



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **January 2022**

## 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



## City Hall Closed

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

## Recycling Pickup Schedule

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</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



## Youth Sports League Sign-ups

Spring baseball for ages 4-12 begins the first week of March so it's time to get signed up! Coaches meeting will be **Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>**. Registration fee is \$300 / team or \$30 / player. Games will be played Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights. Register now at <https://mychoctaw.org/191/Bouse-Sports-Complex> from **Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup>**.



## Storm Water Education

One of the leading causes of storm water pollution is sediment. During the winter, large rain events can pick up sediment from barren dirt patches. This sediment can fill in ditches causing them not to drain properly or breach their containment. Use cool weather grasses like love grass or fescue to combat erosion in the winter months.



## Utility Billing

As of Jan. 1, 2022, we will no longer be accepting over-the-phone payments for utility bills. Residents still have the options of paying by mail, online, using the drive-up dropbox, or paying in person. We also have autodraft available.

Is your utility bill information up to date? Is the bill still in the name of someone who is deceased? Is your mailing address correct? Are you receiving your bill in the mail or via email each month? If not, now is the time to be sure all your information is correct. Even if you feel everything may be up to date, you can call or stop by anytime to be sure we have a good

contact phone number and the correct mailing address. And be sure to check out our website to sign up for notifications about water outages, work in your area, or even weather alerts by clicking the "Notify Me" button.



## 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](https://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, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - May 4<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,

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: **Jan. 4th & 18th**

Planning Commission: **Jan. 6th**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Jan. 11th**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Jan. 24th**

**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (CEDA special meeting) **Jan. 26th**

water bottle, towel. Registration required to receive Zoom link.

Watercolor Wonderland, Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:00pm; Teens, Using a bit of paint, water, and imagination, teens will be able to create their very own monochromatic masterpiece! Registration is limited to first 10 registrants.

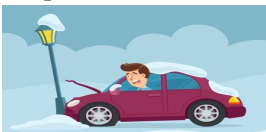
Novels at Night, Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Calling all readers! Looking to meet new people and discover entertaining reads from the comfort of your couch? Then look no further and join us for a virtual book club. This month we are reading *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* by V.E. Schwab. Registration required to receive Zoom link.



Get Connected. Get Answers.

**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.



**Winter Driving Safety Tips**

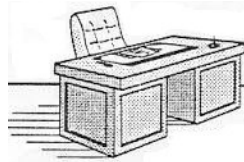
When winter weather is upon us, it's time to make plans for the possibility of ice and snow. Therefore, the City

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.



FROM THE  
*City Manager*

**City Manager's Corner**

Happy New Year! As we navigate into 2022, there are many changes and projects the City of Choctaw will be working on to better serve each of you in our community. On behalf of your City team I want to thank you all for the participation from those who made the City of Choctaw holiday events possible. We want to send a special thank you to the Eastern Oklahoma County Chiefs Association for the support and assisting with the Shop with a HERO event and helping to provide a shopping spree for over 100 children in our community. A special thank you to all of the surrounding communities who assisted with this

even to include: Nicoma Park Police and Fire Department, Harrah Police and Fire Departments, Sheriff Tommy Johnson and deputies, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and our own Choctaw Police and Fire Department. We would also like to recognize Martinbird Tree Farm, in Tuttle for donating a beautiful Christmas tree, which has been planted at Choctaw Creek Park.

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 interaction at a time. If there is something you want to know about local government and "why we serve," please feel free to reach out to our team and become a positive, active, and integral part of our community.

Lastly, I'd like to leave you with a quote. "The best leaders are clear. They continually light the way, and in the process, let each person know that what they do makes a difference. The best test as a leader is: Do those served grow as persons; do they become healthier, wiser, freer, and more autonomous, more likely themselves to become leaders?" – 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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