



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

August 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 **September**, please submit it to citymanager@choctawcity.org before **August 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 **August 8th and 22nd**.

Blue and Gold Extravaganza

The Touchdown Club will be hosting its 4th annual Blue and Gold Extravaganza on **August 13, 2016**. This Extravaganza, like previous years, will be a great community event that showcases the pride and community spirit of our City.

The event will begin with the “TeamUP Choctaw” trash pickup event starting at *8am through 10am*. Citizens will meet at the **Choctaw High School** for instructions and supplies including gloves and trash bags.

The community cleanup event will be followed by a carnival at the **Choctaw High School** starting at *4pm*. The carnival event is free to the public, please contact the Touchdown Club at choctawhighschooltouchdownclub@gmail.com for more in-

formation.

Following the Carnival the Touchdown Club will introduce the Choctaw teams starting at *8pm* including routine performances by some of the teams. We hope to see you there!

Drain standing water and wear repellent to fight mosquitoes

Mosquito-borne diseases are a threat from summer through fall in Oklahoma County and the best ways to fight them are to drain standing water and protect your skin with repellent and long clothes.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends using mosquito repellents with DEET, picaridin, IR3535 or oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE or PMD). Essential lemon eucalyptus oil not formulated as a repellent is not recommended.

Check the label of insect repellents in stores to make sure one of those is listed as an ingredient. Spray the repellent on your exposed skin and clothes. Also check the label to be sure it’s OK to apply to your skin, as some repellents are designed only to be sprayed on clothes.

It’s also helpful to wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when you’re outside.

Drain standing water on your property to help fight mosquitoes at home. Mosquitoes lay eggs in standing water, and the larvae will hatch if the water isn’t drained or treated with larvicide.

You can report standing water on private property to the **Oklahoma City-County Health Department** online or by calling **(405) 425-4347, (405) 425-4348 or (405) 425-4319**.

Mosquitoes can be a threat all day and night, but they’re most active at dusk and dawn.

The best way to avoid mosquito bites is to avoid being outside at dusk and dawn. Whenever you must be outside, remember to wear repellent on your exposed skin and clothes, and wear a long-sleeved shirt and long pants.

The City of Choctaw and the Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) are partners with our residents in the fight against mosquito-borne illnesses.

OCCHD is monitoring the threat of mosquito-borne illnesses locally by exchanging information with local physicians, the state Health Department, CDC and Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists.

OCCHD also monitors mosquito traps for mosquitoes carrying illnesses that can be transmitted to people.

Tips for fighting mosquitoes

- Get rid of garbage that holds water. Mosquitoes can lay hundreds of eggs in something as small as a soda can.
- Change water daily in birdbaths and pet water bowls.
- Clean out clogged rain gutters and repair leaky outdoor plumbing fixtures.
- Don’t dump grass or other yard waste into storm drains or drainage channels. Clogged storm drainage areas make good mosquito breeding areas.
- Cover rain barrels with a screen.
- Boats stored outdoors should be covered or stored upside down.
- Repair damaged screens on doors and windows.

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: **August 2nd & 16th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **August 4th**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **August 9th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **August 22nd**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Old Germany Restaurant): **August 31st**

• Use mosquito dunks and other approved mosquito control products on your property. You can find them at home improvement stores. The state Agriculture, Food and Forestry Department maintains a list of approved products you can find here on the Oklahoma State University website.

• Make sure tire swings or other tires on your property aren't holding water.

Choctaw Senior Center

The Senior Center currently provides meals, activities and information to help keep seniors healthy, active and informed. We offer many services and opportunities on a daily basis. As a member of the Senior Center, you have access to internet, Wi-Fi and copy services. We also offer pastries, doughnuts & coffee. Our seniors enjoy card games, board games, dominos, nutrition services, Metropolitan Library books, and music. All types of classes and workshops are offered monthly. You can purchase puzzle art at our center. We also offer "Compassionate Conversation" on an "as needed" basis. If you need someone to talk to, about anything, you can contact the senior center to schedule a Compassionate Conversation session with Jon Dillinger.

Shopping at Walmart – **Tuesdays after Lunch** (call for pickup)

For daily menu and activities, go to **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 **August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 11am—11:30am**
Playtime **August 13th @ 10:00am—11am**

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5):

Storytime **August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th @ 10am—10:45am**
Pajama Storytime **August 22nd & 29th @ 6:30pm—7:15pm**

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12):

Children Reading to Dogs **August 13th @ 3pm—4pm & 17th @ 4pm—5pm**
LEGO WeDo Club **August 10th @ 4pm—5pm**

PreTeen (ages 9-12):

NASA Day **August 9th @ 4pm—5pm**

Teen (ages 12-18):

Minecraft Club **August 8th @ 4pm—5:30pm**
Navigating Financial Aid **August 25th @ 6pm—7:30pm**

Teen Book Club **August 10th & 24th @ 11am—12pm**

Adults

Color Me Calm **August 27th @ 10am—12pm**

Seniors (ages 55+)

How to Communicate with Your Healthcare Provider **August 25th @ 1:30pm—2:30pm**

Healthy Brain, Healthy Mind **August 4th & 11th @ 1:30pm—2:30pm**

Tai Chi **August 3rd, 10th & 17th @ 6:15pm—7:15pm**

All Ages:

Yu-Gi-Oh! **August 7th @ 2pm—4pm**

LEGO Club **August 31st @ 4pm—5pm**

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

For those that have qualified for August's clue, just like July, go to this location, take a selfie and send it to **rhill@choctawcity.org**.

Happy Hunting!!! Here is clue #4.

If you are out and about and just Tinkering around,

My residence initials were A.F.B. before I was Choctaw bound,

Our President's first name, although missing an "r",

If Mr. Hester would HARP about Convenience, Value and Service...you would not be that far.

Good Luck!!!

Submissions must be submitted by **August 31st**.



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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!