



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" **October 2023**

Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-1121
Code Enforcement	405-281-6869
Court Clerk	405-390-3333
Development Services	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: **October 9th and October 23rd.**

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 Curbside Bulk Pick-Up will occur:

Monday=1st Thursday of the month
Tuesday = 2nd Thursday
Wednesday = 3rd Thursday
Thursday/Friday = 4th Thursday

Available Now

You can have all things Choctaw in your pocket! Search City of Choctaw, OK in your app store and download today! The website has a whole new look as well, all streamlined with the app, so enable notifications and stay up-to-date on everything City of Choctaw!



COMING SOON!

Your Water Usage, Online!

The city is currently in the process of upgrading our infrastructure by replacing our water meters with new Smart meters. These new meters transmit readings daily and provide a more detailed picture of water usage and possible leak issues. In addition to being able to pinpoint when a leak started, these new meters can show how much water is used in household use and irrigation. When we swap the meter out, it will impact read dates, so please be aware you may experience a bill with a shorter read time around 10 days followed by a bill with a longer read time around 50-60 days. This is due to the meter swap in the middle of the read cycle, and will impact your bill making your usual bill amount appear lower and higher in relation to the read time. The read time will normalize on the next bill cycle after the longer read time. To access your meter account after we have swapped your meter out, please contact us and we will provide you with your account information and the link to set up access. For more information, please contact Utility Billing at 405-390-8198.



Oklahoma Highland Gathering

The 2023 Oklahoma Highland Gathering is an annual Scottish festival that will be held from Friday, October 20, 2023, 5:00 PM to Sunday, October 22, 2023, 6:00 PM at Choctaw Creek Park in Choctaw, Oklahoma. The festival is organized by the United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma and features a variety of activities such as IHGF-sanctioned highland games, pipes and drums, folk and modern Celtic bands, highland dancing, Gaelic lessons, Viking reenactments, clan tents and ancestry resources, food trucks, local breweries, whisky tastings, vendors, blacksmithing, lace tatting, highland cattle (hielan coos) and more. The festival will kick off on Friday night with a fire ceremony (also known as the "calling of the clans") followed by a traditional ceilidh, a celebration with folk music, singing, dancing, and storytelling.

Visit us online at www.mychoctaw.org for even more information.

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority:

October 3rd & 17th @ 6PM

Planning Commission:

October 5th @ 6PM

Public Recreation Advisory Board:

October 10th @ 7 PM

Board of Adjustments (as needed):

October 23rd @ 6PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority

**Senior Center**

The Senior Center now offers inside dining five (5) days a week. We no longer have Carry Out Service. Transportation to and from the Center is available. Come out and join us for Devotionals, Bingo, Games and Snacks. Meals are served by reservation only. Reservations for meals and transportation must be made in advance. Please call (405) 390-8040 M-F 9am to 1pm to make reservations or for more information. The Senior Center is located at 14653 Dean Street. If you are a senior age 60 or older, you should be hanging out at the Choctaw Senior Center. We have a lot to offer!

Oct. 2nd: 10am changes to supplemental medicare advantage plans (United Healthcare)

Oct. 16th: 10am "Remember When" (At Home) (Metropolitan Library)

All Senior Center activities and presentations begin at 10am.

- Delicious & nutritious meals daily
- Games (table & board)
- Workshops & guest speakers
- Blood pressure clinics
- Devotional services
- Bingo
- Birthday & holiday celebrations
- Carry-out meal service
- Coffee & conversation

Register by phone to participate, you must be 60 and older. Please call Lorna at 405-390-8040 to RSVP and reserve your spot.

For a schedule of these and other offerings check out our events calendar and lunch menu at <https://www.mychoctaw.org/page/choctaw-senior-citizens-center>. Hope to see you soon!

**Choctaw Library**

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System is located at 2525 Muzzy Street. You may still pick up using curbside service. Many programs are available online in addition to pre-made kits. The Choctaw Library offers a broad array of services, including public access computers, free WiFi, copy/scan/fax/printing services, programs and events for all ages, and a robust local collection of physical materials for all interests and tastes. Additionally, the library features a large meeting room that can be booked and used by the public, as well as large covered outdoor patio spaces that can be used by the public, weather-permitting. Please visit their webpage for all of the upcoming events at your local library: <https://www.metrolibrary.org/locations/choctaw>.

Bulk Waste Pickup Limitations and Fees

Reminder that sanitation service for account holders in Choctaw City limits includes a once a month bulk pickup. Waste Connections will pick up to 3 cubic yards worth of bulk waste, waste materials must be contained or tied into 4 ft bundles. Loose or unbundled waste will incur an additional fee of \$30.00 per load and waste in excess of 3 cubic yards will incur an additional fee of \$15.00 per cubic yard up to 9 cubic yards in total, and these fees will be posted on the next

bill. Waste Connections will not pick up more than 9 cubic yards, anything that exceeds their ability to lift, or anything on the list of unallowed items to include hazardous chemicals, etc. Full list of allowed and unallowed items can be found on our website at mychoctaw.org

Choctaw City Hall

The City of Choctaw welcomes two new employees this month. Tasha Zucco and Elaine Beller. Tasha is working as the administrative assistant Elaine is the utility billing clerk.

Tasha Zucco was born and raised in Oklahoma City. She then lived in Luther, OK and has recently moved to Choctaw, OK. Tasha has five wonderful children and 3 grandchildren which she loves spending time with. She also is an animal lover and has 2 dogs: Bella and Balto.

Elaine Beller lives in Harrah, OK and is married to Tim Green and they have three children. She has lived in Oklahoma since 1993 and graduated from Harrah in the year 2000. She enjoys fishing, disc golf, and dog rescue. She owns one pitbull and Frenchie cross-breed.

LAUNCHING SOON**City of Choctaw**

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Resources

Need help with healthcare, housing, food, clothing, or utility assistance? Call 211. It's a 24-hour resource to provide referrals to community-based services for everyday needs or in times of crisis or disaster. Talk to someone who cares and knows where to go for help - Call 2-1-1.

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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!