include a heated, 4-lane indoor fitness pool, fully equipped fitness center, gym, game room, classrooms for art and programs, computer area, demonstration kitchen, gathering spaces and an elevated indoor walking track as well as a multipurpose clinic with exam rooms.

Development codes

The City's Planning Department is continuing efforts to update development-related codes to make them easier to understand and use. Visit okc.gov/codeupdate to stay up-to-date and join our contact list. You will receive information about upcoming meetings and commenting opportunities. Encourage family and friends to do the same. In the coming years, we will focus on the Zoning and Planning Code, Sign Code, and Subdivision Regulations.

Special collection

The City is hosting a special collection for unwanted computers, tires, ammunition and prescription drugs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10 at the OKC Fairgrounds. Enter from May Ave. at Gate 5 on Gordon Cooper Blvd. Bring a current City of OKC water bill to prove residency. Syringes, liquids, inhalers, tire rims, televisions and wheels won't be accepted. Businesses wanting to recycle hazardous waste should contact the state Department of Environmental Quality at (405) 702-5100. Visit okc.gov/hhw to learn more about the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Online alarm permits

Residents and business owners with a security or fire alarm can get or renew it online at crywolfservices.com/oklahomacityok. Call (833) 281-8738 if you don't have internet. The website is operated by the City's vendor. Like the former permit process handled by the Police Department, your personal information is secure in the CryWolf system. The program makes it easier to get permits, and also helps public safety officials manage false alarms more efficiently.

Tornado sirens 101

The City has 182 outdoor sirens spread across nine sectors. Sirens are only activated when a tornado warning has been issued for all or part of the sector. 9-1-1 tests the outdoor warning system every Saturday at noon. These sirens are meant to be heard when outside, so residents should have three ways to get severe weather information including a NOAA weather radio, AM-FM radio, television, online news sources or smartphone app. To get alerts in American Sign Language, sign up for the free Accessible Hazards Alert System at okc.ahasalerts.com.

Help for Gorillas

The OKC ZOO is calling on you to help save gorillas by donating used cellphones to "Gorillas on the Line" now through September 24, 2021. Small electronics contain a substance called coltan and 80% of the world's coltan supply is in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, home to many gorillas. Mining for coltan threatens the habitats of gorillas, chimpanzees, okapi and other endangered species. Coltan from donated devices is re-used, reducing the need to mine for the compound in gorilla habitats. Donate and get a free general OKC Zoo admission ticket! Drop off devices at the Zoo's Guest Services office.

Bike improvements

Biking downtown just got easier thanks to 50 new bike racks and five new repair stations installed by the City, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) and the Downtown OKC Partnership. For a map of racks and repair stations visit okc.gov/bikeresources.

PARKS EVENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance (all ages): Spend an evening with your daughter at this Beach Bash filled with music, light refreshments, photo opportunities and memories for a lifetime. Call (405) 297-2412 to purchase tickets for this sell-out event.

April 24 • Scissortail Sky Rink
\$35/couple, \$10/additional daughter
Session 1: 2:30 - 4 p.m.
Session 2: 5 - 6:30 p.m.
Session 3: 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Big Hike for Bigfoot (all ages): Bigfoot has been spotted at the park! We need your help. Follow clues on a guided hike around to find and photograph the elusive Bigfoot.
April 3 • 2 - 3:30 p.m. • free
Martin Nature Park, 5000 W Memorial Rd.

Night Hike (all ages): Many of Martin Park's animals come out after the sun goes down. Learn, hear and possibly see some of our coolest nocturnal animals.
April 24 • 7:30 - 9 p.m. • free
Martin Nature Park, 5000 W Memorial Rd.

OKC Parks is hiring

OKC Parks and Recreation is hiring for seasonal positions in aquatics, athletics, and concessions. Lifeguards, scorekeepers, concession workers and field monitors are needed. Recreation work experience levels vary. Visit okc.gov/careers to apply. Contact Ryan McClure (405) 297-2205 (aquatics and concessions) or Ryan Hill (405) 297-2477 (athletics) for details.

Clear your warrant

If you have a warrant for unpaid tickets for a class "a" offense dated before July 1, 2017, you can clear it at a reduced cost until June 30, 2021. You won't be arrested or go to jail. A qualifying overdue ticket could cost up to \$613 to resolve after July 1, but can be resolved for \$155 until then. Call (405) 297-3898 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) to pay your ticket or request a hearing about financial difficulties.

Work for us

The City of OKC is hiring! To receive email notifications of career opportunities, go to okc.gov/careers and click on "Job Alerts." Check the box next to each job category you're interested in or choose "Select All." Then click "Subscribe." Provide the requested information and click "Submit." You will get an email each time a vacancy announcement matches your interests.

Order your rain barrel

Conserve water and help your garden by ordering a rain barrel. Discounted rain barrels may be purchased for \$63.50 online at upcycle-products.com. Click on "where to purchase" on the top bar of the page and choose the state of Oklahoma to find participating cities. Pickup is 8:30-11:30 a.m., May 8 or May 15 at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 1621 S Portland Ave.

Airport tunnel closed

The Airport's pedestrian tunnel is closed until June for the installation of two moving walkways. The climate-controlled tunnel is used by passengers to move between the terminal and Shuttle Parking Lot #2 and parking garages. Signage will direct travelers to and from the terminal during construction.



SUSTAINABILITY IN OKC BY THE NUMBERS

July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

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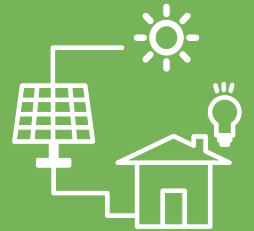
MILES OF
SIDEWALKS
BUILT

103

SOLAR PANEL
PERMITS ISSUED

163

TONS OF DEBRIS
REMOVED FROM
THE OK RIVER



\$40,914

OF RESIDENTIAL ENERGY
EFFICIENCY LOANS CLOSED



5,695

TRIPS MADE VIA
SPOKIES BIKESHARE

312

TONS OF
HOUSEHOLD
HAZARDOUS
WASTE COLLECTED