



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

April 2019

Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-8276
Code Enforcement	405-281-6869
Court Clerk	405-390-3333
Permits/Licenses	405-390-2999
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

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the week of: **March 4th & 18th**.

Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Your bulk trash pick-up is scheduled as follows: If your **regular** trash day is:

- Monday = **1st Thursday** of the month
- Tuesday** = **2nd Thursday** of month
- Wednesday = **3rd Thursday** of month
- Thursday/Friday** = **4th Thursday**



Local Elections

Get out and vote on **April 2nd**. In Choctaw there will be elections for City Council Ward 1, 3, and 6, and the Mayor. Local polling places are open

from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm on this day. For more information, please call the Oklahoma County Election Board at 405-713-1515 or visit their website at <https://www.oklahoma-county.org/388/Election-Board>.



Easter Egg Hunt

The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on **April 20th** at Choctaw Creek Park, located at **2001 N Harper**, from **10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Staff and volunteers hide about 15,000 candy-filled eggs in the designated park areas for five different age groups, up to twelve years old. This year we are happy to have First Baptist Church of Choctaw, the Choctaw Public Library, SWM & Sons, and BancFirst as sponsors, along with the City of Choctaw. Join us under the large pavilion for pictures with the Easter bunny, and children can make their own Easter decoration. There will be face-painting, train rides, inflatables, food trucks, and more! The first egg hunt will be at **11:00 am**, with the lowest age group going first. Then stay and enjoy all the activities and food, we hope to see you there!



City-wide Garage Sale Day

The City-wide Garage Sale Day will be held on **Saturday, May 4th**. Permit fees are waived for this day, so come to City Hall and pre-register! Fees still apply for permits for additional days and the purchase of signs. Maps and lists of participating sale addresses will be available at City Hall on **May 3rd**, and on our website.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

The City of Choctaw will be hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event at the Choctaw Creek Park on **May 11th, 9:00 am - 11:00 am**, under the large pavilion. Items must be residential waste only, and you must pre-register by calling 405-390-2999 or you may register online at: <https://mychoctaw.org/246/Collection-Event>.

You will need to bring your utility bill with you to the event. For a list of items accepted, please visit <http://midwestcityok.org/household-hazardous-waste-fact-sheet>. Please direct questions to Chad Denson at 405-390-2999.



Rock the Park

Come join us for some fun in the sun! Choctaw Creek Park will host live music and more on **May 18th**, from **5:00 pm to 11:00 pm**. The “Rock the Park” event includes inflatables, food trucks, games, and of course, live music! This event is free to the public and we invite everyone to stop by, get some food, cool off, relax, and enjoy as we Rock the Park! Musical lineup includes the Taylor Atkinson Band, The Big Cheese, and the Jason Young Band. Food truck lineup includes: Amici in Movimento, Blue J’s Rollin’ Grill, Blue J’s Happy Wagon, I Don’t Know & I Don’t Care, and Phill Me Up Cheesesteaks. Don’t miss out, there won’t be a better way to spend your Saturday night!



Choctaw Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at **14653 Dean Street**. The Senior Center is open **Monday through Friday**,

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: Mar 5th & 19th

Planning Commission Meeting: Mar 7th

Public Recreation Advisory Board: Mar 12th

Board of Adjustments (as needed): Mar 25th
4:30 PM

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

9:00am to 1:00pm. Lunch is served at 11:30. **Reservations are required for lunch.** For more information or to sign up for a meal or an event, call the Senior Center at (405) 390-8040 between 9:00 am & 1:00 pm.

On **Apr 5th**-10:45 am, “**Headaches Decoded,**” please join us for this important and informative class!

The Senior Center will be closed **April 19th**, in observance of Good Friday. For daily menu & activities calendars, go to <https://mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center>.

The Senior Center has lots to offer including daily lunch, games, books, and music to enjoy, as well as plenty of company. Here are some of our weekly events:

Mondays—SALT/TRIAD every **2nd Monday** at 9:30am;

Apr 15th—Blood Pressure Clinic, 10:30am

Tuesdays—Bingo at 10:00am

Wednesdays—Devotion at 10:30am

Thursdays—Bingo at 10:00am

Fridays—Games



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, including a calendar of events, visit www.metrolibrary.org.

This month's events include:

Apr 4th-4:00-7:30 pm, **Peep Party!** Show your creativity while we build and play with peeps. All ages.

Apr 9th-7:00-8:00 pm, **Growing Cacti and Succulents**, featuring Certified Master Gardener Freddy Hill.

Apr 22nd-9:30-10:00 am, **Messy Art**, Encouraging children to experiment and build self-confidence and fine motor skills! For children under 5.

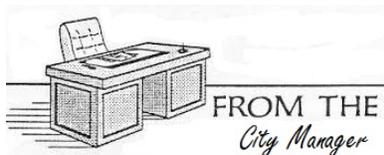
Apr 24th-4:00-5:00 pm, **Real Life Angry Birds**, Forget the app and come build your own towers, fling objects at rival towers, and make new friends! Ages 5-12.

Apr 28th-2:00-3:00 pm, **Fresh From the Market**, OSU Extension Specialist Taylor Conner explains how to tell what's in season, if it's ripe, plus sample fresh produce and get great recipes!



Resources

Need help with healthcare, housing, food, clothing, or utility assistance? **Call 211**. It's a 24-hour resource to provide referrals to community-based services for everyday needs or in times of crisis or disaster. Talk to someone who cares and knows where to go for help - **Call 211**.



Team Choctaw! Today's topic is the Downtown Master Plan. The City is not going to take any land from any

citizen to revitalize the Downtown Central Business District. Over the past few weeks, City Hall has fielded multiple calls and walk ins from concerned citizens asking when and if the city plans to take their property. Quite frankly, this is a bad rumor. For reference, the Choctaw Comprehensive Master Plan was created by a joint effort between Choctaw City staff, the Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee, the Planning Commission, the City Council, the residents of Choctaw, local business owners, and the consultant team. If you are interested in what the committee and you, the citizens, came up with, see pages 155 – 170 of the plan on the City web site under Departments, Development Services, Planning. The goal of the Downtown Revitalization is: Create an active, small-scale downtown area that provides a destination point within Choctaw. This will take many years as people move out, move in, rebuild, and build new.

The contractor responsible for development of the Comprehensive Master Plan was hired last year to work a more in-depth conceptual plan to Chapter 10 of the Comprehensive Master Plan—specific to Downtown. The conceptual plan essentially puts “meat to the bones” of Chapter 10 and will focus on the development of “Place Making.” A destination—mainly for those that live in Choctaw. The City of Choctaw is currently working with a Design/Build team to make this Main Street “Destination” a reality. The starting point is to build a structure on City-owned property and, in the process, entice local/regional business and retail to Choctaw. Bottom-line, the only entity that will lose property or be required to relocate is the Choctaw Christmas Tree. More to follow...



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Did you know?

The City Council agendas, as well as all of the back-up information, are available on the City's web-site at: www.mychoctaw.org
Check it out and subscribe today!