



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" September 2017

## Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-8276
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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 **September 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**.

## City Hall Closure

City Hall will be closed on **September 4<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Labor Day. Trash services will be unaffected and will run as regularly scheduled.

## Oktoberfest

Old Germany Restaurant is once again hosting Oktoberfest in **Choctaw Creek Park, September 1<sup>st</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup>**. Hours are 5pm to Mid-night Monday through Friday and Noon to Midnight Saturday, Sunday and Labor Day.

There will be 2000 seats with some 50,000 people in attendance over the span of the event. There will be live German Music all 9 days during open hours. Old Germany Restaurant will

be serving many of their favorite foods like Smoked Porkchops (Rippchen), Bratwurst, Smoked Bratwurst, Grilled Chickens, Schweinshaxen (Hamhocks), Schnitzel Sandwiches, Corndogs for the kids, real German Pretzels, Potato Pancakes with Apple sauce, Apple Strudel, German Beers and German wine. There is a huge kids area so bring your whole family.

**Admission is \$5 per person (Kids under 12 Free) and parking is free.** For more information visit [www.oldgermany.com](http://www.oldgermany.com)

## Oktoberfest 100 Bike Ride

The Choctaw Parks Foundation is excited to announce the Oktoberfest 100 Bike Ride (formerly the Choctaw Land Run Bike Ride) will be held **September 9<sup>th</sup>** to coincide with Old Germany Restaurant's Oktoberfest. The Oktoberfest Bike Ride supports the NE 23rd Street Historical Sculpture Gardens' Perpetual Care Fund for the continued maintenance and improvement of the Gardens.

Courses include a 23 mile, 32 mile, 43 mile and 62 mile course, and registration fees are **\$25-\$30** depending on the course. For more information visit [www.choctawcity.org/choctaw-bike-ride](http://www.choctawcity.org/choctaw-bike-ride) or contact **Jeff Hogan or Meredith Bailey at 405-390-1731**.

## CNP Education Foundation Shrimp Boil

Save the Date! The second annual CNP Education Foundation shrimp boil is **September 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm** at the Choctaw Creek Pavilion. Great food, live auction, silent dessert auction and much more. Buy your tickets early by calling **Christina at (405) 640-2553** or [tcrelbarnes@gmail.com](mailto:tcrelbarnes@gmail.com)

## Bazaar & Bake Sale

The United Methodist Women of Choctaw United Methodist Church will hold their 6th Annual Bazaar & Bake Sale on **September 23<sup>rd</sup>**, from 9am to 3pm. There will be baked goods, jewelry, home décor, sewing & fabric art, quilted items, candy, crocheted items, candles, gift items and much more. We will have over 30 vendors selling both commercial and homemade items. Come check us out and get a head start on your holiday shopping. Choctaw United Methodist Church is located at **1200 N. Choctaw Road**.

## Reminder School is Back in Session

The Choctaw Police Department would like to remind drivers to watch out for children at bus stops and traveling to and from school, and to be aware that School Zone Speed Reductions are back in effect. Please drive safely and be aware of children in the area.

## DMC School of Dance Open House and Benefit Bash

DMC School of Dance is hosting an open house and Benefit Bash on **Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>**. We are raising money for the Karey Rolland Memorial Fund, that helps provide dance scholarships for lessons and incidentals. The bash will include food, games, pictures with princesses, crafts, and raffle drawings. It will be on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00-5:00 pm at DMC School of Dance, 9110 Harmony Dr, Midwest City.

The Karey Rolland Memorial fund is very important to us at DMC School of Dance and we would like to thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you on September 9<sup>th</sup> for a day of fun!

## Choctaw Senior Center

Come Join Us for a Hot Meal, Coffee, Panera Bread Sweets, Dominos, Cards, Bingo, Devotion Services, Knitting,

Visit us online at [www.choctawcity.org](http://www.choctawcity.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: **Sept 5th & 19th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Sept 7th**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **Sept 12th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **Sept 25th**

**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Old Germany Restaurant): **Sept 27th**

Crocheting and Information.

Featured This Month: Storytime-8<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30

Over Medicating-15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:45

Agape Comprehensive Health Services-22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:45

**CLOSED Monday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** for Labor Day

Shopping at Walmart – (call for pickup)

For daily menu and activities, go to [www.choctawcity.org/senior-center](http://www.choctawcity.org/senior-center). For transportation services call the Senior Center at (405) 390-8040.

Choctaw Senior Center is located at **14653 Dean Street**. The Senior Center is open **Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Lunch is served at **11:30**. **Reservations are required for lunch.**

### **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](http://www.metrolibrary.org)

Talk of the Town Orchestra post-Labor Day concert—**Sept 5<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8pm**, All Ages

Tiny Houses and Small Space Living—**Sept 10<sup>th</sup> 2pm-3:30pm**, Adults

Mobile Makerspace-Basics of Soldering—**Sept 14<sup>th</sup> 4pm to 5:30pm**, Teens

The Basics of Alzheimer's—**Sept 21<sup>st</sup> 10am-11am**, Adults

### **City Manager Potpourri**

A big thank you to all who attended the City's Main Street 4th of July celebration. We will be sure to make this an annual event for the Citizens of Choctaw moving forward. Weather cooperated and it was a pleasure to see the joy on children's faces as they played on the water inflatables your Parks and Recreation staff acquired for the event. I also observed many happy parents relaxing under the shade tent enjoying lunch with their favorite beverage. Looking to the future the city is planning a Main Street Christmas Tree lighting event for early December—stay tuned for date and details.

Recreation and Open Spaces efforts. With the new budget passed the City has a few improvements on the horizon for your parks and open spaces. Prior to the end of the fiscal year staff installed "pet stations" along Choctaw Creek Trail to make it more convenient for pet owners to take care of and dispose of their pets' waste. Staff is working with the Choctaw Youth Soccer community on the possibility of clearing a regulation space for a soccer field just South of the Farmers Market area. The City acquired a grant from the Rotary Club to place 6 exercise stations and fall zones along the Choctaw Creek Trail to promote healthy outdoor exercise. The project is set to start early Fall. Recreation staff is working with vendors on proposals for new playground equipment near the picnic area at the Main En-

trance of Choctaw Creek Park. Playground equipment will be a welcome addition to the park. Timing for a late Fall install. Researching costs for renovation and complete install of new toilet facilities at Choctaw Creek Park as well as renovation of pavilion roofs, installation of grills and new picnic tables around picnic areas of Choctaw Creek Park. Following through with the comprehensive park plan, purchased new playground equipment to install near the splash pad of 10 Acre/Bouse Park. The City received grant money to construct trails connecting 10 Acre Lake and Bouse Park. The project is 55% complete and should be done by Christmas. Looking to the future, within the next 5 years, develop and execute a Parks and Open Spaces plan outlining a comprehensive approach to equipment replacement, facility repair and replacement, programming, and new community recreation space requirements.

Contrary to some Social Media posts, the Animal Welfare Contract with Midwest City is not cancelled. I attended a meeting this week in Midwest City to discuss the possibility of setting up a cooperative committee to look at options for an Eastern Oklahoma County regional facility where multiple cities would contribute to the operation and funding. Much more to follow...

Roads improvement. Met with Oklahoma Department of Transportation to discuss a project for 23rd and Indian Meridian. The City budgeted for a milling and overlay for a portion of Indian Meridian connecting to 23rd to smooth this road out a bit. The city also budgeted for a milling and overlay of Choctaw and 29th, and 10th and Indian Meridian. These projects should start late fall depending on equipment availability and funding.

Much more to follow...



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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](http://www.choctawcity.org)

**Check it out!**