



OKC NEWS

APRIL 2022

MAY EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

- 3-8 Dodgers vs. Albuquerque
- 17-19 Dodgers vs. El Paso
- 24-29 Dodgers vs. Reno

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 6 The Sleeping Beauty
- 11-29 Disney's The Lion King

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 6 Dancing in the Garden featuring the Salsa!
- 7 OKC Flower and Garden Festival
- 14 Science in the Garden: Monarchs
- 16 Full Moon Bike Ride
- 21 Carnivorous Plants workshop

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 6-8 Pool & Spa Show
- 7 Cowboys of Color Rodeo
- 7 Indie Trunk Show
- 14 Oklahoma Craft Beer Festival
- 15 Budweiser's Custom Car SuperShow Tour
- 17 Okahoman Career Fair

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

Visit nba.com/thunder for Thunder schedule

- 10 The Who
- 16 New Kids on the Block
- 20 Zac Brown Band

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com



POLICING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO COUNCIL

Oklahoma City Council received an 85-page policing report in March that includes 39 recommendations focused on de-escalation, community engagement and accountability. The report, prepared by consultant 21CP Solutions, is a product of the Law Enforcement Policy Task Force, the Community Policing Working Group and extensive community engagement, including a scientific survey on police services conducted in 2021 by ETC Institute. The report focused on recommendations on eight topics. See list of topics to the right.

Criminal justice and police reform expert with 21CP Solutions has been retained to help guide and implement the recommendations on behalf of Oklahoma City. The report is available on okc.gov.

- Law enforcement de-escalation policy
- Independent law enforcement accountability to the community
- Law enforcement training in crisis response
- Alternative response to mental health calls
- Law enforcement focus on youth outreach
- Creation of a neighborhood safety/violence interruption program
- Police officer access to mental health services
- Expansion of law enforcement homeless outreach initiatives

Golf course news

After more than 50 years, the irrigation system at Lake Hefner's south golf course is being replaced. The south course will be closed March 14 through July or August for installation. The new system will reduce water consumption, improve system maintenance and enhance the overall condition of the golf course.

Order a rain barrel

Conserve water and help your garden by ordering a recycled rain barrel through the City of OKC and the Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance (COSWA). Order one for \$66.50 at upcycle-products.com/ok-programs/ok-city by May 1. 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. Pickup is 8:30 - 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.

Summer job fair

The Parks and Recreation Department is hiring hundreds of seasonal employees to staff aquatic centers, recreation centers, camps and athletic programs this summer.

Applicants are encouraged to pre-apply at okc.gov/careers and show up early to a job fair from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. May 7 at the Pete White Health & Wellness Center, 4021 S. Walker Ave. Open positions include (all references below are starting pay):

- Lifeguard \$10.50/hr
- Lifeguard Supervisor \$15/hr
- Facility Supervisor \$15/hr
- Aquatics Facility Staff \$9.75/hr
- Camp Counselor \$8.25/hr
- Athletic Field & Gym Assistant \$8.25/hr
- Athletic Field & Gym Supervisor \$15/hr

Incentives may include sign-on and referral bonuses, hourly pay increases per month and an end-of-season bonus.

PARKS EVENTS

Senior Centers

EMBARK offers no cost, round trip rides to the City's senior centers for people age 60+. Schedule at 405-297-2583.

For a full calendar of City recreation events visit okc.gov/parks.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial Day

- Closed: City offices, Animal Shelter, Household Hazardous Waste, Municipal Court pay window (pay online at okc.gov)
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day June 1. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
- EMBARK buses on weekend schedule. OKC Streetcar on regular schedule. Free fares.



Free Landfill Day

Doing some Spring Cleaning? Take your unwanted stuff to a local landfill during the City's Free Landfill Day on May 14. This event is for City residential solid waste customers. Landfills will be open from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. An original, current City water bill or a copy of an e-bill is required. Each household may make one trip to the landfill using a passenger vehicle or truck (up to 1-ton) and one trailer (up to 16 feet). No commercial waste haulers. Participating landfills include:

- East Oak Landfill – 3201 Mosley Rd. (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. in Spencer (construction and demolition materials only)

Household hazardous waste, tires, oils, car batteries, propane tanks, pool chemicals, electronic waste and appliances containing freon or other refrigerants will not be accepted. For more information, visit okc.gov/trash.

OKC Sip and Stroll

Enjoy sunsets, cocktails and wildlife at OKC Zoo's 21 and up 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 along the way. Themed "watering holes" feature custom cocktails inspired by wildlife while highlighting how the Zoo protects the natural world through global conservation partnerships. Tickets on sale now at okczoo.org/sipandstroll.

Clear your warrant

If you have a warrant for unpaid OKC tickets for a class "a" offense dated on or 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 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays (except City-observed holidays) to pay your ticket or request a hearing about financial difficulties. More than 6,700 cases have been resolved so far.

OKC bond ratings

Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global Ratings affirmed the City's top-notch bond rating and stable long-term outlook. Moody's affirmed the City's Aaa rating and stable outlook in a Feb. 28 report and S&P affirmed its AAA rating in a Feb. 24 report. The triple-A ratings are the highest awarded by each agency. It's the 12th year in a row OKC achieved the highest rating. The ratings are used to price bonds that the City sells to fund the bond package included in the Better Streets, Safer City infrastructure investment program.

MAPS 4 trust funding

City Council approved a transfer of \$80 million in March from Oklahoma City MAPS 4 sales tax collections to the administration of the MAPS 4 Investment and Operating Trust. The funds will be invested and managed to provide a steady funding stream for the operations and maintenance of some MAPS 4 projects long after the temporary MAPS 4 sales tax collection has concluded. The management of the funds is being overseen by the MAPS 4 Investment and Operating Trust. A conservative spending policy is provided for and will ensure that the distributions are consistent year-to-year and do not diminish the original funds.

Mother's Day cruise

Celebrate mom by taking her on a river cruise for Mother's Day, May 8. Enjoy bite-sized desserts and mimosas at the cash bar. Choose from two departure times: 1 or 4 p.m. Boarding is 15 minutes prior to launch. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance. Visit okrivercruises.com or call Oklahoma River Cruises (405) 702-7755 for details.

New nonstop service

Breeze Airways will begin nonstop service from Oklahoma City to Nashville June 3. The new Nashville service will operate seasonally. Guests may choose from three one-way price bundles that are offered as 'Nice', 'Nicer' and 'Nicest' service. Flights can be booked through www.flybreeze.com.