



OKC NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2021

OCTOBER EVENTS

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8500

- 1 Dude Perfect
- 5 Gold Over America
- 14 Kane Brown
- 28 MercyMe

Visit okcthunder.com for Thunder schedule.

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

- 1-3 Dodgers Fan Appreciation Weekend
- 21 OKBio BrewFest

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 5 Neil deGrasse Tyson
- 9 Banjo Fest*
- 10 Jubilate Deo
- 16 Harmony, Humor, and Hubris
- 22-24 Alice (In Wonderland)
- 26-31 Charlie & the Chocolate Factory

*at Rose State College Hudiburg Chevrolet Center

Oklahoma City Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

- 1-2 Memorial Marathon Health & Fitness Expo

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 8-24 Pumpkinville

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 13 Career Fair
- 16-17 Buchanan's Vintage Flea Market
- 30 Festival of Freaks

Full calendar of local events at visitokc.com



TAKE OUR ZONING SURVEYS

We're updating our zoning and land development codes, and your opinions matter. Visit okc.gov/codeupdate to tell us your priorities for OKC's rural areas, neighborhoods outside the core, the urban core and downtown. Take one or all four of the surveys.

Zoning laws enhance our quality of life by mediating between different uses of land, like homes and businesses, and by coordinating development with transportation and other infrastructure. For example, zoning provides height limits for businesses next to homes and details landscaping rules to beautify streets and neighborhoods. Zoning also protects our special districts and can encourage innovative development. Once complete, the new codes will be easier to understand and use. Visit okc.gov/codeupdate to learn more and get involved.

Law enforcement recommendations

The Law Enforcement Policy Task Force and Community Policing Working Group are reviewing preliminary recommendations on the future of policing and law enforcement, a step toward City Council consideration later this year. The task force and working group are finalizing a list of recommendations that have been under development for more than a year with the help of dozens of community groups and hundreds of local leaders. The preliminary recommendations cover a broad range of topics, from procedures and training to alternative responses and funding sources. Find the recommendations at okc.gov, on the Law Enforcement Policy Task Force site under the Government menu at the top of every page.

We're hiring!

The City of Oklahoma City offers competitive pay, great benefits and the satisfaction of working in your community for your family, friends and neighbors. We have full-time and part-time job openings in a variety of positions. We're committed to developing an inclusive, diverse and high-performing workforce. Visit okc.gov/careers and apply today.

EMSAcare 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, visit okcutilities.com or call Utilities Customer Service at (405) 297-2833. For more information visit okc.gov/EMSAcare.

Adopt a street

Help keep our community beautiful with the Adopt a City Street program. Groups adopt a street for two years, and commit to at least four annual litter collection events. Each group receives a sign installed at each end of the adopted street during the program. Training and equipment provided. Call (405) 297-1797 or email brooke.vierck@okc.gov for details.

PARKS EVENTS

Senior Events (age 50+)

Will Rogers Senior Center, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive

Tai Chi: Improve balance, coordination, strength and flexibility while reducing stress.

Oct. 1-29 (Wed. & Fri.) • 2:30-3:30 p.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40794

Variety Show: Twilight Stars Dancers, comedy, singing and music. All ages welcome. Refreshments provided.

Oct. 1-2 • 7-9 p.m. • \$7
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 39658 (Oct. 1) and 39661 (Oct. 2)

Zydeco Dance: Folk dancing: Cajun waltz, two-step and Cajun jitterbug. Singles or dancers with partners.

Oct. 7-28 (Thurs.) • 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41331

Zumba Gold: A less intense Zumba class with exercise through choreographed dance.

Oct. 5-28 (Tues. & Thurs.) • 10-11 a.m. • \$3
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40859

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

Oct. 5-26 (Tues.) • 2-3 p.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 39651

Memorial Park Tennis Complex

3600 N Classen Blvd.

Fall Tennis Classic (ages 5-10): Clinic for beginners or players looking to improve. Register by Oct. 4.

Oct. 11-12 • 9-11 a.m. • \$15/player
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41211

Halloween Tennis Camp (ages 5-10): For beginners or players looking to improve. Play some tennis and wear a costume on second day. Register by Oct. 15.

Oct. 30-31 • 9-11 a.m. • \$20/player
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41212

Will Rogers Gardens

3600 NW 36th Street (unless otherwise noted)

Walk and Talk (all ages): Enjoy the garden and discuss fall plant care with the park naturalist.

Oct. 2 • 9-10:30 a.m. • \$5
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41348

Orchids at Home (ages 12+): Information from Oklahoma Orchid Society on selecting and caring for indoor orchids.

Oct. 3 • 1-3 p.m. • \$5
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41371

How Fungi can Help Your Garden (all ages)

Oct. 9 • 10-11:30 a.m. • Free
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41080

Herbal Teas (ages 18+): Make-and-take an herbal tea blend from live plants with the OKC Herb Society and Skyridge Farm. Door prizes.

Oct. 16 • 10-11 a.m. • \$5
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40864

Sugar Skull Making Workshop (all ages): Make and decorate sugar skulls to take home.

Oct. 23 • 8-11 a.m. • \$25
Will Rogers Senior Center, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive.
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41354

Halloween on the Green (all ages): Sugar skull decorating, face painting, pot a plant to take home, trick-or-treating, fairy tale characters and more.

Oct. 30 • 9 a.m.-noon • \$5
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 32437

Half-price dog adoptions

Celebrate Dogtober with half-price dog and puppy adoptions all October long. The adoption fee for all of our canines will be \$30 for the month. All adoptable pets at OKC Animal Welfare, 2811 SE 29th Street, are spayed or neutered and up-to-date on vaccinations. OKC Animal Welfare is open for adoptions from noon to 5:30 p.m. every day but holidays. Visit okc.gov/animalwelfare or call (405) 297-3100 for details.

Hefner Golf Course improvements

New sod, 6 acres of grass sprigs and a new irrigation system this fall are part of Lake Hefner Golf Club's improvement plan to help the turf recover from the winter's historic cold snap. The unprecedented winter cold killed grass on Hefner's fairways and collars around greens, making it harder for the course to bounce back in just one spring and summer season. OKC Golf has re-sodded the collars, added over 6 acres of grass sprigs in the North Course fairways and the No. 11 and No. 18 fairways on the South Course, and fraise mowed the driving range to help healthy turf regrow. Visit okcgolf.com for more on Hefner and OKC's four other public courses.

EMBARK free fares

Enjoy free fares on EMBARK buses, the OKC Streetcar and Zone 1 ADA Paratransit on Oct. 12 (special elections). Dates subject to change – visit embarkok.com/free for updates. Visit embarkok.com or okcstreetcar.com to plan your trip.

October River Cruises

Haunt the River with Oklahoma River Cruises on a decorated boat with haunted tunes, light snacks and a cash bar. Ages 21+. Advance \$35 ticket purchase required. Cruises board at 7:45 p.m. and depart at 8 p.m. on Oct. 15-16, 22-23 and 29-30 from Exchange Landing, 1503 Exchange Ave. Visit okcrivercruises.com or call (405) 702-7755 for tickets and details.

