



OKC NEWS

MAY 2023

JUNE EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

- 1-4 Dodgers vs. Reno
- 13-18 Dodgers vs. Salt Lake
- 20-25 Dodgers vs. Las Vegas

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 1-4 Hamilton
- 6-7 Madagascar the Musical
- 23-24 La Boheme
- 27-2 The Sound of Music

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 3-4 Children's Gardening Fair
- 14 Movie: Matilda (1996)
- 15 Propagating Plants at Home
- 16 Dancing in the Gardens: MTV Dance Hits
- 21 Movie: Puss in Boots (2011)
- 28 Movie: My Big Fat Greek Wedding (2002)

OKC Convention Center

okconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

- 9-11 Villain Arts Tattoo Arts Festival
- 17 Newbreed Jiu Jitsu
- 24-26 United Futsal National Training Camp

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 1-11 OQHA Redbud Spectacular Horse Show
- 3 Oklahoma Craft Beer Festival
- 3-4 Oklahoma Metaphysical, Art & Music
- 14-25 National Reining Horse Association Derby
- 22-24 Oklahoma Quilt, Craft & Sewing Festival

Full calendar of local events at visitokc.com



Summer just got a little cooler. Oklahoma City pools open Memorial Day Weekend and are ready to help you beat the summer's heat. If you're looking for a great place to have a birthday party, our Family Aquatic Centers are ideal for events up to 50 people. Season passes to our are \$45 per person or \$145 for a family of four. For details, visit okc.gov/aquatics.

Family Aquatic Center Hours

May 25 - Aug. 6	Sept. 2-4
1-7 p.m., Tues.-Thu.	1-6 p.m., Sat.-Mon.
1-8 p.m., Fri.-Sat.	
1-6 p.m., Sun.	Closed
	May 30-June 2
Aug 8-26	Monday's (except
1-6 p.m., Fri.-Sat.	Memorial & Labor Day)

Youth Police Academy



This program gives youth a unique insight into the OKC Police Department. Attendees will receive instruction and participate in hands-on demonstrations on a variety of law

enforcement subjects taught by police officers. Off-site visits provide an exciting, fun way to learn about the department. The week-long program for high school sophomores - seniors is offered from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. July 10-14. The classroom portion will be held at a former Police briefing station at 3112 N. Grand Blvd. Applicants must pass a criminal background check before being accepted and must complete a waiver. Scan QR code to apply. Applications close June 1.

Arena improvements

MAPS 4 includes improvements to the Paycom Center that will keep the facility operating at national standards and ensure its continued success. Phase 1 and portions of phase 2 are underway and include elevator upgrades and new seats throughout the arena.

Homelessness project

The Oklahoma City Housing Authority (OCHA) was selected by City Council as operating partner for the homelessness project in MAPS 4. MAPS 4 includes \$55.76 million for affordable housing options in the OKC market. The project will expand the network of housing to serve people experiencing homelessness to more than 500 supportive housing units, preserve nearly 1,500 units of federally assisted housing that prevent homelessness and create opportunities for workforce households in high-cost areas with construction of 150 workforce homes.

AAA bond ratings

Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global Ratings affirmed the City's high bond rating with a stable long-term outlook. The triple-A ratings are the highest awarded by each agency. It's the 15th year in a row OKC achieved the highest rating. The ratings are used to price bonds the City sells to fund the bond package included in the Better Streets, Safer City infrastructure investment program. We are only one of eleven cities in the United States with a population of 690,000 or more that have triple-A ratings.

Waterway Clean Sweep

Help beautify OKC and protect our drinking water from pollution by volunteering for the Waterway Clean Sweep Program. Neighborhoods, businesses and individuals work alongside City staff to remove trash from local waterways. Supplies and onsite training are provided. Clean up days are 9 a.m. - noon, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 16, Oct. 14, Nov. 4 and Dec. 9. To volunteer or set up your own clean up event, call (405) 297-1797 or email jordan.peebles@okc.gov.

Clear your warrant

If you or someone you know has a warrant for unpaid tickets for a class "a" offense dated on or before December 31, 2020, we have good news. If your citation is eligible and can be paid in full, you can reduce your penalty to a cost similar to a ticket paid on time. You won't be arrested or go to jail. For example, an overdue speeding ticket in warrant status could cost up to \$613 to resolve -- \$420 for fines, costs and fees, plus a \$193 for a failure to appear charge. But it can be resolved for \$155 during the penalty reduction program which is in effect through June 30, 2023. Call (405) 297-3898 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays to pay your ticket or request a hearing about financial difficulties.

Home fires

Cooking is the leading cause of home fires. Nearly half of reported home fires start in the kitchen. See below for fire safety tips.

- Stay in the kitchen until you're finished cooking and all heating equipment is off.
- Never cook if you're sleepy, have consumed alcohol or while taking medications that make you drowsy.
- Keep anything flammable at least three feet away from the stovetop.
- For an oven fire, turn off the heat and keep the door closed.
- When in doubt, just get out! Close the doors behind you to help contain smoke and fire. Call 911 once you're outside.

OKCPD is hiring

OKC Police are accepting applications for the January 2024 police academy. A \$10,000 hiring bonus is being offered for police officer positions. Apply today: joinOKCPD.com. Send questions to ocpd.recruiting@okc.gov or call (405) 297-1116. For updates and more info, follow us on social media - @JoinOKCPD.

Requirements

- 21-45 years old on the first day of academy
- Valid driver's license (for at least 2 years)
- High School Diploma/GED
- U.S. Citizen
- Good moral & ethical character

Garage sale permits

If you're hosting a garage sale this summer or fall, don't forget to get a garage sale permit first. Permits are \$7. If your utility bill is in good standing with the City, the easiest way to purchase a permit is to call (405) 297-2606 or visit okc.gov. The charge will be added to your bill. Your permit must be posted at the sale location. Each household can have two garage sales per year with proper permits. A single permit is good for three consecutive days. The sale must be held between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the address listed on the permit.

Cocktail cruises begin

Relax and experience scenic views of the Boathouse District, Wheeler Ferris Wheel and possibly a beautiful Oklahoma sunset on an Oklahoma River Cocktail Cruise. This is an adult environment cruise but all ages are welcome. Cruises depart from Regatta Landing Friday and Saturday evenings June - August at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. For tickets, visit okrivercruises.com or call (405) 702-7755. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended.

Work for 911

Are you looking for a dynamic, fast-paced work environment? 911 is looking for dedicated members of the community to become part of our team. OKC 911 is the first contact with all emergencies in OKC. There are 16 openings with a \$5,000 signing bonus. Applicants without prior public safety dispatch experience start at \$18.58 during training and probation and jump to \$21.33 once training and probation are completed.

Successful collection

More than 600 OKC residents dropped off 264,565 pounds of ammunition, medicine, computers and tires during the City's annual Household Hazardous Waste special collection day on April 1. Residents dropped off 743 pounds of ammunition, 400 pounds of medications, 14,628 pounds of computers and 248,794 pounds of tires. Now is the time to start saving your hazardous waste for next year's event, which typically happens on the first Saturday in April.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Memorial Day

- Closed: City offices, Household Hazardous Waste, Animal Welfare and Municipal Court pay window (pay online at okc.gov). For details about posting bonds over the holiday weekend, visit okc.gov/courts.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day May 31. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
- EMBARK buses on weekend schedule. Reduced Customer Service Hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.). OKC Streetcar on regular schedule. Free fares for both.

Juneteenth

- Closed June 19: City offices, Household Hazardous Waste, Animal Welfare and Municipal Court pay window (pay online at okc.gov). For details about posting bonds over the holiday weekend, visit okc.gov/courts.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day June 21. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
- EMBARK buses and OKC Streetcar on regular schedule. Free fares.