



OKC NEWS

APRIL 2024

PARKS EVENTS

To register for an event, visit okc.gov/parks and select "Browse Programs."

Adaptive Nature Hike

May 2 • Free
Martin Park Nature Center, 5000 W. Memorial Rd.

Youth Hooked on Fishing (Ages 5 -15)

May 4 • Free • Dolese Park, 5105 NW 50th St.

Family Tree Golf Tournament Teams of 3

June 15 • \$210/team
Lake Hefner Golf Course, 4491 S Lake Hefner Dr.

7-day free memberships

Register in person at either location:

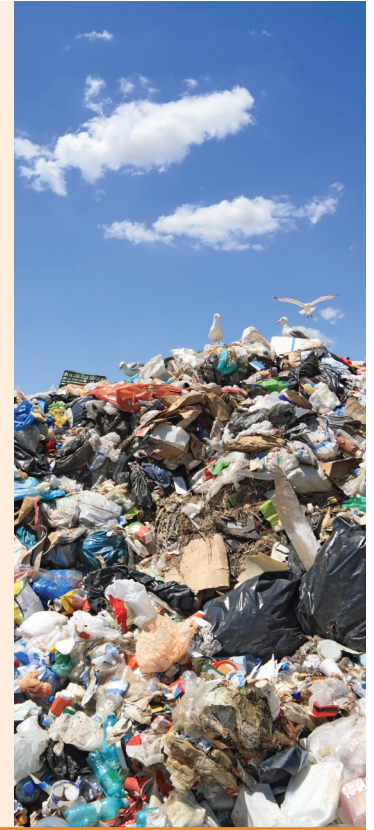
- Willa D. Recreation Center, 909 Fredrick Douglass Ave.
- Pete White Health & Wellness Center 4021 S. Walker Ave.

FREE LANDFILL DAY

Spring cleaning? Take unwanted stuff to a local landfill during Free Landfill Day on May 18. Landfills will be open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event is for OKC residential solid waste customers. An original current water bill or copy of an e-bill is required. Each household may make one trip to the landfill using a passenger vehicle or truck, up to 1-ton, and adding one trailer up to 16-feet. No commercial waste haulers. Participating landfills:

- East Oak Landfill, 3201 Mosley Rd.
- Southeast Landfill, 7001 S Bryant Ave.
- OKC Waste Disposal Landfill, 7600 SW 15th St.
- Northeast Landfill, 2601 N Midwest Blvd.
(construction and demo materials only)

Hazardous waste, tires, oils, car batteries, propane tanks, pool chemicals, electronic waste and appliances containing freon or other refrigerants will not be accepted. For more info, visit okc.gov/trash.



Home maintenance

Do you own your home, and does the exterior need a face lift? Apply for the City's Home Exterior Maintenance Program. Income eligible homeowners may repair exterior property maintenance concerns with HUD funded grants. Visit okc.gov/homerepair for details or to apply.

Program Qualifications

- Low-to-moderate income*
- Live in the home as the primary residence within city limits
- Proof of homeownership (*no rental housing*)
- Property taxes are current
- Property not located in a FEMA floodplain
- Property value cannot exceed Area Median Value limits of \$184,000*

*Income criteria & max property values set annually by HUD.

Third Friday Free

In an effort to promote the use of public transportation over cars during ozone season, EMBARK bus, RAPID NW, OKC Streetcar and zone 1a ADA Paratransit will be fare-free every third Friday May-Sept. For more information, visit embarkok.com/free.

Breakfast with animals

The Oklahoma City Zoo and Botanical Garden is unveiling a new tradition—Breakfast with the Animals! The Zoo hosts this event each Saturday in May in the Love's Pachyderm Building. Guests will enjoy a breakfast taco bar, pancakes, and more while learning about the animals of Expedition Africa (*presented by Inasmuch Foundation*). Tickets are \$55 each for ages 12 and up (\$39 for ZOOfriends) and \$45 for ages 3-11 (\$32 for ZOOfriends). Seating is first come, first served, so show up early to get a spot overlooking the giraffe habitat. Visit okczoo.org/our-events for tickets.

New Public Works Director

City Manager Craig Freeman announced earlier this year the hiring of Assistant City Engineer Debbie Miller, P.E., to be the City's next Public Works Director/City Engineer. She is the first woman to hold the Public Works Director/City Engineer position in Oklahoma City's history. Miller will oversee over 400 employees who work in seven divisions: Administration, Project Management, Streets and Drainage Maintenance, Field Services, Storm Water Quality, Traffic Services and Engineering.

Mother's Day Cruise

Bring mom on a river cruise on May 12. Enjoy bite-sized desserts and mimosas at the cash bar. Tickets are \$30 per person and must be purchased in advance. There are two departures, 1 and 4 p.m. Cruises depart from Regatta Landing, 701 S Lincoln Blvd. The Public Ferry Service will operate Wed.-Sun. Visit okrivercruises.com or call (405) 702-7755.

Bystander training

Witnessing public harassment or bullying can be scary - especially when you don't feel equipped to respond. To help our community with these situations, the OKC Human Rights Commission is hosting a free Bystander Intervention Training on May 22 at noon. You'll learn the psychology of bystander intervention, techniques for successful intervention, and suggestions on ways to build a safer, healthier world. The location is being finalized. For questions, email hrc@okc.gov. Visit okc.gov/departments/city-clerk/meetings for more information.

Summer Movies at Myriad

Summer Movies at Myriad Botanical Gardens return to Devon Lawn on Wednesdays. Food trucks and fun start at 7 p.m., and the movie starts at 9 p.m. on the following dates.

- May 22** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem ('23)
- May 29** Barbie ('23)
- June 5** Wall-E ('08)
- June 12** Bob Marley: One Love ('24)
- June 19** Soul ('20)
- June 26** Twister ('96)

Hidden Disabilities

Will Rogers World Airport is proud to partner with the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Program to make OKC more accessible for travelers. Not all disabilities are visible – some are not immediately obvious, such as autism, epilepsy and more. Passengers can discreetly pick up a lanyard from volunteer information booths located in baggage claim and the ticket counter level or from their airline agent at the ticket counter. For more information, visit hdsunflower.com.

Police Chief to retire

OKC Police Chief Wade Gourley announced his retirement earlier this year after 34 years of service. He has agreed to remain employed with the City until his position is filled. Gourley is Oklahoma City's 50th Chief of Police and oversees 1,235 uniformed officer positions and 413 non-sworn employees.

Prepare for heat

April 18 is National Heat Awareness Day to remind people of how to prepare themselves for potential extreme heat this summer. Even those acclimated to hot Oklahoma temperatures can be at risk of injury or death if they have heart or lung conditions, asthma, diabetes, or take certain medications. People over 65 and children are particularly vulnerable. Learn more about the City's campaign to map hot spots at okc.gov/ExtremeHeat. Find resources from the National Integrated Heat Health Information System at Heat.gov.

Conserve with a rain barrel



OKC is partnering with the Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance to offer discounted rain barrels to encourage water conservation. The upcycled 55-gallon rain barrels begin at \$69.50 and come in multiple colors. Composters and accessories are also available. Order by May 7 at okc.gov/RainBarrel. Order pickup will be Saturday, May 11 or 18, from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 1621 S Portland Ave. Visit the website or call Storm Water Quality Outreach at (405) 297-1797 for more information.

Embrace kitten season

OKC Animal Welfare needs your help. Cat season brings in a flurry of tiny paws, which means fosters are needed to guide the kittens through their tender beginnings. You could also help transport cats to their complimentary spaying and neutering appointments to curb overpopulation and ensure healthier futures for generations to come. Visit okc.gov/animalwelfare to find how to adopt, foster, volunteer, donate and spay or neuter. The OKC Animal Shelter is open for adoptions from noon to 5 p.m., Tues.-Sat. at 2811 SE 29th St.

MAY EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcbaseball.com • (405) 218-1000

- 1-5 OKC vs. Salt Lake
- 11 OSSAA State Championships
- 21-26 OKC vs. Reno

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 3-4 An Evening with Bernadette Peters, OKCPHIL
- 5 Golden Girls – The Laughs Continue
- 10-12 Shorts, OKC Ballet
- 18 Tosca, OKCPHIL
- 21-26 Mamma Mia!, OKC Broadway

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

- 7 New Moon Sound Bath
- 9 Zumba at the Gardens
- 11 OKC Flower & Garden Festival
- 17 Dancing in the Gardens: Salsa Night!
- 22 Summer Movie: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem
- 23 Full Moon Bike Ride
- 29 Summer Movie: Barbie

OKC Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4040

- 24-26 GalaxyCon

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 4 Cowboys of Color Rodeo
- 10-12 WCHA Championship Show
- 11 Custom Car Super Show
- 18 Oklahoma Craft Beer Festival
- 23-25 Route 66 Morgan Classic Horse Show

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

- 4 AJR
- 13 Nicki Minaj
- 17-18 Zach Bryan
- 31 NF

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