



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **February 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 Monday, **Feb. 21st** in observance of the Presidents 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. 31st, Feb. 14th and 28th.**



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 occurs:

- Monday**=1st Thursday of the month
- Tuesday**=2nd Thursday
- Wednesday**=3rd Thursday
- Thursday/Friday**=4th Thursday



Family 3D Archery Shoot

Parks & Rec has organized a fun family event at Ten Acre Lake on **Mar. 5th**. Starting at **9:00am** beginners can come enjoy an introductory archery class. For experienced archers a 20-target course and a novelty shot competition will be set up. The divisions for the competition will be: Open, Unlimited, Bow hunter, Women's, Kids, and Pee Wee. To enter the competition the cost is \$10 and \$5 for the Novelty shot. Equipment will be available for beginners and you are welcome to bring your own. For more info call Parks & Rec Director Tyler Kilmer, at 405-390-8198. Don't miss it!



Bye Bye Birdie

The CNP Schools Fine Arts Program presents the musical comedy *Bye Bye Birdie*, inspired by the book by Mike Stewart, with music by Charles Strouse and Lyric by Lee Adams. The year is 1958 and much adored rock & roll idol Conrad Birdie has been drafted into the US Army. His team hatches a plan for a farewell performance to take place on the Ed Sullivan Show. To promote his new song and performance of "One Last Kiss," Birdie will cap it off with a real kiss to superfan Kim MacAfee. The arrival of Birdie causes people of all ages to swoon and sends the quiet little town of Sweet Apple into a spin. Mark your calendars for this classic musical with memorable tunes that highlight life in the 1950s and the early rock and roll music craze! Performances are at **7:30pm** on **Feb. 18th, Feb. 19th** with dinner theatre at **6:00pm, Feb. 25th, Feb. 26th** with dinner theatre at **6:00pm** and matinee per-

formances on **Feb. 20th and Feb. 27th** at **2:30pm**.

All performances will be held at the Choctaw High School Performing Arts Center located at 14300 NE 10th Street.

Ticket prices are \$15, \$18, and \$20 (additional cost for dinner theatre; discount available for groups of 15+).

Ticket sales go live Friday, **Feb. 4th**. Visit our website choctawhsperformingarts.org. You can also call the ticket box office at 405-281-9675. For more info contact Maryjane Burton at 405-390-6837. Don't miss *Bye Bye Birdie!*



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.

Members have been able to participate in socially-distanced events such as a Bingo Night and Christmas dinner at the Christian Life Church fellowship hall. After a great night of fun and getting to see each other again for the first time in over 18 months, the 35 seniors in attendance also received food to take home and stockings filled with goodies.

The Kiwanis Club also gave out Christmas meals to over 70 seniors. And check out our website for the latest Ageless Times Newsletter, it's eight pages of great information for seniors and caregivers!



Visit us online at www.mychoctaw.org for even more information.

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted;
NOTE: some meeting times have changed)

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **Feb. 1st & 15th, 7 PM**

Planning Commission: **Feb. 3rd, 6 PM**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **Feb. 8th, 7 PM**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **Feb. 28th, 6 PM**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority **Feb. 23rd**



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. 10th - May 4th, 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.

Planting My Feels, Feb. 3rd, 3:30-5:00pm, Teens; Plant your feels this Valentine's Day and grow something special by making a paper-craft plant and plant-themed cards! This program will be hosted indoors at the

Choctaw Library and seats will be open to the first 10 teens to arrive.

Page Turners, Feb. 6th, 2:00-3:00pm, Adults; Do you love to read and discuss books, but prefer to choose your own titles to read? Then our club is for you! Each month we will select a different genre, such as mystery, romance, science fiction, and then you choose your own title from that genre. We won't all be reading the same thing, so it's a great way to learn about new books and hear what other readers liked. Please call the library for information on our month's reading selection. This is a recurring event and takes place on the first Sunday of each month. February genre: Mystery/Thriller. Registration required, space limited.

Tai Chi, Feb. 7th, 1130am-12:30pm, Adults; Let's get stronger together! Evidence suggests Tai Chi is an effective means of improving balance, strengthening muscles, and building confidence to prevent falls. Tai Chi is a low-impact, dance-like exercise that can be performed almost anywhere. Registration required, limited seating. Please watch your email for updates to change-of-venue or cancellation.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, Feb. 16th, 6:30-730pm, Adults; Alzheimer's and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking, and behavior that interfere with daily life. Learn about ten common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others.

Due to social distancing requirements, we can only host 10 customers in the Meeting Room at the library, so we will also be offering this via Zoom also. If you prefer to attend remotely using Zoom, please register for the 10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's Zoom event.

Novels at Night, Feb. 24th, 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 Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. Registration required to receive Zoom link.



City Manager's Corner

Off and Running!! Your City leaders are in the process of creating our 2022 Strategy. As we navigate into this next year, there are many changes and projects the City of Choctaw will be working on, to better serve each of you in our community. As a team, we want to assure we provide transparent communication while also assuring we meet the needs of our community as a whole. Stay Tuned...

Lastly, I'd like to leave you all with a 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:

COVID-19
CALL CENTER
(877) 215-8336



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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!