



OKC NEWS

JUNE 2022

JULY EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

4-9 Dodgers vs. Las Vegas

16 Nitro Circus

22-24 Dodgers vs. Sacramento

26-31 Dodgers vs. Sugar Land

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

5-10 Carousel

19-24 Kinky Boots

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

6 SONIC Summer Movie: School of Rock

13 SONIC Summer Movie: Jurassic Park

20 SONIC Summer Movie: Sing 2

27 SONIC Summer Movie: Batman Returns

OKC Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

2-3 Oklahoma Summer Bash Car Show

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

1-3 Summer Canine Olympics

8-10 SW Street Rod Nationals

15-17 Oklahoma Summer Bead & Jewelry Show

23 Kidz Expo

30 New World Comic Con

30 Pups 'N Yups Resource Fair

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

7 Maverick City

21 James Taylor

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com

CONSIDER GOING SOLAR

Want to save money and have the support of experts in installing the right clean energy system? Led by the City's Office of Sustainability, Solarize Oklahoma City is a newly formed community-based group-purchasing program for solar energy, battery storage, and other clean energy technologies. Our goal is to help homeowners, businesses and nonprofits become more resilient, reduce energy expenses and save on the cost of renewable energy systems by getting volume discounts on materials and installation services. The more people who participate, the greater the savings. Working together, we can help property owners make informed decisions and continue to expand Oklahoma City's role as a leader in clean energy.

The public-private coalition includes: RestoreOKC, the City of Oklahoma City's Office of Sustainability, the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG), the Oklahoma Solar Association, OKC Beautiful, the Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council, the Oklahoma Compost and Sustainability Association (OCASA), Fertile Ground Cooperative, Solar CrowdSource and other community volunteers. Visit solarizeokc.com for details or to sign up for a no-cost, no obligation solar evaluation for your home.



OKC Rescue Program

The OKC Rescue Program is accepting applications from businesses and nonprofits for funding to aid recovery from COVID-19. Qualifying organizations must be located in Oklahoma City, have 100 or fewer full-time employees and demonstrate one of these: (1) economic impact of COVID-19 (2) minority-ownership or (3) location in low-income neighborhoods.

Businesses and nonprofits can receive up to \$15,000 for technical services, including accounting, marketing, HR, etc. provided by local experts. Minority-owned businesses and those located in low-income neighborhoods can receive up to \$25,000 in reimbursement for facade and storefront improvements and for improvements to protect customers or workers during the pandemic.

The program is administered by the Alliance for Economic Development of Oklahoma City and funded by the American Rescue Plan Act. Visit okcrescueprogram.com.

Zoning codes feedback

You're invited to attend come-and-go open houses hosted by the City's Planning Department to give feedback on how proposed zoning and planning updates to the City's Development codes could affect future residential and commercial development.

Comments from residents will help us tailor new residential, commercial and industrial zones for the City. Community input is a vital step in the multiyear process to update development codes.

July 9 • 2-4 p.m.

Belle Isle Library
5501 N Villa Ave.

July 14 • noon-2 p.m.

Downtown Library
300 Park Ave.

July 23 • 2-4 p.m.

Midwest City Library
8143 E Reno Ave.

July 30 • 2-4 p.m.

Wright Library
2101 Exchange Ave.

PARKS EVENTS

Senior Centers

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

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

Mayor Holt's second term

Mayor David Holt began his second term in May. He was originally elected as Oklahoma City's 36th Mayor in 2018 and was re-elected with 60 percent of the vote Feb. 8, 2022 (no runoff was held). He is the eighth longest-serving mayor in Oklahoma City history. Mayor Holt's ceremonial oath of office was administered by Dr. Feroz Bashari, one of Oklahoma City's newest residents. Dr. Bashari and his family arrived in Oklahoma City Feb. 16 as refugees from Afghanistan, where Dr. Bashari was a prominent government spokesperson. The ceremony also included Grammy Award winner Sandi Patty singing "Let there be Peace on Earth" and an invocation by the Rev. Joseph Alsay, Rector of St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church, Mayor Holt's home church.

BRICKLIVE at the Zoo

OKC Zoo invites you to experience BRICKLIVE Animal Paradise sponsored by Devon. Debuting for the first time in Oklahoma at the Zoo, BRICKLIVE Animal Paradise features more than 45 life-sized animal statues made with almost two million toy bricks. This one-of-a-kind exhibit, located in the Zoo's butterfly garden, is designed to connect viewers to the world's wildlife while "building" an appreciation for conservation. Visit okczoo.org for tickets.

Now-Oct. 30, 2022 • 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily
\$5/person plus Zoo admission.

EMBARK Free Friday

From April through September, EMBARK offers Third Friday Free Fare to encourage all public transit advocates to invite a friend, family member or coworker to try transit.

Fourth of July fireworks

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to attend a public, professional display. Buying, selling or using fireworks in OKC limits is illegal, including sparklers, snakes, bottle rockets and all other fireworks. The ban applies to all private and public property in OKC, including parks, lakes and areas along the Oklahoma River. It protects our community from house fires and wildfires. OKC Fire, OKC Police and Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office task force will strictly enforce fireworks ordinances. Violators are subject to a fine of up to \$1,200 and confiscation of all fireworks. Professional, public displays have permits from the Fire Marshal.

Squeeze Every Drop

Neighborhood and homeowner associations can take advantage of a free sprinkler checkup program offered by the City's Water Conservation team. Program staff will run through each zone and flag problem areas that may be costing you money. Each evaluation includes a comprehensive report showing how to improve water use and save money. Neighborhood and HOA board members can visit SqueezeEveryDrop.com to schedule a free checkup.

Cocktail Cruises

Relax and experience unique views of the Boathouse District, Wheeler Ferris Wheel and a beautiful Oklahoma sunset. This is an adult environment cruise but all ages are welcome. People under 21 are not allowed in the bar area. The cruise departs from Regatta Landing on Friday and Saturday evenings. For tickets visit okrivercruises.com or call Oklahoma River Cruises (405) 702-7755.

Leash your dog

In OKC, dogs must be leashed at all times outside of their homes. This is for safety of people and dogs. Dogs have to be confined when in your yard, and on a leash when on a walk, in a park or anywhere else outside that isn't a dog park. Dogs must wear rabies tags at all times, and owners must collect and dispose of pet waste off their own property. Dogs are also not allowed to wade or swim in public waters, including our lakes. Exceptions are at dog parks and occasional dog-only OKC Parks special events.

Summer hiring

If you're looking for summer employment, the City has positions for you. We are recruiting part-time/seasonal lifeguards, recreation leaders and cashiers. We also have several full-time career opportunities available. The City offers competitive pay, great benefits and signing bonuses for certain positions. Check out all job openings on the careers tab in the top right corner of okc.gov. Join our team, and make a difference in your community.

Report high grass

Grass and weeds higher than a foot tall violates City code and state law, but you can report it and other code violations to the Action Center at okc.gov/action, by calling (405) 297-2535, by texting (405) 252-1053, by email at action.center@okc.gov or on Twitter at @OKCAction. Code inspectors will visit the reported property and mail a notice to the owner if the grass and weeds are over a foot tall. The owner has 10 working days to mow the yard. If an inspector re-checks the property and it's still in violation, the City will hire a contractor to mow the lawn and charge the property owner.

Summer pet safety

Make sure your pets stay safe and cool in the summer by remembering that if it's too hot for you, it's too hot for them. Bring pets inside when it's hot, and provide them with plenty of shade and fresh water when they're outside. Walk your pets at cooler times of the day, and never leave an animal in a car. Contact Animal Welfare at (405) 297-3100 if you see an animal in distress. Visit okc.gov/animalwelfare for more pet safety tips.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day: Monday, July 4

- Closed: City offices, Household Hazardous Waste, Animal Shelter, Municipal Court pay window (pay online at okc.gov)
- EMBARK bus and OKC Streetcar on regular schedules. Free fares.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Wednesday, July 6. Bulky waste pickup not affected.