



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” February 2016

Contact Numbers

City Hall	405-390-8198
Public Works	405-390-8276
Code Enforcement	405-281-6869
Court Clerk	405-390-3333
Police (non-emergency)	405-769-3821
Fire (non-emergency)	405-390-8300
Police/Fire Emergency	911



Community Bulletin Board

If you have an event or item of community-wide interest occurring in **March**, please submit it to citymanager@choctawcity.org before **February 10th** and, if there is space available, we will include it in the next newsletter. Please limit your submission to 200 words.

Recycling Pickup Schedule

Please remember that Waste Connections picks up recycling every other week. Recycling will occur on the week of **February 8th & 22nd**.



City Hall Closed February 15th

City Hall will be closed **February 15th** in observance of President's Day. Trash service will be unaffected and will run as normally scheduled.



What's New in Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Director, Ryan Hill, is working on several new recreational programs for the parks around the City. Here are a few of the new activities he is working on offering:

Disc Golf Tournaments: If you haven't tried the Disc Golf Course at Choctaw Creek Park, stop by and see what the buzz is all about. The Disc Golf Course offers a total of 27 holes to play and Tournaments are being organized for the 2016 season.

Community Garden: The farmers from the Pioneer Market will be starting a Community Garden next to the Choctaw Senior Center. The vegetables will be sold at the Pioneer Market and the proceeds will go towards improving the Senior Center. Donations will be accepted.

Footgolf Course: Soccer + Golf = Fun! A footgolf course is planned for the soccer field next to City Hall. It will have 9 holes and will be free of charge.

For more information about any of these programs or any other questions about the Parks and Recreation program, including how to become a member of the Public Recreation Board, please contact Ryan Hill at (405) 281-6854 or by email at rhill@choctawcity.org.

Northeastern Oklahoma County Turnpike Loop

In late October Governor Fallon announced the Driving Forward OK www.drivingforwardok.com initia-

tive. The initiative is a set of six turnpikes with a total budget of \$892 million. The significance for Choctaw is the development of the Northeast Oklahoma County Loop which will connect Interstates 40 and 44. At this time, the Oklahoma Turnpike Authority has reduced the area of study to within one mile east and west of Peebly Road and is surveying to determine the best route for the Loop that meets their criteria for the development of a turnpike. The five criteria are:

1. Minimization of individual impact on the environment and existing property
2. Connectivity to the current turnpike system, increasing safety and improving efficient travel
3. Minimize right-of-way acquired for project
4. Topographic features that can impact the cost of development
5. Optimization of traffic and revenue

According to OTA, the route alignments for all six projects will be announced in late Spring/early Summer, 2016. OTA expects to begin the construction phase of these projects in 2017.

The City's website www.choctawcity.org includes a page with an overview of the project, links and additional information items.



Choctaw Senior Center

The Senior Center is open **Monday through Friday 9am to 1pm**. Lunch is served at **11:30** and **reservations are required**, please call in advance. We offer many wonderful services and opportunities on a daily basis including

Board / Commission Meeting Dates

(All meetings @ City Hall unless otherwise noted)

7 PM

City Council Meeting followed by Choctaw Utilities Authority: **Feb 2nd & 16th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Feb 4th**

Public Recreation Board Meeting: **Feb 9th**

Board of Adjustments Meeting (as needed): **Feb 22nd**

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Old Germany Restaurant): **Feb 24th**

internet, free Wi-Fi, copier services, Panera Bread pastries & coffee, games including cards, dominos, and board games, nutrition services, Metropolitan Library books, music to take you down memory lane and lots of conversation. If you're not one for conversation, have some coffee and work on a puzzle. We always need puzzle people. The Center frames and sells puzzles as a fundraiser. Here are some additional activities we are offering this month:

- Birthday Celebration—**Feb 1st**
 - Blood Pressure Clinic—**Feb 1st, 8th & 22nd @ 10:30**
 - Blood Sugar Clinic—**Feb 8th & 22nd @ 10:30**
 - Knitting/Crocheting Group (individual instruction available)—**Every Mon @ 10:00**
 - Bingo—**Every Tues & Thurs @ 10:00**
 - Nail Polishing Services—**First Wed by appointment**
 - Bible Study—**Every Friday @ 10:00**
 - Shopping at Walmart—**Every Tuesday after Lunch (call for pickup)**
 - NEW YEAR, NEW YOU: Join our indoor walking group **Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays @ 9:30**
- For daily menu and activities, go to www.choctawcity.org/senior-center.

For transportation services call the Senior Center at **(405) 390-8040**. Choctaw Senior Center is located at **14653 Dean Street**.



Events at the Choctaw Library

The Choctaw branch of the Metropolitan Library System, located at **2525 Muzzy St.**, offers many excellent programs for patrons of all ages. You may register at the library or by calling **390-8418 ext 3**. For more information visit www.metrolibrary.org

Toddlers (ages 1-3):

Toddler time **Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd @ 9:30am—10am**
Playtime **Feb 13th @ 10am—11am**

PreSchoolers (ages 3-5):

Storytime **Feb 2nd, 9th, 16th, & 23rd @ 10:30am—11am**
Playtime **Feb 4th @ 10:30am—11am**

Gradeschoolers (ages 5-12):

Book Club **Feb 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th @ 10am—10:30am**
Children Reading to Dogs **Feb 13th @ 3pm—4pm & Feb 17th @ 4pm—5pm**
Art Class **Feb 5th, 12th, 19th, & 26th @ 9:30am—10:30am**
Lovesick Bookworms **Feb 1st through 29th, during library hours**

PreTeen (ages 9-12):

LEGO Robotics **Feb 15th, 22nd & 29th @ 4pm—5:30pm**

Teen (ages 12-18):

Teen Service Team **Feb 14th @ 3pm—5pm & Feb 25th @ 5pm—7pm**
Teen Book Club **Feb 10th & 24th @ 11am—12pm**
Teen Crafts **Feb 11th @ 5pm—6pm**
Harry Potter Party **Feb 4th @ 5pm—7pm**
GameFest **Feb 18th @ 5pm—7pm**
Minecraft Club **Feb 1st @ 4pm—**

5:30pm

Blind Date with a Book **Feb 1st through 29th during library hours**

Adults

Knitting Club **Feb 6th @ 10am—12pm**
Beginning Crochet **Feb 6th @ 1pm—3pm**
Head's Up: Concussion Workshop **Feb 27th @ 2pm—4pm**
Dance Aerobics **Feb 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, & 24th @ 6:30pm—7:30pm**

All Ages:

Black History Month Celebration **Feb 8th @ 6pm—7pm**
LEGO Club **Feb 24th @ 4pm—5:30pm**
Snakes in the Library **Feb 20th @ 10am—11am**



Choctaw Kiwanis Club

(Community Submission)

The Choctaw Kiwanis Club will hold their Annual Pancake Breakfast on **Saturday February 20, 2016** from **7am to 11 a.m.** in the **Choctaw High School Cafeteria** located at **14300 N. E. 10th Street**.

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$4 for children under 12 years of age and for senior citizens age 55 and older. Tickets can be purchased from any member or at the door the day of the event. The all-you-can-eat breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, coffee, milk or orange juice. To-go plates are available and the meal can be delivered to your business for orders of 5 or more.

Choctaw Kiwanis raises money in two ways to help the Choctaw Community, through our Annual Pancake Breakfast and our "Flags Across America" - a \$30 subscription which provides a 10' flag mounted five times a year in your yard by a Kiwanian.



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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!