



# OKC NEWS

MAY 2024

## PARKS EVENTS

To register, visit [okc.gov/parks](http://okc.gov/parks) and select "Browse Programs."

### Youth Hooked on Fishing (Kids 5-15)

June 1 • Scissortail Park, 300 SW 7th St. • Free

### Summer Day Camps (Kids 6-12)

Starts June 3 • Multiple OKC Parks Locations • Prices Vary

### OKC Otters Swim Teams (Kids 6-16)

June 4 - Aug. 2 • \$50/swimmer  
Earlywine Family Aquatic Center, 3101 SW 119th St. OR  
Will Rogers Family Aquatic Center, 3201 N Grand Blvd.

### Family Tree Golf Tournament Teams of 3

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

### Park After Dark (Adults Only)

June 21 • \$5/adult  
Martin Park Nature Center, 5000 W. Memorial Rd.



It's important to stay weather aware year-round, particularly in May, when tornado chances increase in OKC. Having a tornado plan and constantly communicating that plan to your family and friends can be your key to survival. Visit [okc.gov/prepare](http://okc.gov/prepare) for severe weather preparedness information, including how to prepare your family and make an emergency kit. Here's information that can help you protect yourself and your loved ones from the dangers of these powerful storms.

- A **tornado watch** means tornadoes are possible in the next several hours.
- A **tornado warning** means you need to take shelter right away.
- **OKC does not have public tornado shelters.** Manufactured houses are unsafe during tornadoes, so find shelter inside a well-constructed building ahead of time.
- Do not go to a hospital for shelter. The safest place to be is a residential storm shelter built to FEMA or ICC 500 standards or a basement. If you don't have a storm shelter, get to the innermost room without windows, a hallway, or a closet on the lowest level of the building.

## Better Safer update

The 2017 bond program, referred to as "Better Streets, Safer City," continues to show progress throughout OKC. Street resurfacing, road widening, bridge work, traffic flow and drainage improvements, new and renovated libraries and parks, police and fire facilities, transit investments and economic development projects are all included in the \$967 million bond package. To be included, projects were prioritized by pavement condition, traffic volume and maintenance work order information. An extensive public outreach process also generated thousands of project ideas. A list of 327 projects was approved by OKC voters, and as of Dec. 31, 2023, 203 of the projects were complete. To see the full list of projects, visit [okc.gov/bettersafer](http://okc.gov/bettersafer).

## Summer river cruises

Bring dad on a fun river cruise June 16. Enjoy delicious snacks, unique scenery and a cash bar on board. Departure time is 1:30 p.m. from Regatta Landing. \$30/person. Must be purchased in advance.

Cocktail Cruises run Fridays and Saturdays from June – September. These cruises are perfect for a date night, or a relaxing friend's night out. This is an adult environment cruise. No groups larger than 6. \$20/adult and \$15/senior. Advanced ticket purchase is recommended. Experience the tranquility of the Oklahoma River, and perhaps an amazing sunset. For more information, visit [okrivercruises.com](http://okrivercruises.com) or call (405) 702-7755.

## Sip & Stroll

Now in its fifth year, Sip and Stroll at the OKC Zoo is a 21-and-older evening of local beers from COOP Ale Works, signature cocktails and tasty bites with a purpose — helping the dwindling Texas Horned Lizard population in Oklahoma. General admission is \$22 (\$17 for ZOOfriends members) and \$2 of every ticket sold benefits one of the Zoo's conservation initiatives, the Texas Horned Lizard Headstart Conservation Program. Sip and Stroll dates are June 14, 21 and 28, with the June 21 event celebrating Pride. Visit [okczoo.org/sipandstroll](http://okczoo.org/sipandstroll) to purchase tickets and learn more.

## Volunteer opportunity

Do you or someone you know need volunteer hours? Join us from 9 a.m.– noon on June 8, July 6 or August 17 for our Waterway Clean Sweep program. Volunteers spend a few hours removing litter and debris from natural areas and along waterways. Groups may also schedule their own clean-up events. All supplies are provided. Call (405) 297-1797 or email StormWaterOutreach@okc.gov for details.

## Reciba noticias en español

Inscríbese para recibir comunicados de prensa de la Ciudad en español o siga a la Ciudad en Facebook en facebook.com/ciudaddeokc. Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes sobre los servicios de la Ciudad, comuníquese con el Centro de Acción de las siguientes maneras.

**Correo electrónico** action.center@okc.gov

**Texto** (405) 252-1053

**Teléfono** (405) 297-2535

## Help others in OKC



The Key to Home Partnership is a collaborative effort to prevent and end homelessness in OKC. Service providers are working together in a new way,

moving people experiencing homelessness from encampments directly into housing. Your donations to Communities Foundation of Oklahoma will support move-in expenses, such as furniture and deposits for our neighbors sleeping outside.

## Olympic Team Trials

RIVERSPORT OKC hosted the 2024 Olympic Team Trials for Canoe/Kayak Slalom and Kayak Cross on Oklahoma City's MAPS 3 whitewater rapids last month. Spectators were positioned along the channel to watch. Congratulations to Team USA athletes who will represent the nation at the 2024 Paris Games in July. Experience the rapids yourself at riversportokc.org.

## enVision OKC

Visit vision.okc.gov/looking-forward to share ideas to improve OKC. You can add an idea card or use a map to drop a pin on a location or area. Your feedback will help City Department's prioritize services and better understand our community's needs. Example: The Finance Department shares your feedback with departments as they prepare their annual budgets.

## Successful collection

Hundreds of Oklahoma City residents dropped off 227,268 pounds of tires, 22,000 pounds of computers and 600 pounds of ammunition at the City's annual Special Collection event held on April 6 at the OKC Fairgrounds. The event also set a new record for the pounds of medication collected with 744 pounds. Thanks to our residents and collection partners, 125 tons of hazardous waste was kept out of landfills.

## Build a kit

An emergency supply kit can help you survive on your own for several days after an emergency. Build a kit you and your family can survive on for 72 hours. Include items your household depends on like medicine, water, an extra cell phone battery, weather radio, flashlight and extra batteries, first aid kit, infant formula and diapers and pet food.

## Monitor weather in 3 ways

Wherever you are during a severe weather threat, be sure to be aware of the weather and have at least three ways to get information. At least one method should work without electricity, without batteries and without a cellular or Wi-Fi signal, such as a weather radio with a hand-powered crank. Go to NOAA Weather Radio and your local news organizations or official social media accounts for emergency information.

## JUNE EVENTS

### Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcbaseball.com • (405) 218-2100

4-9 OKC vs. Round Rock

18-23 OKC vs. Albuquerque

### Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

8 A Mother's Confession: The Ultimate Betrayal\*

15 An R-Rated Magic Show\*

18 Blippi: The Wonderful World Tour\*

25-30 Mary Poppins

\*presented at Rose State College Hudiburg Center

### Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

5 Summer Movies at Myriad, Wall-E (2008)

8 Workshop: Botanical Candle Pouring

8 Summer Craft Series: Daisy Friendship Bracelets

12 Summer Movies at Myriad, Bob Marley: One Love (2024)

13 Growing Your Own Microgreens

14 Dancing in the Gardens: Bollywood Night

19 Summer Movies at Myriad, Soul (2020)

20 First Day of Summer Drop-In

21 Full Moon Bike Ride

26 Summer Movies at Myriad, Twister (1996)

29 Guided Gardens Tour

### OKC Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4040

1 BourbonHeads Whiskey Bash

29-30 Villian Arts Tattoo Arts Festival

### OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

2 Oklahoma Bridal & Wedding Expo

7-9 Braum's An Affair of the Heart

12-23 National Reining Horse Association Derby

26-30 Oklahoma Summer Classic

27-4 National & Youth World Appaloosa Horse Show

30 Oklahoma Auto Expo & Hop

### Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

14 Fuerza Regida

Full calendar of events at [visitokc.com](https://visitokc.com)