



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

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CONTACT NUMBERS

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.....405-769-2431
Waste Connections.....405-745-2942

Board / Commission Meetings

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

City Council, followed by Choctaw Utilities

Authority: 5/5 and 5/19

Public Rec Advisory Board: 5/12

Planning Commission: 5/7

Economic Development Authority Board of Trustees' Meeting: 5/27

Recycling Pickup

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: **May 4th and 18th**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Nights in the Park

Every Friday Night, May- September, from 6-8 PM at Choctaw Creek Park. Farmers Market, Food Trucks, Live Music!

Theme Nights this season are:

Nerd Night- 5/8

Wildlife and Outdoor Night- 6/12

Dog Days of Summer- 8/14

Pepper Festival- 9/11

4th of July at Choctaw Creek Park- 6- 10PM

Food trucks, local vendors, activities, live music, fireworks show.

2026 Fishing Derby

September 5, at Ten Acre Lake Park. Registration begins at 7:30 AM, Derby begins at 8 AM. The event is open to all age groups. Awards for Biggest Fish and Smallest Fish.

For information about Special Events contact Tawny Shelby at 405-281-5101



Ladder 229 Has Arrived in Choctaw!

This new ladder truck represents a major investment in public safety and will play a critical role in helping our fire department better protect lives and property. The arrival of Ladder 229 marks the beginning of the next phase, which includes upfitting the truck with essential equipment and conducting hands-on training for our firefighters.

Our crews are already beginning training to ensure they are fully prepared to operate this advanced apparatus safely and effectively. While there's still work to be done before it officially goes into service, we're getting closer every day to seeing Ladder 229 out on the streets serving our community.

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Choctaw citizens, city management, and City Council for your continued support. Investments like this make a lasting difference and help ensure our first responders have the tools they need to do their jobs at the highest level.

We can't wait to see Ladder 229 in action—stay tuned, it won't be long now!

Message from the City Manager

There's a lot of progress underway across the city. We are currently wrapping up the new Comprehensive Plan, which will help guide Choctaw's growth and development in the years ahead.

The committee for the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District has held their first meeting. This TIF district is planned as a mixed-use area featuring housing, businesses, walking trails, and park improvements.

In addition, American Legion Post 127 is working to renovate the Veterans Memorial at the cemetery, helping preserve and honor those who have served.

We're also excited to welcome new businesses to the community, including HTeaO and 7 Brew.

Great things are happening in Choctaw!

Road Repairs FY 2025–2026

City leaders have worked diligently throughout this fiscal year to pave and repair as many roads as possible. They carefully evaluated available resources—including the penny sales tax, the streets budget, and capital funds—and used them judiciously to address the most critical repair needs across the community.

In addition, a grant application submitted in 2023 to the Deficient Bridges Program was successfully awarded. This five-year program, administered through ODOT, is now providing essential funding to support ongoing bridge repairs and improvements.

Streets Budget– Neighborhood

SE 15th St (between Henney & Hiwassee) – Triple X (north of SE 15th St), NE 35th St and Indian Meridian – Elizabeth St, Joseph Dr – Edgewood Dr – Chisholm Trail – Choctaw Rd (North of NE 10th St) – Santa Fe Section – NE 10th St (between Hiwassee & Anderson) – NE 10th St (at Jollie Dr) – SE 15th St & Hiwassee – NE 23rd St & Hiwassee – Silver Chase Entrance – 16445 E Reno Ave

Remaining TIF Funds

SE 29th St (between Choctaw Rd & Indian Meridian) – Choctaw Rd (From South city limits to NE 10th St)

Deficient Bridge Program– ODOT

Henney Rd., Choctaw Creek Bridge repair – Harper Rd., Choctaw Creek Bridge repair.

Capital Funds– Harper Rd

Pending– Reno between Henney and Choctaw Road.

Penny Sales Tax– Apache Neighborhood

A total of \$2,354,295.30 was spent on roads during the 2025–26 Fiscal Year.

Utility Rates Update July 1, 2026

Starting July 1, water and sewer rates will increase. For the average household using 5,000 gallons per month, that's about \$4.78, and for seniors, around \$3.90 (more per month). Questions? Give our Utility Billing team a call at 405–390–8198!

Reminders now on Community Bulletin Board

The City has transitioned to a new newsletter format as Microsoft Publisher is being phased out in 2026. With limited space in the new layout, reminders will now be available on the City website through the Community Bulletin Board page. Scan the QR code for easy access to this information.

The Choctaw Community Bulletin Board serves as a centralized hub for community information, including reminders previously found in the newsletter, links to community organization websites, other helpful resources, and highlights celebrating great things in Choctaw.



Choctaw Senior Center

Lunch for seniors over 60 is available through the Senior Nutrition Program. There is no income requirement, and meals are free! Reservations are required—please call by 10:00 AM the day before, (405) 390–8040.

Transportation available.

Address: 14653 Dean St. Choctaw, OK 73020

For more information scan the QR Code.



Report a Problem

Report a Problem Online

Need to report an issue? The “Report a Problem” tab is located on the right-hand side of the City website homepage for quick and easy access.

Two forms are available:

Public Works Form

Use this form to report concerns related to city-owned property or infrastructure, including streets, drainage/stormwater, signage, parks, and city facilities such as the cemetery.

Code Enforcement Complaint Form

Use this form to report issues on private property that may violate city codes or ordinances, such as overgrown lots, unsafe structures, junk or debris, and other maintenance concerns.

Pool Fill Adjustment Requests

Applies to residents on city sewer only.

To receive an adjustment:

1. Request approval before filling (in person, phone: 405–390–8198, or email: klong-horn@choctawcity.org)
2. Notify at least 24 hours before filling
3. Report completion immediately after filling

Failure to follow these steps will result in no adjustment.

Questions? Call Utility Billing at 405–390–8198.

Golf Course Update

Exciting improvements are underway at the Choctaw golf course. The City has hired a new Golf Course Superintendent, Charles “Chip” Garner, along with Assistant Superintendent Anthony Lipe. Their impact is already evident—the greens are in excellent condition, and the course is looking better than ever.

The City is currently working with contractors to complete improvements to the restaurant, pro shop, and pavilion. When the restaurant reopens, it will offer a limited menu for golfers and visitors. The overflow room will also be available for community reservations, including parties, meetings, and small events.

April was a busy month at the course, with three tournaments held, including a High School Boys Tournament with 127 participants.

Golfers can continue to enjoy a great value, with greens fees and cart included for just \$25, Monday through Thursday.