



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” December 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: **Dec. 7th & 21st.**

Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Bulk trash is picked up monthly *based on your regular trash day*. Find your trash day to see when your monthly Bulk Pick-Up will occur:

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

CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY



City Offices Closed

City Hall and its offices will be closed for the Christmas holiday on **December 24th & 25th**. Trash services will run one day behind after the holiday for the rest of the week.

City Hall and its offices will also be closed New Year's Day on **January 1st**. Trash services will run one day behind after the holiday for the rest of the week.



Choctaw Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. The Senior Center is currently closed due to COVID-19 Health Department & CDC guidelines. During this closure, Senior Center members are still receiving meals and there are some curbside activities. Re-opening information will be posted on the city webpage at mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center.



Choctaw Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System is located at 2525 Muzzy Street. All Metro Library locations are in the "Grab & Go" stage. In this stage, customers can come into a library to use a computer, print/copy/fax/scan, and briefly browse the shelves. Masks are required. 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.

DIY Wrapping Paper Kit, pick up **Dec. 1st-15th**, All ages; This kit includes supplies to make your own festive wrapping paper and gift tags. Experiment with print and design or use ours for inspiration! Limit 1 per family.

Holly Jolly Holidays Passport Kit, pick up **Dec. 1st-23rd**, Ages 1-12; Sign up for this passport kit and discover how other nations celebrate the winter holidays and how you can, too!

Family Storytimes, Tuesdays, **Dec. 8th & Dec. 22nd**, *10-10:30am*, Ages 0-5; Join us on Zoom for storytime and connect with others while enjoying

stories, songs, rhymes, fingerplays, and more!

Hangin' With My Gnomies Kit, pick up **Dec. 1st-15th**, Adults; Enjoy this fun winter craft that includes all you'll need to make an adorable no-sew gnome figure.

Novels at Night, Thur. **Dec 17th**, *6:30-7:30pm*, Adults; Join us in this virtual book club and meet new friends while discovering entertaining reads from the comfort of your couch. This month's title is *Oona Out of Order* by Margarita Montimore.

Fitness kits, All ages; Did you know the library can get you fit? Check out a fitness kit that contains DVDs, equipment, and more to use at home. Available kits include Zumba, Yoga, Tai Chi, Chair Fitness, Pilates, Meditation, and more! Kits check out for 3 weeks. Registration is required for all kits, supplies are limited, and please register to get the link for virtual classes via Zoom. For more information visit their website, metrolibrary.org/locations/choctaw, or call 405-390-8418.



Christmas in the Park

Join us **December 5th** at the Choctaw Creek Park Farmer's Markets for Christmas in the Park! Santa will be here for pictures and wish discussions, and there will be food trucks, vendors, and music, too! The Christmas Markets will appeal to every sense, where vendors will offer crafts, festive baked treats, and other specialties just in time for gift-giving. We'll have a Candy Cane Hunt, a bicycle give-away, and the Third Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. All activities are free so come celebrate with us from *3:00 pm to 7:00 pm*. To be a vendor or sponsor, contact Tanner McGuire at 405-390-8198.



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: **Dec 1st & 15th**

Planning Commission: **Dec 3rd**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Dec 8th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Dec 28th**

4:30 PM

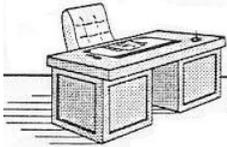
Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **Dec 30th**



Get Connected. Get Answers.

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.



*FROM THE
City Manager*

City Manager's Corner

Happy Thanksgiving Choctaw! I hope everyone was able to recharge a bit with family as we push on to the Christmas season. Your Parks and Recreation Department have a host of events programmed through the Month of December. Some of the programs will look a bit different than last year taking into account cautions for COVID-19, but we will proceed with Holiday events for families. Speaking of COVID-19, I fully expect your Council to extend the current Ordinance addressing Mask wear in public places. The extension will most likely add provisions for enforcement and penalties for non-compliance. As of the writing of this manager's corner, the Oklahoma State Department of Health data shows this:

Cities with Mask Ordinances/Mandates have a 34% rise in COVID-19 cases while cities without had a 109% increase. Be safe, wash your hands, wear your mask, and avoid occasions in gathering of large groups of people who are not family members. Update on our efforts to clear tree debris: The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has approved the City's request to burn debris. The City is working the details on a space large enough to gather and burn tree debris from around the City. Citizens will be afforded the option to leave their tree debris on the curb for pick up by a contractor or to transport to the debris drop-off point in the Industrial Park. The Waste Connection option of bundled 3 cubic yards for bulky pick up is still available, as well as hiring someone to haul debris from your property, or obtaining a burn permit from the fire department. Once the drop off site opens, citizens will be required to present a utility bill proving residence in the City limits of Choctaw. We expect when the Federal Government officially declares a disaster, things will happen quickly with moving and burning of debris. Please be patient, however, as debris could remain on the curb for an extended period of time before the contractor is around to pick it up.

All council meetings are in-person council meetings now, as the State statute allowing virtual meetings expired on November 14th. Choctaw will still take advantage of the Zoom virtual technology to broadcast council meetings to citizens. If you miss a council meeting, the recordings are placed on the City Website and you can view at your convenience. Information about board, authority, or council meetings are posted to the City Website and shared on social media. Please sign up for alerts through the City Website.

After 7 months grace period of not acting on Utility Cut-offs, the Choctaw Utilities Authority will be resuming the mailing of cut-off letters for delinquent accounts. We encourage utility customers to make payment arrangements for accounts in arrears

with the billing clerks at City Hall. Cut-off dates will be reinstated in mid-December.

I want to make a shout out to our Professional Public Safety personnel, Public Works, Parks & Rec, and Customer Service for their outstanding efforts during this pandemic and added challenges of an early ice storm. I am proud to be part of this team, and even more than that, I am proud to call myself a co-worker associated with this professional team.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



AND



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!