



OKC NEWS

JUNE 2024

PARKS EVENTS

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

Summer Day Camps (kids 6-12)

Starts July 1 • Multiple OKC Parks Locations • Prices Vary

Adaptive Independence Day Celebration

July 4 • Sellers Recreation Center, 8301 S Villa Ave. • Free

Youth Hooked on Fishing (kids 5-15)

July 13 • Free • Metro Tech Springlake Campus
1900 Springlake Dr.

Swim Lessons (kids 0-14)

Starts July 16 • \$35/swimmer

Earlywine Family Aquatic Center, 3101 SW 119th St. OR
Will Rogers Family Aquatic Center, 3201 N Grand Blvd.

Youth Summer Volleyball League 10U

Starts July 13 • \$55/season

Woodson Gym, 3403 S May Ave.



WOODSON PARK ATHLETIC COMPLEX OPENS

OKC Parks celebrated the grand opening of the newly constructed Woodson Park Athletic Complex, 3403 S May Ave, last month. The \$13 million Athletic Complex, funded through the Better Streets, Safer City bond election, includes six lighted diamond fields, four lighted rectangle fields, two concession stands with restrooms, children's play areas and spectator seating.

Earlywine clubhouse

You're invited to the ribbon cutting for the Earlywine Golf Clubhouse at 9 a.m. July 10. The new 30,000-square-foot clubhouse will feature a full-service restaurant and bar, event space, outdoor patio and event lawn. New golf features include an outdoor coverage driving range. Book your next tee time or event at okcgolf.com.

Backyard cottages

Backyard cottages and guest houses are popular names for small, secondary backyard dwellings that are resurging in popularity. These backyard dwellings are currently only allowed case-by-case in OKC. City planners are looking to allow them in the City's existing development code only in the urban core. The proposed change to the City's zoning code would allow attached or detached units to be built conditionally in certain residential zoning districts within the urban core, generally from NW 63rd St. to SW 59th St., between I-35 and I-44. Residents are invited to review the draft accessory dwellings ordinance at okc.gov/codeupdate and submit their feedback to codeupdate@okc.gov.

Bring your own bottle

Remember to bring your refillable water bottles when you visit the OKC Zoo. Beverages are available at all Zoo restaurants, but guests can refill their reusable water bottles during their visits. There are 10 free water bottle refill stations, plus water fountains, throughout the park sponsored by Shape Your Future, a program of TSET. Learn more at OKCZoo.org.

Volunteer opportunity



Are you looking for volunteer opportunities for your business or organization? The Waterway Clean Sweep program is a great way to give back to your community. Volunteers spend a few hours removing litter and debris from natural areas and along waterways. Groups may schedule their own clean-up events or sign up from 9 a.m. – noon July 6 or Aug. 17. Supplies provided. Call (405) 297-1797 or email StormWaterOutreach@okc.gov for details.

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, report it to (405) 297-2222. The line will be answered from June 28 – July 8. 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. The ban includes sparklers, bottle rockets and all other popular fireworks. It applies to all private and public property in OKC, including parks, lakes and areas along the Oklahoma River.

Crisis intervention group

A Crisis Intervention Advisory Group has been formed to ensure best practices are used during encounters between police and residents experiencing a mental health crisis. The advisory group includes mental and behavioral health experts, social service providers, clinicians, community advocates and other stakeholders in the mental health field. Visit okc.gov for details.

Paseo streetscape

The Paseo Arts District received a much-deserved face lift last month thanks to a \$4 million streetscape funded through Oklahoma City's Better Streets, Safer City bond election. The project focused on improving the district's walkability and ADA access by replacing sidewalks, repaving streets and upgrading handicapped parking. The project also includes new benches, trash cans, bike racks, message boards, streetlights, landscaping, irrigation and added pet waste stations.

Odd/even watering

It's a good time to remind residents of the City's Odd-Even Watering program, made permanent in 2013 to help ease demand for our water treatment system. If your house number ends in a 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8, water on any day that ends in an even number. If your house number ends in a 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9, water on any day that ends in an odd number. Visit squeezeeverydrop.com to learn more.

Take a trip on Route 66

Did you know OKC is home to historic Rt. 66? In fact, 51.5 miles of the famed Mother Road is within our city limits. Rt. 66 in OKC shifted many times from 1926 to 1973, creating an array of mind-boggling alignments. If you feel nostalgic, pick an alignment, jump in the car and explore it. Some of the sites include the State Capitol, Tower Theater, Milk Bottle Building, Will Rogers Theatre, Gold Dome Building, Owl Court Suites, the Phillips 66 station at Hudson and NW 23 St. and the Truss Bridge over Lake Overholser. See the alignments at okc.gov/visitors/route-66.

Cocktail Cruises

Unwind and enjoy a cocktail and the evening skyline on Fridays and Saturdays this summer. The Cocktail Cruise is perfect for a date night or a relaxing friend's night out. Experience the tranquility of the Oklahoma River. This is an adult environment cruise. People under 21 are not allowed in the bar area. The Cocktail Cruise departs from Regatta Landing at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. July-August.

MAPS 4 + bus stops

The City will improve 140 EMBARK bus stops this year in the first phase of the MAPS 4 Bus Stop Improvements project. The enhancements will provide ADA-accessible, covered transit shelters with security lighting, trash cans and bike racks. For more information, visit okc.gov/maps4.

Almonte Library opens

City officials and the Metropolitan Library System cut the ribbon on the new Almonte Library, 2727 SW 59th St., last month. The new library is over 20,000 square feet, nearly double the previous location. It features a Makerspace, podcasting studio, drive-up book drop, shaded outdoor space for story time, playground equipment and more. The new \$6.6 million library was paid for through the voter-approved Better Streets, Safer City Bond Issue.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day, July 4

- Closed: City offices, *HHW, Animal Shelter, *Municipal Court pay window.
 - Trash and recycling pickup NOT affected. Collection as usual.
 - Free fare for bus, OKC Streetcar and RAPID.
 - OKC buses on a weekend schedule.
 - RAPID on a 30-minute frequency, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
 - OKC Streetcar runs until 2 a.m.
 - EMBARK customer service closed.
- *HHW: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
*Pay online at okc.gov. For details about posting bonds, visit okc.gov/courts.

JULY EVENTS

Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark

okcbaseball.com • (405) 218-2100

4-6 OKC vs. Las Vegas

9-14 OKC vs. El Paso

23-28 OKC vs. Tacoma

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

9-14 Jersey Boys

22 Danny Go! Live!*

25-28 Lucia di Lammermoor

30-4 Cinderella

*presented at Rose State College Hudiburg Center

Myriad Botanical Gardens

myriadgardens.org • (405) 445-7080

6 Yoga

12 Scavenger Hunt Friday

18 Zumba

21 Full Moon Bike Ride

24 Reading Wednesday

27 Guided Gardens Tour

OKC Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com • (405) 768-4040

21 Oklahoma Bridal Show

26-28 Oklahoma City Horror Convention

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

1-4 National & Youth World Appaloosa Horse Show

12-14 Oklahoma Summer Bead & Jewelry Show

18-27 Arabian Horse Association Youth Nationals

Paycom Center

paycomcenter.com • (405) 602-8700

12-14 PBR Teams

23 Peso Pluma

26 Janet Jackson

27 Olivia Rodrigo

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