



OKC NEWS

DECEMBER 2023

PARKS EVENTS

To register for one of the following events, visit okc.gov/parks and select "Browse Programs."

Youth Hooked on Fishing Trout Edition:

Jan. 13 • Edwards Park, 1515 N Byrant Ave. • Free
Jan. 27 • Route 66 Park, 9901 NW 23rd St. • Free

Youth Pickleball League:

Jan. 3-24 • Woodson Gym, 3403 S May Ave. • \$15/player

Snowball Smash - Senior Pickleball Tournament:

Jan. 20 • Woodson Gym, 3403 S May Ave. • \$15/player

Winter Coed Adult Volleyball League:

Jan. 18 - March 14 • \$350/team
Willa D. Johnson Rec Center, 909 Frederick Douglass Ave.

Youth Winter Basketball Leagues 4U-12U (girls & boys):

Jan. 20 - March 2 • \$45/player
Willa D. Johnson Rec Center, 909 Frederick Douglass Ave.

RAPID has arrived!

Oklahoma City's first bus rapid transit service launched Dec. 3, connecting downtown to northwest OKC via Classen Boulevard and Northwest Expressway. A Park & Ride is available at each end of the RAPID NW line.

RAPID vehicles have first-class amenities and advanced technology to help service stay on time. During peak hours, vehicles arrive as often as every 12-15 minutes. Thirty-two raised platforms allow for level boarding and include real-time arrival information, shelter, lighting, and ticket vending machines. Call (405) 235-RIDE (7433) or visit rapidbrt.com to plan your trip. Service is free through Dec. 31.



HELP OTHERS IN OKC

Many people are in crisis in our community. OKC families are struggling with everything from homelessness to domestic violence. Here is a short list of organizations residents can tap into for help.

HEARTLINE



MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS LINE



Alert Us

Mental Health Association Community Response

405.252.0218
8:30 a.m. - 8 p.m., M-F

OKC Action Center

okc.gov/action • 405.297.2535
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., M-F

Day Shelters

Homeless Alliance Day Shelter

405.415.8410 • 1724 NW 4th St

Sanctuary Women's Development Center

405.526.2321

Joe's Addiction

405.768.5161 • 1725 SE 59th St

Lottie House

405.600.3074 • 1311 N Lottie Ave

Overnight & Winter Shelters

City Care

405.724.8439 • 532 N Villa Ave

City Rescue Mission

405.232.2709 • 800 W California

Salvation Army

405.246.1133 • 1001 N Penn. Ave

Homeless Alliance

405.415.8410 • 501 N Indiana
Open Nov. 9 - March 31

Youth Overnight Shelters

Pivot

405.235.7537 • 201 NE 50th St

Sisu Youth Services

405.459.7478 • 2129 NW 30th St

Residential Recovery Program

Jesus House

405.232.7164 • 1335 W Sheridan Ave

Domestic Violence Overnight Shelter

YWCA

405.948.1770

Family Justice/ Domestic Violence

Palomar

405.552.1010 • 1140 N Hudson Ave

Justice Involvement

Diversion Hub

405.594.8843 • 220 NW 10th St

keytohomeokc.org

Home heat safety

Put a freeze on winter fires with these tips:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three feet away from heating equipment (furnace, fireplace, wood stove, space heaters, etc.).
- Have a three-foot "kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Never use heaters to dry clothes or warm blankets.

- Heating equipment and chimneys should be cleaned and inspected yearly by a qualified professional.
- Turn off portable heaters when you leave the room or go to bed.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying.
- Open the flue when lighting and using the fireplace.

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Discrimination assistance

Do you know someone living in Oklahoma City who has been discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, creed, sex, gender, national origin, age, familial status, genetic information, or disability? OKC's Human Rights Commission might be able to help. Visit okc.gov/hrc and fill out a complaint intake form for public accommodations, housing or employment and email the form to hrc@okc.gov.

Business Center open

The City's Business Center is open for assistance with building permit submittals, business licenses, garage sale permits, construction inspections and more. Many permits must be submitted electronically. However, we still offer in-person help for people with questions. The Business Center, located on the first floor of 420 W. Main St., is open M-F, 8 a.m. -5 p.m. You can also call (405) 297-2525.

Christmas tree collection

Ready to wrap up the holidays? Set your Christmas tree at the curbside for pick-up with your regular bulky waste. Both real and artificial trees will be collected.

Smaller items like wreaths or garlands should be bagged and put inside your Big Blue Trash Cart or check out local compost haulers and let them re-use your greens. Trees and greenery are not accepted in the City's recycling program and should NOT go in your Big Green recycling cart. Visit okcutilities.com to see your next trash, recycling or bulky waste pick-up day, or go to okc.gov/mytrashday. For holiday recycling tips, visit okc.gov/recycle.



Flood info

Do you live in an area with perpetual flooding? The City participates in the Community Rating System, a federal program that offers discounted flood insurance to communities that implement higher floodplain management standards. Homeowners within a floodplain may receive a discount on their current flood insurance premium renewals. For more information, visit okc.gov/departments/public-works/flood-information.

Conservation coffee

At the Oklahoma City Zoo's Safari Gift Shop, you can find Birds & Beans Coffee, which produces tasty beans and supports conservation efforts to end declining bird populations and preserve wild habitats around the world. North American bird populations dropped by about 3 billion since 1970. The OKC Zoo works with the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center for multi-year bird survey projects to understand and combat that loss. Next time you visit the Zoo, get a bag of Birds & Beans coffee to aid conservation efforts.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day, Jan. 1

- Closed: City offices, *HHW, Animal Shelter, *Municipal Court pay window.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Jan. 3. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
- EMBARK buses and OKC Streetcar on regular schedule. Free fares for both.

MLK, Jr. Day, Jan. 15

- Closed: City offices, *HHW, Animal Shelter, *Municipal Court pay window.
 - No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Jan. 17. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
 - EMBARK buses and OKC Streetcar on regular schedule. Free fares for both.
- *HHW: Household Hazardous Waste.**
***Pay online at okc.gov. For details about posting bonds over the holiday weekend, visit okc.gov/courts.**

JANUARY EVENTS

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 13 Rachmaninoff!, OKCPHIL
- 14 Funky Fresh & Sugar Free, OKCPHIL
- 16-21 Les Misérables, OKC Broadway
- 26-27 Mariachi Los Camperos, OKCPHIL

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 1-31 Devon Ice Rink
- 8 Free Tai Chi
- 10 Reading Wednesday for Ages 2-5
- 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration
- 20 Free Yoga
- 25 Full Moon Sound Bath

OKC Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4040

- 7 Oklahoma Bridal Show
- 14 NEWBRED Jiu Jitsu
- 20 Celebrity Gymnastics
- 27-28 Anime 405

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 1-11 Cattlemen's Congress
- 12-14 RV & Boat Show
- 18-20 The American Contender Tournament Central Region Semifinals & Finals Rodeo
- 19-21 Home + Garden Show
- 19-21 Gem, Jewelry & Bead Show
- 26-27 2 Hip Chicks Roadshow

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

- 2 Thunder vs. Celtics
- 11 Thunder vs. Trail Blazers
- 13 Thunder vs. Magic
- 19-20 Turnpike Troubadours, Jason Isbell & the 400 Unit
- 23 Thunder vs. Trail Blazers
- 25 Drake with J. Cole
- 27 Disturbed
- 29 Thunder vs. Timberwolves
- 31 Thunder vs. Nuggets

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com