



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

July 2017

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 week of **July 10th & 24th**.

City Hall Closed

The City of Choctaw will be closed on **Tuesday, July 4th**, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday. Trash service will not be affected and will run as regularly scheduled.

Fireworks Regulations

Reminder that fireworks can only be discharged on **July 1st through July 5th** between the hours of *9am and 10pm* on private property with owner's permission. On **July 4th** fireworks can be discharged from *9am to 11:30pm*. Fireworks are **prohibited** in all the City's parks. Have a safe and happy July 4th!

Choctaw Independence Day Celebration

Come celebrate Americas birthday in Choctaw on **July 4th** from *12pm-4pm* on **Main Street between Gilbert Street and 1st Street**.

There will be food, music, water slides, and carnival games for the whole family to enjoy. We will also have a Cornhole tournament with youth and adult divisions. We will offer cash prizes for the adults and trophies to the youth winners. You can register at **City Hall (2500 N Choctaw Rd)**. **Cost is \$5**, and the deadline to register is *June 30th*. We will also have a Beer Garden at this event. So before the fireworks pop, stop by, cool off, get some food, relax at the Choctaw Independence Day Celebration!

Choctaw Community Heroes Celebration/Tractor Pull

Come Honor and celebrate civil service groups that serve Choctaw on **July 8th** at **Choctaw Creek Park** by the Large Pavilion. The Community Heroes event will run from *11am to 3pm* and the Tractor Pull event will run from *11am to 5pm*.

There will be Police, Fire, American Legion, FFA, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, JROTC. We will have waterslides to cool you down while you are having fun there. And while you are doing all of that, step over to the Tractor Pull event. There will be 3 divisions, Farm Stock, Modified, and Open that will compete for prizes. If you are interested in being apart of this competition contact **Terry Tate at 405-249-7755**. It should be a fun, tractor-pullin' time!

Blood Drive

There will be a Blood Drive at **City Hall, located at 2500 Choctaw Rd**, on **July 26th** from *10am to 4pm*. This event is coordinated by the American Red Cross and students of Choctaw High School. You can register to be a donor for this event online at <https://esibelarecprod.redcrossblood.com/eevents/enu/start.swe?SWECmd=Start&SWEHo=esibelarecprod.redcrossblood.com>

Choctaw Senior Center

On the **3rd** we will celebrate Independence Day. There will be hotdogs and balloon volleyball. Each person will bring something to either put on the hot dog or a side to go with the hot dog. We will be closed **Tuesday, July 4th** in observance of Independence Day. There will be a nurse at the Center **Monday, July 10th and 17th** from *10:30pm to 11:30pm* checking blood pressure levels and answering any questions you might have. Friday, **July 14th** at *10:45* ABC Medicare Plans will come out and enroll eligible seniors into the Extra Help Plan. Extra Help can assist with out of pocket costs associated with medicine and medical services. If you need assistance with premiums or any other prescription or medicare expense, please attend this session. The GateKeeper presentation has been rescheduled for **Friday, July 21st** at *10:30*. Come find out what services are available to assist seniors. "Eat This Not That", now doesn't that sound like some information we can all use? This presentation will focus on how to eat healthy at popular restaurants. Depression is a major issue among senior citizens. **Monday, July 31st** at *10:30*, Julie Sumners from the Mental Health Assoc. will talk to us about combating adult depression. 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*.

- Mondays – Knitting & Crocheting
- Tuesdays – Bingo
- Wednesdays – Devotion
- Thursdays – Bingo
- Fridays – Classes & Workshops
- Daily – Card Games / Dominoes
- Shopping at Walmart – Tuesdays after Lunch (call for pickup)**

For daily menu and activities, go to www.choctawcity.org, click on "Living in Choctaw", then click on "Choctaw

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

7 PM

City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **July 18th (no meeting on 4th due to holiday)**

Planning Commission Meeting: **July 6th**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **July 11th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **July 24th**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Old Germany Restaurant): **July 26th**

Senior Center". For transportation to the Senior Center or to Wal-Mart, call **390-8040**. We are located at **14653 Dean Street**. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday **9:00am to 1:00pm**. We serve our meals at **11:30am** each day. Please call for a meal reservation, no later than **12:00 noon** the day before you plan to attend. *We can't wait to see you!!*

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

Fraud Protection with the AARP **July 9th 2-3pm** - Adults

Neighborhood Arts (different performers each week) **Every Wednesday** from **2-3pm** - All ages

Life-Sized Games **July 21-22 2-4pm** - All ages

Mail Art **July 11th 6-7pm** - Teens and Adults.

City Manager Talk

Hello Choctaw! We are continuing this month with my management philosophy and style. The #2 priority focus area is instilling the habit of "Building Partnerships". During the first 3 weeks on the job I spent most of my time meeting City Staff, surrounding City Managers/Mayors, Tinker Air Force Base Leadership, Chamber, business people, State Capitol players, supporting organizations like Oklahoma Municipal Assurance Group and Oklahoma Municipal League, and Choctaw citizens. Building partnerships is key in any successful organization, especially when you need help, advice, or just talking about the news—you never know when you might need help or have opportunity to help another party. It builds trust, ultimately making the office, department, city, county, or state a stronger organization. Creating these relationships and attending to the care and feeding of the relationship is important to expanding circles of influence. Critical I think to the City of Choctaw in our moving forward in the future. More to follow....

2017-2018 Choctaw City Budget

On behalf of the entire Choctaw team, I am pleased to present the FY 2017/2018 Proposed Budget. The fiscal year 2017/2018 Proposed Budget is my first as City Manager of Choctaw and I hope just one of many more Proposed Annual Budgets to come as I make Choctaw my Hometown. While putting this proposal together, team Choctaw's overarching focus was on "Taking Care of People"; our entire reason for being. Team Choctaw takes care of people by providing 3 major functions for the City: Public Safety, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation. The underlying supporting elements to the 3 functions are a qualified staff and eco-

nomie development. Like it or not, we live and die as a city by the sales tax revenues generated by local business. The glue holding all this together is a positive Choctaw image or Brand and how we as a team communicate Choctaw's image and brand to the citizens, businesses and outside community. Therefore the overarching philosophy used to pull this fiscal budget together was based on the structure described above.

The core principles used in formulating the proposed budget for how we, Team Choctaw, take care of people are 1) the proposed budget is a collaborative effort involving City staff, Council, and Citizens, 2) the proposed budget is tied to the Comprehensive Master Plan and is goal driven, 3) the proposed budget builds a foundation to manage future growth, 4) the proposed budget modernizes processes and procedures in delivering services, 5) the proposed budget keeps closing the gap on staff salaries, compared to the rest of Oklahoma.

With "Taking Care of People" and the principles I outlined above in mind, below are the highlights of the proposed budget. For all funds we estimate overall revenues and expenditures to the proposed budget will be just over \$23M and \$18M respectively, leaving an overall fund balance after all is said and done of \$7.9M, very healthy.

2017/2018 Budget is available for viewing on our webpage at choctaw-city.org/city-councilchoctaw-utilities-authority/

Employment Openings

The City has many Employment Openings including Firefighter, Street Laborer, Water Laborer, Park Laborer, Seasonal Parks and Golf, and others. Visit choctawcity.org/employment-openings for a complete list.



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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!