



OKC NEWS

NOVEMBER 2021

DECEMBER EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdogers.com • (405) 218-1000

- 1-31 LifeShare WinterFest
- 31 Opening Night

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 3 A Christmas Celebration
- 5 Messiah
- 11-19 The Nutcracker
- 12 A Drag Queen Christmas*
- 22 A Magical Cirque Christmas
- 28-Jan 2 Mean Girls

*at Rose State College Hudiburg Chevrolet Center

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 4-5 Buchanan's Vintage Flea Market
- 4-5 OKC Train Show
- 8-12 OKC Futurity
- 11-12 R.K. Gun Show
- 31-1 Jr. Open Wrestling Championship

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8500

- 2 For King and Country
- 8 Trans-Siberian Orchestra
- 21 Compete for Cause Challenge

Full calendar of local events at visitokc.com



STRATEGIES TO RELIEVE HOMELESSNESS



A strategic plan to reduce and prevent homelessness in Oklahoma City was presented to City Council in October by Oklahoma City Homeless Services, Inasmuch Foundation and the Arnall Family Foundation. The 102-page plan details eight focus areas and 24 strategies to enhance homeless service delivery and help residents experiencing homelessness move into permanent housing. Implementation teams made up of two to eight people will be assigned to tackle each of the strategies. The success of the plan involves help from the entire community. Read the plan at okc.gov.

Flood information

Contact the Public Works Department for flood information from our community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), including whether a property is in a special flood hazard area or floodway, historical flood information, flood depth data, special flood-related hazards, natural floodplain functions, problems not shown on the FIRM and more. Copies of FEMA elevation certificates of structures built in the floodplain after April 2013 are also available upon request. Call (405) 297-2581 for details.

Winter Averaging

For most residential customers the flat monthly sewer charge, or winter average, is based on the average amount of water billed Dec-Feb. The Utilities Department uses your winter average to set a cap on your monthly sewer charge for the year, starting in April. Your winter average is re-calculated each year, so using less water during winter months by turning off your sprinkler systems and watching for leaks can help you save on your water bill all year. To view your winter average and monthly water use, visit okcutilities.com.

Free EMBARK fares

Take advantage of free EMBARK bus, OKC Streetcar and Zone 1 ADA Paratransit services on Dec. 25 & 31 (dates subject to change). OKC Streetcar is free Friday-Sunday from November 19-January 2 for Downtown in December. Visit embarkok.com/free or okcstreetcar.com for updates or to plan your trip.

New nonstop flights

American Airlines now offers nonstop service from Will Rogers World Airport to Austin-Bergstrom International Airport and La Guardia Airport.

Turkey grease

Fried turkeys look beautiful on the holiday table, but don't pour the used oil down your drain or on the ground. Fats, oils and grease clog your sewer lines and contaminate rivers and lakes. Pour used oil back into the original container and take it to the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 1621 S. Portland Ave. Visit okc.gov/hhw for hours.

PARKS EVENTS

Senior Events (age 50+)

EMBARK offers no cost, round trip rides to these senior centers for 60+. Schedule at (405) 297-2583.

Senior Chair Drumming: Beginner class combining rhythm, stretching and exercise in a group setting. Every Wed. & Fri. • 1:15-2 p.m. • Free
Woodson Senior Center, 3401 S May Avenue
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40768

Zumba Gold: Move to the music and have fun dancing. Every Tues. & Thurs. • 10-11 a.m. • \$3/class
Will Rogers Senior Center, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 40863

Will Rogers Gardens

3600 NW 36th Street

Holiday Greens Wreath (ages 17+): Make fresh holiday wreaths from scratch using evergreen boughs. You can also incorporate greens and seed/fruit found in the arboretum.

Dec. 2 (6-8 p.m.) & Dec. 4 (9-11 a.m.)
\$35/person (supplies provided)
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41695 (Dec. 2)
and 41696 (Dec. 4)

Children's Mini Greens Wreath (all ages): Collect greens and berries in the arboretum with your family to create a mini wreath for your table or door.

Dec. 11 • 9:30-11 a.m. • \$10/person
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 41697

Other

Adult Winter Basketball (ages 18+):

Register with keyword by Dec. 30 at okc.gov/parksignup

7-game season (Jan.-March) and single-elimination tournament. Games at Municipal Gym, 720 NW 8th Street. \$350/team.

Recreational: Men's (41587) • Women's (41588)

Competitive: Men's (41617) • Women's (41619)

Full calendar of City rec events at okc.gov/parks

Safari Lights

Light up your holiday with OKC Zoo Safari Lights. This first year event features a larger-than-life light display showcasing over 59 wildlife themed light sculptures viewable on a driving tour through the Zoo. Guests can also dash through the lights on a separate walking experience. Runs Nov. 6 through Jan. 9, from 5:30 to 11 p.m. nightly. Tickets at okc zoo.org/tickets.

Clear your warrant

If you or someone you know has a warrant for unpaid tickets for a class "a" offense dated on or before Dec. 31, 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. Program runs through Dec. 31, 2021. Call (405) 297-3898 for details.

Shop local for holidays

Help strengthen our economy and invest in your community by shopping online or in person at OKC retailers. Shopping locally keeps your money here, supporting retailers who employ your neighbors. Learn more about sales tax in OKC at okc.gov/tax.

Text to 911

You can send a text message to 911 for emergency services in OKC. It's best to call if you can, but text if you can't. The service helps people with hearing or speech impairments, or in situations where calling is unsafe or impossible.

Free rides to senior centers

EMBARK Well offers OKC residents age 60+ no cost, round trip rides to the following wellness centers: Will Rogers Park Senior Center, Woodson Park Senior Center, YMCA Healthy Living Center, Lincoln Park YMCA, Pete White Health & Wellness Center, Healthy Living Center, North Side YMCA and Earlywine Park YMCA. Call (405) 297-2583 to schedule your trip.

Gift for golfers

"Frequent Player" and "Tour of the City" ticket packages will be sold at your favorite City golf course. Buy a Frequent Player package and get 10 green fees and half-cart fees for the price of eight, savings of 20%. Buy a Tour of the City package and get eight green fees and half-cart fees for the price of six. Use them to play two rounds at each of our 4 courses and save 25%. Walking versions available. Some restrictions apply. Buy online beginning Dec. 1 at okcgolf.com or call a City course:

Golf Courses

(405) 843-1565 **Lake Hefner**

(405) 691-1727 **Earlywine**

(405) 424-1421 **Lincoln Park**

(405) 677-8874 **Trosper**

Work for OKC

Work for the City and make a difference in your community. Our full-time openings include: 911 dispatcher trainee; associate planner; civil engineer; construction equipment operator; court services manager; elevator inspector; fuel systems tech; grounds maintenance trainee; industrial electrician; municipal accountant; plant operator; police officer; police recruit; police report clerk; program planner; regulatory compliance manager; carpenter, survey aide, recruiter; utilities shift supervisor; veterinarian and water supply mechanic. Apply at okc.gov/careers.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

- Trash, recycling and bulky waste pickup as usual.
- EMBARK bus and OKC Streetcar on regular schedules.
- Closed: City offices, Municipal Court pay window, Animal Shelter, Household Hazardous Waste.

Christmas Day

- Trash, recycling and bulky waste pickup as usual.
- EMBARK bus service is free (weekend schedule).
- OKC Streetcar is free (11 a.m.- 7 p.m.).
- Closed: City offices, Municipal Court pay window, Animal Shelter, Household Hazardous Waste.