



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

August 2018

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Recycling Pickup Schedule

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the week of **August 2nd, 16th & 30th.**



Food Truck Fridays Coming in September

Join us for lunch every **Friday in September!** From **11am to 2pm** at the **Old Town Park on the corner of Main & Gilbert**, we will have food, music and lawn games. You don't want to miss out on the Great Food and Fun happening this September in Old Town. For more information please contact **Tanner McGuire** at **405-390-8198** or email **tmcguire@choctawcity.org**



Baseball and Softball Signups

Baseball and Softball Signups for Bouse Sports Complex are going on now. \$25 per player please contact Miss Jennings if interested at **mjenning@choctawcity.org** or at **405-659-8202.**

Jacket Preview

The Choctaw Touchdown club will be hosting its 6th Annual Jacket Preview, previously known as the Blue and Gold Extravaganza, on **August 11, 2018.** Like previous years, this will be a great community event that showcases the pride and spirit of our GREAT City.

The day will begin with the “TeamUP Choctaw” trash pickup event from **8am-10am.** Students and citizens will meet at Choctaw High School at **7:40am** for instructions and supplies including gloves and trash bags.

Jacket Preview will resume at **3:30pm** with introduction and short scrimmages of the 2018 7th, 8th and 9th grade football teams. At **5pm** we will begin our annual High School Blue & Gold Football Game. This game will kick off the start of the 2018 Yellowjacket Football Season under head coach, Jake Corbin.

Our evening will conclude with a community wide carnival from **6:00pm to 9:00pm** including games and food trucks. Entry into the carnival is free to the public. Come out and support your hometown team. We hope to see you all there!



Rockin R IPRA Rodeo

The Choctaw Round Up Club presents the Rockin R IPRA Rodeo **August 10th & 11th** at **13700 NE 36th.** They will have a parade at **11am** on **Saturday August 11th** from 3rd & Harper to Choctaw Creek Park. Gates for the Rodeo open at **6pm**, Pre-Rodeo fun at **7pm** both nights, Rodeo starts at **8pm** both nights. Advance tickets available from Nicoma Park Feed, \$8 Adults, \$5 Child, night of Rodeo \$10 Adults, \$5 Child. For more information visit the Choctaw Roundup Club facebook page or contact **Rusty Moreland** at **405-308-6433.**

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. You may register at the library or by calling **390-8418 ext 3.** For more information visit www.metrolibrary.org

Yoga in the Library - **Every Wednesday** at **7-8pm** - Adults 18+ Please bring a yoga mat and a bottle of water. Limited extra yoga mats will be available for those who do not have one but still want to try something new!

Page Turners Book Club - **Sunday, August 5th** - **2-3:30pm** - Adults 18+ This month we'll be reading books with blue covers. Any genre, any book, as long as it's blue.

Children Reading to Dogs - **Wednesday, August 15th** - **4-5pm** - Children 5-12 Young readers build "pawsitive" self-esteem, self-confidence and im-

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

7 PM

City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **Aug 7th & 21st**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Aug 2nd**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **Aug 14th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **Aug 27th**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority **Old Germany Restaurant: Aug 29th**

prove their reading skills while reading aloud to certified therapy dogs.



City Manager Corner

It has been a very busy Summer so far and I have been remiss in getting updates out to you! Here are a few nuggets from your City Manager. I hope everyone enjoyed the Choctaw Fourth of July event in Choctaw Creek Park. We had water inflatable rides for the kids which seemed to be a hit. Cornhole tournament for the adults which was won by a team of Cornhole professionals—for the 2nd year in a row my wife and I were eliminated in the first round—I need to invest in Cornhole boards for the back yard and step up my game. We will be back next year and hope to do better. We had 9 food trucks, water balloon toss, water pistol tag, a DJ, and ended the evening with a Fireworks show by our very own hometown fireworks guru, Rudy. Our new Parks and Recreation Director, Tanner McGuire and his team planned the event and I have heard nothing but positive comments. We hired Tanner

from the City of Moore where he was working as a Program Director for the Parks and Recreation Department. He comes with many new ideas, municipal experience, and has already put together a few great events. Look for a new playground to open in Choctaw Creek Park before the end of the month, as well as a few more unique events like the “Play in the Park” for kids.

Bouse Sports Complex started up last month with Intramural Kickball, Softball, and a Champions Tournament. Intramural sports and the Champions Tournament are offerings the City has not had in the past and seems to be well received. The complex was packed with the tournament, a players competition, and players party. We started a great Summer tradition to fill the gap between Spring Ball and Fall Ball. The Bouse Sports Complex team, led by Missy Jennings and Tori White, did an outstanding job and kicked the Summer season off on the right foot.

Improvements at the golf course continue with the hire of our new Club Manager Stuart Drake. Stuart brings an abundance of golf, marketing, and a great deal of customer service experience. He has already planned for a Club Championship and is engaged with the Choctaw Golfing Community. Aron, our Superintendent, continues with course improvements. All 18 Greens are open for the first time since I started in March of 2017. Keep an eye on the City Social Media and Website for more programming and events from the Parks and Recreation team.

A few other improvements: A new City Website went live on 25 July. Tina Rodriguez and Daphne Young from the Admin team in City Hall worked diligently to transition

our current content to the new website. The new city website brings more functionality and information access to citizens. I believe it will be more transactional in terms of utility billing and customer feedback, easier to navigate, research information, or find and request city documents. We encourage citizen feedback on ways to make the site better.

The intersection repair work on 29th and Choctaw Road started in early July. We know re-routing traffic is an inconvenience but ask for your patience as we work to improve our roads in Choctaw. We all will be thankful and appreciate the end product at this busy intersection projected to be complete by mid-August.

We are working with Waste Connections on an initiative to pick up residential bulky trash once a month rather than wait to pick up every 6 months. Look for this to be rolled out in the next few months. We think this will be a great added benefit to our customers.

We are working a wide range of internal improvements to better serve the City, from replacing outdated Finance and HR Software, improving processes impacting customers, to hiring much needed staff. One last fun fact—Choctaw is growing, no doubt and we have a bright future. Some may think we are growing too fast and some may think we are not growing fast enough. Our Sales Tax intake last year totaled about \$6.6 Million, about \$450K more than the previous year and well up from just 3 years ago. However, to put our City sales tax in perspective with other cities we are often compared: Edmond \$61 Million, Moore \$38 Million, and Midwest City \$58 Million.



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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.choctawcity.org

Check it out!