



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

Contact Numbers

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| 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 |

Happy Thanksgiving



Recycling Pickup Schedule

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **Nov. 8th and 22nd.**

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



City Hall Closed

City Hall and its offices will be closed **Nov. 11th** in observance of Veterans Day. Trash services will not be affected.

City Hall and its offices will also be closed **Nov. 25th & 26th** in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Trash services for Thursday **will not run** on **Nov. 25th**, and services will run one day late the rest of that week.



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 in 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.

Geocaching, Nov. 1st - 30th, All Ages; Calling all scavenger hunt enthusiasts! The community libraries have hidden caches all over Eastern Oklahoma County. It's your turn to explore

Choctaw, Harrah, Jones, Luther, and Nicoma Park! All caches were placed with ease in mind, so everyone can join in the fun! Participants will need to download the free Geocaching app to their phone.

1-2-3! Play With Me at Home! Take-Home Kit, Nov. 1st - 30th, Ages 0-4; Looking for fun and engaging ways to play with your little one at home? Our skilled Librarians have developed a special take-home kit just for you! Our 1-2-3! Play With Me at Home! take-home kits include 4 fun and engaging activities that focus on dramatic play, art exploration, puzzle creation, and music exploration. A free book and handouts are also included. Registration required, space is limited!

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.

November Drawing Challenge, Nov. 2nd - 16th, Adults; Have you ever wanted to begin drawing practice or improve your drawing but never took the time? The time is now! Be inspired with a short daily video from our Creativebug database, then challenge yourself to take up the pen and draw every day for 7 days. Each packet includes a link to our Creativebug videos, extra drawing prompts, and sketch paper. For Adults. Registration required, one kit per registrant.

Intro to Investing, Nov. 2nd, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Want to get into investing but don't know where to start? Come meet with us as we discuss the first steps in the savings and investing process, different types of accounts used to invest, the different types of assets to invest in, and lastly, the risk associated with investing. We will talk about what is being shown in the news to find out what we need to look for to achieve financial goals. Registration required for Zoom link.

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: **Nov. 2nd & 16th**

Planning Commission: **Nov. 4th**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Nov. 9th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Nov. 22nd**

4:30 PM

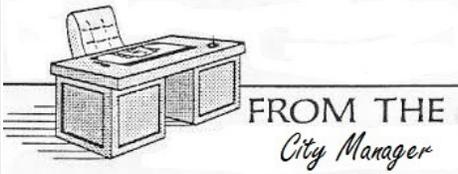
Choctaw Economic Development Authority (Choctaw City Hall & Zoom): **Nov. 24th**

Outdoor Lego Club, Nov. 3rd, 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.

Fly Fishing 101, Nov. 16th, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Have you wanted to fly fish but weren't sure how to get started? Join Skylar St. Yves with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife to learn the basics of fly fishing and the gear needed to get started. Then get out and enjoy Oklahoma's waterways! Registration required for Zoom link.

Spot to Stencils, Nov. 17th, 4 - 5pm, Ages 5-12; Join us for an introduction to contemporary artists. The program will give children the opportunity to create their own masterpiece! This program will be held outdoors on the Choctaw Library patio. Registration required.

Novels at Night, Nov. 18th, 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 Invisible Husband of Frick Island* by Colleen Oakley. Registration required for Zoom link.



City Manager's Corner

I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge and wish every veteran a Happy Veterans Day. It is because of you all, we have the ability to exercise the many freedoms we are afforded. "So, on this upcoming Veterans Day, let us remember the service of our veterans, and let us renew our national promise to fulfil our sacred obligations to our veterans and their families who have sacrificed so much that we can be free." - Dan Lipinski

On behalf of my team, I want to personally recognize the Choctaw High School Girls and Boys basketball teams for donating their time to help clean and beautify our Choctaw Creek Park. This is truly appreciated and will never be taken for granted. Your time is very valuable and for each of you to donate that to making "Our Community" a better place must be commended.

Secondly, I want to thank the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Youth Group, who volunteered to paint park equipment to include the picnic tables, at Lloyd Williamson park, located next to the Choctaw Senior Center. Your efforts and time are greatly appreciated and will never be taken for granted. I am truly proud of each of you for your dedication to "Our Community". Again, I want to personally thank each of these youth groups for giving back to building a stronger, beautiful, and sustainable Choctaw community.

As we navigate into the fall months of the year, our holiday season is upon us. I want to wish each and every one of our residents a Happy Thanksgiving. If you are traveling,

my team and I wish you all safe travels.

On behalf of my team, we are here to serve all of you in our community, and we will continue to provide the service you deserve. It will be "Our" goal to strive and make a difference, one positive interaction at a time.

Lastly, I want to leave you all with a quote, "The servant-leader is a servant first. It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead." - Robert K. Greenleaf.

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!