



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” July 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, **July 4<sup>th</sup>** for the observance of Independence Day. 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 **July 4<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>**.



## Bulk Trash Pickup Schedule

Bulk trash is picked up monthly *based on your regular trash day*. Find your 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



## Independence Day Celebration

Join us **July 4<sup>th</sup>** at Choctaw Creek Park for inflatables, games, food, music, vendors, lots of fun, and a fireworks show to end it all! Activities run **5:00pm—9:45pm**.

No personal fireworks are allowed in the park per City Ordinance and will be enforced.



## Fall Sports Leagues

The 2022 Youth Fall Baseball and Softball Leagues will open registration from **Jun. 29<sup>th</sup> - Aug. 10<sup>th</sup>**. Baseball and softball players are invited to sign up, the age cutoff is May 1, 2023. The season begins **Sep. 12<sup>th</sup>** and will include a post-season tournament. Cost is \$30/player or \$300/team. See our website for more information at [mychoctaw.org/191/Bouse-Sports-Complex](https://mychoctaw.org/191/Bouse-Sports-Complex).



## Changes to Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Each year, the City of Choctaw enters into an agreement with Midwest City for the collection of Household Hazardous Waste Collection for the citizens of Choctaw. Choctaw citizens may always dispose of their household hazardous waste safely at the Midwest City Household Hazardous Waste Recycling & Disposal Facility located at 8726 SE 15th Street. Items delivered for disposal must be in original containers or correctly labeled and identified in a suitable substitute container.

Please note, starting July 1, 2022, any household disposing of less than 130 pounds annually shall remain free; however, drop-offs over 130 pounds annually shall be charged a pro-rated fee based on the cost charged by Midwest City. This fee will be invoiced to you by the City of Choctaw. Feel free to call Development Services at 405-390-2999 to get more information regarding this fee.

To schedule a drop-off, please call the Household Hazardous Waste Facility in Midwest City at 405-739-1049 for an appointment and further information regarding the drop-off. Appointments are scheduled Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Bring your current Choctaw Utility bill and your driver's license when dropping off items. Please visit the City's website at <https://mychoctaw.org/245/Accepted-Not-Accepted-Items-List> for a list of accepted items.

The City of Choctaw also partners with Midwest City for an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event, usually held in early summer. This event will remain free to those residents that sign up and the items collected do not count towards the annual 130 pounds cap. The next collection event will be in the spring/summer of 2023.



## Senior Center

The Choctaw Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. It is open from **9:00am to 1:00pm** with the dining room open for sit-down meals on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Meals are by reservation only. Serving time is **11:30am**. Tuesdays and Thursdays there is BINGO for those with meal reservations. Curbside meal service is only offered on Wednesdays and Fridays, prior registration is required. Please call 405-390-8040 for meal registration.

The Center will be closed Monday, **July 4<sup>th</sup>** in observance of Independence Day. For more information, see the city webpage at [mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center](https://mychoctaw.org/255/Choctaw-Senior-Citizens-Center) or contact Lorna Harper at 405-390-8040.

Visit us online at [www.mychoctaw.org](https://www.mychoctaw.org) for even more information.

### Board / Commission Meeting Dates

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

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **July 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> @7PM**

Planning Commission: **July 7<sup>th</sup> @6PM**

Public Recreation Advisory Board: **July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM**

Board of Adjustments (as needed): **July 25<sup>th</sup> @6PM**

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (CEDA): **July 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30PM**



### Choctaw Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System is located at 2525 Muzzy Street. All Metro Library locations are advancing to 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.

2022 Summer Reading Program, "Oceans of Possibilities," June 1<sup>st</sup>—

**July 31<sup>st</sup>**, All ages; Earn 600 points to receive a badge, certificate, and free books OR Metro Library sunglasses, plus an entry to win a prize drawing. Help us reach our community goal of 12 million points by reading and completing reading activities this summer! Visit your library to sign up!

Yoga, Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> - Aug. 26<sup>th</sup>, 10:15-11:15am, Adults; No matter your level of experience there is something to gain from these all-level classes. Yoga promotes flexibility, muscle strength, blood flow, posture, balance, and more! Learn about deep breathing and full body stretching to unite body and mind and increase relaxation. Please bring a yoga mat and bottle of water. Registration required, space is limited.

Animal Pathology with the Museum of Osteology, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00-4:00pm,

Teens; Animal Pathology introduces students to the world of forensic science. After a basic introduction, students will break up into teams to evaluate (hands-on) the pathology of specimens as to the possible cause(s) of the abnormality. After the analysis, teams will report their findings to the class. Chihuly Art for Kids with OKCMOA, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00pm, Kids; Try your hand at sculpting and make a model magic Chihuly-style boat! Join an OKCMOA teaching artist to learn about the summer exhibition Chihuly Then And Now: The Collection at Twenty, then create your own sculpture to take home.

Art Class, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00pm, Kids; A little paint, a little imagination, and ta-da! Art! Join us at the library for a fun ocean-inspired art project, taught by local artist Ms. Elizabeth from Heartlocke Studios!

Animal Pathology with the Museum of Osteology, July 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:00pm, Adults; Animal Pathology introduces students to the world of forensic science. After a basic introduction, students will break up into teams to evaluate (hands-on) the pathology of specimens as to the possible cause(s) of the abnormality. After the analysis, teams will report their findings to the class.

Kraken Attack! Escape Room, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 3:00-3:30pm & 4:00-4:30pm (2 sessions), Teens; Have you heard of the mysterious kraken egg? Legend has it that those that eat it develop the power to breathe underwater! Join a submarine crew as they navigate to the murky depths of the ocean to locate these legendary eggs, but beware the mother kraken, whose tentacles are powerful enough to break submarines just like yours.

Amazing Animal Adaptations with the Museum of Osteology, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:00-5:00pm, Kids; All animals have adaptations. Some help them to eat while others help to keep them from being eaten. In this class we will look at various osteological and external adaptations that help animals survive.

Bad Art: Pop Culture Edition, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30pm, Adults & Families; Have you seen something on Pinterest

and thought "I can recreate that?" Now is your chance! Join us at the Choctaw Library where contestants will work in teams to recreate Pinterest-worthy pop culture reference pieces. We provide the supplies - you provide the creativity! All ages program, parents must attend with their children. Registration required, one seat per registration.



### New City Manager

Mayor Randy Ross is proud to announce Brian Linley as our new City Manager. He will assume the role July 1, 2022. Linley, who was the runner-up selection a year ago, served as the mayor of Del City for 16 years. He was the longest-serving mayor for that municipality, and before that served on the city's planning commission, local economic development committee, and the Del City Housing Authority. He is a US Navy veteran and worked as a logistical supply specialist / program analyst at Tinker Air Force Base.

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](http://www.mychoctaw.org)

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