



OKC NEWS

JULY 2021

AUGUST EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

- 13 89ers Night
- 27 Pack the Park Pink
- 28 Marvel Superhero Night

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 6 Intocable

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 4 SONIC Summer Movie
- 7 Cat Video Festival

OKC Fairgrounds

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

- 7 Craft Beer Festival
- 13-15 Renovation & Landscaping Show
- 13-15 Pool & Spa Show

OKC Convention Center

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 2-3 CareerTech
- 4-7 Greater Things Expo

Scissortail Park

scissortailpark.org • (405) 445-6277

- 7, 14, 28 Live from the Lawn
- 21 USO Experience concerts

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com

4TH MAPS 3 SENIOR CENTER



The fourth of four MAPS 3 Senior Health & Wellness Centers is under construction now at 13660 S Western Ave., and should be complete next year. The 40,000-square-foot senior center will be operated by the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City, providing wellness opportunities and social connections for anyone age 50+. It will have a small clinic for health screenings operated by Integris, a hybrid fitness pool, fitness studios, gym with pickleball court, multi-purpose rooms and an elevated walking/jogging track. It's by a picturesque pond, perfect for anglers. Two MAPS 3 senior centers are already open – one at 11501 N Rockwell Ave., and another at 4021 S Walker Ave. A third is under construction at NE 36th Street and Lincoln Boulevard. A fifth is included in MAPS 4. Visit okc.gov/maps3 and okc.gov/maps4 for details.

Council adopts budget

The City Council adopted the budget for Fiscal Year 2022, which began July 1. Visit okc.gov/budget to view the budget book. The total budget is about \$1.6 billion, which is 2.4% smaller than last year. The decrease is because of declining balances in the pay-as-you-go MAPS 3 and Better Streets, Safer City temporary sales tax funds as those programs wind down. Only current-year MAPS 4 revenue is included in the budget, because the program is in its early stages. The General Fund, which pays for most day-to-day operations, is projected to grow by 6.8% to about \$496 million. Projected sales and use tax growth as the economy continues to recover from the pandemic is the primary driver in this year's bigger General Fund.

Half-price dog adoptions

Celebrate the Hot Dogs of Summer in August with half-price dog and puppy adoptions from OKC Animal Welfare. All dog and puppy adoptions are \$30 all month long at 2811 SE 29th Street. All adoptable animals at OKC Animal Welfare are microchipped, up to date on vaccinations, treated for worms and spayed or neutered. Visit okc.gov/animalwelfare or call (405) 297-3100 for details.

Earlywine GC Clubhouse

Construction is under way on the new clubhouse at Earlywine Golf Club, 11600 S Portland Ave. The 18,670-square-foot clubhouse will feature 24 covered and lighted driving range bays, a restaurant with bar service and patio seating with golf course views, grab-and-go café window, pro shop, men's and women's lounges and a new parking lot. It will also have a ballroom, event lawn and 12-seat conference room, all of which may be rented for private events. The clubhouse will have large windows, a midcentury modern design and a stone veneer. Visit okcgolf.com for more on our public courses.

NEOKC Farmers Market

Check out the NEOKC Farmers Market every Saturday through Oct. 2 at Pitts Park, 1920 N Kate Ave. You'll find organic foods from local farmers – okra, purple hull and crowder peas, mustard and collard greens, and much more. Also take advantage of health and wellness classes, and learn ways to cook, store and preserve foods. Sponsored by Langston University School of Agriculture & Applied Sciences.

PARKS EVENTS

Senior chair drumming (ages 50+): Class combines rhythm, stretching and exercise. No experience necessary. Wednesdays & Fridays • 1-1:45 p.m. • Free Woodson Senior Center, 3401 S May Ave. okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37358

Youth NFL Flag Football (ages 5-12, all gender): Non-contact league with 7-game regular season and playoffs. Register by Aug. 2. Starts Aug. 31 • \$75/kid (jersey & flag belt provided) Stars & Stripes Park, 3701 S Lake Hefner Dr. okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37606

Youth Baseball (all gender): Learn or work on the basics. Volunteer coaches needed. 4U, 6U, 8U and 10U age divisions. Uniform provided. Starts Sept. 11. Register by Aug. 9. \$35/player or \$300/team (4-6U) \$55/player or \$500/team (8-10U) Wheeler Park, 1120 S Western Ave. okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37596

Youth Competitive Baseball: USSSA sanctioned league with 7-game season and playoffs. 12U and 14U age divisions. Registration includes USSSA annual team fees. Register by Aug. 9. Starts Aug. 31 • \$500/team Wendel Whisenhunt Sports Complex 3200 S Independence Ave. okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37602

Youth Softball Tournament: Show your talent in a two-game guarantee tournament. 10U, 12U and 14U age divisions. Register by Aug. 16. Aug. 28-29 • \$200/team Stars & Stripes Park, 3701 S Lake Hefner Dr. okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37608

Youth Volleyball Clinic: Join OKC Parks and Stingray Volleyball Academy to perfect your volleyball skills. Register by Aug. 2. Starts Aug. 3 & 5 • \$15/player Ages 8-13: 10 a.m.-noon • Ages 14-17: 1-3 p.m. Woodson Gymnasium, 3403 S May Ave. okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 36576

Avoid high water bills

Check your sprinkler system for leaks and inefficiencies to avoid high water bills this summer. Grab marker flags at a hardware store, then run the sprinkler system and flag places with bubbling water, broken or sunken heads, misdirected spray onto fences or driveways, excessive runoff and other issues. Then make the repairs. Bermudagrass lawns only require about one inch of water per week. Water early in the morning so water soaks into the soil instead of evaporating.

City buildings re-open

City Hall has re-opened during scheduled public meetings, and the main City of Oklahoma City office building at 420 W Main Street is fully re-opened for the first time since early in the pandemic. Most City business can still be handled at okc.gov, by email or by phone. Visitors to the main office building can use the east doors on the building's north side, where they will sign in. Some business can now be conducted on the ground floor, with a phone and employees able to direct people elsewhere in the building when needed. City Hall will fully re-open in the fall when a security project is complete.

Unlicensed solicitors

Protect your pocketbook from swindlers – if a salesperson is selling items door to door in your neighborhood, ask to see their solicitors or peddlers license. The City requires solicitors carry a police-issued photo ID and pass an Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation background check. If the salesperson doesn't have a license, buyer beware. Churches and educational programs are exempt from the ordinance. If you see anyone suspicious or feel threatened – whether they're an unlicensed solicitor or not – err on the side of caution and call 911.

Stockyards Landing cruises

Oklahoma River Cruises is re-starting ferry transit services in July, offering access to the new Stockyards Landing in River Park, 800 S Agnew Ave. View the schedule and learn more about cocktail cruises, private charters and more at okrivercruises.com.

Get help with court cases

Don't let a Municipal Court case cause you anxiety – the Court's Community Relations Coordinators are here to help you resolve your case. You won't be arrested for coming to court to resolve your case. People who can't afford to pay fines can get a hearing and won't be sent to jail. The Community Relations Coordinators can speak to churches and other organizations in English or Spanish to help people understand their options. Call (405) 297-3267 for details.

Recycle right

Contamination in our recycling stream means more reusable materials end up in the landfill. You can help by recycling right.

- Put all items loose in your cart. Don't bag them.
- Only recycle items listed on your cart lid or at okc.gov/recycle.
- Don't recycle plastic bags, garden hoses or clothing.
- Empty, rinse and drain cans, bottles and containers. Lids and labels can stay on.
- Flatten clean, dry cardboard. Remember to remove packaging and put in your Big Blue trash cart.

Still not sure? Remember: "When in doubt, throw it out!"

EMBARK free fares

Enjoy free fares on EMBARK buses, the OKC Streetcar and Zone 1 ADA Paratransit on Aug. 10 and 20. Visit embarkok.com or okcstreetcar.com to plan your trip.

