



OKC NEWS

MARCH 2022

APRIL EVENTS

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 2 Scheherazade!
- 3 Musical WhizKids
- 8 Star Wars, Episode IV - New Hope
- 14 Bob Dylan
- 19 Rain - A tribute to the Beatles
- 27 Celtic Woman
- 30 Oklahoma Stories

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 16 Easter Eggstravaganza!
- 16 Doggy Easter Egg Hunt

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 1-2 Just Between Friends Kids Consignment Sale
- 2 Jr. Botball Challenge
- 2 MCDA Cheer & Dance Championships
- 7-9 OKC Farm Show
- 9 OKC Bird Bazaar
- 23-24 Wonders & Wisdom
- 29-30 OKRVA Regional Championships

Oklahoma City Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

- 1 CannaCon OKC
- 16 Rockstar Cheer Championships
- 30 Synergy Performing Arts Competition

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

Visit nba.com/thunder for Thunder schedule.

- 26 Casting Crowns

Full calendar of local events at visitokc.com

NOW HIRING 911 DISPATCHER TRAINEES



Do you stay calm under pressure? Do you like working in a fast-paced environment? Are you looking for a meaningful career that allows you to help others? If so, a career in 911 might be for you. No experience necessary. Earn money while you learn. Apply at okc.gov/careers.

BENEFITS

- > Paid training, \$16.76-\$25.88 (experience will be considered)
- > Advance after completing training, \$19.93-\$30.84
- > \$2,500 signing bonus
- > Tuition reimbursement
- > Work eight days on and six off
- > Shift differential pay
- > 96 hours vacation leave and 130 hours sick leave per year
- > 11 regular holidays
- > Retirement plan
- > Medical center for employee and covered dependents
- > Life, health, dental and vision insurance

Clear your warrant

If you have a warrant for unpaid OKC tickets for class "a" offense dated before June 30, 2020, you can clear it at a reduced cost until June 30, 2022. You won't be arrested or go to jail. A qualifying overdue ticket could cost up to \$613 to resolve, but may be resolved for \$155 through the program. Call (405) 297-3898 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays) to pay your ticket or request a hearing about financial difficulties. More than 6300 cases have been resolved so far.

Mayor Holt re-elected

Mayor David Holt was re-elected to a second four-year term during the Feb. 8 general election vote. Holt's new term begins May 3. More than 60,000 residents voted, the largest turnout for an OKC mayoral race since 1959. Mayor Holt is Oklahoma City's 36th Mayor and the first to be an enrolled member of a Native American tribe. The mayor is one of nine members of the nonpartisan City Council. His annual salary is \$24,000, and Council members' annual salary is \$12,000.

Health & Wellness Center

Get your body moving. The Pete White Health and Wellness Center, 4021 S Walker, is a MAPS 3 Senior Health and Wellness Center operated by the OKC Parks & Recreation Department. The center features an indoor pool, indoor walking track, fitness center, pickleball, ceramics, watercolor painting, arts and crafts, a demo kitchen, computer lab and social activities. Monthly membership is \$30 for individuals and \$50 for joint. To ensure accessibility to all OKC residents, OKC Parks offers a reduced monthly membership rate depending on a person's gross income. Call (405) 246-3950 for details.

Trail Safety

Distractions are part of our daily life. Whether it's having a conversation while walking 7.5 miles on the West River Trail, or shredding rubber riding the Oklahoma River Trails. If you're listening to music or on the phone, please remember to be aware of your surroundings, this includes sounds from other runners, walkers, bikes, and animals. Using only one earbud limits unexpected surprises.

PARKS EVENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance (all ages)

Dance with your daughter at this Fairy Garden themed party.

April 9 • Scissortail Sky Rink

\$35/couple, \$10/additional daughter

Session 1: 2:30 - 4 p.m.

Session 2: 5 - 6:30 p.m.

Session 3: 7:30 - 9 p.m.

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 43312

Bike the Bluff (all ages)

Come bike with us. OKC Parks joins Oklahoma Earthbike Fellowship, OKC Bike Club and local bike shops and organizations to put on this event. All levels of experience welcome.

April 30 • 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Free

Bluff Creek Park, 11301 N Meridian Ave.

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 42183

Attract Butterflies to Your Garden (18+):

April 9 • 10 - 11 a.m. • \$5

Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36th St.

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 43741

Senior Men's Softball tournament (45+):

Register with keyword at okc.gov/parksignup

April 23 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. • \$200/team

Stars & Stripes Park, 3701 S Lake Hefner Dr.

Ages 45-54 (42997), Ages 55-64 (42999)

Ages 65+ (43001)

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

Find leaks

A sudden jump in your water bill may mean you have a hidden leak. Leaks can waste thousands of gallons of water and increase water bills. Find and fix leaks quickly to save water and money all year with these tips. Visit squeezeeverydrop.com for more.

Check for leaks:

- Check faucets for drips or worn-out gaskets. Look under sinks for or water on seals/joints.
- Put a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If color shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes, you have a leak. Flush when done to avoid stains.
- Look for broken sprinkler heads, pooling water and overspray on concrete.

Special collection April 2

The City is hosting a special collection for unwanted computers, tires, ammunition and prescription drugs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 2 at the OKC Fairgrounds. Enter the fairgrounds from May Ave. at Gate 5 on Gordon Cooper Blvd. Bring a current City of OKC water bill to prove residency. Syringes, liquids, inhalers, tire rims, televisions and wheels won't be accepted. Businesses wanting to recycle hazardous waste should contact the state Department of Environmental Quality at 405-702-5100. Visit okc.gov/hhw to learn more about the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

Backyard chickens

OKC residents can now raise up to six chickens or quail in their backyard. Roosters are not allowed. Permits or fees not required and enforcement is on a complaint basis.

- Maintain a clean coop that protects hens from predators and has at least four square feet of space per animal.
- Minimum of eight square feet of roaming space per animal.
- Food and water readily available.
- Animals must be coop from dusk to dawn.
- Electrical/heat sources must follow City building codes.
- Coops must be at least five feet from side property line, 10 feet from back property line and 30 feet from an adjacent dwelling.

Neighborhoods with covenants against raising chickens can privately enforce them through legal means. Slaughtering chickens outside is not allowed. Violators can be fined up to \$500 for the first and second offenses and \$1200 for the third or subsequent offense.

River Cruises opening

Join us April 1-3 for the 2022 cruising season's opening weekend. The first 100 guests get a free koosie. Pay as you board. Concessions sold on board. Visit okrivercruises.com for ferry schedule or call Oklahoma River Cruises (405) 702-7755. Boarding locations:

- Bricktown Landing: 334 Centennial Dr.
- Meridian Landing: 4345 SW 15th St.
- Regatta Landing: 701 S Lincoln Blvd.
- Stockyards Landing: 800 S Agnew Ave.

Help clean waterways

Volunteers are needed to clean up trash and debris from creeks, rivers and other OKC waterways. Waterway clean ups help beautify our City and protect our drinking water from pollution. Supplies provided. Clean up days:

- Friday, April 8, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Saturday, April 23, 9 - 11 a.m.

To volunteer or set up your own waterway clean up event contact Brooke Vierck at brooke.vierck@okc.gov or 405-297-1797. Volunteers must sign up 10 days before a clean up.

Order a rain barrel

Conserve water and help your garden by ordering a rain barrel. Order one for \$66.50 at upcycle-products.com/ok-programs/ok-city. Scroll down the page to choose your barrel, find upgrades, composters and more. The 55-gallon barrels come with screens to keep out mosquitoes and critters. Place your order by April 24. Pickup is 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. May 7 or 14 at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, 1621 S Portland Ave. Call (405) 297-1797 or email brooke.vierck@okc.gov for details or a printed order form.

OKC Sip and Stroll

Enjoy sunsets, cocktails and wildlife at OKC Zoo's event series, Sip and Stroll. Presented by COOP Ale Works, Sip and Stroll occurs every third Thursday, April through September, from 6-10 p.m. Guests 21+ can explore the Zoo while sipping drinks. Themed "watering holes" feature custom cocktails inspired by wildlife while highlighting how the Zoo protects the natural world through global conservation partnerships. Visit okc-zoo.org/sipandstroll to purchase tickets.

Homelessness update

In 2021, at least 39 people experiencing homelessness died on OKC streets. Because people in the homeless population experience disproportionately high rates of stress, violence, health problems, and the inability to control food and medication intake, it's reasonable to conclude fewer people would have died if they had a home and regular access to healthcare. The City publishes an annual Point in Time report on okc.gov so we better understand trends and work towards solutions for people who are unsheltered.

EARTH-KIND® WORKSHOP

Celebrate Earth Month by joining us for a workshop to learn natural gardening practices, soil health improvement options, and how to choose native, tough plants and trees to attract butterflies and other pollinators.

Saturday, April 16

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Will Rogers Gardens Exhibition Hall

3400 NW 36th St

Registration is required at okc.gov/parks

Cost is \$10 and includes lunch



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READY...SET...GROW!

Check out these earth-friendly landscape tips to get your yard ready for spring!

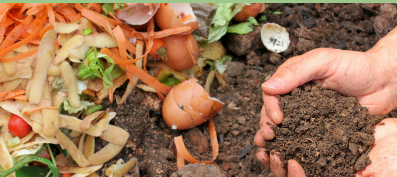
For more tips, resources and upcoming events visit us at:

SqueezeEveryDrop.com

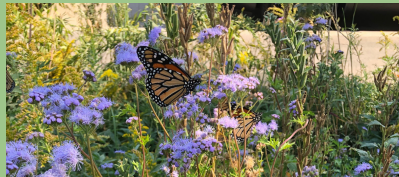

Consider improving your soil with compost. Compost adds valuable nutrients and increases water holding capacity while reducing kitchen and yard waste sent to the landfill.



Attract pollinators by planting a variety of nectar and pollen-rich flowers. A mix of plants that flower at different times ensure pollinators hang out for the entire growing season.



Incorporate native and adapted plants that need less water. Need help choosing the right plant or tree? Check out the Plant Database on SqueezeEveryDrop.com!



Let nature help you water. Use a rain gauge to measure how much rain reaches your plants. Adjust your watering schedule to take rainfall into account.