



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future”

April 2018

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Police/Fire Emergency	911
Choctaw Creek Golf	405-769-7166
Waste Connections	405-745-2942



Recycling Pickup Schedule

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the week of **April 2nd, 16th, and 30th.**

Frontier Days at Choctaw Creek Park

The 15th Annual Choctaw Frontier Days will be running **Thursday and Friday, April 19th and 20th** at Choctaw Creek Park from **9 am to 2 pm**. Come join us as we celebrate Oklahoma history with historical presentations, re-enactments and encampments, dancers, storytellers and much more.

The event is free of charge and food and merchandise vendors are present. If you will be bringing a homeschooling or school group, please pre-register online at our website at <http://choctawcity.org/land-run/> or by calling **405-769-2431**. Come experience living history in the oldest chartered city in the State of Oklahoma!

Choctaw named 3rd Safest City in the State of Oklahoma

The National Council for Home Safety and Security ranked Choctaw as the 3rd safest city in their 2018 ranking of the Safest Cities in Oklahoma. The National Council for Home Safety and Security is a trade association comprised of home security professionals across the United States. The council advocates for safe communities and home safety with a strong focus on community involvement. You can see the full list here: <https://www.alarms.org/safest-cities-in-oklahoma-2018/>

Citywide Bulk Waste Pickup

Choctaw's curbside Bulk Waste Pickup will occur **Monday through Friday the week of May 7th through May 11th**. Waste Connections will pick up bulky waste on the same schedule as daily trash pickup, so please have your items at the curb no later than **6 AM the morning of your regular trash pickup day**.

Items **must be within 2 feet of the curb** and should be set at least 5 feet from other items such as mailboxes, cars, shrubs, or anything else that could interfere with the mechanical lifting arm. Waste Connections will pick up as much as 4 cubic yards of bulky waste (about the size of two refrigerators). A complete list of items that can and cannot be picked up can be found on our webpage at www.choctawcity.org. A hand out is also available at City Hall.

Waste Connections will also be accepting bulk waste drop offs at **10 Acre Lake Park on Saturday, May 12th**, from **8 am to 2 pm**. This service is for residential customers only, proof of residency will be required. 10 Acre Lake Park is located on NE 10th be-

tween Choctaw Road and Indian Meridian.

Citywide Garage Sale

City Wide Garage Sale will be held on **Saturday, May 5th**. Permit fees are waived for the day of the City Wide Garage Sale, come to City Hall and pre-register. Fees apply for permits for additional days and the purchase of signs. Maps and lists of sale addresses will be available at City Hall on **May 4th**, or online at our website.

Cancer Support Group Meeting

Come join cancer fighters going through treatments and those who have “beat it”. Come talk with those who have either walked or are walking a similar mile.

This group is very supportive as it involves individuals who have come to understand challenges dealing with cancer treatment because of personal involvement in a similar experience. Virtues of listening, encouragement, and comfort that aren't in books or doctor's offices can be found here.

This group is made up of people who share a camaraderie, who meet together to share their experiences and provide emotional support for one another, because having cancer is often one of the most stressful experiences in a person's life. This group helps you cope with the emotional aspects of cancer by providing a place to share feelings and challenges helping you realize that “You Are Not Alone”!

The Cancer Support group meets at **Grace Bible Church** located at **15012 SE 29th Street**, on **Tuesday** evenings @ **6:30 pm**. For more information call **405-694-0434**.

Choctaw Senior Center

If you're a senior citizen age sixty (60) or older, come join us at the Choctaw Senior Center. If you need a ride, give

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

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

7 PM

City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **Apr 3rd & 17th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Apr 5th**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **Apr 10th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **Apr 23rd**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Old Germany Restaurant): **Apr 25th**

us call. We can arrange transportation for you. This is an excellent time to get out; Spring time is almost here. We serve delicious and nutritious meals Monday thru Friday at 11:30am. (Prior Meal Reservation Required)

If you would like to have some input into technology to help senior citizens age and stay at home longer and avoid assisted living centers or nursing homes, please come and participate in a survey on **Friday, April 6th** at 10:45am. Legal Aid will talk to us about elder abuse on **Monday, April 23rd** at 10:45am. Would you like a little reading buddy? Why not come have an elementary student read to you? It's wonderful. On **Monday, April 30th** at 10:30, we will have home schoolers reading to us individually. It helps them strengthen their reading skills and it helps us relax and enjoy some time with a wonderful young readers. Other activities include knitting, crocheting, blood pressure clinics, bingo, devotionals, dominoes, scrabble, card and board games.

For more information or to sign-up for any of these events, please call the Senior Center at (405) 390-8040, between 9:00am and 1:00pm.

For daily menu and activities, go to www.choctawcity.org, click on "Living in Choctaw", then click on "Choctaw Senior Center". For transportation to the Senior Center or to Wal-Mart, call **390-8040**. We are located at **14653 Dean Street**. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9:00am to 1:00pm. We serve our meals at 11:30am each day. Please call for a meal reservation, no later than 12:00 noon the day before you plan to attend. *We can't wait to see you!!*

City Manager Corner

It's Spring! Things are starting to get green around Choctaw, especially at the golf course. If you have not been out to the Choctaw Creek Golf Course lately, I recommend you visit. Jared Holden, our Golf Course manager and Aron Mock the Superintendent, have worked diligently through the Winter months to implement the improvements I told you about in the Fall. The team revitalized the inside of the club house with new carpet, new sales counter, new wood tile flooring, complete bathroom renovation, and some added amenities for customers. The City purchased a golf simulator giving customers an option to play golf even during inclement weather. Coupled with these improvements are retail enhancements, Choctaw Creek merchandise like shirts, shoes, and sweat-shirts. A new indoor putting green is available also for those looking to improve their golf score and work on putting. On the Superintendent side, Aron is slowly nursing the bent greens back to health and will be top dressing and over seeding this week. He will get the sand and seed watered in and apply fertilizer to make the greens a lush green color which will be 100% improvement over last year. I recall putting on dirt this time last year when I played the course for the first time. Aron and team made repairs to irriga-

tion lines, cut down multiple trees, fixed our cart bridges, and installed a few stair cases for some of our steep inclined tee boxes. They also cleaned up the front entrance landscaping, which is still a work in progress. The team still has a few things to clean up as far as stump grinding and hauling trees off-site, but the course is really coming around. There were many members out this last weekend and play is picking up during the week. Even if you are not a golfer it is a great location just to come out and have a coke or coffee and chat with friends.

The Public Works Street team finished the concrete work at Indian Meridian and 23rd. They decreased the grade of the incline and the concrete is a welcome "smooth" surface compared to the chunked and rippled asphalt. The next big project for Streets Department will be in May as they tackle the Choctaw Road and 29th Street intersection. As I stated earlier, the work will be to replace the asphalt with concrete. On the water side of the house the team is diligently working to dredge the Waste Water Treatment plant lagoon in conjunction with construction of the new facility. The team is also out and about fixing leaks around the city which keeps waste down and pressure up.

Bouse Sports Complex is in full swing hosting baseball, softball leagues, and weekend tournaments. The ball park Contractor's BCM Sports and Powerhouse LLC graciously allowed the Choctaw High School Girls Softball team to use four fields two weeks ago to host a weekend fundraiser tournament. The tournament was a complete success raising funds to help the girls High School team. The City is looking to expand participation from around the community in the form of Intramurals and Adult Leagues.....More to follow.



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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.choctawcity.org

Check it out!