



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" **NOV. 2025**

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	405-769-2431
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**

November 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: **November 3rd and 17th.**

State of the City

There will be a State of the City meeting held on November 17th, 2025. The presentation will highlight the city's financial standing, provide updates on sales tax collections, review current and upcoming projects, and showcase the progress made over the past 12 months.

Road Construction Reminder

Construction on SE 29th Street between Choctaw Road and Indian Meridian is ongoing. Please observe and adhere to the "No Through Traffic" signs in the area.

Detours may be inconvenient, but they are necessary to ensure the safety of construction workers and to maintain the quality of the roadway improvements.

Grant Awarded!

The Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation has awarded the City of Choctaw a Trails Grant for 2025. This grant will fund Phase 2 of the Ten Acre Lake Trail, extending the trail east to Bouse Park and then southwest around the lake, continuing Choctaw's commitment to expanding outdoor recreation and connectivity for the community.

Upcoming Election – November 18

The City will hold a special election on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, for voters to consider two ballot propositions. **Proposition One-** Term Limits for Mayor and City Council, asks voters to consider establishing formal term limits for the offices of Mayor and City Council. If approved, both the Mayor and City Councilmembers would be limited to three terms of four years each. A person could serve up to three terms as a City Councilmember and three terms as Mayor.

Proposition Two- Sale of Optimist Park, asks voters to authorize the City of Choctaw to sell the property currently operated as Optimist Park.

Polling places will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Absentee and early voting information is available through the Oklahoma County Election Board.

Help Shape Choctaw's Future!

The City of Choctaw is developing a new Comprehensive Plan – Create Choctaw 2045 to guide growth, services, and community priorities for the next 20 years.

If you missed the Open House, you can still share your thoughts!

Visit our website to learn more and take the community survey — your input will help shape Choctaw's future.



EVENTS

Veterans Day Block Party

Join us on Tuesday, November 11th, as we honor and express our gratitude to the brave men and women who have served our nation.

This special evening will feature Veterans' groups, vendors, a food truck, live music, and the BSA Troop 275 Flag Retirement Ceremony beginning at 6:00 PM.

The Christmas Market at Choctaw Creek Park!

Join us on Friday, December 13th, from 2 – 6 PM. This year, we have over 80 vendors ready to help you with all your holiday shopping.

You can also enjoy live music, a visit with Santa, train rides, games, activities, Crafting with Cops, and much more!



For the latest updates, vendor info, and event details, scan the QR code.

New Holiday Decorations Coming to 23rd Street!

Something new is coming to Choctaw this Christmas! Holiday decorations that complement the Silhouette Sculpture Garden have been procured for 23rd Street. The display will feature a festive scene with six Christmas trees of various sizes, a large snowman, and children building the snowman.

This will be a multi-year project, with a new scene added each year, eventually creating multiple displays stretching along 23rd Street from Henney Road to Choctaw Road.

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

Department Highlights

Choctaw Police Department MADD Award

The Choctaw Police Department was recently recognized by the Oklahoma Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) for their outstanding efforts in combating impaired driving.

Officer Dylan Robins was individually honored for his dedication and commitment to keeping Choctaw's roads safe, and the department as a whole was awarded Small Agency of the Year for its overall achievements in impaired driving enforcement and prevention.

Continued Training

In addition, the department is investing in advanced training to further enhance its capabilities. Five officers — Lt. Austin Jacox, and Officers Colten Lobb, Dylan Robins, Travis O'Daniel, and Stephen Freeman — are currently completing Advanced Crash Investigation Training. This specialized training is essential for responding to and investigating crashes involving fatalities or serious injuries

Development Services

Student Visit

Students from Bridge Creek High School visited the City of Choctaw's Development Services Department to learn about the importance of building permits and inspections and to gain a better understanding of the development process. The visit provided valuable insight into how these procedures ensure safe, well-planned growth within the community.

Public Notices for Planning Commission

Development Services Department has launched a new Public Notice webpage on the city's website. This page provides easy access to documents and information related to rezones, plats, and variances within the City of Choctaw.

Each Public Notice sign posted on properties will now include a QR code that links directly to the webpage. While these documents have always been available to residents, in the past they had to be requested by phone. This new system makes it easier than ever for residents to stay informed and access related materials quickly and conveniently.

Important Information

City Hall Closures

City Hall will be closed
November 11th for Veterans day
November 27th and 28th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.
December 24 and 25th for The Christmas Holiday.
Payments can be placed in the drop box when city hall is closed and the payment will be applied the next business day.

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.

BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

We are always accepting applications for our volunteer boards, including the Planning Commission, Board of Adjustments, and Parks & Recreation Board. If you're a community member interested in serving, please contact 405-390-8198.

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!



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.



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 garage sale permit online.

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!

WASTE CONNECTIONS

Bulk Trash

Waste Connections will now collect up to 3 cubic yards of bulk trash, about the same size as four poly-carts.

Limbs: No longer than 4 feet and must be securely bundled.

Trash Bags- On bulk trash day, you are allowed to place a maximum of 20 13-gallon trash bags and 10 lawn bags at the curb.

Weekday golfers, don't miss out!

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

Garage Sale Signs

Garage sale signs must be picked up after your sale. A \$5 fee per sign will be charged for any signs not removed.

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!