



# OKC NEWS

OCTOBER 2021

## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 5-6 The Music of Billy Joel
- 7 Alton Brown Live: Beyond the Eats
- 11 Louis C.K.\*
- 20 Francaise & Ruski
- 21 ¿Por Que Los Hombres Aman A Las Cabronas?
- 24 The Hip Hop Nutcracker

\*at Rose State College Hudiburg Chevrolet Center

### Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 5 Devon Ice Rink opens

### Oklahoma City Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

- 4-7 Mistletoe Market
- 20 Oddities & Curiosities Expo
- 12-13 Oklahoma Cannabis Convention

### OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 5-6 Scissortail Craft Fair
- 6 Oklahoma Beer Festival
- 12-14 Pool & Spa Show
- 19-20 The Santa Market Craft Show for Alzheimer's
- 25-Dec. 4 NRHA Futurity Show
- 27-28 Oklahoma Gun Shows

### Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8500

- 20-21 Hot Wheels Monster Trucks Live

### Scissortail Park

scissortailpark.org • (405) 445-6277

- 23 Scissortales
- 26 Stargazing in the Park

Full calendar of local events at [visitokc.com](http://visitokc.com)



A Better Way is a groundbreaking employment program launched on Sept. 13 that offers beautification work to people who panhandle. Driving a van, staff from Mental Health Association of Oklahoma will visit panhandling hotspots from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and offer people lunch and a \$65 daily wage for work like litter removal and beautification in parks and other public areas. Participants are assigned to a case manager who will connect them with mental health services, substance abuse treatment, healthcare, housing, transportation and workforce training. Ongoing community support is key to the program's success. Potential employers, service providers or donors can visit [okc.gov/abetterway](http://okc.gov/abetterway) for details.

## Schedule your vaccine

Get vaccinated for your health, family and community. COVID-19 vaccines are free and effective at helping protect against severe disease and death from variants of the virus. Schedule your vaccine at [VaxOKC.com](http://VaxOKC.com) or call (405) 425-4489. The FDA gave full approval to the Pfizer vaccine though the other two vaccines, Moderna and Johnson & Johnson, have been thoroughly tested to be used under an emergency use authorization. COVID-19 vaccines are also available at Oklahoma City-County Health Department clinics, which are also on Embark bus lines. Appointments are preferred, though walk-ins are welcome.

- NE Health Clinic, 2700 NE 63rd Street
- South Health Clinic, 6728 S Hudson Ave.
- West Health Clinic, 4330 NW 10th Street

EMBARK offers free rides to and from their vaccination sites to residents 60 and over or people with disabilities. Call 405-297-2583 to sign up for a ride.

## COVID-19 testing sites

If you have COVID 19 symptoms, have had close contact with someone with COVID-19 or if your healthcare provider referred you to testing, go to [testokc.com](http://testokc.com) to find a COVID-19 testing site near you.

## Clear your warrant

If you or someone you know has a warrant for unpaid tickets for a class "a" offense dated on or before December 31, 2019 we have good news. If your citation is eligible and can be paid in full, you can reduce your penalty to a cost similar to a ticket paid on time. You won't be arrested or go to jail. Call (405) 297-3898 to pay your ticket or request a hearing about financial difficulties.

## Airport expansion update

The Will Rogers World Airport expansion is almost complete. In September, a terminal expansion project opened adding 135,000 square feet to the airport. It includes a new concourse with four Delta Airlines gates, an observation deck, a new lobby for arrivals, updated security checkpoints and art integrated into the floor and glass wall.

## Civic Center makeover

A massive renovation project is underway at the historic Civic Center Music Hall. The Freedre Little Theatre will get a new entrance, lobby, bar, restrooms, balcony seating and balcony lobby. The Civic Center's main lobby will also be renovated to include new seating, a bar and café, box office and VIP lounge. The Civic Center will stay open during renovation, which is expected to take 18-24 months. The \$14.1 million project was passed by voters in 2017 as a part of Better Streets, Safer City.

## PARKS EVENTS

### Will Rogers Gardens

3600 NW 36th Street

**Children's Autumn Wreath (ages 7-12):** Take a hike in the arboretum to collect twigs and leaves for a one-of-a-kind natural wreath.

Nov. 6 • 9 a.m. -10:30 a.m. • \$10/person  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41656

**Sand Art Terrarium (ages 18+):** Learn to build a sand art terrarium, including planting mediums, plant & maintenance. Includes terrarium, sand & plant.

Nov. 13 • 9 -11 a.m. • \$25/person  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41657

**Autumn Garden Tour (all ages):** Take a garden stroll and see what's growing, flowering, resting or holding onto its fruit late into November.

Nov. 20 • 9 -11 a.m. • \$5/person  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41694

### Other Events

#### OKC Parks Holiday Hoops Camp (ages 10-17):

Two-day basketball camp. Groups divided based on age. Register by Nov. 29.

Dec. 11 • 9 a.m.-noon • \$25/player (camp shirt included)  
Municipal Gym, 720 NW 8th Street  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41207

**Youth Futsal League (U10 -U18, ages 9-18):** All gender futsal league. Game format is 5v5. Up to 12 players per roster. 7-game season with single elimination tournament. Register by Nov. 13.

Starts Dec. 4 • \$350/team.  
Woodson Gym, 3403 S. May Ave.  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41620

### Senior Events (age 50+)

Will Rogers Senior Center, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive

**Zydeco Dance:** Folk dancing: Cajun waltz, two-step and Cajun jitterbug. Singles or dancers with partners.  
Nov. 4 & 18 (Thurs.) • 11:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m. • Free  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41937

**Tai Chi for Better Balance:** Gentle, low impact exercise commonly referred to as meditation in motion. This beginner class improves balance, strength and flexibility.

Nov. 3 • 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. • Free  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40795

**Discussion in History:** Group discussions on history and current events. Participants choose topics and genres each week.

Nov. 2-30 • 2-3 p.m. • Free  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 39655

**Garage Band:** Bring an instrument or use your voice and join in on this music jam hour. All levels welcome.

Nov. 2-30 (Tues. & Fri.) • 12:30 -1:30 p.m. • Free  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 39592

**Book Club:** Meets monthly to discuss the book chosen the previous month.

Nov. 8 • 10:15 -11:15 a.m. • Free  
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 39634

## Get a Green Home Loan

Our Green Home Loan program can help prevent hot, humid summers and cold, wet winters from denting your budget. Qualifying homeowners can get an energy assessment and a loan of up to \$20k with a 3% fixed interest rate, paid back over five years

The Community Action Agency (CAA) helps you determine eligibility, select contractors and ensure proper installation (*Additional reviews may be required for properties age 45+.*)

**Replace your:** dark-colored roof with a lighter-colored reflective or inefficient heat/air systems.

**Buy and install:** Energy star-certified appliances, heat and air systems, heat pumps, hot water heater, windows/exterior doors, additional insulation, solar panels or small-scale wind energy systems and electric vehicle charging equipment.

For details contact CAA at (405) 232-0199 (ext. 3206) or [forbis@caaofokc.org](mailto:forbis@caaofokc.org).

## Help to Others (H2O)

Help your neighbors by rounding up the amount on your monthly utility bill, or by making a one-time donation to the Help to Others (H2O) program. Log into your account on [okcutilities.com](http://okcutilities.com), find the Program at a Glance tile and select the Help to Others link or round up your payment to the nearest dollar on your paper bill. All H2O contributions are tax deductible. If you or someone you know needs bill-pay assistance, call the Salvation Army (405) 270-7800 for program eligibility.

## The City is hiring!

Apply at [okc.gov/careers](http://okc.gov/careers) for our full-time openings: 911; animal welfare; aquatics coordinator; planner; building maintenance mechanic; civil engineer; fuel systems tech; grounds operator; collection and distribution trainee; meter maintenance trainee & supervisor; construction equipment operator; controller; court services manager; crew worker; electrician; management specialist; municipal accountant; plant operator; police officer; regulatory compliance manager; revenue auditor; trades worker; survey aide; systems support specialist; utilities shift supervisor and water supply mechanic.

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

### Veterans Day

- City offices closed.
- EMBARK bus and OKC Streetcar on regular schedules.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Saturday, Nov. 13. Bulky waste pickup not affected.

### Thanksgiving Day

- City offices closed.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Saturday, Nov. 27. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
- EMBARK bus on weekend schedule. No Norman service.
- OKC Streetcar on regular schedules.