

CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

"Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future" **OCT. 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 7:30 AM 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 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**

October 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: **October 6th and 20th.**

Planning for Choctaw's Future

The City of Choctaw has partnered with Halff Associates to create a long-range comprehensive plan, Create Choctaw 2045. Choctaw's last plan was completed in 2017, now is the right time to prepare a new roadmap to guide growth, services, and community priorities for the next 20 years.

A comprehensive plan provides a framework for the future, guiding land use, roads, public facilities, parks, housing, and local businesses. Oklahoma law encourages cities to base planning decisions on these plans to ensure consistency and fairness.

Create Choctaw 2045 will be shaped by residents, with community input guiding goals and strategies on land use, transportation, housing, natural resources, community health, and economic opportunity—reflecting Choctaw's character and values.

The first Community Open House for Choctaw's Comprehensive Plan is scheduled for Monday, October 20th, from 6:00–8:00 PM at Tinker Federal Credit Union, 2183 Harper St.



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.

Lane Ross Blvd Dedication

On September 15th, the City of Choctaw proudly dedicated Lane Ross Blvd in honor of the late Lane Ross, a devoted teacher and active community member. The new roadway connects Harper Road to Market Blvd, serving as a lasting tribute to her impact on the city.

Family and friends gathered for the ceremony, including her husband, former Mayor Randy Ross, and their two sons, along with extended family and community members who came to celebrate her life and legacy.

Choctaw Fire Department

Fire Department Training Achievements! Congratulations to FF Miller, who recently completed ICS 400 training and is now certified as a Fire Instructor! Congratulations to FF Lewis who recently certified as a Fire Instructor!

Tanker 205 is now in service! This 2012 unit officially replaces the department's 1985 International Tanker. All equipment upfitting was proudly completed by Choctaw Firefighters.

Choctaw Police Department

In September, Officer Travis O'Daniel hosted a CPR class at the Senior Center, which had a great response. Another class is planned soon. We're excited to welcome Officer Rylan Hall-Norton, who officially joined the department on September 22, 2025. He will begin his police academy training in October. The Choctaw Police Department held tryouts for open positions on September 25, 2025. On September 27, 2025, the department hosted a Car Seat Check-Up. Residents can also schedule appointments year-round to ensure their child's car seat is the right fit and installed correctly. To schedule, contact Officer Travis O'Daniel, our certified car seat safety technician, at t.odaniel@choctawcity.org or 405-769-3821.

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!

CHOCTAW BEAUTIFUL!

The City of Choctaw is proud to introduce **Choctaw Beautiful**, a volunteer program dedicated to keeping our city welcoming and well cared for.

Volunteers help make a difference through activities such as:

- *Planting and maintaining flower beds
- *Picking up litter and keeping streets and parks clean
- *Assisting with city events and other community projects

Whatever the need—from beautification projects to special events—**Choctaw Beautiful** gives residents the chance to make a real impact and help create a city that is beautiful in every way.

To become a volunteer use the QR code to go to the volunteer page and use the appropriate link to the City of Choctaw Volunteer Form.



EVENT OPPORTUNITIES

Businesses: Halloween Event – October 24 & 25 at Choctaw Creek Park. Join us one or both nights at no cost! Bring a table, decorate, wear a fun costume, and provide candy for 600–700 kids per night.
Residents: Participate in Trunk or Treat! This is a great way to join the fun if you don't usually get trick-or-treaters! Set up north of the pavilion both nights.

Organizations & Clubs:

Old Timers' Day – October 4
Set up a free booth to share information, education, or activities with the community. Nonprofits participate at no cost!

Sponsors Needed:

Support fall and winter events! Sponsors receive event signage, website recognition, social media features, and a booth at the event you sponsor.

Contact 405-281-5101 or tshelby@choctawcity.org for more information.

BOARDS

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

Old Timers' Day Festival & Parade

Festival: Saturday, October 4th, 10 AM – 6 PM at Choctaw Creek Park

Enjoy live bands all day, food trucks, fun activities, vendors, a Car Show, and Touch-a-Truck.

Parade: Thursday, October 9th, 6 PM
Route will be down 23rd Street Starting at Market, then south on Harper to Choctaw Creek Park.

Interested in participating? Sign up by emailing special-events@choctawcity.org

Oklahoma Highland Gathering - United Scottish Clans of Oklahoma.

October 10-12, Friday: 5 pm – 9 pm Saturday: 9 am – 8 pm Sunday: 9 am – 5 pm, Choctaw Creek Park. Friday night is free admission! Bands, food trucks, vendors, entertainment and activities!

Haunted Hollow at Choctaw Creek Park October 24 & 25, 6– 8PM- trick or treating, music, games and vendors!

Haunted Trails at Choctaw Creek Park! A spine-chilling walk in the woods brought to you by the Choctaw Volunteer Firefighters Association. October 24 & 25 from Dusk to 11 PM. \$10 Admission. Food trucks on site until 10PM.

The Christmas Market at Choctaw Creek Park! December 13, from 2-6 PM. Music, Santa, local vendors, train rides, activities and more.

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



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 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.

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.

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!



Board / Commission Meeting Dates

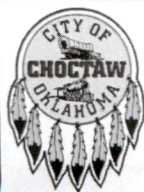
(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

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!