



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: 7/7 and 7/21

Public Rec Advisory Board: 7/14

Planning Commission: 7/2

Choctaw Economic Development Authority Meeting: 7/29

Recycling Pickup

Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling pick-up will occur in the weeks of: July 6/29, 7/13, 7/27

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



Remembering Choctaw's Bicentennial Celebration as The United States turns 250

As America prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday in 2026, it is a fitting time to look back at how Choctaw commemorated the nation's Bicentennial 50 years ago.

In 1976, Choctaw was a much smaller community. Census data shows a population of 4,750 in 1970 and 7,520 by 1980, placing the Bicentennial-era population at an estimated 6,200 residents. Today, about 12,500 people call Choctaw home. While the city has more than doubled in size over the past 50 years, the memories and contributions of those who celebrated the 1976 Bicentennial remain an important part of our community's history.

As the nation's 200th birthday approached, Choctaw residents and organizations formed a Bicentennial Committee to plan local celebrations and lasting tributes, resulting in a year of special events and strong community pride.

Among the committee's accomplishments were a commemorative Bicentennial coin and the relocation of the Rock Island Caboose to Choctaw, creating a lasting landmark still enjoyed today.

A wagon train traveled through the city, residents took part in a Bicentennial carnival, a Fourth of July parade, and other events throughout the year. These activities reflected the dedication of local volunteers proud to be part of America's 200th birthday celebration.

As the nation marks its Semiquincentennial—the 250th anniversary of American independence—Choctaw is preserving this chapter of local history with a new plaque at the caboose to honor its story and those who brought it to the community.

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4TH OF JULY AT

CHOCTAW CREEK PARK

The Fourth of July celebration will be held in the Farmers Market area of Choctaw Creek Park. Live music will kick off the evening with Southern Sky performing from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, followed by Three Wheel Drive from 8:15 PM until the close of the event. The night will conclude with a fireworks show presented by Rudy's Fireworks, beginning after dark.

Guests can enjoy festivities, including vendors, food trucks, and family-friendly games. Reusable water balloons will be available for kids to take part in water games throughout the day. In addition, drawings will be held for several 1976 Bicentennial coins, offering a special historical tie-in to the celebration.

Many Bicentennial Committee members, supporting organizations, and contributing businesses are no longer with us, but their efforts should not be forgotten. The new historical plaque at the caboose will help future generations recognize those who helped shape Choctaw's history.

Special thanks to the Choctaw Chamber of Commerce/ Choctaw Centennial Committee for compiling The Choctaw Centennial History Book in 1993. Their efforts to preserve local history helped make the plaque possible.

THANK YOU SENATOR STANLEY!

Oklahoma Senator Brenda Stanley secured \$500,000 for the City of Choctaw this year to support automatic water meter installation, SCADA system upgrades, and 12-inch sewer main improvements.

OFFICERS COMPLETE AUTISM SAFETY TRAINING

The Choctaw Police Department hosted a four-hour Autism Safety and Crisis Intervention Training for first responders, covering autism awareness, communication, de-escalation techniques, crisis response, and available community resources. Instructors included Chandee Kott of the Autism Foundation of Oklahoma and Duane Howell, with attendees from multiple local agencies. Special thanks to Eastern Oklahoma County Technology Center for providing the training space.

UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENTS **EFFECTIVE JULY 1**

Beginning July 1, utility rate adjustments will take effect for sewer and sanitation services. Sewer rates will increase by 5%, resulting in an increase of approximately \$2.30 per month for a customer using 5,000 gallons of water. Due to billing cycle schedules, customers will not see the sewer rate adjustment reflected on their bills until August. Sanitation rates will increase by 3%, resulting in an additional \$0.67 per month for residential trash service. These adjustments help support the continued operation and maintenance of the city's utility infrastructure and services.

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.



2025-26 ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

During the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the City of Choctaw invested approximately \$3.3 million in roadway improvements, paving roughly 6 miles of city streets and completing a range of maintenance and resurfacing projects across the community.

These efforts included major corridor upgrades as well as neighborhood-level improvements, all aimed at enhancing safety, mobility, and long-term infrastructure reliability.

In progress or soon to start

Henney Road Between Reno and 15th-in progress.
Reno between Henney Road and Choctaw Road-
beginning in July.

Major Road Projects Completed

Choctaw Rd (between city limits & NE 10th St) —
SE 29th St (between Choctaw Rd & Indian Meridian)
Harper Rd
Apache Neighborhood

Additional Street Improvements

Chisholm Trail
NE 10th St (at Jollie Dr)
NE 10th St (Westfall)
Silver Chase Entrance
Edgewood Dr
Elizabeth St
Choctaw Rd (north of NE 10th St)
Joseph Dr
NE 35th St and Indian Meridian
SE 15th St (between Henney & Hiwassee)
3744 Santa Fe
NE 23rd St & Hiwassee
SE 15th St & Hiwassee
Triple X (north of SE 15th St)
Champions Glenn
Completed Project
Henney Rd (Choctaw Creek Bridge)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday Nights in the Park continues through the end of September. Themed evenings- Dog Days of Summer and the Pepper Festival Arts & Crafts Show.

No event July 3.

Sounds of Summer Music Series at Choctaw Crrrk Park

- July 18 | 6-10 PM-

Radio Replay and Steel Ember Band

- August 15 | 6-10 PM

Blueprint Tokyo and Commander Pilot

- September 19 | 12-8 PM

Janitors, Bread & Roses, Red Whiskey Gunners
and SUN-DEEP