



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

May 2018

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
Choctaw Creek Golf	405-769-7166
Waste Connections	405-745-2942



Recycling Pickup Schedule

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the week of **May 1st, 14th, and 28th.**

Citywide Bulk Waste Pickup

Choctaw's curbside Bulk Waste Pickup will occur **Monday through Friday the week of May 7th through May 11th.** 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 12th, 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.

Citywide Garage Sale

City Wide Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 5th.** 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.

Choctaw High School Competitive

Drama presents RUMORS

Choctaw High School Competitive Drama and Stage Craft complete their 2017-18 theatre season with the full-length comedy, *RUMORS* directed by Maryjane Burton and Justin Larman!

The story: In Neil Simon's farce, four couples arrive at the 10th anniversary celebration party for New York's deputy mayor Charley Brock and his wife Myra only to find the mayor wounded in bed and Myra missing. Charley's lawyer, Ken, and Ken's wife, Chris, must get "the story" straight before the other guests arrive. As the confusion and miscommunication mount, the evening fills with hilarity and... **RUMORS!**

RUMORS runs **Thursday through Saturday, May 3, 4, & 5 at 7:30pm** in the **Choctaw High School Performing Arts Center** located at **14300 N.E. 10th Street.** Join us for a Potato Bar Dinner Theatre on **Saturday, May 5,**

beginning at *6:00p.m.* All proceeds from the Potato Bar will send (4) National Qualifying Students to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida to compete this summer! *RUMORS* ticket prices are \$10 General Admission Seating and just \$15.00 will include the Potato Bar and Saturday evening performance. To reserve tickets or additional information, contact **Maryjane Burton at (405)-390-6143** or email mburton@cnpsschools.org. Group Discounts available for groups 15 or more! Don't miss this fun night of side-splitting theatre!

Cancer Support Group Meeting

Come join cancer fighters going through treatments and those who have "beat it". Come talk with those who have either walked or are walking a similar mile.

This group is very supportive as it involves individuals who have come to understand challenges dealing with cancer treatment because of personal involvement in a similar experience. Virtues of listening, encouragement, and comfort that aren't in books or doctor's offices can be found here.

This group is made up of people who share a camaraderie, who meet together to share their experiences and provide emotional support for one another, because having cancer is often one of the most stressful experiences in a person's life. This group helps you cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by providing a place to share feelings and challenges helping you realize that "You Are Not Alone"!

The Cancer Support group meets at **Grace Bible Church** located at **15012 SE 29th Street,** on **Tuesday** evenings @ *6:30 pm.* For more information call **405-694-0434.**

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 1st & 15th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **May 3rd**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **May 8th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **May 21st (Special Meeting)**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Choctaw Creek Golf Course): **May 30th**

Free Square Dance Lessons

Funtimers Square Dance Club is hosting Free Lessons beginning **May 15th, 2018**. Lessons will be held on the **1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays and every Thursday of each month** at the **MWC Senior Center, located at 8251 East Reno Avenue, Midwest City, Oklahoma**. The center is located east of the Midwest City Library. Lessons *start Promptly at 7:00 PM and Conclude at 9:00*, comfortable, casual attire is acceptable. For more information contact Bob Thomas at **405-642-1832** or email at **bob@sdbob.com**

Choctaw Senior Center

Spring is here, and summer is quickly approaching; time to get out and enjoy these beautiful days. There's no better way of doing that, than coming to the senior center. If you're a senior citizen age sixty (60) or older, come join us. If you need transportation, give us call. We can arrange transportation for you. Meals are served Monday thru Friday at 11:30am. (Prior Meal Reservation Required)

As we age, falling becomes more of an issue. Verna Meadows from Humana will be here on **Friday, the 4th at 10:45am**, to speak with us about "Preventing Falls". Children can

brighten our day so much. Come out and support our elementary home schoolers with their reading program. Every month they come and read to us. This month they will be here on **Monday, the 14th at 10:30**. Other activities include:

Blood Pressure Clinic – **Monday, 7th & 21st 10:30am-11:30am**

Bingo – **Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00am**

Devotional – **Wednesdays 10:00am**

Closed – **Memorial Day, Monday 28th**

For more information or to sign-up for any of these events, please call the Senior Center at **(405) 390-8040**, between 9:00am and 1:00pm.

For daily menu and activities, go to www.choctawcity.org, click on "Living in Choctaw", then click on "Choctaw Senior Center". For transportation to the Senior Center or to Wal-Mart, call **390-8040**. We are located at **14653 Dean Street**. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday **9:00am to 1:00pm**. We serve our meals at **11:30am** each day. Please call for a meal reservation, no later than **12:00 noon** the day before you plan to attend. *We can't wait to see you!!*

City Manager Corner

Quite often I hear from citizens wanting to get involved in the community or be more informed about their municipal government but they don't know where or how to start. The first and best place to start to find out about what is going on in your city is to attend council meetings. Here you can get to know your Mayor, Council members, Professional City Staff, and hear the why's and where for's of happening's around your municipality first hand. Contrary to popular belief, participation in anonymous "electronic rumor" mediums, Social

Media, although entertaining, is not the preferred method of participation or getting your factual firsthand information. The great thing about smaller City's like Choctaw, is you have opportunity to talk to staff and council members directly either before or after a council meeting. However, council meetings are not your only opportunity to get firsthand fact information. Choctaw has multiple Boards and Commissions meeting monthly that are open to the public. The City has a Planning Commission with representation from each ward that meets monthly to discuss Zoning, Land Use, Development Plans, and execution of the Comprehensive Master Plan. Here you can learn a lot about what new developments are planned or what business is interested in coming to our City. The City also has a Board of Adjustments to review variance requests from citizens or developers wishing to deviate from city code or ordinance. Here you can learn the in's and out's of the rules meant to keep consistency in design and safety standards for our city. There is a Parks and Recreation Board that meets monthly to advise Council on the Parks Master plan and, with City Staff assist, also coordinate events for the City of Choctaw. Currently there are multiple openings on this board; if Parks is what floats your boat fill out an application. One thing I found a bit concerning last year was the lack of citizen interest in the City budget. For me, April, May, June, and July are the most important months of the year; preparing the city budget, the life blood of what we do for citizens. Much can be gleaned from the city budget and it's presentation by staff to the Council. I will most likely hold a workshop for Council, specific to next year's budget sometime in May. So, watch the city website. Meeting times and dates are posted there along with agenda's and back-up material for each meeting. More to follow...



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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!