



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **October 2018**

Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-8276
Code Enforcement	405-281-6869
Court Clerk	405-390-3333
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

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the weeks of **October 1st, 15th, & 29th.**

Bulk Trash Pickup

Choctaw's curbside Bulk Waste Pickup will occur **Monday through Friday the week of October 8th.** Waste Connections will pick up bulk waste on the same day as your regular trash, so please have your items at the curb no later than **6 AM the morning of your regular trash pickup day.**

Items must be within 2 feet of the curb and at least 5 feet from other items, such as mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with the mechanical lifting arm. Waste Connections will collect up to 4 cubic yards of bulk waste (about the size of two refrigerators). A list of items that can & cannot be picked up is found on our website at www.mychoctaw.org and can also be picked up at City Hall.

Waste Connections will also be accepting bulk waste drop-offs at **Ten Acre Lake Park on Saturday, October 13th, from 8 AM to 12 PM.** This service is for residents only, proof of residency will be required. Ten Acre Lake Park is located on NE 10th between Choctaw Road and Indian Meridian.

ACTIVITIES

Haunted Trails and Haunted Forest

Come to **Choctaw Creek Park** this October for a fun night or two. There will be all sorts of thrills and chills for a scary good time this Halloween season. All activities will be open **October 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th, and 31st,** with no activities on the 28th.

At the **Large Pavilion** the City of Choctaw is hosting the **Trick or Treat Trails** for young children and their parents to go room to room for some spooky thrills and tasty treats.

This year we also have a **Haunted Maze.** A scary attraction for the brave of all ages, here you will find your senses playing tricks on you. Brave the maze...if you dare!

The Choctaw Fire Department will offer thrills to teens and adults at the **Haunted Forest,** located across the field from the Large Pavilion. This is not for the faint of heart. BEWARE, the ghastly ghouls that lurk in the woods will be upon you without warning. So proceed with caution, and have a safe and Happy Halloween!

Trick or Treat Trails (Kid Friendly) runs from **7 PM to 10 PM,** with the Costume Contest on **October 31st** at **6:30 PM.** Cost is \$1.00 per Child while accompanying adults are free. We will provide Candy Bags.



Haunted Maze (Scary)
Runs from **7 PM to 10 PM.** Cost for the Haunted Maze is \$1.00 per person and is located under the Large Pavilion

Haunted Forest (Scary)
Runs from *Dusk to 11:00 PM.* Cost for the Haunted Forest is \$5.00 per Person.

The Choctaw Fire Department will also be offering Hay Rides for **\$1 per person,** all ages welcome. For more information visit our website or call **405-281-6854.**

So come down to the Park for a howling good time, *if you dare!*

Trick or Treating

Trick or Treating in the City of Choctaw will take place on **Wednesday, October 31st,** from **6pm to 10pm.**



Choctaw Senior Center

Open weekdays from **9:00 AM to 1:00 PM,** with lunch served at **11:30 AM,** we invite you to join us for a hot meal, coffee, Panera Bread sweets, dominos, cards, bingo, devotion services, knitting, crocheting and information sessions.

Featured This Month:

Digital Resources - **Oct.12, 10:45 AM**

Holiday Safety - **Oct. 22, 10:45 AM**

For daily lunch menu and activities, go to www.mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center. For transportation to the Senior Center, call **390-8040.** We are located at **14653 Dean Street.** Please call for a meal reservation, no later than **12:00 noon** the day before you plan to attend.

For more information, or to sign-up for any of these events, please call the Senior Center at **(405) 390-8040,** between **9:00am and 1:00pm.** We can't wait to see you!!

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

Board / Commission Meeting Dates
(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

7 PM

City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **Oct 2nd & 16th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Oct 4th**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **Oct 9th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed):
Oct 22nd

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority
(at Old Germany Restaurant): **Oct 31st**

Events at the Choctaw Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System, located at **2525 Muzzy St.**, offers many excellent programs for patrons of all ages. For example: **Oct 4, 4 PM** (all)-Family Gamefest; **Oct 7, 2 PM** (adults)-Page Turners Book Club; **Oct 10, 4 PM** (ages 9-18)-Minecraft Club; **Oct 18, 4 PM** (teens)-Spooky Slime Time; **Oct 24, 4 PM** (children)-LEGO Club. You may register at the library or by calling **390-8418, ext 3**. For more information visit

www.metrolibrary.org



City Manager's Corner

Greetings Choctaw! It has been about a month since I put anything in the paper. The first order of business today is I want to recognize a few of your Professional Public Servants. I received an off-line note on Officer Ernesto Calamateo from an Oklahoma Highway Patrolman living in Choctaw. Officer Calamateo, while on patrol with a trainee, noticed a garage door open and stopped by the house to let the occupant know—2 AM in the morning. The owner was very thankful, as he completely forgot to close the garage door that evening. Just previous to this event, the two had

warned the backyard neighbor of same, his garage door was open. The act in and of itself may sound trivial but the resident wanted to thank him for the patrol efforts and the impact he has on the public by showing this presence.

I received a second note complimenting our new Golf Course Manager, Stuart Drake. The note was from the EOC Rotary President, and he wanted to recognize Stuart for his efforts during the annual Rotary Golf Tournament. He noted Stuart's professionalism, demeanor, and knowledge. EOC Rotary also noted Stuart displayed insurmountable energy and enthusiasm to make sure the Rotary had a truly productive and well-run tournament. He commented on Stuart's leadership skills and ability to help his staff navigate some challenging logistics and sometimes difficult expectations of golfers. Stuart, and the entire golf course crew are making very positive changes at the golf course. I can attest to the team's professionalism and customer service mind-set, as the Mayor's Charity Golf Tournament was much more successful than expected, with almost \$17K netted to purchase playground equipment for our parks.

Thank you Officer Calamateo, Stuart, and the golf course team! You epitomize the meaning of professional public service.

Speaking of the golf course, Council approved a commercial lease agreement with B&R Entertainment to open a bar and grill at the Golf Course. The new restaurant will be named "The Country Club at Choctaw Creek." The mainstay menu items will be Steak and BBQ, bringing a sit-down restaurant to Choctaw! As you may know, the State changed the Alcohol sales law, and as of 1 October, the City will no longer be allowed to carry a license to sell alcohol. The owners

of the Landing Zone came to the City with a serious proposal to help Choctaw Creek on two fronts: 1) take on the legal sale of alcoholic beverages and: 2) open a sit-down restaurant in Choctaw. I don't know about anyone else, but I am excited about the possibility of driving down the street, in Choctaw, and getting a steak dinner and not grilling it myself! The restaurant will be a great addition, supporting golfers and non-golfers alike. The addition of the restaurant will add to the success the golf course has had the last few months. Year-to-date, the golf course is \$25K to the good, or in the black as you will, beating projections that were based on last year's play. In fact I tried to play golf on Labor Day and could not get a tee time. It was a happy/sad moment—happy the golf course was full, but sad I could not play. I am cautiously optimistic as we move forward, but am very excited about the improvements I am seeing at the Golf Course.

Finally, a quick update on Parks and Recreation. The Mayor has formed a Task Force to take a look at the City's Public Recreation Board Ordinance. The Task force will be led by Councilman Mike Birdsong and co-chaired by Councilwoman Jeannie Abts. The mission of the Task Force will be to look at all aspects of the Ordinance, which includes the Cemetery and Landscaping, and formulate recommendations to best assist the Professional Public Recreation staff to better serve the recreation requirements of the public. As I have said in previous updates, Parks and Recreation are equal in importance to roads and infrastructure, as citizens need an outlet to relax and enjoy their surroundings. Tanner McGuire, our new Parks and Recreation Director, is leading the charge in improving our facilities and programs, and I am confident, with focused citizen input, the future of Choctaw Parks and Recreation is bright.



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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!