



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **July 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 pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **July 5th & 19th**.



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 Monday, **July 5th** for the observance of Independence Day. Trash services will not be affected.



Independence Day Celebration

Join us **July 4th** at Choctaw Creek Park for inflatables, games, music, vendors, a fireworks show, and fun! Activities run **3:00pm—10:00pm**.

No personal fireworks are allowed in the park per City Ordinance. This will be enforced.



Fall Sports Leagues

The 2021 Fall Baseball and Softball Leagues will open registration from **July 15th - Aug. 15th**. Baseball players ages 4-12 and softball players ages 7-12 are invited to sign up. The Coaches meeting will be **Aug. 19th** with practices beginning **Aug. 23rd**. The first pre-season tournament is **Sept. 10th - 12th**. Cost is \$30/player or \$300/team. See our website for more information at mychoctaw.org/191/Bouse-Sports-Complex.



Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. The Senior Center is open from **11:00am to 1:00pm** during this Phase I of reopening. During this time members are receiving meals by reservation only. Space is limited due to social distancing. Reservations must be made at

least a day in advance, before noon, and may not be left on the voicemail—you must speak with a live person. For those not ready to enter the building curbside pickup is still an option. The Center will be closed Monday, **July 5th** in observance of Independence Day. For more information, see the city webpage at mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center or contact Lorna Harper at 405-390-8040.



Choctaw Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System is located at 2525 Muzzy Street. All Metro Library locations are advancing to the "Sit & Stay" stage. Masks are required for all staff and strongly recommended for customers. You may still pick up using curbside service beginning at **1pm** daily. Many programs are available online in addition to pre-made kits.

2021 Summer Reading Program, "Tails & Tales," June 1st—July 31st, All ages; Earn 600 points to receive 2 free books OR a Metro Library tote bag, plus an entry to win a prize drawing. Help us reach our community goal of 8 million points by reading and learning this summer! Visit your library to sign up!

Outdoor Storytime on the Patio, July 6th & 20th, Zoom on **July 13th & 27th**, Ages 0-5; Join us for storytime at your neighborhood library! Skilled librarians will 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, rhymes, fingerplays, and more! Registration required.

Beginning Cross-Stitch Take Home Kit, pick up **July 6th-19th**, Adults; Grab a hoop, pull up a seat, and let's learn how to cross-stitch and create some fun animal designs. The kit will include supplies needed to make two simple cross-stitch designs. Registration required.

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: **July 6th & 20th**

Planning Commission: **July 1st**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Cancelled—July 13th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **July 26th**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **July 28th**

Easy Homemade Dog Treats, July 11th, 2:00-3:00pm, All ages; Come cook along with us as we make our beloved canine companions two easy homemade dog treats! Recipes will be provided beforehand so participants can purchase ingredients required to cook along with us. Please supervise children while cooking in the kitchen. Registration required for Zoom link.

Backyard Chickens, July 13th, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Do you love the idea of fresh eggs raised right in your own backyard but aren't sure if chickens are right for you? Join Joshua Campbell, Extension Educator with Oklahoma County Extension, to learn more about backyard chickens. He will cover breed selection, housing, care, food, predators and pests, and more. Registration required for Zoom link.

Frescoes of Ancient Rome, kit pick-up **July 12th-19th**, Zoom program **July 19th, 4:00-5:00pm**, Teens; Through Zoom, a teaching artist will lead teens through a hands-on art project based on the frescoes of Pompeii and the special museum exhibition *The Painters of Pompeii: Roman Frescoes from the National Archaeological Museum, Naples*. With program registration, art kits are available at each library starting one week in advance of Zoom event.

DIY Pet Toys Take Home Kit, kit pick-up **July 20th-31st**, All ages; Get those tails wagging with a cute homemade pet toy!! Learn how to make a fleece toy for your pet dog or cat. The kit will include supplies needed to

make your choice of a cat or dog toy. Registration required, one kit per family.

Novels at Night, July 22nd, 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 *The Wife Upstairs* by Rachel Hawkins. Registration required for Zoom link.

Forensic Osteology, July 26th, 4:00-5:00pm, Teens; The Forensic Osteology virtual class introduces students to forensic science and osteology. Students will learn what information specialists can learn from human osteological remains and careers related to forensic science. Students will examine different trauma signatures on the human skull and dentition caused by different forms of trauma. Students will learn how to read these trauma signatures and how to differentiate between healed injuries and those sustained at time of death. Discretion is advised, please note, the class covers information from real homicides and images of human bone. Registration required for Zoom link.



New City Manager

Mayor Randy Ross is proud to announce Ronnie Guest as our new City Manager. He will assume the role July 26, 2021. Guest's experience in the role and other leadership roles, as well as his reputation for dedication to the people of the communities he has served, were cited in his selection. Mr. Guest comes to Choctaw from Carrizo Springs, TX where he served as City Manager and established a reputation for transparency with the community as well as a commitment to constituent services. Prior to that he served the City of San Antonio in multiple capacities, including the San Antonio Police Depart-

ment, the Housing and Neighborhood Services, Animal Care Services, and within the City Manager's office. He is a veteran of the US Army and the Kansas National Guard. Presently he is working towards a Doctorate of Education (EdD) in Organizational Leadership with an emphasis in Organizational Development. Mr. Guest also enjoys traveling with his wife, Carol, and working with at-risk youth. "The hallmark of Mr. Guest's career has been his drive to serve communities and bring people together to improve the quality of life for all. His devotion to working with stakeholders to achieve the best outcome for the community in south Texas made him a stellar candidate for this position, and I am confident that he will bring that same passion to his service in Choctaw," said Ross.

For more information you may contact Mayor Randy Ross at 405-850-7102.



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**:



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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!