



OKC NEWS

DECEMBER 2024

Happy Holidays

PARKS EVENTS

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

Winter Pruning & Tool Maintenance Workshop
Jan. 25 • \$10 • Will Rogers Gardens, 3400 NW 36th St.

Fencing
Jan. 8, 15, 22 and 29 • \$2
Southern Oaks Recreation Center, 400 SW 66th St.

2024 resident survey

Satisfaction with OKC as a place to live, work, raise children, visit and retire is significantly above the national average, according to results from the City's annual survey administered in July by surveyor ETC Institute. OKC rated above average in 30 areas and significantly above average in 26 of the 52 categories compared to ETC's national benchmarking. Although OKC sets the standard in many categories, areas residents would like to see the most improvement include homelessness and the condition of city streets. View survey results at okc.gov/satisfaction.

Snow and ice

If snow and ice begin to fall, City street crews will work around the clock to clear streets along the City's snow routes until conditions improve. The snow route map is available at okc.gov/winter. Neighborhood streets are not part of the snow routes and will not be treated. People are encouraged to avoid driving during hazardous conditions.

Tell the City of OKC how we can IMPROVE your neighborhood.



okc.gov/go
2025 GO BOND PROGRAM

2025 GO BOND PROGRAM | HELP US, HELP YOU

The City of Oklahoma City wants to hear about your infrastructure needs. Think about questions like this. "What roads need to be repaved? Where does the City need to add sidewalks?" You can help shape the 2025 general obligation (GO) bond program by answering those questions and more. GO bonds are the City's most important tool for funding major projects like building or rebuilding streets, bridges, police and fire facilities, sidewalks and more.

Ahead of the fall 2025 election, we are gathering feedback from all over the city. While we can't meet every need across OKC's 621 miles in one GO bond election, we have developed a few tools and resources to help identify priorities in our communities. Drop a pin on a map where improvements need to be made and learn more at okc.gov/go. The map survey closes Jan. 15, 2025.

High school hiring event

The City of OKC and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees will host a seven-county metro area hiring event for high school and career tech students on March 12, 2025. The event will take place at the OKC Convention Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For details, visit okc.gov/HighSchoolHiringEvent.

Give the gift of home

The Key to Home Partnership is a collaborative effort to address homelessness differently in Oklahoma City. The Partnership is working together in new ways and is more than halfway to the goal of housing 500 people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. During this season of giving, you can help neighbors experiencing homelessness in two ways: item or monetary donations. Find the Key to Home Amazon Wishlist and Flex Fund at okc.gov/government/key-to-home/provide-help.

Good Sam App

911 callers may struggle to communicate essential details during stressful situations, which is why the Oklahoma City Fire Department partnered with Good Sam App. Emergency dispatchers can send a link to callers' phones where they can share real-time video. If you accept the link, dispatchers gain a one-way video. With greater emergency details shared, OKCFD can make more informed decisions prior to arriving. While the Good Sam App can be used for various emergency situations, OKCFD is not using it for medical calls.

Ward 1,3, 4 and 7 elections

A general election is set for Feb. 11, 2025. The nonpartisan election will decide who represents Wards 1,3, 4 and 7 on the Council for the next four-year term. Councilmembers elected will serve part-time as head of the City's Council-Manager form of government. All registered voters in Wards 1,3, 4 and 7 are eligible to vote. Visit okc.gov/WardMap to see a Ward map.

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Don't get scammed

Scammers, posing as OKC Court employees and law enforcement are calling residents from what appears to be an OKC Municipal Court phone number and demanding they pay their tickets over the phone, or they will go to jail. People who get this money-demanding phone call should hang up and do one of the following to pay their ticket:

- Call (405) 297-3898 (M-F, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.)
- Visit the Municipal Court Customer Service Window, 701 Couch Drive (M-F, 7:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., *except City-observed holidays*)
- Go to okc.gov/court

Federal grants feedback

At upcoming public meetings, people are invited to share their opinions on local housing and neighborhood restoration needs. These meetings help shape the City's Housing and Community Development Division's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This plan sets the goals for four federal grants — Community Development Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnerships Program, Housing Opportunities for People With AIDS and Emergency Solutions Grants — which fund affordable housing, homelessness services and more.

Jan. 9 • 6:30 p.m.

Ralph Ellison Library, 2000 NE 23rd St.

Jan. 14 • 6:30 p.m.

Capitol Hill Library, 327 SW 27th St.

Home for the Holidays

The Home for the Holidays program provides temporary homes for dogs, giving them a much-needed kennel break. Visit the OKC Animal Shelter Tuesday-Saturday from noon-5 p.m. to take home a friendly dog for a few hours or even a whole week.

Once festivities are over, you can bring your furry friend back. If it's too hard to say good-bye, don't worry! All OKC Animal Shelter dogs adopted are spayed/neutered, microchipped and up-to-date on shots and preventatives. Visit 2811 SE 29th St. to make this holiday season brighter!

Rain barrel sale

OKC is offering discounted rain barrels to encourage water conservation in partnership with the Central Oklahoma Storm Water Alliance. Starting at \$69.50, the upcycled 55-gallon rain barrels are available in multiple colors and include the necessary features to help get you started. Order by April 28 at okc.gov/rainbarrel. Composters and accessories available. Rain barrel pick-up is on May 3 or 10 from 8:30-11:30 a.m. at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center, 1621 S Portland Ave.

Walk the OKC Zoo

The OKC Zoo is the perfect place to turn new year's resolutions into reality. Get your steps in while walking the Zoo. From a short loop around the Children's Zoo for beginners to moderate trips through Oklahoma Trails and Expedition Africa, there are plenty of trails to choose from. OKC Zoo's winter hours continue through Feb. 5; the park is closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

New Year's Day, Jan. 1

- Closed: City offices, *HHW, Animal Shelter, *Municipal Court pay window.
- Trash, recycling and bulky waste pickup not affected.
- Free fare and reduced service for EMBARK bus, *RAPID* and OKC Streetcar. Reduced Customer Service and 235-RIDE Call Center hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

MLK, Jr. Day, Jan. 20

- Closed: City offices, *HHW, Animal Shelter, *Municipal Court pay window.
- No trash or recycling pickup. Makeup day Jan. 22. Bulky waste not affected.
- Free fare and reduced service for EMBARK bus, *RAPID* and OKC Streetcar. Reduced Customer Service and 235-RIDE Call Center hours (8 a.m. - 4 p.m.).

***HHW: Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.**

***Pay online at okc.gov. For details about posting bonds, visit okc.gov/courts.**

JANUARY EVENTS

Civic Center Music Hall

okcciviccenter.com • (405) 594-8300

- 11 Dichter Plays Grieg, OKC PHIL
- 24-25 Music of the Knights, OKC PHIL
- 26 As Heard On TV, OKC PHIL

OKC Convention Center

okcconventioncenter.com | (405) 768-4040

- 9-11 Oklahoma Honors Choir
- 10-12 Oklahoma Invitational Classic
- 12 Oklahoma Bridal Show
- 18 Redline Cheer and Dance
- 31 American Spirit Championships Central National Finals

OKC Fairgrounds

okcfairgrounds.com • (405) 948-6700

- 4-16 Cattlemen's Congress
- 4-5 Redland Rendezvous
- 10-12 OKC RV & Boat Show
- 11 High Performance Racing Auction, Trade Show & Swap Meet
- 16-17 NPA Grand National Show
- 17-19 OKC Gem, Jewelry & Bead Show
- 17-19 OK Home + Garden Show
- 23-26 RV Showdown

Paycom Center

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Visit nba.com/thunder for Thunder schedule.

- 2 Thunder vs. Clippers
- 3 Thunder vs. Knicks
- 5 Thunder vs. Celtics
- 10-11 ESPN Gymnastics Invitational
- 16 Thunder vs. Cavaliers
- 17 Jo Koy
- 18 Alan Jackson
- 19 Thunder vs. Nets
- 22 Thunder vs. Jazz
- 23 Thunder vs. Mavericks

Full calendar of events at visitokc.com