



OKC NEWS

AUGUST 2021

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Chesapeake Energy Arena

chesapeakearena.com • (405) 602-8500

- 17 Alabama
- 18 Banda MS
- 19 Michael Bublé

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

- 3 Hometown Heroes Military Celebration Night
- 4 89ers Night
- 11 Tacos & Margaritas Festival
- 16-20 ¡Celebración Cielo Azul!

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

Civic Center Music Hall

okccviviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 5 Franco Escamilla
- 11 Opening Night
- 28-30 My Fair Lady
- 29-30 Friends! The Musical Parody*

*at Rose State College Hudiburg Chevrolet Center

Cox Convention Center

coxconventioncenter.com • (405) 602-8500

- 11 Black Fashion Week

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 11 BUG OUT!

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 16-26 State Fair

Scissortail Park

scissortailpark.org • (405) 445-6277

- 5 National Drive Electric Car Show

Full calendar of local events at visitokc.com

SEPTEMBER IS

EMSA care MONTH



You can enroll or change your participation each September in the EMSAcare program, which provides permanent members of your household with emergency ambulance rides in the EMSA service area at no out-of-pocket cost, even if you don't have medical insurance. You can opt in or out from Sept. 1-30 for the Oct. 1, 2021 to Sept. 30, 2022 time period. No action is required if you don't want to make a change. The membership fee is \$3.65 per month and is added to your monthly water bill. To change your participation, call Utilities Customer Service at (405) 297-2833 or go to okc.gov/EMSAcare.

Mulch your leaves

Instead of raking and bagging leaves, mulch them with a mulching mower for a natural fertilizer and to reduce landfill waste. Leaves break down and provide beneficial organic matter for your soil and landscape. You can also turn leaves into compost by mixing them with your vegetable peels and other landscape clippings. Visit SqueezeEveryDrop.com for more information on how to start your own compost pile.

Get a free smoke alarm

Get a free smoke alarm installed by the Fire Department. As part of the department's Project Life Smoke Alarm Program, people across Oklahoma City are getting life-saving protection from these simple devices. You have up to a 50% better chance of surviving a fire if there's a smoke alarm in your home. Call (405) 316-BEEP (2337) or visit SmokeAlarmsOKC.com (English) or GratisAlarmasOKC.com (Spanish). Leave a message or fill out the online form to request an alarm, and someone will contact you to schedule the free installation.

Clear your warrant

The deadline has been extended to Dec. 31 for the Municipal Court's penalty reduction program to clear years-old warrants at a reduced cost. Anyone with a warrant for an unpaid ticket for a class "a" offense dated before Dec. 31, 2019, can participate in the program, which reduces the penalty to a cost similar to a ticket paid on time. You won't be arrested or go to jail.

For example, an overdue speeding ticket in warrant status could cost up to \$613 to resolve. But it can be resolved for \$155 during the penalty reduction program. As with any case in Municipal Court, people with financial difficulties can request a hearing for a judge to determine their ability to pay. Judges have discretion to waive or reduce fines, costs and fees. Call (405) 297-3898 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) to pay the ticket or request a hearing about financial difficulties. You can also visit okc.gov/court for an online payment link and other details.

Clean creeks and rivers

Volunteers are needed to clean up trash and debris from creeks, rivers and other waterways in OKC from 8-11 a.m. Friday, Sept. 10. Supplies are provided. Send an email to brooke.vierck@okc.gov or call (405) 297-1797 at least 10 days before the event to volunteer, or to set up your own clean-up event.

EMBARK free fares

Enjoy free fares on EMBARK buses, the OKC Streetcar and Zone 1 ADA Paratransit on Sept. 6 (Labor Day), Sept. 14 (special elections) and Sept. 17 (Third Friday Free). Visit embarkok.com or okcstreetcar.com to plan your trip.

Odd-even watering

Help conserve water by remembering the permanent, odd-even watering schedule for residents and businesses. If your address ends with an odd number, you can irrigate or use sprinklers on odd-numbered calendar days. If your address ends with an even number, then irrigate or use sprinklers on even-numbered days. Hand-watering and drip irrigation is OK every day. The odd-even watering program puts less drain on the City's water system during high-demand months. Learn more about how to save water at SqueezeEveryDrop.com. Report violations of the schedule to the Action Center at (405) 297-2535 or okc.gov/action.

Free landfill day

The City's free landfill day for September is 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11. Bring an original, current City trash bill, or copy of an e-bill, to prove residency. Each household may bring one load using a passenger vehicle or truck (up to 1-ton) and one trailer up to 16 feet long. Commercial waste haulers not allowed. Participating landfills include:

- East Oak Landfill, 3201 Mosley Road (south side of NE 36th St. east of Sooner Rd.)
- Southeast Landfill, 7001 S Bryant Ave.
- Oklahoma City Landfill, 7600 SW 15th St.
- Northeast Landfill, 2601 N Midwest Blvd. (construction and demolition materials only)

Bulk waste rules apply. Household hazardous waste, tires, oils, car batteries, propane tanks, pool chemicals, electronic waste and appliances containing Freon or other refrigerants are not accepted.

PARKS EVENTS

Senior Events (age 50+)

Will Rogers Senior Center*
3501 Pat Murphy Drive (*unless otherwise noted)

Chair drumming: Beginner class combining rhythm, stretching and exercise.

Sept. 1 • 1-1:45 p.m. • Free
Woodson Senior Center, 3401 S May Ave.
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40768

Tai Chi for better balance: Beginner class to learn gentle, low-impact, slow-moving exercise.

Sept. 1 • 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40673

Zumba Gold: Just as much fun as regular Zumba, but less intense, with exercise through choreographed dance.

Sept. 2 • 10-11 a.m. • \$3
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40669

Garage Band: Bring an instrument (or just your singing voice) and jam.

Sept. 3 • 12:30-1:30 p.m. • \$3
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 39528

Woodcarving Delight! Learn the basics and create your own masterpiece with the OKC Woodcarving group.

Sept. 7 • 1-3 p.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 38965

Discussion in history: Group discussions on history and current events.

Sept. 7 • 2-3 p.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 39649

Yarn Club: From beginners to advanced, learn from an instructor or each other about knitting and crocheting.

Sept. 13 • 1-3 p.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40648

Fishing Events

Fish Hatchery Open House (all ages): See the how our fisheries program works.

Sept. 10 • 10 a.m. - noon • \$20
H.B. Parsons Fish Hatchery, 10940 N Meridian Ave.
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37126

Fly Fishing (ages 16+): Beginners class teaching rod and reel selection, line selection and casting with hands-on instruction.

Sept. 18 • 9 a.m. - noon • \$20
South Lakes Park Pond, 4302 SW 119th Street
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37125

Hooked on Fishing (ages 5-15): Learn basic fishing skills with hands-on instruction and actual fishing time.

Rods, reels and bait provided.
Sept. 25 • 8-10 a.m. • Free
Route 66 Pond, 9901 NW 23rd Street
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 37123

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 6

- Closed: City offices, Animal Shelter, Household Hazardous Waste, Municipal Court pay window.
- EMBARK bus on weekend schedule. OKC Streetcar on regular schedule with free fares.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Wednesday, Sept. 8. Bulky waste pickup not affected.