

THE MONTHLY UPDATE

This mailing includes your neighborhood crime reports (for OCPD neighborhoods) and information that we think will be of interest to OKC metro area residents. Please forward this information to your neighborhood newsletter editor and/or webmaster so that they can share it with the neighborhood. Everything in this insert is free for you to re-use!

Oklahoma City honors Earth with eco-friendly activities in April



Oklahoma City is honoring the planet with several eco-friendly events this spring in celebration of Earth Day on April 22. Everyone is invited to participate in Earth-conscious activities for residents of all ages and interests.

Try Spokies for free on April 21

Try out Spokies, OKC's bike sharing program, for free for half an hour on April 21. Use the Earth Day code, 04212017, at any Spokies kiosk. Unlimited one-hour rides are available for two days (\$9), 30 days (\$9.95) and a year (\$70), or check out a bike without a pass using the walk-up rate of \$3.50 for each half-hour. Visit spokiesokc.com for passes, kiosk locations and more.

Free EMBARK rides on April 21

In celebration of Earth Day, EMBARK will offer free bus rides April 21 for all fixed-route service and Zone 1 paratransit service. Visit embarkok.com or call (405) 235-7433 for details.

Fish Hatchery open house on April 21

Learn about the City's [fisheries management program](#) during the H.B. Parsons Fish Hatchery free open house from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 21 at 10940 N Meridian Ave. Learn about fish rearing, stocking and habitat work on the City's lakes, in-park ponds and the Oklahoma River. Visit the City's stock ponds and learn about the "Close to Home" and fishing education programs.

Earth Fest is April 29

Enjoy free eco-friendly crafts, games and family activities at Earth Fest from 1 to 5 p.m. April 29. Grown-ups learn easy at-home conservation tips while young explorers create nature-themed crafts and learn about ecology. City staff will be on hand with recycling information and alternative fuel vehicles. Martin Park Nature Center is hosting the event, but due to construction it will be held at Stars & Stripes Park, 3701 S Lake Hefner Drive.

Recycle tires, ammo, computers and pharmaceuticals April 29

Safely recycle ammunition, tires, computers, and pharmaceuticals 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 29 inside Gate 5 on the south side of State Fair Park, east of the arena. Enter on Gordon Cooper Boulevard at N May Avenue. Prove OKC residency with your most recent City of Oklahoma City utility bill. Syringes, liquids, inhalers, tire rims, wheels, and televisions are not accepted. Businesses should call the state Department of Environmental Quality at (405) 702-5100.

Adopt a street for two years

Help keep our community beautiful with the [Adopt-A-City-Street program](#). Groups adopt a street for two years and commit to at least four litter collection events each year. Each group receives a sign installed at each end of the adopted street during the program. Training and equipment provided. Call (405) 297-1797 or email andrea.shelton@okc.gov for details.

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Free Legal Advice

On Thursday, April 27, Oklahomans with legal questions may call [800-456-8525](tel:800-456-8525) (toll-free) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and speak to an attorney at no charge. Questions can also be sent via email to askalawyer@okbar.org. Email questions will be answered starting April 24.

(En Español, pregunteaunabogado@okbar.org. Las preguntas del correo electrónico serán contestadas a partir del 24 de Abril.)

This year will mark the 41st year OBA members offer free legal advice to the public. Last year, 272 attorneys answered 1,421 phone calls and 300 emails, in both English and Spanish, across 32 different counties. Volunteers donated 483 hours in time and \$72,450 in billable hours.

Also on April 27, the annual *Ask A Lawyer* TV show will air on OETA at 7 p.m. This year's show topics include adoption,

bankruptcy and debt issues and the success of drug court in Oklahoma.

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Law Day is a public service of the Oklahoma Bar Association
and your county bar association. Visit www.okbar.org/lawday.

Final plans approved for north section of MAPS 3 Park

The Oklahoma City Council recently voted to approve final plans and specifications for the 40-acre upper section of the **MAPS 3 Park**, with a scheduled groundbreaking set for this summer. City staff will solicit bids from contractors to build the park, which is scheduled to be finished in spring 2019.

"The new park will be a place people will meet to enjoy the trails and water features, gather for concerts and events, spend time with their children, family and friends in a natural setting in the heart of a thriving city," Mayor Mick Cornett said.

The plans call for colorful use of native plants, woodland areas, amenities for accessibility, a café, a stage, a lake and more. An expansive oval green space is the focus of the top half of the upper park, including a stage developed with the help of local performing arts groups. It will serve as a centerpiece for small- and large-scale events at the park.

A boathouse will sit on the northwestern shore of the lake, which will be south of the oval. Park visitors can check out paddleboats or use a covered seating area. Other modern amenities to be featured in the park include a play pavilion and playground, a covered event pavilion and a café.

A long, tree-lined promenade and walking paths get visitors from place to place. Plants in the park were chosen for Oklahoma's climate and will provide beauty, color and a natural, sustainable setting for visitors.

Switchgrass, lilies, sagebrush, lavender, coneflowers, black-eyed Susans, yuccas and rosemary are a few examples of plant life planned for the park. Arrangements will provide distinct, multisensory experiences for visitors as they move through the park.

Spring Bicycle Tour of OKC Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9 am- 2 pm

Take a leisurely bicycle tour through Oklahoma City's Historic Preservation neighborhoods. We'll cycle through some of the City's oldest neighborhoods and stop along the way to hear about historic homes and markers. Bring your own water. We'll make a refreshment stop mid-trip. Call the Woodson Senior Activity Center at (405) 297-1459 for starting location. Cost is \$20 per person.



Upcoming Neighborhood Organizing & Officer Training

- **Monday, May 1, 6pm (for Voluntary Neighborhood Associations)**
- **Tuesday, May 2, 6pm (for Mandatory Neighborhood Associations)**

These informal sessions are open to anyone who wants to find out how to get their neighborhood or HOA organized and/or learn more about being a neighborhood officer. **If you've just been elected, you don't want to miss it!**

Please note that there are now two different sessions: on the first Monday of each month we'll meet with voluntary neighborhood associations and on the first Tuesday with HOAs that have mandatory dues. A light dinner is served. The workshop is free but seats are limited. Reserve online at nacok.org/events/ or call 528-6322.



Panera Bread and Neighborhood Alliance would like to invite you to **Coffee with a Cop**. Join us this year, the second Tuesday of each month, to meet your Police Community Relations Officer. Free coffee and cookies will be provided to the first 45 neighbors at each event.

Tuesday, May 2, 8-10 am

Panera Bread
6410 SW 3rd St
Oklahoma City, OK

A word from one of our Police Community Relations Officers:
MSgt. Steven Brackeen, Santa Fe Patrol Division PCR

Safety Tips At Home

The tips listed below are just a few things to keep in mind and keep you safe at home:

1. Make sure all your locks on doors and windows are in good working order and keep them locked when not in use.
2. Always know who is at your door before you open it; If you don't know them, DON'T open the door.
3. If someone comes to your door and asks to use your phone, offer to make the phone call for them. If they insist on coming in, call 911.
4. Give your home the appearance that someone is home. During the day, leave a radio on and at night, leave your outside lights on.
5. When you are working outside, lock your doors and shut your garage door so no one can make easy entry into your home while you are distracted by your activities.
6. Carry your cell phone with you while doing yard work so if you see something suspicious or have an emergency you can call 911.
7. Develop a good relationship with your neighbors so they can watch your house and you can watch theirs.
8. Always remember - if you think you should call 911 because of something that you see or hear, DO IT!

Special collection set for computers, tires, ammunition and medication

Oklahoma City will host a special collection for unwanted computers, tires, ammunition and prescription drugs from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at State Fair Park.

The drop off site will be on the south side of the fairgrounds, east of the arena. Enter the fairgrounds from N May Avenue at Gate 5 on Gordon Cooper Boulevard.

The collection is open to Oklahoma City residents only. Recyclers must bring their current City of Oklahoma City water bill stub to prove residency.

Syringes, liquids, inhalers, tire rims, televisions and wheels will not be accepted.

Businesses wanting to recycle hazardous waste should contact the state Department of Environmental Quality at (405) 702-5100.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 1621 S Portland Ave. accepts a wide variety of hazardous materials from residents' homes year-round. The type of products accepted at the facility includes gasoline, automotive fluids, batteries, pesticides, weed killers, swimming pool chemicals and paint-related products. The facility is open from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays.

The Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility is operated by the Stormwater Quality Division of the Public Works Department. Visit okc.gov for a list of materials the facility accepts. For more information, call (405) 682-7038.

2017 Neighborhood Watch Patrol Classes

The Oklahoma City Police Department will hold neighborhood watch patrol classes on the following dates this year.

- Tuesday, May 9th from 6:30 to 7:30 pm, at the Southwest Patrol Division at 5501 S Portland Ave.
- Tuesday, August 8th from 6:30 to 7:30pm, at the Hefner Patrol Division at 3924 NW 122nd St.

Please visit our website at www.nacok.org for more information and to get registered!



REMINDER!

Starting in July of 2017, Neighborhood Alliance and the Oklahoma City Police Department will no longer be distributing Crime Statistics and the monthly Newsletter by mail. These items will be available online, and in the coming months we will give you more information on how to access all of the information you have been receiving via mail, and more!

We wish you all a Happy New Year and we look forward to bringing you many new and exciting workshops and tools to help make your Neighborhoods and our City great places to live, work and play in the coming year!