



OKC NEWS

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SPECIAL COLLECTION COMPUTERS • TIRES • AMMO • MEDS

The City is hosting a special collection for unwanted computers, tires, ammunition and prescription drugs from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Saturday, April 1**, at the OKC Fairgrounds. You must bring a current City of OKC water bill stub to prove residency. This event is for OKC residents only. Syringes, liquids, inhalers, tire rims, televisions and wheels won't be accepted. Enter the OKC Fairgrounds from May Ave. at Gate 5 on Gordon Cooper Blvd. Visit okc.gov/hhw to learn about items accepted there year-round.

PARKS EVENTS

Daddy Daughter Dance (all ages): Dance the night away with your little girl.

April 22 • Scissortail Park Sky Rink

\$40/couple, \$10/ additional child

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 49546

Spray Art (ages 6-10): Art with a splash of fun. Learn to mix colors while making friends.

Register with keyword at okc.gov/parksignup.

April 6-27 • 3:30 - 4:15 p.m. • \$4/day

Melrose Recreation Center, 7800 Melrose Ln.

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 50139

Moral Madness (ages 50+): Morel mushrooms are one of the most popular edible mushrooms in Oklahoma. Discuss local fungi field guides and other tools used in foraging. Pre-registration encouraged.

April 1 • 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. • Free

Will Rogers Exhibition Bldg

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 49490

Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL)

(all ages): SAIL is a strength, balance, and fitness program for active adults. SAIL exercises can be done standing or sitting in a chair.

April 3 - 28 • Mon & Fri, noon - 1 p.m. • Free

Will Rogers Senior Center

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 49577

Bunny Hop (ages 3-17): The Easter Bunny visited OKC Parks. Bring your little ones to help find all the eggs.

April 8 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. • Free

Pitts Recreation Center, 1920 N Kate Ave.

okc.gov/parksignup • keyword 49771

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

Order a rain barrel

Conserve water and help your garden by ordering a rain barrel through the City of OKC and the Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance. The 55-gallon barrels are made of recycled materials and come with screens to keep out mosquitoes and critters. Order one for \$69.50 by April 30 at upcycle-products.com/ok-programs/ok-city. Scroll down the page to choose your barrel, find upgrades, composters and more. Pick up is from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., May 6 or 13 at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 1621 S Portland Ave. For details or a printed form call (405) 297-1797.

Safe streets grant

OKC was awarded an \$800,000 Action Plan Grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). This grant, combined with \$200,000 in matching funds from the City, will fund the creation of a plan to prevent deaths and serious injuries to drivers, transit riders, pedestrians and cyclists. The plan is expected to take 18 months to develop. Residents will be able to weigh in through surveys and meetings over the next year. Between 2016 and 2020, there were 402 vehicle-involved fatalities on OKC streets.

Recycling 101

Help stop contamination at the curb. Make sure your recyclable bottles, cans, jars and containers are empty, clean and dry before you toss them in your Big Green Recycling Cart. Visit okc.gov/recycle for details.

Register alarm systems

Residents and business owners in OKC with a burglar or fire alarm are required to register and renew their system annually with the Police Department. Police don't investigate automatic alarms from security systems without a permit.

Alarm registrations are \$27, and cost \$17 annually. Register through the Crywolf alarm program at crywolfservices.com/oklahomacityok or call 1 (833) 281-8738. Registrations and renewals can also be done in person at OKCPD Permits & ID Unit, 616 Colcord Dr.

If fire and police respond to four or more false alarms per year, the registered alarm user could face a series of graduating fees, ranging from \$82 to \$200 for each violation. Excessive repeated false alarms (six fire and/or police in a year) may result in the suspension of police response to alarm-generated calls to that location. Proof must be provided that the alarm has been fixed. Of the 50,000 security alarm calls OKCPD responds to every year, about 98% are false. For more information about the alarm program, go to okc.gov/alarm or call the OKCPD's Permits & ID unit at (405) 297-1109.



APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

APRIL EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdogers.com • (405) 218-1000

Visit okcdogers.com for Dodgers schedule.

- 1-2 Dodgers vs Rainiers
- 11-16 Dodgers vs Space Cowboys
- 25-30 Dodgers vs River Cats

Civic Center Music Hall

okccviviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 1-2 Frozen, OKC Broadway
- 5-6 Riverdance, OKC Broadway
- 15 Joshua Bell, OKCPHIL
- 16 Road Trip on Route 66, OKCPHIL
- 28-29 Black Panther in Concert, OKCPHIL

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 8-9 Tulip Festival

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 1 Junior Botball Challenge
- 1 MCDA Cheer & Dance Championships
- 13-15 Oklahoma City Farm Show
- 15 OKC Bird Bazaar
- 28-30 Pool & Spa Show

Oklahoma City Convention Center

okconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

- 2 Odyssey Dance Competition
- 14 Rockstar Championships
- 19 Metro Prayer Breakfast
- 20 ARTini
- 28-29 Health & Fitness Expo

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

Visit nba.com/thunder for Thunder schedule.

- 1 Kenny Chesney
- 2 Thunder vs. Suns
- 9 Thunder vs. Grizzlies
- 19 Elevation Nights
- 22 Walker Hayes

Scissortail Park

scissortailpark.org • (405) 445-6277

- 1 Farmers Market Opening Day
- 15 Oklahoma Wind Festival
- 21 April Night Market

Full calendar of local events at visitokc.com

Extra trash cart

The City's weekly residential trash and recycling service includes two Big Blue trash carts and one Big Green recycling cart. Customers who need a little extra space may order up to two additional Big Blue trash carts and one additional Big Green recycling cart for a monthly fee of \$2.41 per cart. The total number of carts per customer should not exceed six. Business customers may have up to three total Big Blue trash carts. Rates vary depending on the number of carts used. To order additional carts, visit okcutilities.com or download the app and click on the "Services" tab. You can also call Utilities Customer Service at (405) 297-2833. Select "Option 3" in the voice response menu.

Be an informed senior

Seniors are invited to attend a free Informed Senior Seminar hosted by OKC Police from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. April 14 on the third floor of OSU-OKC's student center, 900 N Portland Ave. Seniors can meet with police, the attorney general's office and banking experts. The seminar will feature a panel on "How to Protect Your Assets" and breakout sessions with experts on transportation, elder law, nerve renewal and Villages OKC. Check in begins at 8 a.m. Reregistration not required. For more information, call Sheryl Presley at (405) 316-4336.

BRT feedback needed

Where do you want BRT service in south and northeast Oklahoma City? MAPS 4 EMBARK BRT includes \$61 million to build two additional BRT lines. For information about the project, public meetings, project facts and to take the survey, visit MAPS4BRT.com.

Help improve parks

What improvements would you like to see in your neighborhood or community park? MAPS 4 includes \$70 million to upgrade 105 neighborhood and community parks across OKC. For more information about the project, upcoming events and meetings, project facts and to take the survey, visit MAPS4Parks.com.

PAL futsal league

Fifth and sixth grade OKCPS students can register to participate in the Police Athletic Leagues' (PAL) four-week-long futsal league June 3 - 24. The league's purpose is to introduce students to the basics of futsal and help the sport grow in the OKCPS district. Students can sign up by contacting a PAL officer, by visiting okcpal.org or by emailing Ryan Richter at ryan@okcpal.org.

Point in Time Count

In late January, OKC and the Homeless Alliance coordinated an annual Point in Time Count of people who are experiencing homelessness. Beginning at 3:30 a.m. and throughout the day, more than 200 volunteers visited encampments, shelters, hot meal programs and the streets to speak with our unhoused neighbors in every corner of the city. The survey helps the community identify trends, plan services and housing programs and ultimately better help people end their homelessness. Results of the 2023 count will be compiled, analyzed and released later this year.

Trail etiquette

Oklahoma City Parks & Recreation has almost 100 miles of multi-use trails for people to enjoy. While using the trails, please be courteous to other trail users. Smoking, lighted tobacco, and vehicles are prohibited in all City Parks and on trails.

Almonte Library

Construction is well underway on the new Almonte Library, on SW 59th St., just west of May Ave. The new building will be over 20,000 square feet, nearly double the existing location. It will have over 40 thousand books, magazines, DVDs and other forms of media in English, Spanish and Vietnamese. The building will feature study rooms, a large meeting room, story time space, a media lab, Wi-Fi access, public computers, a podcasting studio, drive-up book drop and materials sorting machine. Outside there will be a shaded programming space and murals. The \$6.6 million library is funded through the Better Streets Safer City bond issue.