



# OKC NEWS

OCTOBER 2024

## PARKS EVENTS

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

### Annual Art Show

Nov. 2 • Free • Will Rogers Senior Center, 3501 Pat Murphy Dr.

### Mycology (Fungi) Walk

Nov. 13 • Free • Martin Park Nature Park 5000 W Memorial Rd.

### Super Smash Brothers Tournament

Nov. 16 • \$20 • Will Rogers Senior Center 3501 Pat Murphy Dr.

### Blooming Brilliance: Winter-Defying Bouquets

Nov. 21 • \$30 • Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36th St.

### Thanksgiving Break Camp

Nov. 25-27 • Prices Vary • Sellers Recreation Center 8301 S Villa Ave. & Southern Oaks Recreation Center 400 SW 66th St.



## HELP US PLAN FOR THE FUTURE

Oklahoma City's next GO bond package will shape our community's future, and we want to hear from you. Visit [okc.gov/GO](http://okc.gov/GO) to take an online survey about what improvements OKC needs. We rely on bonds to fund critical infrastructure projects like streets, sidewalks, bridges, parks, drainage and more. Survey feedback will be one of the tools that help City Council decide what projects to include in the 2025 bond election proposal.

## Heating safety

With increased heating use, fall is a great time to focus on fire safety.

### 1. Inspect your system

- Service your furnace for safe, efficient operation.
- Clean vents and filters to prevent buildup.

### 2. Maintain your fireplace

- Clean and inspect your chimney yearly.
- Use a screen to contain embers.

### 3. Be cautious with space heaters

- Keep heaters at least three feet away from flammable items.
- Always turn off space heaters when leaving the room or going to bed.

## Free dog adoptions

Dogtober is here, and all dog adoption fees at OKC Animal Welfare are waived through Oct. 31! This allows adopters to use savings from waived fees toward their new pet's training, just in time for the festive season with family and friends. Every dog adopted from OKCAW is spayed or neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on vaccinations and preventatives. Visit OKCAW at 2811 SE 29th St. Adoptions hours are noon-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday.

## Flood info

Contact the Public Works Department to get flood information from our community's Flood Insurance Rate Map, including whether a property is in a Special Flood Hazard Area, which zone, and its base flood elevation. Flood Insurance Studies, letters of map changes, mandatory flood insurance requirements, floodplain development regulations and standard operating procedures are also available. Copies of FEMA elevation certificates of structures built in the floodplain after April 2013 can also be provided upon request. Call (405) 297-2581 for details.

## Health kiosks

The Oklahoma City-County Health Department has opened public health kiosks at eight locations in community centers, partner agencies and other public spaces. These kiosks provide FREE access to health items like COVID-19 and flu tests, naloxone, Mylar blankets and more. No income verification is required. For locations, visit [occhd.org/news/public-health-kiosk-program/](http://occhd.org/news/public-health-kiosk-program/).

## New airport name

In late August, the Oklahoma City Airport Trust revealed the new name for the state's busiest commercial airport: OKC Will Rogers International Airport. The new name was influenced by research on nearly 100 airports, 14 peer airport site visits and, most importantly, valuable community input that recommended adding OKC to the name and continuing the legacy of Will Rogers as its namesake.

## Ride to the polls

EMBARK fixed-route bus service, zone 1 ADA paratransit services, *RAPID* NW, and OKC Streetcar are free on election days, including Nov. 5. Exercise your right to vote. Plan your trip at [go.embarkok.com](http://go.embarkok.com). See a list of upcoming free fare days at [embarkok.com/free](http://embarkok.com/free).

## Clean out your garage

Are leftover pool chemicals or old gasoline for your mower taking up space in your garage? OKC residents can safely dispose of these items and more at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 1621 S Portland Ave. Use the simple, quick drive-thru by showing a current OKC water bill as proof of residency. The Center is open Tuesday-Friday 9:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. For a list of accepted items, visit [okc.gov/hhw](http://okc.gov/hhw) or call (405) 682-7038.

## Zoo Safari Lights

OKC ZOO SAFARI LIGHTS returns to the Oklahoma City Zoo, nightly from Nov. 9 to Jan. 1, with a sensory-friendly night on Nov. 8. OKC ZOO SAFARI LIGHTS includes a drive-thru and walking experience. Drive-thru tickets start at \$60 per vehicle and include four walk-thru tickets. Extra walk-thru tickets start at \$14 each. Visit [okczoo.org/SAFARILIGHTS](http://okczoo.org/SAFARILIGHTS) to reserve your tickets.

## Tree for All

Mark your calendars from 9 a.m. – noon on Nov. 9 for our highly anticipated Tree for All, presented by Cox, event. This year, the Myriad Botanical Gardens has its biggest selection yet, with 800 trees. Help create a sustainable and biodiverse landscape by diversifying Oklahoma's green canopy. Trees cost \$20 or \$25 each. For a list of the tree selections visit [myriadgardens.org/treeforall](http://myriadgardens.org/treeforall). Families can also enjoy activities and educational booths during the event.

## OK River Cruises

Cruise the Oklahoma River in a climate-controlled cabin accommodating 24-35 guests. The boats have comfortable seating, cocktail tables, a viewing deck, a bar area and onboard restrooms. Each private chartered cruise offers multiple beverage and bar set-up and catering options. Check availability for your family, friends or workplace at [okcrivercruises.com](http://okcrivercruises.com).

## HOLIDAY SCHEDULES

### Veterans Day, Nov. 11

- Closed: City offices, \*HHW, Animal Shelter, \*Municipal Court pay window.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Nov. 13. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
- Free fare for bus, OKC Streetcar and *RAPID*.

### Thanksgiving, Nov. 28

- Closed: City offices, \*HHW, Animal Shelter, \*Municipal Court pay window.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Nov. 30. Bulky waste pickup not affected.
- Free fare for bus, OKC Streetcar and *RAPID*. EMBARK customer service closed.

### Day after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29

- Closed: City offices, \*HHW, Animal Shelter, \*Municipal Court pay window.
- Trash, recycling and bulky waste pickup not affected.
- Bus, OKC Streetcar and *RAPID* on regular schedules.

\* *HHW*: Household Hazardous Waste

Collection Center.

\* *Pay online at [okc.gov](http://okc.gov). For details about posting bonds, visit [okc.gov/courts](http://okc.gov/courts).*



## NOVEMBER EVENTS

### Civic Center Music Hall

[okcciviccenter.com](http://okcciviccenter.com) • (405) 594-8300

- 1-2 Arrival From Sweden: The Music of ABBA, OKCPHIL
  - 6-10 Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical, OKC Broadway
  - 9 Joe Gatto: Let's Get Into It\*
  - 12 Straight No Chaser\*
  - 16 From The Highlands, OKCPHIL
  - 19-24 Beetlejuice The Musical, OKC Broadway
  - 25 A Magical Cirque Christmas, OKC Broadway
  - 30 Star Wars, Episode VI: Return of The Jedi, OKCPHIL
- \*Presented at Rose State College Hudiburg Center

### Myriad Botanical Gardens

[myriadgardens.org](http://myriadgardens.org) • (405) 445-7080

- 8-Feb. 2 Devon Ice Rink
- 9 Tree for All Presented by Cox
- 16 Fall Gnome Gardens
- 16 Workshop: Oklahoma Landscape Watercolor
- 29-Dec. 29 Myriad & Bright

### OKC Convention Center

[okcconventioncenter.com](http://okcconventioncenter.com) • (405) 768-4040

- 15-17 Mistletoe Market

### OKC Fairgrounds

[okcfairgrounds.com](http://okcfairgrounds.com) • (405) 948-6700

- 2-3 OKC Train Show
- 2-3 OKC Gun Show
- 4-20 World Championship Quarter Horse Show
- 9-10 OKC Renaissance Festival
- 10 Oklahoma Bridal & Wedding Expo
- 16 Girls Day Out
- 16 Rockstar Championships
- 22-23 Santa Market Craft Show for Alzheimer's

### Paycom Center

[paycomcenter.com](http://paycomcenter.com) • (405) 602-8700

- 2 Creed
- 4 Thunder vs. Magic
- 6 Rod Wave
- 7 Lainey Wilson
- 8 Thunder vs. Rockets
- 9 for KING & COUNTRY
- 10 Thunder vs. Warriors
- 11 Thunder vs. Clippers
- 13 Thunder vs. Pelicans
- 14 Jelly Roll
- 15 Thunder vs. Suns
- 16 Martin Lawrence
- 17 Thunder vs. Mavericks
- 20 Thunder vs. Trail Blazers

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