



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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

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

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*

Choctaw Senior Citizen Center

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

Lunch is served Monday – Friday 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**

September 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



Road Projects

The Harper Road rebuild and drainage improvement project is officially complete! Crews began work on July 16, and we're excited to share that the project wrapped up successfully.

Throughout construction, maintaining access to local businesses and Choctaw Creek Park was a top priority. Friday Nights in the Park continued without interruption, and our community showed great support. While business was a little slower than usual, now is the perfect time to stop by and show extra love to the Harper Road businesses.

With Harper Road finished, we're rolling straight into the next round of improvements. Weather permitting, construction is scheduled to begin in September on:

29th Street – between Choctaw Road and Indian Meridian.

Choctaw Road – from 29th Street south to the city limits.

29th & Choctaw Road Intersection

Indian Meridian – from 29th Street south to just north of 44th Street (Choctaw/OKC border).

Coming in October:

Henney Road – from Reno Avenue to 15th Street.

Once complete, Choctaw will have rebuilt or repaved **5.5 miles of roadway in just 2.5 years.**

We know these improvements are long overdue, but this is real, measurable progress for our community. City leadership is committed to moving Choctaw forward—working within budget, tackling critical projects, and keeping residents informed every step of the way. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we keep Choctaw moving ahead.

Recycling Pickup

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **Sept. 8th and 22nd**

Pepper Festival – September 5th!

Get ready for an evening full of flavor and fun at the **Pepper Festival on Thursday, September 5th!**

Pepper Eating Contest – Dare to test your spice tolerance!

Food Trucks – Delicious bites for everyone.

Farmers Market Vendors – Fresh produce and local goods.

Artists & Crafters – Unique handmade creations. Bring your family and friends and enjoy a day celebrating **community, food, and fun!**

Choctaw Fire Department

Fire Department Training Achievements! Congratulations to our Firefighters for their recent accomplishments:

FF Cox – Certified as a Fire Instructor

FF Olson – Completed NIMS ICS 400

FF Curry – Completed NIMS ICS 400 to enhance his knowledge of the Incident Command System.

We are proud of their dedication to continuing education and improving their skills for the safety of our community.

Choctaw Police Department

Police Department August Highlights

Officer Training:

Officer McMillan and Officer Freeman

completed the Basic FTO Certification Program in Warr Acres.

Officer Forrest attended the Advanced Sexual Assault Investigations course through CLEET and OSBI.

Officer Travis O'Daniel completed Advanced Collision Course with MWC Police Dept.

Community Support: The Choctaw Police Department assisted the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Police Department with security for the 2025 Firelight Balloon Festival.

Community Appreciation: Thank you to the Choctaw Round-Up Club for hosting First Responder Appreciation Night during the IPRA Rodeo.

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

Get Involved!

Halloween Opportunities – Area Businesses

The City of Choctaw invites local businesses to join our **Halloween Event** on **October 24th & 25th** at Choctaw Creek Park.

-Attend one night or both – your choice.

-No cost to participate – bring a table, decorate it, wear a fun costume, and bring enough candy for 600–700 kid per night.

Local Citizens – Join the Trunk or Treat

This is a great opportunity for residents who don't normally get trick-or-treaters but want to join in the fun! We'll have a Trunk or Treat set up north of the pavilion on both nights of the Halloween event.

Old Timers' Day Opportunities for Organizations and Clubs

We're looking for organizations, clubs, and community groups to participate in Old Timers' Day.

Set up a booth and promote yourself to the community with an Information, Education or Activity booth– Free to nonprofits!

Other Opportunities:

Sponsors needed for fall and winter events. Sponsors receive: Event signage, recognition on the city website, social media features, a booth at the event you sponsor.

Volunteers needed to help maintain flower beds, assist with events, or support other city/community projects.

Contact 405-281-5101 or tshelby@choctawcity.org for more information about participating in special events or volunteering.

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.

Events

Friday Nights in the Park Are in Full Swing!

Join us at Choctaw Creek Park every Friday, May– October.

Special Nights–

September 5 – Pepper Festival & Arts and Crafts Show

September 12 – A Night to Shine

September 19 – Museum of Osteology Night

Special Events

September 1- Classic Car Show

September 6– Kid's Fishing Derby at 10 Acre Lake

October 4 – Old Timer's Day Festival

October 10-12 Oklahoma Highland Gathering

October 24 & 25 – Haunted Hollow at Choctaw Creek Park

December 13 – Christmas Market at Choctaw Creek Park

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



Kids' Fishing Derby September 6th

Don't miss the Annual Fishing Derby for Kids at Ten Acre Lake Park. This fun-filled event welcomes children of all skill levels to cast their lines and reel in some excitement!

Registration: 7:30 AM

Fishing Starts: 8:00 AM

-Food truck on-site

-Prizes for the largest and smallest fish

-Prize drawings

-Wildlife Department in attendance

Make it a day of fun, fishing, and community!

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!



Waste Connections Update

Bulk Trash

Waste Connections will now pick up 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.

Recycle and Trash Carts

Cart Placement: Waste and recycle carts must be at least 3 feet apart.

Clearance: Allow 5 feet of space between carts and vehicles, mailboxes, or other obstacles.

Carts should be placed by the street no later than 7AM on your designated pick up day.

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 every Wednesday from 8:00 – 12:00 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!

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!