



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" December 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 pickup will occur in the weeks of: **December 10<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.**



## City Hall Closed for Holidays

City Hall will be closed on **Monday and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Christmas. Trash services will run one day behind for the remainder of the week. We will also be closed on **Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>** to celebrate the New Year Holiday, and trash services will run one day behind for the remainder of the week.



## Christmas in Choctaw

The City presents our annual Christmas in Choctaw event on Saturday, **December 1st**, from **1:00 pm-4:00 pm** at the Choctaw Creek Golf Course, 2200 N. Hiwassee. Bring the kids to meet Santa and share in some holiday entertainment with storytellers, a magic shows, arts & crafts, and a Candy Cane Hunt.

After your visit with Santa, head over to the corner of Main Street and Gilbert for our 2nd Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at **5:30 pm**. There will be caroling, hot chocolate, and plenty of holiday spirit as we light the Christmas tree on Main Street. Both events are free to the public, we hope to see you there!



## Holiday Market

The Westfall Winter Wonderland at Westfall Elementary is **December 1<sup>st</sup>**, from **9:00 am-3:00 pm**.



## Winter Driving Safety Tips

When winter weather is upon us, it's time to make plans for the possibility of ice and snow. Therefore, the City and County leaders from across the OKC Metro Area have worked to develop a regional snow route map that highlights the best route choices for motorists when inclement winter weather strikes.

This snow route information is available on the City of Choctaw website, at <https://mychoctaw.org/190/Winter-Driving-Snow-Route-Map>.

Also keep in mind these precautions to keep you safe when driving on snow and ice:

- ◆ Drive slower.
- ◆ Watch out for black ice, which often forms on bridges and in shaded areas.
- ◆ Give yourself room to stop by not following as closely as you would in clear driving conditions.
- ◆ Do not use cruise control.
- ◆ Check the pressure in your tires.
- ◆ Make sure your car's anti-freeze level is adequate.
- ◆ Use a windshield wiper fluid that doesn't freeze.
- ◆ Pay special attention to the other drivers on the road, they may be driving as if road conditions are ideal.

We hope following these precautions will keep you and your family safe when winter weather hits.



## Extra Patrol

Going out of town for the holidays? The Choctaw Police Department is here to help you keep an eye on your home while you are away. Just contact the Police Department to let them know your address, dates you will be away, and contact information, and they will provide an Extra Patrol watch to drive by and look for suspicious activity. For more information or to report your absence, please call **405-769-3821**.



Visit us online at [www.mychoctaw.org](http://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: **Dec 4th & 18th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Dec 6th**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **cancelled**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **No meeting due to holiday**

**4:30 PM**

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



**Choctaw Senior Center**

Don't sit at home and fall victim to the holiday blues. If you are age sixty (60) or older, come join us at the Choctaw Senior Center. If you need a ride, give us call. This is an excellent time to make some new friends!

If you don't feel like cooking or you find it difficult to cook or grocery shop, come enjoy delicious and nutritious meals served **Monday thru Friday** at **11:30 am**. (Prior Meal Reservation Required)

Some of the events this month include Oral Health & Oral Cancer Screenings, **Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>** at **10:45am**. For a full calendar of activities, see the city website at <https://mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center> and then click on the link for the events calendar. For a calendar of the daily lunch menu, click on the link under "Lunch."

The senior center will be closed **Monday and Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>** for Christmas break.

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. For information about any event, transportation to the Senior Center or to Wal-Mart, and to make lunch reservations, please call **405-390-8040** between **9:00am and 1:00pm**. 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. For events, you may register at the library or by calling **390-8418 ext 3**. For more information visit [www.metrolibrary.org/choctaw-library](http://www.metrolibrary.org/choctaw-library).

**Tuesdays@9:30** - Toddlertime  
**Tuesdays@10:30** - Storytime

A few of this month's events include: **December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00-3:00pm** - Crochet Club, welcoming to beginners, bring your knitting and crochet projects and spend an afternoon with crafty folks in your community.

**December 11<sup>st</sup>, 6:30-8:00pm** - DIY Wrapping Paper

And most importantly: **December 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-6:00pm** - **Open House**, during which staff is on hand to guide you through the pop-up story times, blind date with a book, holiday make-n-takes, and more! Prizes, crafts, neighbors! Come see what the library is all about!



**Cancer Support Group Meetings**

Come join cancer fighters going through treatments and those who have "beat it." Come talk with those who have either walked or are walking a similar mile.

This group is very supportive as it involves individuals who have come to understand challenges dealing with cancer treatment because of personal involvement in a similar experience. Virtues of listening, encouragement, and comfort that aren't in books or doctor's offices can be found here.

This group is made up of people who share a camaraderie, who meet together to share their experiences and provide emotional support for one another, because having cancer is often one of the most stressful experiences in a person's life. This group helps you cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by providing a place to share feelings and challenges, helping you realize that "You Are Not Alone!"

The Cancer Support group meets at Grace Bible Church located at 15012 SE 29th Street, on **Tuesday evenings** at **6:30 pm**. For more information call 405-694-0434.



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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](http://www.mychoctaw.org)  
**Check it out and subscribe!**