



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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



## Offices Closed

City Hall and its offices will be closed on **September 6th** for the observance of the Labor Day holiday.

## Recycling Pickup Schedule

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>, Sep. 13<sup>th</sup>, and Sep. 27<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



## Car Show

Bouse Sports Complex will host a free-to-spectators Fall Classic Car Show on Labor Day, **Sep. 6<sup>th</sup>**. Join us for food, music, and fun from **9:00am to**

**1:00pm**. Show entry fee is \$20 with multiple trophy classes. Entrants register the day of the show. For more info call City Hall at 405-390-8198.



## Kid's Fishing Derby

Finally the Kids Fishing Derby is here! Join us **Sep. 11<sup>th</sup>** at Ten Acre Lake for 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! While the event ends at **11:00am**, you can always stay as long as you want! For more information about any event, call 405-390-8198.



## Friday Night Farmer's Market

Join us each Friday night through September 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).



## Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. The Senior Center is not open at this time. During this time members are receiving curbside meals by reservation only. Reservations must be made at least a day in advance, before noon. For

more information contact KFOR's "Pay It Forward"-honored Lorna Harper at 405-390-8040 or see the City webpage at [mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center](http://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 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.

Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL), Mondays & Wednesdays, 10:00am - 11:00am, Aug. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, Seniors; SAIL is designed to increase muscle strength, range of movement, and improve activities for daily living.

A chair is used for seated exercises and standing support and can be modified depending on fitness levels. This class meets on Zoom. Join the library and instructors from UCO's Center for Active Living & Learning for fun & fitness! Participants should have a chair, level surface, and an area free of tripping hazards to participate. Optional equipment: hand weights, water bottle, towel. Registration required to receive Zoom link.

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! This program will be held outdoors on the Choctaw Library patio.

Outdoor Lego Club, Sep. 1<sup>st</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 month we are creating

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: (Sep. 7th cancelled) **Sep. 21st**

Planning Commission: **Sep. 2nd**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Sep. 14th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Sep. 27th**

**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **Sep. 29th**

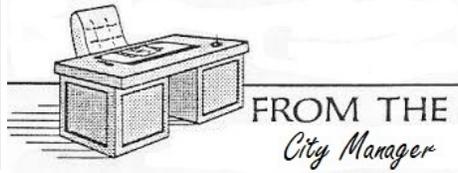
our own marble mini golf course! Use your creativity to imagine and design a maze for others to try out. This is an outdoor program on the Choctaw Library patio.

Bad Habits Lead to You...Missing a Deadline: Traveler's Journal DIY, Kit pick-up Sep. 13<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup>, Teens; You missed a deadline and swore it would be the last, but it probably won't...without this kit! Using the materials provided, create and customize your own traveler's journal / planner and end some of those bad habits. Registration required as supplies are limited.

Fall Lawn Care, Sep. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 - 7:30pm, Adults; Get your lawn in shape with Josh Campbell from Oklahoma County Extension. He will discuss the basics of turfgrass establishment, fertilization, weed control, and other important management practices to consider in the fall to ensure a beautiful lawn year-round. Participants will learn the best turfgrass varieties for their landscape and the best timing for weed control and fertilization. Handout will be available to download. Registration required to receive Zoom link.

Beyond the Books, Sep. 15<sup>th</sup>, 4 -5pm, Ages 5-12; How many elephants can a bridge hold? Join us as we read the book "Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing" and then engineer our own bridges with a variety of engineering challenges! This is an outdoor program on the Choctaw Library patio.

Novels at Night, Sep. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Calling all readers! Looking to meet new people and discover 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 Chicken Sisters* by KJ Dell'Antonia. Registration required to receive Zoom link.



**City Manager's Corner**

On behalf of the City of Choctaw, we would like to send a special message to all of the students regardless of the level of education you are currently engaged in. Over the past year and a half you have experienced something none of us could have imagined; however, you are stronger and more resilient than you think. As you get settled into this new school year, know you have the support of the entire Choctaw-Nicoma Park communities in your corner every step of the way. Each of you have been blessed with gifts; know your gifts will change this world. "You are at the helm of your life's canvas, and now it's time to go out and paint your life's masterpiece!" Each of us are proud of you and know you will do great things, as your education is your passport to your future, and tomorrow belongs to the people who prepare for it today. As the City Manager of this amazing community, I am truly humbled to be a part of a community with so much passion and pride! For the teachers/educators: you are the true heroes for each of these amazing students you encounter. Your dedication to excellence is what helps to build trust and educate along the way. As you also

return to the classrooms, I salute you and wish you all the best this school year. As a teacher/educator, you're the most important part of a young student's life. Your passion and dedication to learning can be infectious and inspiring to the students you teach. Remember how you nurture the courage in a student's heart. You are a tutor, a motivator, a coach, and a caregiver all combined, and you're destined to make a difference in each and every student.

Again, on behalf of the entire City Team, we want to welcome all of the students back into the classroom and wish you a great school year!! GO YELLOWJACKETS!!!!

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:**



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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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