



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” December 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: **Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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 **Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the Christmas holiday. Trash services will not be affected.

City Hall and its offices will be closed **Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>** in observance of the New Year's Day holiday. Trash services will not be affected.



## Christmas in Choctaw

Join us for Christmas in the Park, to be held at the Choctaw Creek Park Farmer's Market, located on Harper Rd between NE 23rd and 10th Street. On Saturday, **Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>** there will be food trucks, entertainment, crafts, hayrides, pictures with Santa, an Ugly Christmas Sweater contest at 3:00 pm, and various vendors set up in the Farmer's Market from 1:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The Christmas Markets will have vendors with crafts, gifts, and festive baked treats. And lastly, we will have the 4th Annual Christmas Tree Lighting. Don't miss it!



## 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](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 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. 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.

Cuddly as a Cactus Grinch Crafts, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3:30-5:00pm, Teens; The Grinch is a mean one, but Max's heart has always been 3 sizes bigger than the average Who from Whoville. Come in on Dec. 2nd and channel your inner Max by making your very own Grinch-themed crafts! This event will be held indoors and will be open to the first 10 registrants. You must be at least 12 years old to participate. Registration required.

Novels at Night, Dec. 16<sup>th</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 Rose Code* by Kate Quinn. Registration required to receive Zoom link.



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: **Dec. 7th & 21st**

Planning Commission: **Dec. 2nd**

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

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

**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (CEDA special meeting) **Dec. 15th**



**Winter Driving Safety Tips**

When winter weather is upon us, it's time to make plans for the possibility of ice and snow. Therefore, the City and County leaders from across the OKC Metro Area have worked to develop a regional snow route map that highlights the best route choices for motorists when inclement winter weather strikes.

This snow route information is available on the City of Choctaw website, at <https://mychoctaw.org/190/Winter-Driving-Snow-Route-Map>. Also keep in mind these precautions to keep you safe when driving on snow and ice:

- ◆ Drive slower.
- ◆ Watch out for black ice, which often forms on bridges and in shaded areas.
- ◆ Give yourself room to stop by not following as closely as you would in clear driving conditions.
- ◆ Do not use cruise control.
- ◆ Check the pressure in your tires.

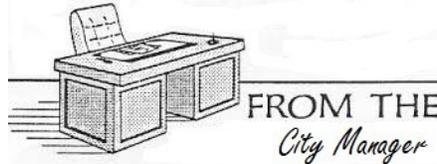
- ◆ Make sure your car's anti-freeze level is adequate.
- ◆ Use a windshield wiper fluid that doesn't freeze.
- ◆ Pay special attention to the other drivers on the road, they may be driving as if road conditions are ideal.

We hope following these precautions will keep you and your family safe when winter weather hits.



**Resources**

Need help with healthcare, housing, food, clothing, or utility assistance? Call 211. It's a 24-hour resource to provide referrals to community-based services for everyday needs or in times of crisis or disaster. Talk to someone who cares and knows where to go for help - Call 2-1-1.



**City Manager's Corner**

Happy Holidays to our residents and business owners!

The City of Choctaw's traditional holiday events are in full swing in hopes of everyone having a safe and jolly time. Please come out and enjoy the Christmas in the Park event which will be held on December 11, 2021 from 1pm to 6pm at Choctaw Creek Park. Residents will have lots of activities to participate in, some of which include: hay rides, ugly sweater contest, choir singing carols, and of course, Santa will visit Choctaw. On behalf of your City team, we are here to serve all of you in our community, and we will continue to strive to provide the service, you deserve. It will be "Our" goal to make a difference one positive in-

teraction at a time. With 2022 just around the corner, the City has a lot of events planned to get our community involved to make Choctaw even better. The City team would like to wish you a safe and peaceful holiday season.

Lastly, I'd like to leave you all with this quote: "Moral authority is another way to define servant leadership because it represents a reciprocal choice between leader and follower. If the leader is principle-centered, he or she will develop moral authority. If the follower is principle-centered, he or she will follow the leader. In this sense, both leaders and followers are followers. Why? They follow truth. They follow natural law. They follow principles. They follow a common agreed-upon vision. They share values. They grow to trust one another."— 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](http://www.mychoctaw.org)

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