



OKC NEWS

OCTOBER 2022

NOVEMBER EVENTS

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 4 John Williams
- 12 Bolero
- 15 Tootsie
- 22 Mannheim Steamroller Christmas
- 26 Home Alone in Concert

Oklahoma City Convention Center

okconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

- 4-6 Mistletoe Market
- 19 Oddities & Curiosities Expo
- 20 Rockstar Championships

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 5-6 OKC Renaissance & Scottish Festival
- 5-6 OKC Train Show
- 11-13 Oklahoma Christmas Show
- 20 Oklahoma Bridal & Wedding Expo
- 24-3 NRHA Futurity Show
- 26-27 Oklahoma Gun Shows

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8500

- 4 Greta Van Fleet
- 12 Turnpike Troubadours
- 20 Judas Priest & Queensrÿche

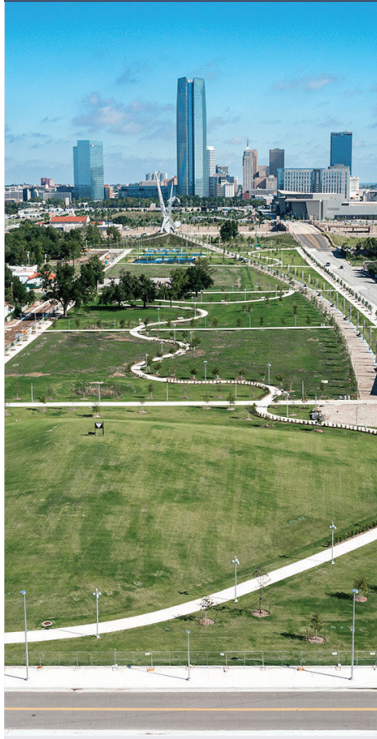
Rose State College Hudiburg Chevrolet Center

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- 6 David Sedaris
- 9 Straight No Chaser
- 13 Daniel Howell: We're All Doomed!
- 26 Blue's Clues & You

Full calendar of local events at visitokc.com

SCISSORTAIL PARK CELEBRATES COMPLETION



The MAPS 3 Scissortail Park in downtown OKC has grown by 32 acres with the opening of the Lower Park in September. SkyDance Bridge connects the 36-acre Upper Park and the 32-acre Lower Park. The newly constructed Lower Park features two basketball courts, a soccer field, futsal court and four pickleball courts, as well as a sports pavilion and small performance area. A nature playground provides shady spots for children and families to interact with natural materials like boulders, logs and sand, providing endless opportunities for creative play. The Lower Park also features a variety of plantings to represent the prairies of this region with native grasses and wildflowers. Hundreds of new trees have been planted throughout the site for shade and to provide sheltered habitats for wildlife. A beautifully lit promenade and series of walking trails extend south to the Oklahoma River Trails. Details at scissortailpark.org.

Crystal Bridge to reopen

The Inasmuch Foundation Crystal Bridge Conservatory in the Myriad Botanical Gardens is celebrating its reopening Nov. 18-20 after significant restorations. Experience a new waterfall, new plant collections with interpretive signage and exhibits, overlook terraces, a reflecting pool and other water features. A new Discovery Room and classroom will offer opportunities to learn about the rainforest and the importance of tropical plants to the environment. Details at myriadgardens.org.

Recreation center update

Construction continues on the Willa D. Johnson Recreation Center, 900 Carverdale Dr. The new center is named after former Ward 7 Councilwoman and County Commissioner Willa D. Johnson. Mrs. Johnson was the first Black woman elected to the Oklahoma City Council. The 34,000-square-foot center will include a teaching kitchen, two basketball courts, walking/jogging tracks, a fitness area, an indoor pool with three competition swim lanes, a wading area, a lazy river and a slide. The center is expected to open in mid-2023.

Fireplace safety tips

Remember to have your fireplace inspected and cleaned annually by a qualified chimney sweep specialist. Highly flammable creosote builds up in your chimney and is a common cause of chimney fires, which can spread to the rest of the home. Also, make sure you have working smoke alarms. Call (405) 316-BEEP (2337) to have a new smoke alarm installed for free.

Input needed on MAPS 4

MAPS 4 includes \$25 million to improve connectivity in and around the Innovation District. The project will not only change the district's physical landscape but will also improve bicycle and pedestrian access to surrounding areas. To weigh in on projects you would like to see implemented, fill out a brief survey by scanning the QR code below. Specific corridors to be addressed include N Lincoln Blvd., NE 4th St., NE 8th St. and NE 10th St. bridge at I-235. Stay up-to-date on the MAPS 4 Innovation District Connectivity project at okc.gov/maps4.



PARKS EVENTS

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

OKC Park's First Musical: Join OKC Parks for its first adult musical, "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," Directed by Isiah Williams.

Nov. 17-20 • \$15/person

Taylor Performing Arts Center, 1115 SW 70th St.
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 48799

Beginning Archery (ages 10+): Learn how to use a bow and arrow safely while practicing your shot with a few targets. Must be able to pull a 15-lb bow. Pre-registration required.

Nov. 19 • 2:30 p.m. • \$5 (bows & arrows provided)

Martin Park Nature Center, 5000 W. Memorial Rd.
okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 44209

Kayak Adventure (ages 18+): Explore the North Canadian River along the Stinchcomb Wildlife Refuge. Kayaks, paddles, personal flotation devices and instructions provided.

Nov. 12 • 9-11 a.m. • \$30/person

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 44203

Senior Events (age 50+)

Will Rogers Senior Center, 3501 Pat Murphy Drive

Register with keyword at okc.gov/parksignup

Tattooing

Nov. 2-30 • 9-11 a.m. • keyword 46420

Advanced Watercolor

Nov. 3-17 • 1-3 p.m. • keyword 46388

Yarn Club:

Nov. 7-28 • 1-3 p.m. • keyword 46429

Woodcarving Delight:

Nov. 11-29 • 1-3 p.m. • keyword 46543

Private holiday charters

Oklahoma River Cruises offers beautiful 65-foot vessels with heated cabins that accommodate up to 24 guests. Each boat has comfortable seating, cocktail tables, a deck, a bar and onboard restrooms. Our intimate luxury vessels are perfect for holiday functions! For more information call (405) 603-1321 or visit okrivercruises.com/charter.

FACT Nights

Students ages 12-18 can have fun in a relaxed environment and enjoy a free meal while hanging out with OKC police officers during FACT (Family Awareness and Community Teamwork) Nights. Police officers mentor participants and teach essential life skills like discipline, responsibility, empathy and organization. FACT Nights are offered 4 p.m. on Mondays at 1220 NE 23 St. and 4 p.m. on Tuesdays at 3916 S. Lindsey Ave. For details call (405) 297-1174.

Strong sales tax

City Council revised the MAPS 4 implementation plan in August, increasing the estimated revenue projection by \$100 million to almost \$1.1 billion. The increase is a result of strong sales tax revenue that exceeded estimates by approximately \$12 million. The increased projected revenue will be distributed among MAPS 4's 16 projects based on each project's proportional share of construction costs.

Fall landscape planning

Landscape planning doesn't have to be scary. In fact, October is the perfect month to plan your garden using our Plant Database at www.squeezeeverydrop.com. Just click on your preferences for plant type, soil type and light, and we'll provide a bounty of options sure to make your garden grow. The database includes water-saving perennials to colorful annuals, groundcovers, ornamental grasses, shrubs and more. Many are drought-tolerant, Oklahoma Proven® selections and work well during extended dry periods and in our summertime heat. Visit squeezeeverydrop.com today to get your garden growing.

Haunt the Zoo

The OKC Zoo will host the 39th annual Haunt the Zoo. Haunt the Zoo brings families together for a trick-or-treating experience in a safe outdoor environment on Saturdays and Sundays, Oct. 8-30 from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Purchase tickets in advance at okc zoo.org/htz.

Historic Union Station

Extensive renovations are in store for the 91-year-old Union Station located on the south end of Upper Scissortail Park. The historic train station, which served the Rock Island and Frisco railroads from 1931 to the 1960s, will be restored to its former glory so residents can enjoy its stunning architecture. Contractors will replace the electrical infrastructure and HVAC units, upgrade the fire protection system, remove past alterations and restorations to the historic waiting rooms and restore areas to be used for public and private events. The \$21 million project is expected to begin in the fall of 2023.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Veterans Day

- Closed: City offices, Municipal Court (pay online at okc.gov)
- Trash collection as usual.
- EMBARK bus and OKC Streetcar on weekend schedule. Free fares for both. Customer service 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving Day

- Closed: City offices
- No trash. Makeup day Nov. 26.
- EMBARK bus on weekend schedule. No Norman service. OKC streetcar on regular schedule. Free fares for both. Customer service closed.

Day after Thanksgiving

- Closed: City offices
- Trash collection as usual.
- EMBARK bus and OKC streetcar on regular schedule. Customer service 8 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Trails going digital

With almost 100 miles of multi-use trails in OKC, mapping each trail can be difficult for most users. Trails will soon be available on an interactive and intuitive web or mobile platform. Leveraging existing GIS data infrastructure, the trail layout will update the user's location in real-time. Details coming soon.