

Tips to bring in 2021 safely

Below are some general considerations for hosting a gathering that brings together people from different households. Guests should be aware of these considerations and ask their host what mitigation measures will be in place during the gathering. Hosts should consider the following:

- ✳ Check the COVID-19 infection rates in areas where attendees live on state, local, territorial, or tribal health department websites or on CDC's COVID Data Tracker County View. Based on the current status of the pandemic, consider if it is safe to hold or attend the gathering on the proposed date.
- ✳ Limit the number of attendees as much as possible to allow people from different households to remain at least **6 feet** apart at all times. Guests should avoid direct contact, including handshakes and hugs, with others not from their household.
- ✳ Host outdoor rather than indoor gatherings as much as possible. Even outdoors, require guests to wear masks when not eating or drinking.
- ✳ Avoid holding gatherings in crowded, poorly ventilated spaces with persons who are not in your household.
- ✳ Increase ventilation by opening windows and doors to the extent that is safe and feasible based on the weather, or by placing central air and heating on continuous circulation.
- ✳ For additional information on increasing ventilation, visit CDC's information on Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Home.
- ✳ If setting up outdoor seating under a pop-up open air tent, ensure guests are still seated with physical distancing in mind. Enclosed 4-wall tents will have less air circulation than open air tents. If outdoor temperature or weather forces you to put up the tent sidewalls, consider leaving one or more sides open or rolling up the bottom 12 inches of each sidewall to enhance ventilation while still providing a wind break.
- ✳ Require guests to wear masks. At gatherings that include persons of different households, everyone should always wear a mask that covers both the mouth and nose, except when eating or drinking. It is also important to stay at least **6 feet away** from people who are not in your household at all times.

Excerpts from CDC (Center for Disease Control & Prevention) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>

Paperless Billing — Save a Tree!

What is Paperless Billing? Paperless Billing is a FREE service that allows customers to stop the mailing of their paper bill and instead sends an e-mail notification when the bill is available to securely view online. To sign up for Paperless Billing, go to www.cityofguthrie.com, click on View/Pay eBills, and follow the instructions. You will need your account number and PIN number; both are located on the utility bill. Enter the account number how it appears on your water bill.

Once you have signed up for Paperless Billing, you will no longer receive a paper utility bill or monthly newsletter by mail; however, you have the option of canceling Paperless Billing at anytime by contacting the Utility Office at (405)282-0492 and request your utility account reflect "paper bill" in place of "eBill". This change will not affect your ability to pay online.

After you have registered for Paperless Billing, you will also have the option to pay your utility bill online. If you decide to pay online, a convenience fee will be applied. This fee is based on the amount of your bill and is paid directly to the City's third party service provider.

Don't want to pay online? Paying with "Voluntary Automatic Bill Payment" is now available. This option combines the City's "eBill" service with free Automatic Draft. This allows your utility payments to be deducted from your bank account on the 10th of each month. An ACH Form is available on the City's website.



Staff Spotlight: Ryan Simpson Patrolman

Length of time working for the City of Guthrie: 4 years

Favorite thing

about Guthrie: The town's history.

Favorite memory/story between your position: participating in '89ers.

Personal interests: Hiking

Describe yourself in one word: Dependable

Best advice to others in 25 words or less: Always follow your dreams.

People would be surprised to learn that I... Went backpacking for 100 miles.

If you were able to have lunch with one famous person, whom would you choose?

My Grandfather

Your favorite vacation destination: The Mountains

Volunteers Needed

The City Council relies on Boards, Commissions, and Committees for direction on certain matters. There are openings on the Forestry Board, Park Board, ADA Advisory Committee. Application period will be open until filled! Applications are available at City Hall and on the City of Guthrie website through the home page. Just click the article "Volunteers Needed to Serve on City Boards." Consider the difference you can make in your community!

Utility Billing Dates

Here are some important dates for paying utility bills in January 2021:

- ✳ **January 15th:** Bills due.
- ✳ **January 25th:** Last day to apply for a payment extension.
- ✳ **January 26th:** Water shut off date.

Pay your bill online by visiting <https://www.iustinter.net/eBill/eBill.asp?c=114>, or enroll in **FREE** voluntary automatic bill payment by filling out an ACH form available on the City's website or at the Utility department window in City Hall.

January Library News

Due to COVID-19, the Guthrie Public Library will continue to offer programs differently during the month of December. Please see our social media and website for more details. Our temporary hours are Monday and Wednesday 9:00 am. to 7:00 pm; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 9:00 am. to 6:00 pm; closed Saturday and Sunday. Also, the Guthrie Public Library will be closed on Friday, January 1st in observance of New Year's Day.

Family Programs

Prenda Coding Club AT HOME: A code club is an informal program that takes place at a library where kids ages 8-18 learn computer programming skills. Visit the site app.prenda.co to create a user name and start coding! Parents, use password: STAawesome to move forward in the coding levels.

Take and Make Crafts: While materials last, Guthrie Public Library will provide *Take and Make* weekly craft bags. Each bag contains instructions, S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) based/age appropriate content, and all this is yours to keep. Craft bags are available for drive up or distribution (with physical distancing) for children 12 and under. Questions? Email: kkutay@cityofguthrie.com or call the library at 405-282-0050 ext. 3.

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Teen Programs

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Monday, January 25th from 6-8pm, First Capital Book Club: The Golden Son by Shilpi Somaya Gowda is the book this month. It is about an unforgettable story of family, responsibility, love, honor, tradition, and identity, in which two childhood friends—a young doctor and a newly married bride—must balance the expectations of their culture and their families with the desires of their own hearts. You can pick up a copy at the front desk.



The Guthrie Public Library offers access to over 62,000 e-items (electronic audio/visual/book/magazines) and interfaces to seven databases. To access library databases and e-items, a Guthrie Public Library card is required. If you need help accessing library items, please call 405-282-0050. For individuals that do not have a library card, visit our website guthrie.okpls.org & complete an on-line application.



Visit www.guthrie.okpls.org or call (405) 282-0050 for more information.

January 2021 Events Calendar

Date	Event	Time
1	City Hall and Offices, except for emergency services, are closed for New Year's Day. Winter Break continues for Guthrie Public Schools. Classes are scheduled to resume Jan. 4.	
2	Saturday Old-Time Music Jam w/Wayne Cantwell and friends, @Home Sweet Home, 110 W. Harrison. Free of charge, bring an instrument or just sit & enjoy the music! 1-4pm	1:00 pm
4	Historic Preservation Commission Meeting @ Council Chambers, City Hall	5:30 pm
5, 19	City Council & GPWA Regular Meetings @ Council Chambers, City Hall	7:00 pm
8	Guthrie Merchants Meeting @ City Hall	9:00 am
9, 23	The Byron Berline Band Show @ Double Stop Music Hall, 211 E. Oklahoma Ave, \$15 at the door. Call 282-6646 for a seat.	7:30 pm
12	Guthrie-Edmond Regional Airport Board meeting @ Terminal Conference Room	3:30 pm
14	Annual Guthrie Chamber of Commerce Banquet @ Dominion House, limited seating but virtual tickets are also offered. www.guthriechamber.com or call 282-1947.	6:00 pm
14	Guthrie Planning Commission @ City Hall	5:30 pm
15, 16, 17	International Finals Rodeo @ Lazy E Arena. 3 days of competitions & shows - 7:30pm Fri & 1:00pm Sat; OG&E Kids Day at 11am Sunday, then performance @1pm. www.lpra-rodeo.com/ifr	various
17	Logan County NAACP & area churches present a Community Service of Remembrance, honoring the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.	TBA
18	Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Parade, Oklahoma Ave. west to 2nd Street. Guthrie Public Schools and City Offices closed for holiday.	10:00 am
21	Board of Adjustment Meeting @ City Hall	5:30 pm
21	Library Advisory Board meeting @ Guthrie Public Library conference room	5:30 pm
21	Guthrie Housing Authority @1524 E. Perkins Ave.	6:00 pm
24	Caregiver Support Group, 4th Saturday each month, 9am-11am, meets @ Community Church Portable Annex, 512 E. Seward Rd. Call ahead for changes 361-2121	9:00 am
25	Convention & Visitor Bureau Advisory @ City Hall	5:30 pm
25	ADA Advisory Committee @ City Hall	5:30 pm
26	Park Advisory Board @ Guthrie City Hall	6:30 pm
28	Forestry Advisory Board @ 407 Commerce Blvd.	6:30 pm
	Guthrie Ghost Walk, Fridays & Saturdays, downtown, 90 min. of great history w/mystery stories. \$10 adults, \$5 age 7-14. 293-8404 to reserve by 5:30pm for 7:15pm walk.	7:15 pm
	Chamber Coffee, every Wednesday, locations @ www.guthriechamber.com or call 282-1947	9:30 am
	Lazy E Arena January Events: 1/1-3 Super-bowl Team Roping. 1/5-7 WCRA Winter Timed Event. 1/9-11 Simon's Bucking Stock Sale. 1/14-IFR Finals, 1/15-17 - Intl Finals Rodeo Shows. 1/22, 23 Kicker Arena cross. www.lazye.com , 282-3004	various
	Music With Friends, from Community Church senior ministry, posts a new video of hymn-singing and jokes each Wednesday. Sing along at 10:30am or you can watch anytime www.communitychurch.tv/watch-read/music/	10:30 am



Check out the Community Events Calendar at www.guthriechamber.com

