



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future"

May 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: **May 8th and May 22nd.**

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. 22nd - June 16th**. 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!

City Wide Garage Sale

The Annual City-Wide Garage Sale will be held Saturday May 6th. This event is free to sign up, with the option to purchase signs and additional days. Anyone hosting a sale that signs up by Wednesday May 3rd will have their address posted on an online map with physical copies available for pick up in City Hall. You may complete the application on our website or complete an application in person. This year, the City of Choctaw Development Services Department is creating a *City-Wide Garage Sale Scavenger Hunt!!* Anyone can participate for fun, however when submitting contest pictures the participant will need to present an active utility bill with the City of Choctaw. The scavenger Hunt list will also be available on the website as well as physical copies available for pick up in City Hall. To play, items do not need to be purchased at the garage sales, but you do need to take pictures of the participant and the item(s). We ask that you do not capture pictures of anyone's home address nor capture photos of other residents, and to verify with the host of the sale if you may take photos of their items. You can then email the pictures to irunyon@choctawcity.org. The first and second participants to submit a completed checklist will be declared Winner and Runner Up by Wednesday May 12th. The winners will receive a gift card from a local business in the

City of Choctaw, as well as the opportunity to be posted on the City's Facebook page and a feature in the Choctaw Times. For more information, please call 405-390-2999. Happy Hunting!



Arbor Day Event—Friday May 5th

Join us Friday, **May 5th** at **10am** at Choctaw Creek Park located at 2001 Harper Rd as we celebrate the importance of Arbor day with a program 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.

Friday Nights in the Park

We are gearing up for a new season of fun Friday nights at Choctaw Creek Park! Starting **May 5th** and running through **September 1st**, every Friday night from **6pm to 8pm**, local vendors and farmers will set up along Market Row to offer locally grown and homemade 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 or contact Tina Rodriguez at 405-390-5110 or trodriguez@choctawcity.org. Early applicants will have first choice for scheduling, so contact us today!

Visit us online at www.mychoctaw.org for even more information.

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **May 3rd & 17th @7PM**Planning Commission: **May 5th @6PM**Public Recreation Advisory Board: **May 10th @7PM**Board of Adjustments (as needed): **May 23rd @6PM**Choctaw Economic Development Authority (CEDA): **May 25th @4:30PM****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 13th** from 8am-12pm to the large pavilion at Choctaw Creek Park.

Only 15 spots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please apply on the City website, 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.

**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:

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.

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.

For a schedule of these and other offerings check out our events calendar and lunch menu at:

www.mychoctaw.org/page/choctaw-senior-citizens-center.

Hope to see you soon!



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
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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

Check it out and subscribe!