



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

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## Recycling Pickup Schedule

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<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:

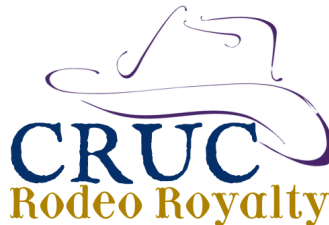
**Monday**=1st Thursday of the month  
**Tuesday**=2nd Thursday  
**Wednesday**=3rd Thursday  
**Thursday/Friday** = 4th Thursday



## Fall Sports Leagues

The 2021 Fall Baseball and Softball Leagues will open registration from **July 15<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>**. Baseball players ages 4-12 and softball players ages 7-12 are invited to sign up. The Coaches meeting will be **Aug. 19<sup>th</sup>** with practices beginning **Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

The first pre-season tournament is **Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>**. Cost is \$30/player or \$300/team. See our website for more information at [mychoctaw.org/191/Bouse-Sports-Complex](http://mychoctaw.org/191/Bouse-Sports-Complex).



## Annual Rodeo, Parade, & Coronation

The Annual Choctaw Rodeo Parade will be on **Aug. 13<sup>th</sup>** at 4:30 pm. The parade route begins at 3rd & Main St. From there the parade will run east to Clarke, south to Grand, west to Harper, then back to 3rd & Main (CMS). The Annual Rodeo will be on **Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>** with pre-rodeo fun & games beginning at 6:30 pm followed by the rodeo at 8:00 pm. The Coronation of the 2021 Rodeo Royalty will be during the intermission of the rodeo. Who is your favorite contestant? Online rodeo ticket sales are available now! Visit [choctawroundupclub.com](http://choctawroundupclub.com) for more information.



## 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.

For more information, see the city webpage at [mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center](http://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.

**Outdoor Storytime on the Patio, Tuesdays, 10 - 10:30am, 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, finger plays, and more! **Registration required.**

**Outdoor Lego Club, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 5pm, Ages 5-12;** Join other LEGO fans to engineer some fun! Imagine, create, play, and learn as we build with LEGOs. This is an outdoor program on the Choctaw Library patio.

**Beyond the Books, Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>, 4 - 5pm, Ages 5-12;** Calling all young readers! Join us as we discover new books, play games, make crafts, and more! Book clubs are an excellent way for children to develop language and conversation skills, solve problems, and make new friends. This is an outdoor program on the Choctaw Library patio.

**Outdoor Gamefest, Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 - 5:00pm, Ages 5-12;** Come and play classic favorites like Battleship and Connect Four, or more recent bestsellers like Zombie Dice and Apples to Apples! Board games promote creativity and foster positive skills like sportsmanship and logical reasoning. The library is a great place to meet up with friends and try out a new game! This is an outdoor program on the Choctaw Library patio.

**Novels at Night, Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults;** Calling all readers! Looking to meet new people and dis-

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: **Aug. 3rd & 17th**

Planning Commission: **Aug. 5th**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Aug. 10th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Aug. 23rd**

**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **Aug. 25th**

cover entertaining reads from the comfort of your couch? Then look no further and join us for a virtual book club. This month we are reading *The Kitchen Front* by Jennifer Ryan. **Registration required to receive Zoom link.**



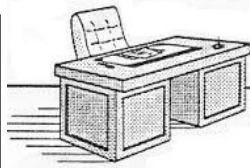
### Friday Night Farmer's Market

Join us each Friday night from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Choctaw Creek Park, located at 2001 N. Harper Rd. for various vendors and food trucks offering fresh local produce and more! For more information you can contact Christeen Graff at 918-519-9990 or email her at [christeen.graff@gmail.com](mailto:christeen.graff@gmail.com).



### Car Show

Bouse Sports Complex will host a free -to-spectators Fall Classic Car Show on Labor Day, **Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for food, music, and fun from 9am to 1pm. Show entry fee is \$20 with multiple trophy classes. Entrants register the day of the show. For more info call Tanner McGuire at 405-390-8198.



FROM THE  
*City Manager*

### City Manager's Corner

On behalf of my wife and myself, we are truly humbled and blessed to serve the residents and community of Choctaw, Oklahoma. While many of you might now know, I was born in Muskogee and spent many of my formative years in Checotah, so this is a homecoming for me. During my career, I have learned one constant and that is serving at various levels with the expectation of always putting the needs of others first. I want to take a moment to thank our Mayor and Council for allowing me the opportunity to serve this amazing community.

As Mayor Ross stated in the previous newsletter, my passion is to serve communities while bringing people together for the common good of the community as a whole. I have a strong devotion to working with residents, community stakeholders, the business community, and the school district to create a process where students also have a means to understand local government and how we serve them as well. I know the City of Choctaw has a lot of passionate residents who have a great interest in this amazing community, and my goal is to assure we address community concerns and that we meet and exceed service expectations.

Over the next several weeks, I will get out into the community, along with my wife, to meet many of the community stakeholders and residents as we fully acclimate ourselves to the Choctaw community. I believe in having an open door policy and look to assure that our City moves forward with the best interest of the community at heart

as we foster growth. I possess a strong belief in making sure that voices of those in the Choctaw community are valued, and we must support a process to have inclusion, transparency, and selfless servant leadership in all that we do.

Lastly, serving the City of Choctaw and its 13,000+ residents as City Manager is something I take as a privilege and will never take for granted. I personally want to thank all of the City team members for their dedication and service to this community, as this is a thankless career choice and one we must never forget why we serve. I look forward to serving alongside our team every day and assuring that the necessary leadership is provided to move our community forward. Our team will always support the "One Team One Goal" proactive service model, with always putting people first. Again, on behalf of my wife and myself, we are both truly humbled and blessed to serve the City of Choctaw.

In the Spirit of Excellence!

—Ronnie J. Guest Jr.

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)

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