



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

May 2016

Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-8276
Code Enforcement	405-281-6869
Court Clerk	405-390-3333
Police (non-emergency)	405-769-3821
Fire (non-emergency)	405-390-8300
Police/Fire Emergency	911



Community Bulletin Board

If you have an event or item of community-wide interest occurring in **June**, please submit it to citymanager@choctawcity.org before **May 10th** and, if there is space available, we will include it in the next newsletter. Please limit your submission to 200 words.

Recycling Pickup Schedule

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the week of **May 2nd, 16th and 30th**.

Holiday Closure

City Hall will be closed on **May 30th** in observance of Memorial Day. Trash service will not be affected and will be picked up as normally scheduled.

Household Hazardous Waste Event

The City of Choctaw will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste Pick up event at the **Choctaw Creek Park** on **May 14th** from **9am to 12pm** under the large pavilion. **There will only be 50 slots available** and items must be residential waste and **you must pre-register online** at [http://](http://choctawcity.org/hazardous-waste-disposal/)

choctawcity.org/hazardous-waste-disposal/ or by calling **405-390-8198**.

You will need to bring your utility bill with you to the event. For a list of items accepted, please visit <http://midwestcityok.org/household-hazardous-waste-fact-sheet>. Please direct questions to **Chad Denson** at **405-390-8198**.

Citywide Garage Sale

City Wide Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 7th**. Permit fees are waived for the day of the City Wide Garage Sale, come to City Hall and pre-register. Fees apply for permits for additional days and the purchase of signs. Maps and lists of sale addresses will be available at City Hall on **May 4th**, or online at our website.

Citywide Bulk Waste Pickup

Choctaw's curbside Bulk Waste Pickup will occur **Monday through Friday the week of May 9th through May 13th**. Waste Connections will pick up bulky waste on the same schedule as daily trash pickup, so please have your items at the curb no later than **6 AM the morning of your regular trash pickup day**.

Items **must be within 2 feet of the curb** and should be set at least 5 feet from other items such as mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with the mechanical lifting arm. Waste Connections will pick up as much as 4 cubic yards of bulky waste (about the size of two refrigerators). A complete list of items that can and cannot be picked up can be found on our webpage at www.choctawcity.org. A hand out is also available at City Hall.

Waste Connections will also be accepting bulk waste drop offs at **10 Acre Lake Park** on **Saturday, May 14th**, from **8 am to 2 pm**. This service is for residential customers only, proof

of residency will be required. 10 Acre Lake Park is located on NE 10th between Choctaw Road and Indian Meridian.

2015 Water Quality Reports Online

The 2015 Water Quality Reports are available for viewing at City Hall or online at www.choctawcity.org/utility-billing.

Choctaw Senior Center

The Senior Center currently provides meals, activities and information to help keep seniors healthy, active and informed. Having somewhere to go and people to connect with goes a long way in helping to keep seniors from being depressed. We offer many wonderful services and opportunities on a daily basis. We have internet, free Wi-Fi, copy services, Panara Bread pastries & coffee, cards, dominos, board games, nutrition services, Metropolitan Library books, music to take you down memory lane and lots of conversation. If you're not one for conversation, have some coffee and work on a puzzle. The Center frames and sells puzzles as a fundraiser. We will have a booth at the Pioneer Market the first Saturday of each month. You can purchase framed puzzles, hand crafted items and home-made baked goods.

Upcoming Events:

- Birthday Celebration—First **Monday**
- Blood Pressure Clinic—**Monday @ 10:30am**
- Knitting/Crocheting Group—**Mondays @ 10:00am**
- Bingo—**Tuesdays & Thursdays @ 10am**
- Devotional—**Wednesdays @ 10:30am**
- Bible Study—**Fridays @ 10:00am**
- Shopping at Walmart—**Tuesdays after Lunch** (call for pickup)
- Indoor Walking—**Mondays, Wednesdays, & Fridays @ 9:30am**

For daily menu and activities, go to

Visit us online at www.choctawcity.org for more information.

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

7 PM

City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: May 3rd & 17th

Planning Commission Meeting: May 5th

Public Recreation Board Meeting: May 10th

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): May 23rd

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Old Germany Restaurant): May 25th

www.choctawcity.org/senior-center. For transportation services call the Senior Center at (405) 390-8040.

Choctaw Senior Center is located at **14653 Dean Street**. The Senior Center is open **Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm**. Lunch is served at **11:30**. **Reservations are required for lunch.**

Events at the Choctaw Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System, located at **2525 Muzzy St.**, offers many excellent programs for patrons of all ages. You may register at the library or by calling **390-8418 ext 3**. For more information visit www.metrolibrary.org

Toddlers (ages 1-3):

Toddler time **May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, & 31st** @ 9:30am—10am
Playtime **May 14th** @ 10:00am—11am

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5):

Storytime **May 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st** @ 10:30am—11am
Playtime **May 5th** @ 10:30am—11am

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12):

Book Club **May 4th** @ 10am—10:30am
Children Reading to Dogs **May 14th & 18th** @ 3pm—4pm

Art Class **May 6th, 13th & 20th** @ 9:30am—10:30am

PreTeen (ages 9-12):

LEGO Robotics **May 9th, 16th, & 23rd** @ 4pm—5:30pm

Teen (ages 12-18):

Teen Service Team **May 8th & 26th** @ 3pm—5pm

Teen Book Club **May 4th & 18th** @ 11am—12pm

Journaling **May 5th & 12th** @ 5pm—7pm

Minecraft Club **May 2nd** @ 4pm—5:30pm

Adults

Knitting Club **May 7th** @ 10am—12pm

Beginning Crochet **May 7th** @ 1pm—3pm

Tai Chi **May 4th, 11th, & 18th** @ 6:15pm—7:15pm

All Ages:

LEGO Club **May 25th** @ 4pm—5:30pm

Concert **May 31st** @ 7pm—8:45pm

Let's play a game Choctaw!!! Winner gets a \$100 visa Gift card!

Here are the rules.

1. Figure out the clue below.
2. Go to that location and take a selfie with yourself at that location.
3. Send the picture to the Parks and Recreation Director at rhill@choctawcity.org
4. One entry per household, must be a Choctaw resident.

The first 100 people to send in their selfie will qualify for next June's clue. We will play this game for 6 months where we will eliminate roughly 50% of the previous months qualifiers. The winner will be announced in **November** where we may start a new game. Good luck! Here is the first clue:

For those that seek this they will need some R&R,
Even if you are on time, you will always be behind,
You'll find me at the 9th Prime and the patella of a female bird,
Clash London Calling hidden Track.

Game starts at **12:01am** on **Sunday, May 1st 2016**, and submissions must be submitted by **May 31st**.

Utilities Update

The Choctaw Utilities Authority operates eight water wells, 47 miles of water distribution lines, one wastewater treatment plant and 33 miles of wastewater collection lines. In the last year a new wastewater line serving the west side of Choctaw has been completed and a water line is also underway for that area. On the east side there is a wastewater collection line under construction. The current Comprehensive Master Plan process is evaluating additional water and wastewater utility extensions for the community. Also underway is the engineering necessary to replace the Utilities Authority's wastewater treatment plant. The existing plant was put into operation in 1983 and the Utilities Authority is working with the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality to ensure that the new facility will meet all State and Federal requirements. At this time the Utilities Authority is evaluating its bonding capacity and the current rate structure as the existing utility rates cannot fund the entire project.



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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.choctawcity.org

Check it out!