OKC Office of Sustainability Quarterly Newsletter Local Events Fall 2024

Tree ID Tour at Martin Nature Park
Saturday, Oct. 19 | 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.
Martin Nature Park Center, 5000 W. Memorial Rd., OKC 73142

OKC Beautiful is hosting a tree identification tour with Oklahoma's state forester Riley Coy as he leads a nature walk through the park and teaches about Oklahoma's tree canopy. Participants can donate at least \$5 to receive a copy of Forest Trees of Oklahoma to learn more about the state's native tree species. Buy tickets at OKC Beautiful's event page.

2024 EnVision the Future: Roger Farrer Conference Wednesday, Oct. 23 | 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wes Watkins Center at OSU Stillwater, 74078

The Oklahoma Renewable Energy Council (OREC) and the Association of Energy Engineers of Oklahoma (AEEOK) team up again to bring an event about energy efficiency, renewable energy, energy storage, as well as policy, research and development. This year the conference will feature an academic poster session. <u>Visit the OREC website</u> to learn more and for the registration link.

Flower Bulb Sale by Okies for Monarchs
Saturday, Oct. 26 | 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC 73112

The pollinator club is hosting its inaugural bulb sale with more than 2,900 daffodils and tulip bulbs available as its primary fundraiser. The event is first-come, first-served and both cash and cards are acceptable forms of payment. <u>Information here</u>.

Diggs Park Volunteer Day hosted by OKC Beautiful Saturday, Oct. 26 | 9 a.m. to noon 2201 N. Coltrane Rd., OKC, 73121

Join the volunteers from the Garden Neighborhood Council and the Love Grow Live Center for an all-ages weekend beautification event at Daniel J. Diggs Park. Participants can plant native plants in newly installed garden beds and plant trees throughout the park. Snacks and water will be available (please bring your own reusable bottle if you have one) and wear close-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty. OKC Beautiful will provide all tools and supplies. Lunch will be

served afterward. Children are welcome, but volunteers must be accompanied by a guardian. Volunteers <u>should register here</u>.

Guided Garden Tours in Myriad Gardens Saturday, Oct. 26 | Begins at 10 a.m. 301 W. Reno, OKC 73102

Enjoy the fall weather, learn more about Oklahoma plants and find inspiration for your garden with a guided tour in the Myriad Botanical Gardens. A horticulturist will lead the tour around the grounds, which are wheelchair- and stroller-accessible; please meet in the Visitor lobby. <u>Details</u> on the Myriad's web page.

Lincoln Terrace Neighborhood Tree Planting Friday, Nov. 1 | 9 a.m. to noon William Freemont Harn Park, 331 NE 16th Street, OKC 73105

OKC Beautiful hosts volunteers to plant trees throughout the Lincoln Terrace community. No experience is necessary; all tools and training will be provided by the organization. Please wear closed-toed shoes and clothes that can get dirty. Sign up here.

LitterBlitz Cleanups Hosted by OKC Beautiful Saturday, Nov. 2 | 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. H.C. Schilling Park, 539 SE 25th St., OKC 73129

The non-profit group hosts its community cleanup at Schilling Park, providing snacks, water (bring a refillable bottle, please) and supplies like gloves, trash bags and safety vests. Sign up for the event and see when the next LitterBlitz will be held here.

Winterization & Water Conservation Class Tuesday, Nov. 12 | 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. OSU Okla. Co. Extension, 2500 NE 63rd St., OKC 73111

OKC Beautiful hosts a class on winter water conservation tips, how to winterize one's home, what to plant for a winter garden and how to prepare the garden for the spring. Class instructor Ky Dodson is with the City of Oklahoma City's Squeeze Every Drop program. Register for the class here; donations benefit OKC Beautiful.

Feeding Backyard Birds in the Winter by OKC Parks & Rec Saturday, Dec. 7 | 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Will Rogers Garden Exhibition Center, 3400 NW 36th St., OKC 73112

Help backyard birds survive the winter by providing them with food and water. Oklahoma Gardeners Association member Janet Horner gives tips on buying the right type of bird food and bird feeders to keep out bully birds and squirrels and provides handouts on how to turn your backyard into a bird habitat. Door prizes will be available. The event is free, but <u>participants must register here</u>.