



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

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

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur in the weeks of: **Aug. 3rd, 17th, & 31st.**



Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Bulk trash is picked up monthly based on your regular trash day. Find your trash day to see when 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

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. Re-opening information will be posted on the city webpage at <https://mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center>.



Choctaw Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System, located at 2525 Muzzy Street, is not open to the public for the safety of customers and staff. You may still return materials to the external book drop, place holds online, and pick up using curbside service. Hours for curbside pickup are Monday-Thursday 9am-7pm; Fridays 9am-6pm; Saturdays 9am-5pm; Sundays 1pm-6pm.

In-person programs are suspended, but many programs are available online. Registration is required to get the link for the class. For more information, visit their website: metrolibrary.org/coronavirus. Here are some virtual programs being offered in August:

Online Storytime, Tuesdays, 9:30am & 6:30pm, Facebook Live; Wednesdays, 9:30am, Instagram Live, Ages 0-5.

Summer Romance Book Club, Tuesday, Aug. 11th, 6:30-7:30 pm, Adults.

Coloring and Cookies, Monday, Aug. 17th, 7:00pm-8:00pm, Adults.

Between the Covers, Thursday, Aug. 27th, 6:30-7:30pm, online book club for Adults.



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.



Parks & Recreation Events

There is still much to do in the great outdoors and your Parks & Rec team has put together a variety of upcoming events for you to get up and get outside!

Fall Youth Baseball and Softball starts up in August, with the Coaches meeting on **Aug. 20th @6:30pm**. The Pre-Season Tournament begins **Aug. 28th**. Sign up today!



For Adults we have the Choctaw Creek Golf Course Championship Tournament on **Aug. 22nd & 23rd**. With multiple divisions and a cash payout, you don't want to miss it!



Coming in September, Food Truck Fridays are back beginning **Sep. 4th**. Join us **Fridays** for lunch from **11:00am to 2:00pm** at the Choctaw Creek Farmer's Market on Harper for some great food, music, and fun!



Labor Day is **Sep. 7th** and you want to be at Bouse Park, the site of the Fall Classic Car Show! Join us from **9:00am to 1:00pm** for this free family event. There will be food, music, and multiple awards given for all kinds of show vehicles.



Finally the Kids Fishing Derby is here! Join us **Sep. 19th** at Ten Acre Lake for

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

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted; virtual attendance available via Zoom link, found in the agenda for the meeting)

7:00 PM

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **Aug 4th & 18th**

Planning Commission: **Aug 6th**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Aug 11th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Aug 24th**

4:30 PM

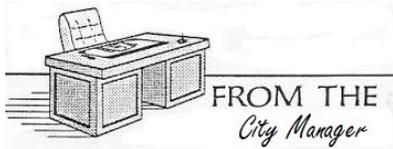
Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **Aug 26th**

this free family event. Registration begins at 7:00am and the fishing begins at 8:00am. Prizes will be awarded for each fish caught with a specialty tag, regardless of age. Raffles will also be drawn for other prizes. Bait is provided, so break out the rods, and while the event ends at 11:00am, you can always stay as long as you want! For more information about any event, check out our website or call us at 405-281-6854.



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 2-1-1.



City Manager's Corner

Hello Choctaw! I am just back from some time off, recharged and refreshed to continue helping your Council in their positive community building efforts. I thank them for allowing me a few days to brush the dust off, experience some of what the great state of Oklahoma has to offer,

and to reconnect with my family. Although these are challenging times as people debate mask, no mask; vaccine, no vaccine; stay at home or travel freely; behind the scenes, your city staff is hard at work continuing the business of Choctaw.

For those interested in raw data regarding COVID-19, the City Web page has an Alert link at the top of the homepage labeled COVID-19 Information (mychoctaw.org). If you click on that link it will take you to a page with links to COVID-related sites for Oklahoma, the US, and the World. You can scan through data pertaining to the number of open cases, age ranges of people impacted, geographic-specific information for Choctaw and the rest of the world, or whatever other data that may interest you. You can also compare data from Oklahoma to other U.S. States, or even other countries. It is a good starting point to begin to understand the "why" and "how" behind the numbers.

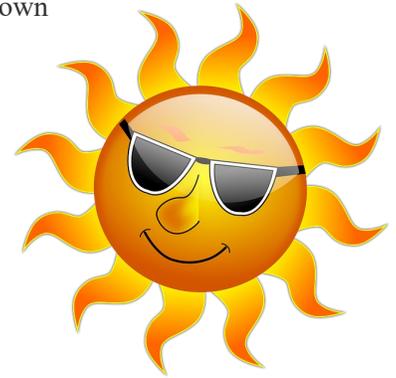
Road and street work is not forgotten. Public Works Street crews work weekly to keep potholes filled, easements mowed, and right-of-ways cleared. The Director of Public Works compiled a list of minor, but needed, road repairs his team plans to accomplish, even with our stretched budget. We have a list of about eight of these projects the team will work on throughout the year. The work started on Clarke Street with a concrete road repair. More will be done throughout the City, contingent upon weather and funding. One project we were unable to get to in this past Spring was a repair to the corner of Bypass Road, from the light to around the corner, across from the McDonald's. Once surveys and engineering reports are complete, we hope to see that project done in the Fall or early Winter.

We also have utility improvements coming. The City Engineer is working the surveys, pricing, and design for two sanitary sewer lift stations. Combined with that project is an effort to decommission a lagoon on 15th Street & Anderson Road. All three projects will make the system more

efficient and increase capacity. On the water side, we are working to increase City storage capacity by studying locations for a new 500K gallon water tower. The tower is needed for firefighting capability as well as support to increase pressure in the water system. If we can get that tank on-line, we will then tidy up the Reno water tower, which is in dire need of new paint.

I want to thank our Chamber of Commerce for all the support they give to our businesses in Choctaw and the support they give to the City during these trying times. Carol at the Chamber worked closely with staff and local businesses to develop flyers detailing CDC recommendations for face coverings, hand washing, and physical distancing. Thank you team!

Your City Manager,
Ed Brown



From the World Health Organization:

1. FEET—Stay more than 6 feet apart
2. HANDS—Wash them often
3. AVOID---Crowded, enclosed areas
4. MASK---Wear a mask where recommended
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:



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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!