



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

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 |



Recycling Pickup Schedule

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **June 6th and 20th.**

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

Splash Pads Open

The operating season for the splash pads is Memorial Day through Labor Day and we are happy to announce repairs have made it possible to open both locations this year. Check out the Alexis Clark Water Park off Indian Meridian and the Barrel Springs splash pad at Main & Gilbert!



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 Saturday, **June 4th** 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! This event was re-scheduled from May.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

The annual collection event for common household hazardous waste is being held on **June 18th** at the large pavilion in Choctaw Creek Park. Pre-registration is required as well as your driver license and copy of your utility / trash bill. The mobile collection event will be set up from **9:00am to 12:00pm** and is limited to the first 75 residents who pre-register. You may visit the city website to view the list of accepted items and to sign up at: <https://mychoctaw.org/246/Collection-Event>. Questions may be directed to Development Services at 405-390-2999.

Senior Center

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

Mothers were honored with beautiful gift packages for Mother's Day, and a few more spaces have been added to the allowed capacity.

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 **1:00pm** daily. Many programs are available online in addition to pre-made kits.

Stay Active & Independent for Life (SAIL), **May 23rd-Aug. 3rd**, Mondays & Wednesdays, **10:00-11:00am**, 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 classes 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.

Neighborhood Arts Performances, Wednesdays, **June 8th-July 27th**, **2-3pm**, Kids & Families; Funded in part by the Arts Council Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Arts Council, National Endowment for the Arts, and Friends of the Metropolitan Library. Each week there will be a different performer and performance. Join us at the library for a ton of exciting entertainment throughout the summer!

Resume Help, **June 6th-9th**, **5-7:00pm** and **June 10th**, **4-6pm**, Teens & Adults; Are you needing help with your resume? Come to the Choctaw Library to receive the help you need from skilled librarians. Please bring your resume with you and they can walk you through best practices and answer burning questions!

Job Fair, **June 11th**, **1:00-3:00pm**, Teens / Adults; The library is hosting local businesses for customers to ask questions about their application process, the hiring process, and much more. This is a come-and-go event, so registration is not required. You're

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: **June 7th & 21st, 7 PM**

Planning Commission: **June 2nd, 6 PM**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **June 14th, 7 PM**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **June 27th, 6 PM**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority **June 29th**

invited to come meet with local representatives and leave with new knowledge about which local businesses are hiring.

Regatta 101 with Science Museum Oklahoma, June 13th, 4:00-5:00pm, Kids; Join us in this nautical themed program and learn all about sailing-with a STEM twist! We'll have engineering challenges, knot-tying, and so much more. By the time you're done, you might just be ready to race with the pros!

Oceanic Bath Lab with Science Museum Oklahoma, June 21st, 6-7pm, Adults; Treat yourself to an hour indulging in the art of relaxation. Explore and create natural and aromatic personal care items that you can take home.

Shark Attack with Science Museum Oklahoma, June 22nd, 6-7pm, Teens; Wanna face off against a fearsome shark? You'll have to use your creativity and quick thinking in this fully hands-on program for teens. You only thought it was safe to go back in the water...

Chihuly Art for Teens with OKCMOA, June 23rd, 4-5pm, Teens; Explore painting on Plexiglas in the style of artist Dale Chihuly. Join an OKCMOA teaching artist to learn about the summer exhibition, Chihuly Then and Now: The Collection at Twenty, and create your own work of art to take home.

Novels at Night, June 23rd, 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 Most Fun We Ever Had* by Claire Lombardo. Registration required to receive Zoom link.

Freedom Celebration

Bethel Church Choctaw (3254 N. Choctaw Rd.) will have a "Freedom Celebration" on Sunday, **July 3rd** from **7:30pm to 10pm**. This event is FREE to the public and will include many activities. There will be food trucks, inflatables, games, and much more! All activities will begin at 7:30 p.m. and end with a fireworks display at dusk. Invite your family and friends to this fun, family-friendly annual event. It all takes place in the east parking lot of Bethel Church Choctaw. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on and enjoy the evening with your family and friends. If you have any questions, please call 405-390-2381.

City Manager's Corner

This past year has flown by, and on behalf of my family I would like to once again thank the community for the overwhelming support and welcoming of my wife and me to the City of Choctaw. Over the past year, I have been able to get out and meet with many residents to address community concerns as they have been identified. As such, I will be leaving the City of Choctaw effective June 30, 2022.

Choctaw is a community that has so much promise and possibility. I hope to see that growth continue. I came to this community to make a difference and our team is doing great work and that work will continue. Your team will continue to serve the residents with high moral and ethical standards. It is my plan to remain in Choctaw as this is also my home, and I look forward to continuing to engage the many residents as well as being visible at the many future community events. Again, I appreciate all of the

support of each of the amazing residents who stopped by City Hall or engaged me at various events, restaurants, and/or other local establishments in the City of Choctaw.

Lastly, I want to leave you all with a quote that I provided from the October newsletter from Ken Blanchard, "Servant-Leadership is all about making the goals clear, and then rolling up your sleeves and doing whatever it takes to help people or our community win." This is true, even if it means hopping on a zero-turn mower and helping staff with mowing park spaces alongside the team. As I have stated to my team from day one, "I will never ask them to do anything I would not be willing to do myself." True Leadership must be for the benefit of the followers and/or community, and not to enrich those leading. On behalf of my team, we have the ability to impact and affect change in a positive way for everyone in this community that we serve. It is my expectation that it will continue to be the goal of each City team member to strive to assure that we are making a difference one positive interaction at a time.

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!