



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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



Offices Closed

City Hall and its offices will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, **Sept. 2nd**. Trash services will NOT be affected and will run as normal.

Recycling Schedule

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **Sept. 2nd, 16th & 30th**.

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

Cox Payments No Longer Accepted

As of **October 1st, 2019**, City Hall will no longer be a payment drop-off location for your Cox services. As always you may make payments online, by phone, or simply add a stamp to the envelope and mail your

payment in. You may also pay in person at the nearest Cox Solutions store, located at 7199 SE 29th Street in Mid-west City



Food Truck Fridays

Join us for lunch on **Fridays through September 27th** at the corner of Main & Gilbert. Each Friday from **11:00am to 2:00pm** there will be food trucks, music, lawn games, and lots of fun! Don't miss it!

Movie N the Park

Join us at the Bouse Sports Complex for a cinema under the stars! Bring your blankets and chairs and enjoy popcorn as we watch a classic sports movie, "The Sandlot," on **Sept. 27th** at **7:30 PM**.

Cowboy Days

Hope Retreat Ranch hosts its 4th Annual Cowboy Days on Saturday, **Sept. 21st** from **10:00am to 4:00pm**. Located at 2320 S. Sandwood Ave. in Choctaw, you can enjoy live bluegrass music, hay rides, face painting, various vendors and concessions, cowboy poetry, square dancing, games, and activities. Entry is free and all ages are welcome. Visit Facebook for rain-out information and more. "Enriching people's lives through the use of nature, health, and horsemanship."

Shrimp Boil

The 4th Annual Choctaw-Nicoma Park Schools Foundation Shrimp Boil will be Saturday, **October 5th** at the large pavilion at Choctaw Creek Park from **10:00AM to midnight**. There will also be a silent auction, live auction, fun, and of course, delicious food. All proceeds go to support the students and teachers of CNP schools. Tickets are \$500 for a corporate table and \$25 for an individual seat. To purchase tickets, email Christina at

tcrelbarnes@gmail.com or call 405-640-2553. Tickets are limited, so get yours today and don't miss out on a great evening!

Choctaw Senior Center

We are located at 14653 Dean Street and are open **Mon - Fri, 9:00am to 1:00pm**. We have lots to offer, including daily Lunch served at **11:30am**, games, books, music, and great company. 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>.

Here are some of our weekly events:

Monday, Sept. 9th & 16th - Blood Pressure Clinic at **10:30am**

Tuesday/Thursday - Bingo at **10:00am**

Wednesdays - Devotion at **10:30am**

Fridays - Games

This month's special presentation: "Good Food For Your Gut," **Friday, Sept. 20th** at **10:45am**

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. Here are a few of the events coming up:

Babysitters' Workshop, Sept 5th, 4-6pm, Ages 12-18; Do you want to be the best babysitter in town? There's lots to learn from a pro. Join us to learn the basic of childcare!

Grow With Google: Coding Camp, Fridays, Sept. 6th-Oct. 25th, 4-5pm, Ages 9-14; This is an 8-week course made possible by a grant from Google, in which participants will learn coding and computer programming skills, and use those skills to create their own games and projects! Prior coding

Visit us online at 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: **Sept. 3rd & 17th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Sept. 5th**

Public Recreation Advisory Board Meeting: **September 10th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **September 23rd**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw Creek Golf Course): **Sept. 25th**

knowledge is not necessary. Chromebooks and wi-fi hotspots will be available to check out for self-guided learning between sessions. Participants are expected to attend all 8 sessions.

“Leaf” Summer Behind, Sept. 12th, 6:30-8pm, All ages; We’ll make a fall wreath, create a leaf sun-catcher, munch on autumnal snacks, and more! Crafts & activities for everyone, so stop by during this come-and-go event.

Hounds & Homework, Sept. 18th, 4-5pm, Ages 6-12; Build “paws-itive” self-esteem and improve your reading skills while reading aloud to certified therapy dogs. You can also team up with a local volunteer to get extra help on your homework!

Saturday Storytime, Sept. 21st, 10:00-10:45am, Ages birth to pre-k; Skilled librarians will introduce little ones to the library and show parents and caregivers invaluable information on reading readiness and creating excitement about reading. Connect with others while enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, finger plays, and more!

Science Explorers, Sept. 24th, 9:30-10:00am, Ages 0-3; and 10:30-11:15am for Ages 3-5; Scientists are made at a young age! Encourage your little Einstein to explore and experiment with different scientific concepts in this hands-on program. We will create fizzy art through a chemical reaction between baking soda & vinegar, balance objects

on a scale, create a lava lamp with oil & water, and much more!



Storm Water Management Tips

Fallen leaves and grass clippings can plug storm drains, flooding our roads and harming our creeks. When grass clippings and too many decomposing leaves are put in our streams, unnaturally high levels of nutrients can harm aquatic wildlife.

For best results, keep the mower blade sharp, and mow only when the grass is dry. Grass clippings are a free, high-nitrogen fertilizer. When clippings decompose, they release their nutrients back to the lawn. They contain nitrogen, potassium and phosphorous, as well as lesser amounts of other essential plant nutrients.

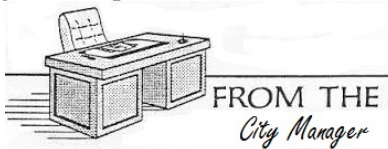
What we do on land affects our storm water. If it's on the ground, it's in your water. Please do your part and help keep it clean.

For more information, contact Development Services at (405) 390-2999.



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.



City Manager's Corner

As you know the City is in the process of upgrading our financial & utility billing software. The utility billing

side will transition in October. One of the benefits of this transition is there will no longer be the need for “door hangers” indicating late payments or shut-offs due to non-payment. All notifications will be noted on your utility bill. Customers will also have the option for paperless billing. Customers will need to opt-in and provide an email address.

Did you notice? The Best Western hotel contractor started back on site work. We hope to see a concrete pad and more construction by mid-September!

On the City downtown building: The City has a good cost estimate for construction and very nice marketing materials from the architect. The City will continue to work with the Design Build team to market, recruit tenants, and explore funding opportunities to make the Downtown start a reality. Council's desire is to fill the building with local businesses willing to commit to the revitalization of Downtown.

A shout-out to the Water and Street teams for their work on 23rd Street. Crews discovered a caved-in part of 23rd where a vacated sewer line failed. The team cut the road, concreted the compromised line, packed rock, and repaved. The road was back open August 20th. Thank you for your patience while we made the repairs!

What else is going on good in your City? I am taking some time to build partnerships at Tinker. I have the privilege this month to address graduates of the Tinker Airman Leadership School, new airman leaders. My focus will be positive servant leadership and how good leaders lift people up, not tear them down, how they listen to understand, know their people, and show they are human.

Did you know? The City website had the capability to send you notifications for regular meetings, special meetings, emergency outages, and the like? Visit our site at MyChoctaw.org and get signed up today!



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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

Check it out and subscribe!