



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future"

Jan. 2026

Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-983-7569
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

City Hall is open from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM Monday through Thursday, and 7:30AM to 11:30 AM on Fridays. *For emergency water/sewer issues, call: 405-520-8911 or 405-520-8912.*

Choctaw Senior Citizen Center

Seniors! Save on your grocery bill by enjoying a meal at the Senior Center! There is no income requirement, and meals are completely free!

Lunch is served Mon. – Fri. at 11:30 AM. **Reservations are required—please call by 10:00 AM the day before** to reserve your meal.

Address: 14653 Dean St., Choctaw, OK 73020

Phone: (405) 390-8040

Email: choctawseniors@gmail.com

Hours: Monday – Thursday: 9 AM – 3 PM and Friday: 9 AM – 1 PM. **Transportation is Available**

January is an activity filled month at the senior center. See the full calendar at the QR code below. For more details or to sign up for activities call **(405) 390-8040**.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone



Recycling Pickup

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **January 2nd, and 26th.**

Road Projects Update

The repaving of Choctaw Road, 29th Street, and the quarter mile of Indian Meridian south of 29th Street is complete. Silver Star is finishing up the striping and some ditch work, and the entire project is expected to be completed by mid-January.

The next road project will begin in the spring and will include Henney Road between 15th Street and Reno Avenue.

Friday Night Lights

Choctaw High School Football Team – You Did Great!

Choctaw High School recently competed in the OSSAA Class 6A-II Football State Championship and finished as state runner-up. Your hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship made the community proud!

We also want to congratulate our neighbors at Jones High School for winning the 2A State Championship!

Fire Captain Donnie Lewis Announces Retirement

Fire Captain Donnie Lewis has announced his retirement, effective December 30, 2025.

Captain Lewis began his fire service career in Nicoma Park, OK, in 1995 and has been a dedicated member of the Choctaw Fire Department since October 15, 2002. In total, Captain Lewis has served the community in the fire service for 30 years.

Thank you, Donnie, for your many years of dedicated service. Best wishes and congratulations on your retirement!

Did you get a pool for Christmas?

Even though it's still winter, a quick reminder: when you fill your pool, you must call City Hall **BEFORE** you start filling it if you have city sewer service. This ensures your rate adjustment is applied correctly.

Special Events

We would like to thank Southern Sky, Calico Rock, Gentry Counce, Three Wheel Drive, The Janitors, Guitars for Vets, and Too Burnt to Know for performing at Friday Nights in the Park this season. These bands generously donate their time to play for our community, making the event truly special.

The Friday Nights in the Park experience is greatly enhanced by these talented performers. We also want to thank all the volunteers, community organizations, food trucks, and vendors who help make Friday Nights in the Park and our other events possible.

This year's sponsors include: FNB Community Bank, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, AMC Mortgage, BancFirst, TFCU, Renewal by Andersen, ONG, Choctaw Kiwanis, Walmart Choctaw, Sam's, and C J's Bait Company.

A special thanks goes to the Parks Department staff, who often work overtime to support and staff these community events.

The Special Events staff is already working on an exciting lineup for next year. We will host many of the same favorite events while introducing a few new ones. The first special event of the year will be the Easter Scramble on March 28, and Friday Nights in the Park will return in May.

To learn more about the City of Choctaw's special events or other happenings in the area, like and follow the City of Choctaw Special Events page.



Utility Contract Update

We're asking all residents to update their utility contract. Simply scan the QR code to access the Utility Department page and complete the new form.

For more Information, please call **405-390-8198**.



Department Highlights

Development Services

The City of Choctaw partnered with Freese and Nichols to complete a draft of its Unified Development Code (UDC) as part of an effort to improve the City's development regulations and provide organized standards all in one place.

This update is designed to create a more user-friendly and transparent code that is easier for residents, property owners, developers, and businesses to understand and use. The draft UDC includes visuals to help take the guesswork out of the process, improve consistency, and provide greater clarity on how development standards apply throughout the community.

This draft is an important step toward making Choctaw's development rules clearer, more consistent, and easier to use. Residents are encouraged to review the draft Unified Development Code and provide feedback.



Police Department

The City of Choctaw Police Department Honor Guard will proudly present the colors at the Thunder game on January 28th.

Human Resources

Welcome Our New Hires!

We are proud to introduce the newest members of the City of Choctaw team who joined us in the last quarter of the year:

Rylan Hall-Norton – Patrol Officer
Dewey Gilder – Street Laborer
Mikael Lee – Utility Laborer
Cameron Veal – City Planner
Jacob Smiley – Utility Laborer
Donna Collier – Recreation Coordinator
Justin Weaver – Human Resources Director

Welcome aboard! We're excited to have you on the team and look forward to all the great work ahead.

Important Information

Oklahoma City-County Health Department's Total Wellness Program

The Oklahoma City-County Health Department's Total Wellness program is offering FREE 8-week classes focused on weight loss and chronic disease prevention. Participants have achieved impressive results, including weight loss, lower triglycerides, and improved blood sugar.

The program includes personalized support, nutrition education, and one-on-one consultations with dietitians, all in a friendly, supportive environment.

To sign up, please scan the QR code.

This is not a city program. For questions, please contact the Health Department.



City Hall Closures

City Hall will be closed on:
January 1 for New Year's Day.
January 19th for Martin Luther King Day.
Payments can still be placed in the drop box during closures and will be applied on the next business day.

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

Report a Problem

Use the QR code below to report a problem or concern to the City. Whether it's a pothole, tall weeds, or something that needs attention, your input helps us keep Choctaw running smoothly. Just scan, fill out the form, and we'll take it from there!



Reminders

To see current City of Choctaw employment opportunities, scan the QR code.



Permits, Permits, Permits!



We are trying to make it easier – here is a QR code if you would like to apply for a permit online.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The City of Choctaw is currently seeking community members to serve on the:
-Board of Adjustments
-Public Recreation Advisory Board
If you are interested in serving, please contact 405-390-8198 for more information.

Elmwood Cemetery

If you own a plot at Elmwood Cemetery and have moved, please call the City at 405-390-8198 to update your address. Keeping your information current ensures you receive important notices.

VETERANS

VA Assistance Program

Veterans can meet with Veterans Affairs the 1st, 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 8:00 – 11:30 AM at the police station for resources, guidance, and support.

American Legion Meetings

Now meeting at Choctaw Creek Golf Course, every 2nd Tuesday at 7 PM. Veterans and supporters are always welcome!

Weekday golfers, don't miss out!

Green Fees plus a Golf Cart are now just \$25, available Monday through Thursday!

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority:

First and Third Tuesdays at 6:00 PM

Public Recreation Advisory Board:
Second Tuesday @ 7 PM

Planning Commission:
First Thursday @ 6PM



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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!