



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

June 2019

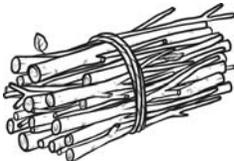
## Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-1121
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

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur in the weeks of: **June 10th & 24th.**



## Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Bulk trash is picked up based on your regular trash day. Find your trash day to see what day each month your Bulk Pick-Up will occur:

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

## Splash Pads Open

Both the Barrel Springs Splash Pad and Bouse Park/Alexis Clark Water Park are open as of **May 24<sup>th</sup>** and will remain open until **September 3<sup>rd</sup>**.



## Play N Park

Don't forget we will be out at a different park **each Friday morning, 10-11am**, to encourage kids to get outside, play in parks, learn about nutrition, and make new friends. As an added bonus, every child will receive one free sno-cone at the end of the event. See you there!

- June 7<sup>th</sup>** - Optimist Park
- June 14<sup>th</sup>** - Lloyd Williamson Park
- June 21<sup>st</sup>** - Ten Acre Lake Park
- June 28<sup>th</sup>** - Bouse Park

## Farmer's Market

The 2019 Farmer's Market season kicks off **June 1<sup>st</sup>**, and is open every Saturday through the month of October. Located at 2001 N. Harper Road at Choctaw Creek Park, booths may open at **8:00 am** and stay as late as **12:00 pm**. Come peruse the Oklahoma-grown and made products available, which in the past has ranged from eggs, fruits, vegetables, grains, soaps, lotions, to honey and more.

We've also added a Friday Night Farmer's Market, held **each Friday night through September, 6-9pm**. You can get great food from local food trucks and fresh offerings from the Farmer's Market vendors. Don't miss it! Interested in being a vendor? Call Matt Floyd at 405-326-5708.



## Kid's Fishing Derby

Held at Ten Acre Lake, which is stocked with many kinds of fish including catfish, bass, and perch, we invite kids ages 3 to 16 for an exciting and fun-filled day of fishing. The event is free and bait is provided! The 2019 Fishing Derby will be held on

**Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**. Registration begins at **7:00am** and fishing begins at **8:00am**. The event concludes at **11:00am**, but you may stay and fish as long as you want. Food trucks will also be on site. For more information call Tanner McGuire at 405-281-6854.



## Independence Day Celebration

Held **July 4<sup>th</sup>** at Choctaw Creek Park, activities kick off at **3pm** with a Fireman's Obstacle Course, Touch-A-Truck display for kids to explore emergency and construction vehicles, inflatables, train rides, food trucks, all kinds of local vendor booths, and music! The Cornhole Tournament begins at **4:00pm**, so don't forget to register for that! We'll end the day with a fireworks display at **9:45pm**. See our website for more information or call 405-390-8198.



## Choctaw Senior Center

We are located at 14653 Dean Street and are open **Mon - Fri, 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Lunch is served at **11:30am**. 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 **9:00am & 1:00pm**. 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, music, as well as plenty of company. Here are some of our weekly events: **SALT/TRIAD - June 10<sup>th</sup>** at **9:30 am** **Bingo-Tuesdays/Thursdays** at **10:00am** **Blood Pressure Clinic - June 17<sup>th</sup>** at **10:30 am**

Visit us online at [www.mychoctaw.org](http://www.mychoctaw.org) for even more information.

**Board / Commission Meeting Dates**

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

**7 PM**

City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **June 4th & 18th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **June 6th**

Public Recreation Advisory Board Meeting: **June 11th**

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

**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw Creek Golf Course): **June 26th**

Devotion - Wednesdays at 10:30 am  
Games - Fridays

This month's special presentations:  
Quante Metoyer Counseling Services- **June 24th** at 11:00 am  
"Staying Social: How to Do it Right," **June 28th** at 10:45 am.

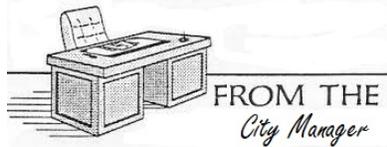


**Choctaw Library**

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System, located at 2525 Muzzy St., offers many excellent programs for patrons of all ages. To register for a program, call (405) 390-8418 ext 3. Visit their website to view a full calendar of events and more at [www.metrolibrary.org](http://www.metrolibrary.org). Here are just a few of the events going on in June:

**Neighborhood Arts, Wednesdays in June, 2-3pm**, all ages - Join us for a fun summer concert series, including Adam and Kizzie, OKC Improv, magician Michael Corley, and more!  
**Foraging and Wildcrafting, June 18th, 7-8pm**, adults - Herbalist & heritage wildcrafter Jenny Solidago Mansell will share this tradition that encompasses respect for plants and their habitats, how to identify several common wild plants and their edible and herbal uses.

**After the Lights Go Out!, June 25th, 7-8pm**, ages 18 and up - Have you ever thought about what it would be like when the grid goes down, society as we know it is in ruins, and the world is seconds away from an impending biological threat? Come on down for an immersive, DIY survivalist adventure and learn that it doesn't mean the end of fun!



**City Manager's Corner**

A lot goes on behind the scenes no one sees, and I want to talk about some projects that have big impact, but will mainly go unnoticed.

One of the first actions I took as your City Manager was to commission an assessment of our Roads—the City of Choctaw maintains 140 miles of streets in a 27 square mile area. Budget carryover projected for this year, after the City pays bills, is \$145,000. Staff completed the assessment in 2018 and our original plan was to start on the worst and work down the list in a non-political Public Servant method. Two things became readily apparent after analyzing the scope of the list, talking with Council, Staff, Citizens, and looking at road projects from the past.

1) Budget--completing even one mile section of road presents a challenge—average cost per mile section of road repair runs \$2 - \$4 million.

2) Roads are political--Everyone's feels their road is the worst.

To help solve the math, prioritization of fixes, and address the politics, the Mayor established a Roads Committee. The Committee, to date, is made up of 2 Council Members and 5 Citizens from multiple Wards, the CNP School Superintendent, and the EOC Tech Center Superintendent. Two City Staff, the City Attorney, and Mu-

nicipal Financial Advisor will be available to the Committee as resources for legal, technical, and funding advice. The Committee's task is to use the current assessment as a guide, research and produce options to fund and fix roads, present recommended options to Council for consideration to then bring to the Citizens.

In talking about water, a city's ability to store water is very important. Storage impacts water pressure, water quality, and availability of water for daily use and emergencies. One project the Public Works team is about to complete—bringing on-line the 36th Street 250,000-gallon storage tank. This is significant, as the City on average uses about 600,000 gallons of water every day. In the summer this number can be upwards of 1 million gallons per day. A couple other projects the team is working—looping the water system along Harper serving Old Town, and the installation of 1.5 miles of water line to service Anderson & 15th Street. Looping water systems ensures residents do not lose water during water main-line breaks because the City can isolate and fix the break with minimal service interruption to Citizens. This also drives homeowner's insurance rates down with the resulting ISO Ratings for Fire Safety. As development comes to Choctaw, it is very important for City Planners to account for the new load they present to the current capacity and plan for future development and maintenance.

As I hope some have noticed, the city-owned house to the north of the Cemetery was demolished, creating a nice space for either a pavilion or parking. Along the road we are putting in a nice white fence to enhance the look of the cemetery. The fence will run the length of the west side, adding a quaintness to our hometown cemetery. Just some of the small improvements that enhance the livability of our city.

--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.mychoctaw.org](http://www.mychoctaw.org)

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