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The MAPS 3-funded whitewater center at the Boathouse District – the RIVERSPORT Rapids – celebrates its grand opening weekend on May 7-8. The community-wide celebration coincides with Team USA’s Road to Rio Tour presented by Liberty Mutual Insurance, the USRowing’s Central Youth Championships and the 2016 Olympic Team Trials for Canoe/Kayak Slalom.

Oklahoma City is one of only six cities to welcome the Road to Rio tour, and the free event includes live music, interactive opportunities, a “taste” of Rio with food and drink and the chance to interact with Olympic athletes that will represent the United States this year. More than 25,000 people are expected to attend.

RIVERSPORT Rapids is a state-of-the-art center for aquatic adventure and one of only three man-made whitewater centers in the United States. Geared for both family fun and elite athlete training, the 11-acre RIVERSPORT Rapids will be adjacent to the Oklahoma River.

Program Helps Brightest Students Stay in the State

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Oklahoma City’s appeal as a convention and visitor destination is making a mark on the region’s economy according to a report recently released by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department. According to an economic impact study by Dean Runyan Associates, Oklahoma County was No. 1 in the state for direct spending in the travel industry, with greater impact than the next three counties combined.

“Despite fluctuations in our economy, Oklahoma City’s convention and visitor industry is as strong as it has ever been,” said Natalie Shirley, president of Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City and vice chair of convention and visitor development for the Chamber. “The renaissance that Oklahoma City has experienced in the last 20 years and our plans for continued investment ensure that the economic impact of the hospitality industry will only grow in the future.”

Oklahoma County’s total direct spending in the travel industry was $2.235 billion, or 25.2 percent of the statewide total. Oklahoma County also accounted for 25.8 percent of all government revenues generated by the visitor industry in the state. In contrast, Oklahoma County generated $857 million in travel-related expenditures in 1990, showing 291 percent growth in the industry in the last 25 years. Oklahoma County also leads in terms of payroll, employment and local tax receipts.

One important component of the area’s visitor industry is Oklahoma City’s ability to attract and retain high-economic impact conventions and meetings. The Oklahoma City Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB), a division of the Chamber, will assist with more than 111 events or conventions (not including horse shows or sporting events) from May until the end of 2016. These events make up more than 63,720 booked hotel room nights in the Oklahoma City hotel market.

“The number of conventions held in Oklahoma City acts as a strong foundation for the rest of our hospitality industry and it also helps us promote Oklahoma City’s growth,” said Michael Carrier, CTA, president and CEO of the Oklahoma City CVB.

More than 31,000 jobs are supported by travel and tourism in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Statistical Area, with $675 million in payroll resulting from these jobs. The impact on the community is multiplied when you examine the tax revenue generated by visitors. Tourism in the Oklahoma City metro generates $118 million in state tax revenue and $99 million in local tax receipts, funds that directly impact the health, safety and quality of life of Oklahoma City residents.

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Leadership Notes

Turning something good into something extraordinary

The seven-mile stretch of the North Canadian River that is known as the Oklahoma River will celebrate a milestone this month as the MAPS 3 RIVERSPORT Rapids opens to the public. This world-class facility at the Boathouse District is a tangible example of the public-private partnerships that are responsible for much of the momentum that Oklahoma City is experiencing today.

Despite years of neglect, the river had untapped potential and leaders like former Chamber Chair Ray Ackerman and former Oklahoma City Mayor Ron Norick believed in what was possible. The original MAPS projects that passed in 1993 included a river development portion that laid the foundation for the growth, but it was the innovation and ingenuity of the private sector, particularly under the leadership of Mike Knopp and Aubrey McClendon, that took something good and turned it into something extraordinary.

As we celebrate the culmination of decades of hard work and dedication at the Boathouse District, I look forward to the ideas this will inspire for development throughout our community. Oklahoma City is still a place for dreamers—for people who can take something good and turn it into something extraordinary. As a member of this community, now is the time to build the next great thing. I can’t wait to see what you will create next.

Sincerely,

Roy H. Williams, CCE
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Attend the May Member Orientation on Tuesday, May 10, from 8:30 to 10 a.m. at the Chamber offices, 123 Park Ave. Register online at www.okcchamber.com/events.

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The Metro 50 committee have begun accepting applications for the 2016 Metro 50 awards. Eligible companies must have been in business for a minimum of six months prior to the base calendar year of 2013; are for-profit and privately-held; headquartered and operated in the Greater Oklahoma City MSA; have total operating revenues or sales in 2015 of at least $1 million; and are not a holding company, regulated bank or utility.

To apply or see winners from 2015, visit www.okcchamber.com/metro50 or email Meredith Manley at mmanley@okcchamber.com for more information. The deadline for applications is Friday, June 3.


CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Location: Chamber offices, 123 Park Ave.

**May 10**
**Sunset Reception**
Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
Location: Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel, 1 N Broadway Ave.

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**Member Orientation**
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Location: Chamber offices, 123 Park Ave.

**June 21**
**Sunset Reception**
Time: 4 to 6 p.m.
Location: West in Bricktown, 1 S Mickey Mantle Dr.

**June 22**
**InternOKC Kickoff**
Time: 3 to 5 p.m.
Location: Chevy Bricktown Events Center, 429 E California Ave.

**June 29**
**InternOKC Session 2**
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Cox Convention Center, 1 Myriad Gardens

**July 6**
**InternOKC Session 3**
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Location: Embassy Suites Oklahoma City Downtown/ Medical Center, 741 N Phillips Ave.

**July 12**
**Member Orientation**
Time: 8:30 to 10 a.m.
Location: Chamber offices, 123 Park Ave.

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By attracting and retaining the next generation of qualified employees, the Greater Grads program directly invests in the future success of Oklahoma City’s businesses.

The InternOKC program, which runs from June through the end of July this year, is a leadership development program that not only provides professional development and networking opportunities, but also an introduction to the benefits of living and working in the Oklahoma City region through a five-week series of events. Last year, 465 college students attended the program, representing 69 colleges, 73 companies and 26 states.

By enrolling your company’s interns in the Chamber’s InternOKC program, you will contribute to their professional development while strengthening your ability to retain students in the market after they graduate. This year’s program will include information on living, working and playing in Oklahoma City as well as career and life skills beneficial to young professionals. Sessions will also feature knowledgeable and respected speakers from the Oklahoma City business community. A cost of $100 per intern includes lunch or refreshments at each session. For more information or to register, visit www.GreaterGrads.com/summerintern.

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Last year, 465 interns from 73 companies participated in the InternOKC program.
The Greater Oklahoma City Chamber launched its Total Resource Development Campaign this month, with Brian Alford, Enable Midstream Partners, and Teresa Rose Crook, Oklahoma City Community Foundation, leading the 2016 campaign as co-chairs. Alford and Crook will lead more than 150 volunteers as they connect Chamber members with sponsorship and advertising opportunities.

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On the next page, you will find a list of TRDC volunteers ready to help you identify the best marketing choice for your business and budget. Contact a volunteer today to find out how the Chamber’s marketing solutions will keep your company at the head of the class.
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The Best Cities For First-Time Homebuyers

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<th>Rank</th>
<th>City</th>
<th>No. of Mortgage Lenders</th>
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Source: SmartAsset, 2016

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