



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **October 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: **Oct. 11th and 25th.**

Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Bulk trash is picked up monthly *based on your regular trash day*. Find your regular 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



Friday Night Farmer's Market Extended

Join us each Friday night through **October** 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.



Halloween

The City of Choctaw has modified our usual events due to COVID-19 so citizens can take part in a safe Halloween holiday.

The Choctaw Farmers Market is hosting a night of family-friendly events for all ages on **Friday, Oct. 29th, 6pm to 9pm** at the Farmers Market. There will be games, candy, a pie-eating contest, Best Pumpkin contest (bring your own pumpkin), and of course the Costume Contest. We know Choctaw loves to get in the spirit, so let's see what you got!

Trick-or-treating in Choctaw, as always, will be observed on Halloween, **Oct. 31st** from *6pm to 10pm*.



Harvest Fair & Tractor Pull

Bethel Church Choctaw is hosting an exciting family-friendly, fun-filled, free event on Saturday, **Oct. 30th, 2021**. The Harvest Fair and Tractor Pull is open to the community, all ages are invited to come enjoy the many activities of the day!

There will be 25+ vendors, a classic car show, food trucks, tractor pull, indoor laser tag, inflatables for the kids, and more!

Located at 3254 N. Choctaw Rd., this free event begins at *10:00am*, with the car show concluding at *2:00pm*, the vendor fair and inflatables wrapping up at *4:00pm*, and the tractor pull ending at *6:00pm*. For more information contact Keith Fife at 405-431-5121 or email him at keithfife@gmail.com.

Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. The Senior Center is not open at 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 Lorna Harper at 405-390-8040 or see 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 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. 23rd - Dec. 15th, 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, Oct. 6th, 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.

Get Cooking: Air Fryers, Oct. 19th, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Air fryers are a convenient and easy way to cook food! Do you own one and aren't sure how to

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: **Oct. 5th & 19th**

Planning Commission: **Oct. 7th**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Oct. 12th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Oct. 25th**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **Oct. 27th**

use it? Are you considering purchasing one? Learn what an air fryer is, how it works, what models are available in the market, and how to clean and maintain it with Taylor Conner, OSU Extension Educator. Recipes will be provided as well as a demonstration on using the air fryer. Registration required for Zoom link.

Beyond the Books: Ghostly Adventures, Oct. 20th, 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. Join us as we tell some spooky tales around our (fake) campfire! Then make your own ghostly ectoplasm (slime) to take home and play with. This is an outdoor program on the Choctaw Library patio.

Novels at Night, Oct. 28th, 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 *Every Last Fear* by Alex Finlay. Registration required to receive Zoom link.



Stormwater & Drainage

Raking autumn leaves or grass clippings into gutters, streets or into the

storm-sewer system adds nutrients and oxygen-demanding substances to stormwater. This can lower the oxygen content in our lakes and streams leading to fish kills! Never dispose of autumn leaves in the storm sewer. <https://mychoctaw.org/221/Storm-Water-Management>



City Manager's Corner

I would like to once again, thank the community for the overwhelming support and welcoming of my wife and I to the City of Choctaw. Over the past couple of months, I have been able to get out and meet with many residents to address community concerns as they have been identified. This work will continue, as there is lots more that needs to be done. I want to definitely ask for your patience as my team and I are building a culture of "People First." This will not happen overnight, but we are moving in the right direction.

In September, we held two amazing events in the Car Show and the Fishing Derby, and both were well received and attended by the community. The funds raised for these events benefit our parks space directly and I look forward as we transition into 2022 and providing monthly events in our park spaces. In order for this to happen, I will be working closely with the Public Recreation Advisory Board and the City Council in order to bring more community events. Over the next several weeks, basketball goals will be installed next to the large pavilion in the Choctaw Creek Park. I want to thank Jim Buys, the Public Recreation Advisory Board, Councilman Brent Pendergraft, and the many who donated funds to make the idea become a reality in

our park.

Lastly, I want to leave you all with a quote from Ken Blanchard. "Servant-Leadership is all about making the goals clear, and then rolling up your sleeves and doing whatever it takes to help people or our community win." This is true, even if it means hopping on a zero-turn mower and helping mow park spaces alongside the team during a staffing shortage. As I have stated to my team from day one, "I will never ask them to do anything I would not be willing to do myself." True Leadership must be for the benefit of the followers and/or community, and not to enrich those leading. On behalf of my team, we have the ability to impact and affect change in a positive way for everyone in this community that we serve. It will be our goal to strive to assure that we are making a difference, one positive interaction at a time.

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

Check it out and subscribe!