



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" **April 2023**

## Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-1121
Code Enforcement	405-281-6869
Court Clerk	405-390-3333
Development Services	405-390-2999
Police (non-emergency)	405-769-3821
Fire (non-emergency)	405-390-8300
Police/Fire Emergency	911
Choctaw Creek Golf	405-769-7166
Waste Connections	405-745-2942



## Recycling Pickup Schedule

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **Apr. 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Bulk trash is picked up monthly *based on your regular trash day*. Find your trash day to see when your monthly Curbside Bulk Pick-Up will occur:

**Monday**=1st Thursday of the month

**Tuesday**=2nd Thursday

**Wednesday**=3rd Thursday

**Thursday/Friday**=4th Thursday



## Available Now

You can have all things Choctaw in your pocket! Search City of Choctaw, OK in your app store and download today! The website has a whole new look as well, all streamlined with the app, so enable notifications and stay up-to-date on everything City of Choctaw!

## MAINTENANCE NOTICE FROM OG&E

In order to accommodate the city's growth OG&E is upgrading existing power lines along Choctaw Road. As part of the upgrade, one lane of Choctaw Road will be closed intermittently from **Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> - June 16<sup>th</sup>**. The closures will occur along Choctaw Road from SE 15th Street to approximately 1/4 mile south of SE 29th Street. These upgrades will help provide safe and reliable electric service to new customers in the area. We appreciate your patience as we continue to grow our community together!

## General Municipal Election

The next general municipal election scheduled for **April 4, 2023** will include the opportunity for registered voters to decide on upcoming office vacancies as well as a proposed Charter change.

The proposed Charter change will allow for increased density in dwelling units for approved developments within the Central Business District within the boundaries defined as: North Boundary N.E. 36th Street, South Boundary N.E. 23rd Street, West Boundary N. Henney Road and East Boundary N. Choctaw Road. Upon approval of the City Council, this will allow developers to act on the Downtown Master Plan for development within this boundary of more than eight units per acre.

Also the following offices will be decided: Councilmember for Ward 1, Ward 3, Ward 5, and Mayor. You may view a Ward Map on the city website and find links to the Oklahoma County Election Board website for more information.

## Easter Egg Hunt

Join us Saturday, **April 8<sup>th</sup>** for our annual Easter Egg Hunt at Choctaw Creek Park, located at 2001 Harper Street! We will have arts and crafts, food trucks, face painting, vendors, inflatable bouncers and more! And as always the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures! Activities start at

10am and the egg hunt will begin at 11am. Hop on down and celebrate with us in the park!

## Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. If you are a senior age 60 or older, you should be hanging out at the Choctaw Senior Center. We have a lot to offer!

- Delicious & nutritious meals daily
- Games (table & board)
- Workshops & guest speakers
- Blood pressure clinics
- Devotional services
- Bingo
- Birthday & holiday celebrations
- Carry-out meal service
- Coffee & conversation

Register by phone to participate, you must be 60 and older. Please call Lorna at 405-390-8040 to RSVP and reserve your spot.

Join us **April 10<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am when the Eastern Oklahoma County Resource Center will come and speak about the services they offer seniors.

For a schedule of these and other offerings check out our events calendar and lunch menu at <https://www.mychoctaw.org/page/choctaw-senior-citizens-center>. Hope to see you soon!

## Recycle The Rain Event

A rain barrel promotes conservation and saves you money on water bills by harvesting rain water for your garden. You could use the collected water to wash your car, rinse off muddy boots or wash those house windows! Collecting the rain reduces stormwater pollution and is better for your plants! For online orders and additional information, visit: [www.upcycleproducts.com](http://www.upcycleproducts.com). Pick-up event is **April 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>** in Midwest City. See our website for more information.

## Arbor Day Event

Join us Saturday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am at Choctaw Creek Park located at 2001 Harper Rd as we celebrate the importance of Arbor day with a program

Visit us online at [www.mychoctaw.org](http://www.mychoctaw.org) for even more information.

### **Board / Commission Meeting Dates**

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted;  
\*\*some meeting times have changed\*\*)

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities  
Authority: **Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> @7PM**

Planning Commission: **Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> @6PM**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> @7PM**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> @6PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority  
(CEDA): **Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> @4:30PM**

dedicated to the importance of trees. We will honor people in our community with a tree dedication to Christel "Mama" Turek and a citation honoring Eagle Scout Parker Mathis for his contribution to Choctaw Creek Park. Celebrate the importance of stewardship and community with us and enjoy the festivities in the natural beauty of our Park.

### **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event**

Spring is right around the corner! Development Services is partnering with Midwest City and will be hosting the free Annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event. This year residents who have pre-registered will bring their items on Saturday, **May 13<sup>th</sup>** from 8am-12pm to the large pavilion at Choctaw Creek Park. Only 70 spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please apply on the City website, [mychoctaw.org](http://mychoctaw.org). You will need to submit your first and last name, phone number, address, email, and your 11-digit utility billing account number. Only those registered may attend, we are unable to accept walk-ins at the event. For those registered, please bring your Driver's License and last month's Utility/Trash Bill with you for verification purposes at check-in. Visit our website for a list of household items that are / are not accepted.

### **Friday Nights in the Park**

We are gearing up for a new season of fun Friday nights at Choctaw Creek Park! Starting **May 5<sup>th</sup>** and running through **September 1<sup>st</sup>**, every Friday night from 6pm to 8pm, local vendors and farmers will set up along Market Row to offer locally grown and home-made products such as produce, baked goods, bath and body goods, craft items, seasonal spices, rubs, jams and more. We will also have food trucks so you can try something new for dinner while enjoying the open air of Choctaw Creek Park. This is a great opportunity to get out with your fellow community and support local small businesses!

We are currently accepting vendor applications for this event. For more information visit our webpage at [www.mychoctaw.org](http://www.mychoctaw.org) or contact Tina Rodriguez at 405-390-5110 or [trodriguez@choctawcity.org](mailto:trodriguez@choctawcity.org). Early applicants will have first choice for scheduling, so contact us today!

### **Choctaw Library**

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System is located at 2525 Muzzy Street. You may still pick up using curbside service. Many programs are available online in addition to pre-made kits. The Choctaw Library offers a broad array of services, including public access computers, free WiFi, copy/scan/fax/printing services, programs and events for all ages, and a robust local collection of physical materials for all interests and tastes. Additionally, the library features a large meeting room that can be booked and used by the public, as well as large covered outdoor patio spaces that can be used by the public, weather-permitting. Please visit their webpage for all of the upcoming events at your local library: <https://www.metrolibrary.org/locations/choctaw>.

### **Storm Water Quality Tips**

If you apply too many lawn fertilizers or pesticides, especially before a heavy rain storm, a lot of it may be washed into nearby storm drains and then our

waterways and water bodies without treatment.

Fertilizers promote growth and decay of algae that use up oxygen in the water, that fish need to survive. Pesticides in stormwater runoff directly affect the health of aquatic organisms and human health, if ingested. Sweep excess fertilizers off of pavement and concrete so they can't wash into our streams and rivers, and always use pesticides at the concentration amount recommended by the manufacturer.

### **Your Water Usage, Online!**

The City is currently in the process of upgrading our infrastructure by replacing our water meters with new Smart meters. These new meters transmit readings daily and provide a more detailed picture of water usage and possible leak issues. In addition to being able to pinpoint when a leak started, these new meters can show how much water is used in household use and irrigation. As we work to install these meters across the City, we will be reaching out to account holders as their meters are installed to give them the information they will need to log in and access their readings online. For more information, please contact Utility Billing at 405-390-8198.

From the World Health Organization:

- FEET—Stay more than 6 feet apart
- HANDS—Wash them often
- AVOID—Crowded, enclosed areas
- MASK—Wear a mask where recommended
- FEEL sick?—Stay home

**OCCHD (Oklahoma City-County Health Department) phone bank hotline**, 405-425-4489, currently staffed **M-F, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm**. Outside of those hours, please call the state hotline, which is operational **24 hours a day**:

COVID-19  
**CALL  
CENTER**  
**(877) 215-8336**



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### **Did you know?**

The City Council agendas as well as all of the back-up information is available on the City's website at:  
**[www.mychoctaw.org](http://www.mychoctaw.org)**

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