



# CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" **January 2024**

## 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: **January 1st, 15th, and 29th.**

## 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

During the week of New Year's Day, Monday January 1st, trash and recycle will not be picked up on Monday, January 1st and will be bumped one day for the remainder of the week; Monday's route will be picked up on Tuesday and Tuesday's route will be picked up on Wednesday and so on. Bulk pickup will not be affected during the holiday.

## Sanitation Department

Reminder: City of Choctaw Sanitation rate increase became effective on the December billing statements. Sanitation rates have increased to \$21.59 for regular sanitation service, \$17.38 for Senior rate sanitation service, and \$6.53 per additional poly cart.

## Hiring Now

The City of Choctaw is actively seeking qualified individuals to join its dynamic team, offering immediate employment opportunities and a chance to contribute to the ongoing progress and prosperity of the community.

### APPLY NOW

#### Listing of Openings:

Golf Course Manager

Police Officer

Light Equipment Operator

Field Operations Superintendent

Utility Crew Chief

Utility Laborer

Parks Laborer

\* PART TIME \*

Golf Cart Attendant

Golf Pro Shop Attendant

\* SEASONAL \*

Gatekeeper, Bouse Sports Complex

## 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!



## City of Choctaw on Social Media



[@cityofchoctaw](https://www.instagram.com/cityofchoctaw)

[facebook](https://www.facebook.com/cityofchoctaw)

[@cityofchoctaw](https://www.instagram.com/cityofchoctaw)

[@cityofchoctawparksandrecreation](https://www.instagram.com/cityofchoctawparksandrecreation)

## Eastern Oklahoma County Resource Center

To the Choctaw community, a huge shoutout for your incredible support this Giving Season! Thanks to you, the Eastern Oklahoma County Resource Center had an amazing impact. Your generosity lights up our community, making a real difference for those going through tough times. This year, we served more than 80 families and over 250 kids. With your help, we provided 216 boxes of food and over \$50,000 in gifts, hygiene items, blankets, books, and socks. Your contributions, big or small, made this possible. Thanks a million from all of us at the Eastern Oklahoma County Resource Center. Your support means the world, and we're excited to keep making a positive difference together. Thank YOU!

Starting January 1, 2024, the Eastern Oklahoma County Resource Center Food Pantry will have updated hours to better serve the community. You can now visit us for food assistance during these times:

**Tuesdays: Noon to 2:00 PM**

**Thursdays: Noon to 3:00 PM**

Any food donations may be dropped off on **Tuesday & Thursday 9:00 AM - Noon.**

We understand that getting food is important, so we've added an additional day during the week to give you more time to stop by and pick up what you need. The Food Pantry is here to help with your food needs, and we hope these additional hours make it more convenient for you. If you have any questions, need more information, or would like to support EOCCRC by volunteering or donating, feel free to call us at 405.297.4998 or visit our website at [eocrc.org](http://eocrc.org). We're here to support you!



**NEW** **PANTRY HOURS**  
**TUESDAYS NOON TO 2**  
**THURSDAYS NOON TO 3**  
**WALK INS ARE WELCOME**  
**NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED**



1850 Commerce Drive - Choctaw, OK 73020  
405.297.4998 - [eocrc.org](http://eocrc.org)

**#bettertogether**  
[eocrc.org](http://eocrc.org)



Visit us online at [www.mychoctaw.org](http://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:

**January 2nd & 16th @ 6PM**

Planning Commission:

**January 4th @ 6PM**

Public Recreation Advisory Board:

**January 9th @ 7 PM**

Board of Adjustments (as needed)



**Senior Center**

The Choctaw Senior Citizen Center will now be open until 4PM. If you're not an early riser or if you're just not ready to leave the Center at 1PM, you now have additional hours of activities. If you just want to drop in for a beverage and some conversation, that's great too. We will be open for games also.

**Presentation Schedule:**

**Mon (1<sup>st</sup>) – CLOSED** (New Year's Day)

**Mon (8<sup>th</sup>) @10:00AM** – Oklahoma Library for the Blind & Physically Handicapped

**Mon (15<sup>th</sup>) – CLOSED** (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)

**Mon (22<sup>nd</sup>) @10:00AM** – Craft (No Sew Blankets for Children in Need)

**Mon (29<sup>th</sup>) @10:00AM** – "Nerve Renewal"

To see a full calendar of morning and afternoon events, go to **mychoctaw.org**

Meals and Transportation Available by Reservation Only

For more information or to make reservations, please call (405) 390-8040.

**Address:** 14653 Dean St., Choctaw, OK 73020

**Email:** choctawseniors@gmail.com



**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 Wi-Fi, 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>.



**Development Services**

The City of Choctaw now permits the operation of short-term rentals, commonly referred to as Airbnb's and Vrbo's. This use is permitted in all residential zoning districts with an annual license issued by the city clerk, followed up by a yearly renewal application. Short-term rentals will collect an earmarked hotel/motel tax which is dedicated to park improvements within the city. All surrounding properties within 300-feet of said property will be notified when an application for a short-term rental has been received. Check out the mychoctaw.org website for additional information and answers to frequently asked questions about short-term rentals.

**Winter Driving & Snow Route Map**

When winter weather is upon us, it's time to make plans for the possibility of ice and snow making an appearance. Therefore, the City and County leaders from across the OKC Metro Area have worked to develop a regional snow route map that highlights the best route choices for motorists when inclement winter weather strikes. View the Snow Route Map at: <https://www.acogok.org/transportation-planning/congestion-management/regional-snow-routes-2/>



**SMOKE TESTING NOTICE TO RESIDENTS**

For the next few days, inspection crews will conduct a physical survey of the wastewater collection system. Pipeline Analysis will perform this study, which involves opening manholes in the streets and backyard utility easements. Information gained from this study will be used to repair and improve the wastewater collection system.

One important task of the survey will be **smoke testing** of sewer lines to locate breaks and defects in the system. During this testing, white smoke will exit through vent pipes on the roofs of homes and through sewer line breaks. **The smoke is non-toxic, leaves no residue, and creates no fire hazard.** The smoke should not enter your home unless defective plumbing exists or drain traps are dry.

If you have seldom-used drains, please pour a gallon of water in the drain to fill the drain trap. This procedure will help prevent the possibility of smoke entering your living areas through those drains.

Field crews will perform testing of all sewers in the area. At no time will field crews have to enter your business or residence.

Your cooperation is appreciated. Should you have any additional questions concerning this study or if you desire special assistance, please phone:

- **800-637-0164**
- **405-390-8198**



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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)

**Check it out and subscribe!**