



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **April 2020**

Contact Numbers

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| 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

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the weeks of: **April 13th & 27th**.



Monthly Bulk Trash Pick-up

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

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

Every month Waste Connections provides a curbside pick-up of as much as 3 cubic yards. As always, cardboard must be broken down, all trash must be contained in some way, if possible, such as bagged, boxed, or tied. All limbs should be in tied bundles, cut no longer than 4 feet. Please see our website for a more detailed list of items allowed / not allowed. This monthly pick-up also takes the place of the extra bags outside the trash can

that used to be allowed on a weekly basis. Now you should only be putting extra bags out on your bulk trash day.



Drive-Thru Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market has been modified to allow vendors to take orders and you to pick them up at the Choctaw Creek Park Farmer's Market area. Visit our web page more for: mychoctaw.org/340/Friday-Night-Farmers-Market. Please note that this is not a place to shop during this time, but a place to pick up your local favorites you've already ordered.

For more information, you can contact Matt Floyd at 405-326-5708 or find out all the vendors and their contact information at: www.facebook.com/floydfarmstead.



Choctaw Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at **14653 Dean Street**. The Senior Center is **closed until further notice** by direction of the Oklahoma County Health Department. When it is reopened we will post the information on the city webpage, as well as Facebook. For daily menu and event calendars, go to <https://mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center>.



Choctaw Public Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System, located at **2525 Muzzy Street**, The Metropolitan Library System is **closed until at least April 15th**. For more information, including a calendar of events, visit

metrolibrary.org/locations/Choctaw. Here are just a few of the events happening later this month, if possible, and please, check their website first, as things are changing every day:

Container Gardening—April 19th, 2-3:00pm, Adults; Container gardens can be utilitarian or decorative, depending on needs, budget, & inspiration. Master Gardener Cindy Schaefer will discuss planting options, irrigation, and all things related to container gardening in Oklahoma. Registration required.

Weird But True—April 22nd, 4-5:00pm, Ages 6-12; Did you know Big Bird is as tall as an ostrich? Or that Nintendo started as a card game company? Come learn these weird but true facts and more at your local library.

The Great Replicate—April 23rd, 3-5pm, Teens; A little history, a little art...come to The Great Replicate and recreate a famous painting in another era's style! Registration required.

Nature Explorers—April 28th, 9:30-10:00am and 10:30-11:15am, Ages 0-5; Celebrate Earth Day with us! Bring your little ones to the Choctaw Library to learn about the earth, nature, and the outdoors through sensory materials, special crafts, and fun hands-on activities. This program will replace our normal Toddler and Preschool Storytimes for the week.

Principles of Permaculture—April 28th, 7-8pm, Adults; Join us for Earth Day with Kathleen Huffman, Landscape Designer/Owner of The Repurposed Okie and The Repurposed Acre.



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.

Visit us online at www.mychoctaw.org for more information.

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

7 PM

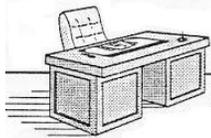
City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **April 7th & 21st**

Planning Commission Meeting: **April 2nd**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Apr. 14th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **April 20th**
4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Choctaw Creek Golf Course): **April 29th**



FROM THE
City Manager

City Manger's Corner

Hello Choctaw! It has been one heck of a two weeks. I am proud of your professional public servants working to protect you and keeping the city running through the COVID-19 emergency. I am even prouder to be associated with the leadership from your City Council. We really appreciate our Mayor and City Council for the leadership they showed in coordinating a resolution declaring a State of Emergency in the City of Choctaw through April 12th. Citizens and businesses alike were clamoring for guidance and consistent messaging. On top of that, we now have guidance from our Governor. For the latest information concerning the current state and who is impacted, visit the City of Choctaw website under the Public Safety tab.

Right now we are focused on Public Safety, Public Utilities & Infrastructure, Communications, and the safety of City Employees. City Hall is closed to the public, however, Staff is still hard at work behind-the-scenes fielding calls, taking phone payments for billing, and answering questions. We are working closely with the Chamber of Commerce and other enti-

ties to assist local business and explore innovative ways to continue to serve the public and businesses. One such idea is the concept of pre-ordering goods with drive-through pick-up at the Choctaw Creek Park Farmer's Market. Thanks to Matt Floyd of Matt's Bats for the idea! He is working closely with the Chamber and the City to contact businesses and advertise to citizens interested in participating. See the Choctaw Chamber and City Facebook feeds for more information.

Keep in mind the Governor's new proclamation emphasizing "Stay At Home" and social distancing. This order includes Choctaw. Adhere to the groupings of 10 or less and only go out for the essentials—food, doctor appointments, prescription refills, gas, etc. Keep this proclamation in mind when utilizing the Parks in Choctaw. CDC recommends getting fresh air, but congregating at park playgrounds, pavilions, and ball fields is not in-line with the Governor's proclamation. Utilize the drive-through services afforded by our local businesses. We all have to eat, you don't have to leave the car, and you are still supporting the economics of the community. Be cognizant of those with which you interact. We must protect our most vulnerable to this virus: those 65 years and older, immune-compromised, and those with other underlying health issues. The absolute best defense against the spread of the virus is very simple—Wash your hands.

As I stated above, there is City business that must go on. We are looking at options for teleconferencing the upcoming Council and Board meetings in accordance with the new statutory authority given through emergency laws dealing with the open meetings act. We are working hard on next year's budget and the impact this emergency will have on Sales Tax—the life-blood of our city operations. We just don't know right now. We are working behind the scenes on a

variety of Ordinance updates, and Zoning, Planning, Communications, and Economic Development strategies for the City. Even though the doors are closed, there is a bee-hive of activity going on in City Hall.

Last but not least, thank your Professional Public Servants when you see them. Your firefighters respond to emergencies not knowing what to expect and your police officers are doing the same. Your public works professionals are preparing for spring rains, working water and sewer lines, plant operations, and vehicle fleet services. Stay safe, wash your hands, and adhere to CDC guidance on social distancing.

From the World Health Organization,
DO THE FIVE:

1. HANDS—Wash them often
2. ELBOW—Cough into it
3. FACE—Don't touch it
4. FEET—Stay more than 3 feet apart
5. FEEL sick?—Stay home

OCCHD (Oklahoma City-County Health Department) phone bank hotline, 405-425-4489, currently staffed M-F, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Outside of those hours, please call the state hotline, which is operational 24 hours a day:

COVID-19
CALL CENTER
(877) 215-8336



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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 website: www.mychoctaw.org
Check it out and subscribe today!