



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" **AUGUST 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: **August 14th and August 28th.**

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!

Permit/Inspection Department

The City of Choctaw partners with Oklahoma County for New Culvert Installation or Replacement Assistance. If you live on a public road within the city limits, you may be eligible. Please note that the installation from Oklahoma County is at a discounted price and any concrete approaches that are required to be built will be the responsibility of the homeowner. To apply visit Development Services in the Annex Building and complete a driveway permit for more details.



Friday Nights in the Park

This season's Friday Nights in the Park at Choctaw Creek Park is a huge success! Every Friday night from *6pm to 8pm*, local vendors and farmers 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 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 Jonathan Sullivan at 405-803-0210 or jonathans@choctawcity.org. Early applicants will have first choice for scheduling, so contact us today!

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.

Vote: August 8, 2023

The OG&E Franchise Agreement Renewal with the City of Choctaw will be up for your vote on August 8, 2023. The agreement allows OG&E to access easements, rights-of-way, public streets and roadways and provides a long-term steady source of revenue by remitting franchise fees to the City. Please see the attachment on our website for additional information and answers to common questions regarding the agreement renewal. For additional questions please reach out to City Hall @ 405-390-8198.



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.

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: **August 1st & 15th**

Planning Commission: **August 3rd @6PM**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **August 8th @7PM**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **August 28th @6PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (CEDA): **As Needed**



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.

The Senior Center now offers inside dining five (5) days a week, Carry Out Service is no longer provided. Transportation to and from the Center is available. Come out and join us for Devotionals, Bingo, Games and Snacks. Meals are served by reservation only. Reservations for meals and transportation must be made in advance. Please call 405-390-8040 M-F 9am to 1pm to make reservations or for more information.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:
Monday, August 7th @10:00AM
"Heat Stress & The Silver Energy Program"
OG&E
John Koons

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!

Fishing Derby

City Hall will host a Fishing Derby Saturday September 9th 8am - 11am at Ten Acre Lake Park. Come out and catch a great time and lots of fish! No cost to enter! There will be a raffle and prizes will also be awarded to anglers who catch tagged fish. For additional information contact Jonathan Sullivan at jonathans@choctawcity.org or by phone 405-803-0210.



Roofing Permits

Attention Choctaw Residents, homeowners, and builders. It's that lovely time of year again when hailstorms seem to appear more frequently. Hail damage is not a fun thing to experience especially when it can dislodge shingles and cause damage that can lead to leaky roofs. Development Services has a roofing permit that we issue to contractors whenever your roof may need shingle replacement or re-decking, due to damage, insurance related purposes, or to create a property facelift. Our mission is to make sure the roofing contractor you hire is currently certified with the Oklahoma Construction Industry Board, and that they are supplying the correct information for installation. A common thing that roofers tend to do when re-decking is overloading the weight of the joists, which can lead to long term structural damage. The Building Inspector will review calculations against the International Residential Code (IRC) minimum requirements. Fees may also be assessed for contractors caught doing work without a permit, which can ultimately fall back onto the homeowner. Our roofing permit can be obtained on our website mychoctaw.org under Building Division Forms.

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>.

Resources

Need help with healthcare, housing, food, clothing, or utility assistance? Call 211. It's a 24-hour resource to provide referrals to community-based services for everyday needs or in times of crisis or disaster. Talk to someone who cares and knows where to go for help - Call 2-1-1.

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

Check it out and subscribe!