



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **May 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, **May 30<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Memorial Day. Trash service will not be affected.

## Recycling Pickup Schedule

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **May 9<sup>th</sup>** and **May 23<sup>rd</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 occurs:

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

## Friday Night Farmers Market

The Farmers Market season begins Friday, **May 6<sup>th</sup>** and lasts through October. Join us at the Choctaw Creek Park, located on Harper Rd between NE 23rd St & 10th St. each Friday night from **6:00 to 8:00pm** for a wide variety of vendors and food trucks. With the playground nearby it's a great way to get the family outside and enjoy our local vendors and parks! For more information contact our Parks & Rec Director Tyler Kilmer at 405-281-6854.



## Touch-A-Truck Event

Help us kick off summer with a fun activity for kids! They can get up close and personal with a wide variety of trucks and other exciting vehicles on Friday, **May 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Choctaw Creek Park from **10:00am - 12:00pm**. Some of the vehicles scheduled to appear include: City of Choctaw Fire trucks, City of Choctaw police vehicles, a semi-truck, local StormChaser and vehicle, a limousine, military vehicles, an Oklahoma County K-9 unit, and much more!



## Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. The Senior Center is open on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays**, **9-1:00pm** at this time with limited space for lunch. Members are still receiving curbside meals each week-day by reservation only. Reservations must be made at least a day in advance, before noon.

Members received a Lucky Grab Bag for St. Patrick's Day.

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, 10:00-11:00am, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - May 4<sup>th</sup>, (Summer Session, May 23<sup>rd</sup>—Aug. 3<sup>rd</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.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Join Oklahoma's Alzheimer's Association Chapter at the Choctaw Library. Alzheimer's and other dementias cause changes in memory, thinking, and behavior that interfere with daily life. Learn about 10 common warning signs and what to watch for in yourself and others. Registration required, one seat per registration.

Stroke Awareness, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults; Be a stroke hero! Join our Integris instructor, Charlotte Colbert, at the Choctaw Library to learn simple and practical ways to recognize a possible stroke in about one minute, learn what to do and what not to do in a stroke emergency, and learn simple and effective ways to lower your stroke risk! Registration required, one seat per registration.

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;  
>>>NOTE: some meeting times have changed)

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

Planning Commission: **May 5<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **May 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 PM**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 6 PM**

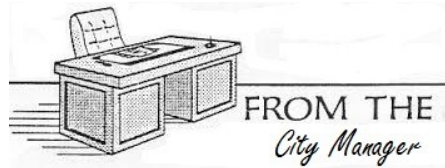
**4:30 PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority **May 25<sup>th</sup>**



### Emergency Notifications

Stay informed about utility outages, interruptions, street closures, weather alerts, and more by signing up for our notification system, Blackboard Connect. You may find the link to register on our website at <https://choctawcity.bbcportal.com/Entry> or you may call in to City Hall and we will register you.



### City Manager's Corner

Dear Residents and Business Owners, The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success and on behalf of the City we would like to thank the many volunteers who helped with this event. This is our community, and if we support it together, we can provide such great opportunities to those who live here and those who visit our community. A special thank you also goes out to all of those who came out and braved the windy and cold weather.

As we close out the month of April, the City will be hosting an Arbor Day event starting at 10:00am on April 30th at Choctaw Creek Park. This year marks the 150th Anniversary of the tree-planting tradition. We are excited to celebrate and invite residents to join in the activities. Plans include planting trees and flowers, cleaning up the trails and the Frisbee Golf Course, adding Frisbee golf pads, and installing more benches throughout the parks.

This event along with others for the remainder of the year can be found on the City's Website. In addition to the many upcoming events that are highlighted, we are always looking for ideas for additional events. This is "OUR" community, and we want to

be sure to have some community input moving forward. If you have questions, or are interested in volunteering for any events throughout the year, please do not hesitate to reach out to our Parks and Recreation Department. The City is in the middle of our preparation for the FY22-23 Budget and we are looking at unique ways to provide and improve upon the much needed services in our community while also being fiscally responsible with tax payer dollars. Over the next month there will be a community budget hearing, so please be on the lookout for more information.

As I have said, this is our community, and as a City we take on this responsibility with great pride. Our residents bring value to this community, and as a result, we must remember why we serve. "The true leader isn't really looking for leadership. He or she is trying to set an example and be in the proper way to get the most productive results and don't realize it. When the follower's get something done, if the leader has been what he or she should have been, they'll feel like they did it and not the him or her. That's the way it should be." —John Wooden

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**

**Gamefest, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00pm,** Kids & Teens; Join other game lovers for a fun-filled program full of gaming, group challenges, and other activities. Playing games with others helps to build skills such as: problem solving, teamwork, spatial reasoning, and communication. Gaming is also a great way to reduce stress and boost your mood! Come meet new friends, explore other worlds, and learn about the many resources your neighborhood library has to offer! This is an in-person, indoor program.

**Novels at Night, May 19<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. We meet on the 4th Thursday of the month. This month we are reading *The Book of Longings* by Sue Monk Kidd. Registration required to receive Zoom link.

**Pour Painting, May 21st, 2:00—3:00pm,** Adults; Do you like to paint but think you don't have an artistic bone in your body? You don't need to be a refined, talented artist to create museum-worthy art. The Acrylic Pouring technique allows artists to apply color in puddles, pools, and marble-like patterns. Pouring results in a smooth, glossy, paint film that is perfectly even and blemish-free. Registration required, one seat per registrant.



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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)

**Check it out and subscribe!**