



OKC NEWS

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PARKS EVENTS

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

After School Kids Club:

March 1 • \$10/child/month
Southern Oaks Recreation Center, 400 SW 66th St.

OKC 405 FC-Youth Academy Soccer U10 League:

March 2 • \$90/player/season
Wendel Whisenhunt Sports Complex
3200 S Independence Ave.

Adult Flag Football:

March 3 • \$75/player/season
Wendel Whisenhunt Sports Complex
3200 S Independence Ave.

OKC Parks Spring Break Day Camp:

March 18-22 • \$135/child
Sellers Recreation Center, 8301 S Villa Ave.

USA Rookie League of OKC-6U

March 30 • \$35/player/season
Wheeler Baseball/Softball Field #3, 1120 S Eastern Ave.



MAPS 4 MULTIPURPOSE STADIUM

Oklahoma City Council approved using economic development funds to increase the budget for the MAPS 4 Multipurpose Stadium from \$41 million to \$71 million last month. The additional funding is contingent on the multipurpose stadium being located downtown, where an additional \$30 million in Tax Increment Financing (TIF) and other economic development funds could pay for a portion of the stadium's construction costs.

OKC Energy FC Ownership is under contract to purchase an area of undeveloped property south of Bricktown from the Producers Downtown Development, LLC. The ownership group plans to donate 7.2 acres of the area to the City for the stadium, which the City will own. The land donation is dependent on approval from the MAPS 4 Venues Subcommittee and the MAPS 4 Citizens Advisory Board, which could take place in early spring. Visit okc.gov/maps4 to learn more about the MAPS 4 Multipurpose Stadium.

Traffic Safety Unit

The Police Department is adapting to meet the changing needs of a growing city. The mission of the new Traffic Safety Unit is to reduce collisions through education, enforcement, and evaluation of data. This team is made up of officers with specialized abilities working toward a common goal: to make our streets the safest in the nation.

You will see traffic enforcement operations happening all around the city. These activities are guided by the evaluation of collision data. The desire is for drivers to join the cause by driving safely and observing all the rules of the road.

Rain barrel sale

OKC is offering discounted rain barrels to encourage water conservation in partnership with the Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance. The upcycled 55-gallon rain barrels are available in multiple colors and include all the necessary features to help get you started. Order one by May 7 at upcycle-products.com/ok-programs/ok-city. Composters and accessories are also available. Rain barrel pick-up is from 8:30-11:30 a.m., May 11 or 18 at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 1621 S Portland Ave. Call (405) 297-1797 if you have questions.

Special collection event

The City is hosting a special collection for unwanted computers, tires, ammunition and prescription drugs from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 6, at the OKC Fairgrounds. This event is for OKC residents only. You must bring a current City of OKC water bill stub to prove residency. Syringes, liquids, inhalers, tire rims, televisions and wheels will not be accepted. Enter the OKC Fairgrounds from May Ave. at Gate 5 on Gordon Cooper Blvd. Visit okc.gov/hhw to learn more about items accepted year-round at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.

Real-Time Info Center

The OKC Police Department launched a Real Time Information Center (RTIC). This new, advanced initiative leverages real-time technology to enhance public safety. At its core, the RTIC integrates a network of security cameras, that you can voluntarily register online at connectoklahomacity.org. This collaborative approach allows residents to contribute to crime prevention and enables rapid police response during critical incidents.

Free transit for youth

EMBARC's expanded Haul Pass program provides no-cost public transportation to youth ages 18 and younger traveling in the EMBARK service area by bus, RAPID or OKC Streetcar. Participants must complete a simple application and submit basic identification documents to receive their free Haul Pass, which is good for one calendar year. For more information or to get an application, visit embarkok.com/bus/haul-pass or call (405) 235-RIDE.

LitterBlitz 2024

Help is needed to keep OKC Beautiful by recruiting your neighbors, coworkers, organizations, friends and family for LitterBlitz 2024. Gather a team, pick a day that works for you and choose a location to pick up litter. Sign up at OKCBeautiful.com/litterblitz or by emailing natalie@okcbeautiful.com. Participants get free trash bags, gloves and basic safety and training tips.

OKC job alerts

Learn about the latest job openings at the City of Oklahoma City with Job Alerts. When you sign up, you will receive an email when new full-time and part-time/seasonal listings are posted to the City's career web page. Sign up today with a valid email address at okc.gov/careers. Scroll down to the Job Alert graphic and click on the Join the City of Oklahoma City Talent Community link to begin.

Winter rider tips

Public transit customers are reminded to plan for inclement weather by anticipating delays, checking service information before leaving, and dressing appropriately for weather conditions. In the event of significant winter precipitation, some EMBARK bus routes may be detoured or canceled. Before you leave, get the latest updates on bus routes at embarkok.com or calling (405) 235-RIDE (7433). Information on closures of EMBARK's senior transportation programs will be available by 6:30 a.m. each day by calling (405) 297-2583.

Arrive early

Travelers flying out of Will Rogers World Airport are reminded to arrive at the airport terminal two hours early year-round and should expect delays from 4-7 a.m., which is when most people fly out of Oklahoma City. Approximately 2,300 travelers fly out between 4-7 a.m. each day – 767 people per hour during the morning rush.

Keep plastic bags out

You can make a huge difference in our environment through responsible recycling. OKC has guidelines to help make your recycling efforts achieve the greatest impact. Skip putting plastic bags in Big Green recycling carts. That includes bagging your recyclables before putting them in the cart. Keep everything loose. Why? Well, those bags cause a mess for our recycling machines—they're just not built for it. Plus, plastic bags hide recyclables (even when they're clear), making it tricky to sort items and a hazard for employees. It's a collective effort to preserve the environment and ensure the success of recycling initiatives in OKC. Thanks for your help! Learn more at okc.gov/recycle.



MARCH EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcbaseball.com • (405) 218-2115

2-23 OKC Baseball Club High School Baseball Series

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

1-10 Wicked, OKC Broadway
14 For All the Saints
17 Disney Princess The Concert
23 Glorious Life, OKCPHIL

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

9 Oklahoma Gardening School at OCU
17 Sham-ROCK the Gardens
30-31 Tulip Festival

OKC Convention Center

okconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4040

2-3 Showstopper Dance
7-10 T&T USA Gymnastics Winter Classic
9-10 Varsity Spirit
16-17 American Grappling BJJ Championships
16-17 Turn It Up Dance

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

1-3 Backwoods Hunting & Fishing Expo
1-9 OK State High School Basketball Championships
15-17 Jurassic Quest
22-24 OKC Home + Outdoor Living Expo

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

2 Keith Sweat
8 Thunder vs. Heat
9 Dan + Shay
10 Thunder vs. Grizzlies
11 Fall Out Boy
12 Thunder vs. Pacers
14 Thunder vs. Mavericks
15 Katt Williams
16 Winter Jam
18-19 Drake with J. Cole
20 Thunder vs. Jazz
23 Harlem Globetrotters
27 Thunder vs. Rockets
29 Thunder vs. Suns

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com