



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **May 2021**

## 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: **May 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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
- Wednesday**=3rd Thursday
- Thursday/Friday** = 4th Thursday



## City Hall Closed

City Hall and its offices will be closed on Monday, **May 31<sup>st</sup>** in observance of Memorial Day. Trash services will not be affected by the holiday and will run as scheduled.



## City-Wide Garage Sale Day

The City-Wide Garage Sale Day will be held on Saturday, **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. Maps and lists of participating addresses will be available at City Hall on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and on our website at [mychoctaw.org/214/Garage-Sales](http://mychoctaw.org/214/Garage-Sales).



## Friday Night Farmer's Market

The Farmer's Market will be fully open beginning **May 7<sup>th</sup>**! Please practice social distancing, wear your mask, and use hand sanitizer when washing hands with soap and water is not possible. Join us at the Farmer's Market from **6:00-8:00 pm** every Friday at the Choctaw Creek Park. If you want to be a vendor, head to the Facebook page [@choctawcreekfarmersmarket](https://www.facebook.com/choctawcreekfarmersmarket) and message them, or call Christeen Graff, 918-519-9990, or email her at [christen.graff@gmail.com](mailto:christen.graff@gmail.com). Shop & support local!



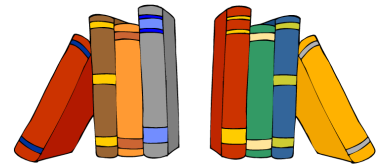
## Sound The Alarm—Save A Life

The American Red Cross and the Choctaw Fire Department have teamed up to offer free home fire and disaster safety information and smoke alarm installations. The program runs in Choctaw until **May 8<sup>th</sup>** and you can sign up today for your appointment or learn more at [SoundTheAlarm.org](http://SoundTheAlarm.org) or call 1-833-498-2092. Home fires claim seven lives every day, but together we can help change that.



## 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 members are receiving meals and there are some curbside activities. The center plans to recognize members for Mother's Day and honor members lost over the last year on Memorial Day. Any reopening information will be posted on the city webpage at [mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center](http://mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center). For more information call 405-390-8040.



## 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. 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 Mon-Thurs **9am-7pm**; Fridays **9am-6pm**; Saturdays **9am-5pm**; Sundays **1pm-6pm**. In-person programs are suspended but many programs are available online in addition to pre-made kits.

**Backyard Herb Gardening, May 4th, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Adults;** Have fresh herbs at your fingertips! Learn how easy it is to grow your own herbs for teas, cooking, and fun! Julia Laughlin, Oklahoma County Horticulturalist, will discuss basics herbs and their culture. Registration required for Zoom link.

**High Intensity Interval Training (HIIT), May 6<sup>th</sup>-June 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30-8:30pm, Adults;** Get fit in the comfort

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; virtual attendance available via Zoom link, found in the agenda for the meeting)

**7:00 PM**

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **May 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**

Planning Commission: **May 6<sup>th</sup>**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **May 11<sup>th</sup>**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **May 26<sup>th</sup>**

of your own home! Join the library and YMCA for HIIT class. HIIT helps boost metabolism and promotes healthy weight loss and muscle gain. The instructor will provide modifications for the exercises to accommodate different ability levels. Hand weights and a mat are helpful but not required. Registration required for Zoom link.

Storytime On Demand Kits, kit pick-up starts **May 4<sup>th</sup>**, Ages 0-5; Storytime kits come with our pre-recorded storytimes and a related craft or activity so you can continue the storytime exploration at home. Supplies are limited and are first come, first serve.

Family Storytimes, Tuesdays, **May 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>**, 10:00-10:30am, Ages 0-5; Join us on Zoom as skilled librarians introduce little ones to the library and show parents and caregivers invaluable information on reading readiness and create excitement about reading. Connect with others while enjoying stories, songs, and more! Registration required for Zoom link.

Beginning Vegetable Gardening, **May 16<sup>th</sup>**, 2:00 - 3:00pm, Adults; Spring has sprung and garden season is here! Join us and learn how to start a vegetable garden from scratch! Master gardener Cindy Schaefer will cover how to plan your garden, how to prepare the soil, which vegetables to grow, when to plant what and how to care for your garden. Registration required for Zoom link.

Novels at Night, **May 27<sup>th</sup>**, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Looking to meet new people and discover entertaining reads

from the comfort of your couch? Look no further, join us for a virtual book club! We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. This month we are reading *Bright Futures* by Tracy Dobmeier. Registration required for Zoom link.



### Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The City of Choctaw is hosting a collection event at the Large Pavilion at Choctaw Creek Park on **June 12<sup>th</sup>** of common household hazardous waste. Pre-registration is required and you must bring your I.D. and Choctaw utility / trash bill with your items for drop-off from 8:30am - 11:30am. Items must be residential waste only. For all the details, including a list of accepted items and to register, see our webpage at [mychoctaw.org/246/Collection-Event](http://mychoctaw.org/246/Collection-Event). If you have questions or issues with the online registration, please call Development Services at 405-390-2999.



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.

### City Council

Congratulations to the newly elected officials to your City Council. The new councilmember representing Ward 2 is Brent Pendergraft. The new councilmember representing Ward 4 is Donna Lee Morris. The new councilmember representing Ward 6 is Rick Modisette.

The Mask Mandate for the City of Choctaw expired April 20, 2021. Individual businesses can still require patrons to wear a mask.

There are also openings for the various boards and commissions that are an important part of our City Government. Anyone interested can visit the website for more information on the opportunities as well as find an application at [mychoctaw.org/257/Choctaw-Needs-You](http://mychoctaw.org/257/Choctaw-Needs-You).

**JOIN OUR**

**TEAM**

### We're Hiring!

Open positions can always be found on our website at [mychoctaw.org/274/Employment-Opportunities](http://mychoctaw.org/274/Employment-Opportunities). Subscribe today to get emails of positions as soon as they're posted!

- ⇒ City Manager, full time
- ⇒ Building Inspector, full time
- ⇒ Crew Chief, Utilities, full time
- ⇒ Laborer, Streets, full time
- ⇒ Gatekeeper, Bouse, seasonal
- ⇒ Cart Attendant, CCGC, part time
- ⇒ Police Officer, full time

From the World Health Organization:

- FEET—Stay more than 6 feet apart
- HANDS—Wash them often
- AVOID---Crowded, enclosed areas
- MASK---Wear a mask where recommended
- 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 is available on the City's website at: [www.mychoctaw.org](http://www.mychoctaw.org)

**Check it out and subscribe!**