



OKC NEWS

JUNE 2023

JULY EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcdodgers.com • (405) 218-1000

Visit okcdodgers.com for Dodgers schedule.

4-9 Dodgers vs. Albuquerque

18-23 Dodgers vs. El Paso

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

11-16 Prom

21-22 Don Giovanni

25-30 Ain't Misbehavin'

30 Jinx Monsoon: Everything at Stake*

* Presented at Hudiburg Chevrolet Center

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

14 Dancing in the Gardens: Country Line Dancing

5 Sonic Summer Movie: Vivo (2021)

12 Sonic Summer Movie: Sandlot (1993)

OKC Convention Center

okconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4037

16 Oklahoma Bridal Show

23 Oklahoma Summer Bash Car Show

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

13-21 Arabian Horse Association Youth Nationals

14-16 Oklahoma Summer Bead & Jewelry Show

26-6 American Quarter Horse Youth World Champions

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

9 Bert Kreisher's Fully Loaded Comedy Festival

28 Dude Perfect

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com

USS OKLAHOMA CITY



USS Oklahoma City Park Association received a green light from City Council to design and construct a commemorative display featuring nautical items from the USS Oklahoma City (SSN-723) submarine and the USS Oklahoma City (CL-91/CG-5/CLG-5) cruiser.

The maritime park will be located on the north shore of Wiley Post Park, 1700 S Robinson Ave. It will feature the sail and diving planes (hydroplanes) from the USS Oklahoma City sub (SSN-723), which served the U.S. Navy from 1988 - 2022 and possibly items such as the screw, anchor and ship's bell from the USS Oklahoma City (CL-91/CG-5/CLG-5) cruiser, which served the Navy from 1944 -1979.

Narrative panels are planned to tell visitors about each ship's rich naval history. Funding for the project will be raised privately by the USS Oklahoma City Park Association, led by retired Navy Commander Tucker McHugh, architect Don Beck and retired Rear Admiral and former Under Secretary of the Navy Greg Slavonic. A nonprofit has been established to accept tax-deductible donations to fund the building of this park. For more information or to contribute, email jmchugh5@cox.net or USS Oklahoma City Park, PO Box 8693, Edmond, OK.

How to report fireworks

To keep 911 phone lines clear for people experiencing life-threatening emergencies, the Police and Fire departments ask residents not to call 911 to report illegal fireworks. If you know the address of the people launching fireworks, call the Fireworks Hotline listed at the top of okc.gov. The line will be answered from June 30 - July 6. The City will follow up on complaints after the holiday. People should call 911 if someone is injured by a firework or if fireworks cause a fire.

Reminder: It's illegal to buy, sell or use fireworks in OKC. Sparklers, snakes, bottle rockets and all other popular fireworks are included in the ban, which applies to all private and public property in OKC, including parks, lakes and areas along the Oklahoma River.

EMBARK half-price sale

EMBARK's limited-time biannual half-price bus, streetcar and Spokies pass sale returns July 1-9. Passes can be purchased on the Token Transit mobile app or at EMBARK's downtown Transit Center at 420 NW 5th St. For details, call 405-235-RIDE (7433) or visit embarkokc.com.

Project Life smoke alarms

The Fire Department provides free, long-life smoke alarms to OKC homeowners through the Project Life smoke alarm program. The program requires an OKC firefighter to install the alarm. Residents needing new smoke alarms can request them by phone or online in English or Spanish:

405-316-BEEP (2337) • SmokeAlarmsOKC.com or GratisAlarmasOKC.com

- Smoke, not fire, is usually responsible for loss of life in home fires.
- Interconnected alarms are best. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test your smoke alarms monthly.
- Replace batteries at least once a year, twice a year is even better.
- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years whether they work or not.

Flood info available

Contact the Public Works Department to get flood information from our community's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), including whether a property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), which zone, and its base flood elevation. Flood Insurance Studies (FIS), letters of map changes, mandatory flood insurance requirements, floodplain development regulations and standard operating procedures are also available. Copies of FEMA elevation certificates of structures built in the floodplain after April 2013 can also be provided upon request. Call (405) 297-2581 for details.

Enjoy a river cruise

Oklahoma River Cruises service several landings along a seven-mile stretch of the Oklahoma River. Cash bar and concessions sold onboard. Each vessel has a climate-controlled cabin and cruises offer a narrated tour. Escape the ordinary! Visit okrivercruises.com/schedule.

July Schedule & Day Pass Prices

Ferry runs Wednesday - Sunday
\$12 Adult • \$6 Seniors & kids ages 7-17
Kids age 6 and under ride free

Events

Ferry Fun Cruises: Bike & Ride (3 or 7 Miles)
April - November • Regular Fare

Kids Haunt the River
Saturdays, October 14, 21, & 28 • Regular Fare

Bus Rapid Transit

MAPS 4 and EMBARK are evaluating where to implement Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) in northeast and south OKC. BRT is a high-quality, bus-based transit system that offers many conveniences beyond local bus service. The team has developed preliminary BRT alignments based on feedback and existing conditions. We want your input on these questions:

- Which key destinations along the preliminary BRT alignments are most important?
- How will BRT change your daily life for the better?

For details on public meetings, project facts and to take the survey, visit MAPS4BRT.com

Councilpersons sworn in

One new councilperson and three reelected councilpersons took their oath of office to begin new four-year terms at the May 2 City Council meeting. The new councilperson is Ward 5 Councilperson Matt Hinkle. Those reelected include Ward 2 Councilperson James Cooper, Ward 6 Councilperson JoBeth Hamon and Ward 8 Councilperson Mark Stonecipher. The City Council has nine members: the Mayor, who is elected citywide, and one member from each of OKC's eight wards. The Mayor's annual salary is \$24,000, and each Council member's annual salary is \$12,000.

Zoo Animal Days

Connect with OKC Zoo's experts at Animal Days sponsored by Bob Moore Subaru. The Zoo is dedicated to the care and conservation of wildlife around the world. We strive to educate guests about protecting wildlife for future generations. Now through September, join the Zoo for Animal Days that highlight species including tigers, elephants, lizards and more. Visit okczoo.org/events for a list of animals being celebrated. All Animal Day activities are free with regular admission.

Too hot for pets

Keep 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 them in a car. Contact Animal Welfare at (405) 297-3100 if you see an animal in distress. Visit okc.gov/animalwelfare for more info.

Crystal Bridge news

The Inasmuch Foundation Crystal Bridge Conservatory will close from July 10 to July 30 so crews can complete the Bromeliad Terrace. The Gardens Gift Shop, visitor lobby and art gallery will remain open. Exterior grounds of the Gardens offer many free events and fitness programs for visitors. Kids can also have fun playing in the water features next to the Children's Garden and riding Mo's Carousel. Follow construction updates at myriadgardens.org/crystalbridge.

Record airport numbers

Will Rogers World Airport set a record for passenger traffic in March 2023. OKC had 391,389 passengers, which is 22% higher than 2022 and 10.6% higher than the previous record in March 2019. There were also a record 980,188 passengers that flew in and out of OKC from January through March. So far this year, WRWA has outperformed the airport's previous record set in 2019 by 44,845.

Report high grass

Grass and weeds higher than a foot tall and other code violations can be reported to the Action Center. Code inspectors will visit the reported property and mail the owner a notice if grass and weeds are over 12 inches tall. The owner has 10 working days to mow. If an inspector re-checks and it's still in violation, the City will hire a contractor to mow the lawn and charge the property owner.

online okc.gov/action • **twitter** @okcaction
ph (405) 297-2535 • **text** (405) 252-1053
email action.center@okc.gov

Disney On Ice

Disney On Ice returns to the Oklahoma State Fair for multiple showings in the Jim Norick Arena September 14-19. Tickets go on sale Tuesday, June 27. Disney On Ice tickets purchased before September 14 include outside gate admission to the Fair. Children under 2 years are free but must sit in the lap of a paying customer. All seats are reserved so be sure to get yours early for the best view! Visit okstatefair.com for details.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day: Tuesday, July 4

- Closed: City offices, Household Hazardous Waste, Animal Shelter, Municipal Court pay window (pay online at okc.gov). For details on how to post bonds over the holiday, visit okc.gov/courts.
- EMBARK bus on weekend schedule. Customer service closed. OKC Streetcar runs until midnight. Free fares for both.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Wednesday, July 5. Bulky waste pickup not affected.