



OKC NEWS

AUGUST 2022

SEPTEMBER EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

6-11 Dodgers vs. Rainiers

26-28 Dodgers vs. Bees

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccen.com • (405) 594-8300

6-11 Hairspray

17 OKC Phil Classics

24 Beach Boys

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

9 Busker Street Fair

10 Full Moon Ride

17 All about Orchids

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

15-25 Oklahoma State Fair

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

4 Pitbull & Iggy Azalea

14 Backstreet Boys

16-18 PBR Team Series

20 Pearl Jam

27 Shawn Mendes & Tate McRae

30 Keith Urban

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com

Work for OKC

The City is always hiring dependable, hard-working people. Log on to okc.gov/careers and explore our career opportunities.

LIBRARY SCULPTURE



Belle Isle Library, 5501 N Villa, is home to the City's newest artwork – an 8-foot-tall, 6.5-foot-wide powder-coated aluminum and glass sculpture titled Nourish. Emblazoned in the sculpture's design is an excerpt from U.S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo's poem "Remember:" "You are this universe, and this universe is you."

The artist team is Manifold Creative Concepts, made up of Martin Donlin, Brett McDanel, Anton Morton and Joy Harjo, who is a member of the Mvskoke Nation and belongs to Oce Vpofv (Hickory Ground). The sculpture was funded from the City's 1% for the Arts ordinance.

Lower Scissortail Park

Everyone is invited to a city-wide celebration, September 23-25, to mark the opening of lower Scissortail Park and the completion of the 70-acre downtown oasis. Check scissortailpark.org for a list of weekend activities. The 30-acre lower park, which extends from SkyDance Bridge to SW 15th Street, features a promenade, walking trails, sports pavilion, two basketball courts, a soccer field, a futsal court, four pickleball courts, a nature playground, natural plantings and native wildflowers. Hundreds of new trees are planted throughout the lower park. Scissortail Park was funded through MAPS 3.

EMSAcare month

You can enroll or change your participation each September in the EMSAcare program, which provides permanent members of your household with emergency ambulance rides in the EMSA service area with no out-of-pocket cost, even if you don't have medical insurance. You can opt-in or out from Sept. 1-30 for the Oct. 1, 2022 to Sept. 30, 2023 time period. No action is required if you don't want to make a change. The membership fee is \$3.65 per month and is added to your monthly water bill. To change your participation, call Utilities Customer Service at (405) 297-2833 or visit to okc.gov/EMSAcare.

Zoning codes feedback

The community is invited to come-and-go open houses hosted by the City's Planning Department, to give feedback on how future residential and commercial development should look in the area of the city served by the library. The open houses provide an informal way to talk to Planning Department staff about future updates to the City's Zoning and Development codes. Community input is a vital step in the multi-year process. For details, visit okc.gov/codeupdate, call (405) 297-1692 or email marilyn.lamensdorf@okc.gov.

Sept. 10 • 10 a.m.-noon

Mustang Public Library, 1201 N Mustang Rd.

Sept. 14 • noon-2 p.m.

Downtown Library, 300 Park Ave.

Oct. 1 • 10 a.m.-noon

Capitol Hill Library, 327 SW 27th St.

Oct. 22 • 10 a.m.-noon

Southern Oaks Library, 6900 S Walker Ave.



PARKS EVENTS

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

Birding Walk (ages 18+): Learn about birdwatching and how to help them thrive in your backyard on a guided hike around Martin Park Nature Center, led by retired Naturalist Neil Garrison.

Sept. 10 • 8-10 a.m. • Free
Martin Park Nature Center, 5000 W Memorial Rd.
okc.gov/parks/signup • keyword 44181

Fall Mushroom Foraging: Learn about a variety of edible mushrooms and other fall fungi. Fresh mushrooms will be on-site to help you learn what to look for in the wild.

Sept. 24 • 10-11 a.m. • Free
Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center
okc.gov/parks/signup • keyword 44496

Hooked on fishing (ages 5-15): Learn basic fishing skills with hands-on instruction and actual fishing time. Rods, reels and bait provided. Free. Register with keyword at okc.gov/parks/signup.

Sept. 10 • 9-11 a.m. • keyword 4551 • Route 66 Park
Sept. 24 • 9-11 a.m. • keyword 45521 • Scissortail Park

Fall Sports: OKC Parks & Recreation offers fall sports for kids, adults and seniors: youth soccer, baseball and tennis and adult softball and basketball leagues. Visit okc.gov/departments/parks-recreation/athletics to learn more.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Labor Day: Monday, Sept. 5

- Closed: City offices, Animal Shelter, Household Hazardous Waste, Municipal Court (pay online at okc.gov)
- EMBARK bus on weekend schedule. OKC Streetcar on regular schedule. Free fares for both.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Wednesday, Sept. 7. Bulky waste pickup not affected.

See BRICKLIVE at the Zoo

Discover the OKC Zoo's all new BRICKLIVE Animal Paradise sponsored by Devon. Seen for the first time in Oklahoma at the Zoo, BRICKLIVE Animal Paradise features 45+ life-sized animal statues made with almost two million toy bricks. This unique exhibit is located within the Zoo's butterfly garden and is designed to connect fans to the world's wildlife while "building" an appreciation for conservation. BRICKLIVE Animal Paradise is open through Oct. 30, 2022, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. daily. Cost per person for this experience is \$5 plus Zoo admission. Tickets at okc.zoo.org.

Zoo celebrates twins

Summer is off to an exciting start for the Zoo with the recent birth of critically endangered Sumatran tiger twins. Lola, the OKC Zoo's 11-year-old female Sumatran tiger, gave birth to two cubs on July 2. Sumatran tigers are critically endangered with only an estimated 500 individuals living in the forests of Indonesia.

Cocktail Cruises

Relax and experience unique views of the Boathouse District, the Wheeler Ferris Wheel and an amazing Oklahoma sunset on our cocktail cruises along the Oklahoma River. All ages are welcome but consider this is an adult environment cruise. The cruise departs from Regatta Landing on Friday and Saturday evenings. For more information call Oklahoma River Cruises at (405) 702-7755 or visit okrivercruises.com

About the Action Center

Are you concerned about high grass and weeds, yard parking, abandoned homes and vehicles, or other issues causing problems in your neighborhood? Contact the Action Center. They route resident concerns to the proper department for investigation and enforcement.

Contact Us

online okc.gov, find the "report it" button
email action.center@okc.gov
phone (405) 297-2535, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., M-F
text (405) 252-1053 • **twitter** @okcaction

Airport rebounding

The City's Airports Department tracks the number of people flying out of Will Rogers World Airport (WRWA) each day. After experiencing a drastic decline in passenger activity due to COVID-19, enplanements are finally rebounding this year. In recent months, an average of 150,000 passengers per month flew out of OKC. The previous high was 185,000 per month in 2019. The number of passengers flying out of OKC reflects the economic activity in the community. When a community is growing and thriving, it attracts more airline activity. For more information on WRWA, visit flyokc.com.

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 Dec. 31, 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.

Utilities ratings reaffirmed

The City's Water Utilities Trust (OCWUT) has once again earned AAA and Aaa ratings from Standard & Poor's Global Ratings and Moody's Investor Services. The ratings place OCWUT among the top 7% and 5%, respectively, for municipal water and wastewater services. The high ratings are the result of the Utility's continued investment in its water supply, sustainability and infrastructure management programs. OCWUT is completing a 10-year, \$3.3 billion capital infrastructure program that includes the 100-mile, second Atoka pipeline, the Hefner-Draper interconnect project for water treatment redundancy, treatment plant improvements and residential line replacement programs.