



CHOCTAW CITY NEWS

“Celebrating the Past, Enjoying the Present, and Planning for the Future” **January 2018**

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
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 **January 8th and 22nd**.

City Hall Closed for Holidays

City Hall will be closed on **Monday, January 1st**, to celebrate the New Year Holiday, trash service for the whole week will run one day behind.



New City Website Coming Soon

We are building a brand new City of Choctaw Website, and we want your input! Visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LJQQ3JH> to fill out the website survey and let us know what you would like to see on the new City Website. We will host an Open Forum **January 17th** from

4:30pm to 6:30pm at City Hall to give citizens a chance to discuss proposed changes to the website with City Staff and the new Website Vendor.



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

It’s a new year, why not start a new activity? 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 us call. We can arrange transportation for you. This is an ex-

cellent time to make some new friends. We serve delicious and nutritious meals Monday thru Friday at 11:30am. (Prior Meal Reservation Required)

D-Dent is a dental program that serves seniors and low-income individuals. If you are in need of dental services but are unable to pay for them, come visit with D-Dent on **Friday, Jan. 5th** at **10:30am**. John Koons. With OG&E, will talk to us about cold stress and programs that help you save on your OG&E utility bill. Call the Center to find out the date and time of his presentation.

The senior center will be closed **Monday, Jan. 1st** for New Year’s and **Jan. 15th** for MLK Day.

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!!*



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-**

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: **Jan 2nd & 16th**

Planning Commission Meeting: **Jan 4th**

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

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

4:30 PM

Choctaw Economic Development Authority (at Old Germany Restaurant): **Jan 31st**

8418 ext 3. For more information visit www.metrolibrary.org

#Goals: Teen Vision Boards 2018 - **Thursday, January 11 - 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM** - Teens

Yoga in the library - **Every Wednesday** at 7pm - Teens and Adults

Tech Tuesday (one-on-one technology help) - **Tuesday, January 9 - 1:00 PM - 2:30PM** **Tuesday, January 30 - 6:30 PM - 8:00PM** - Adults



City Manager Corner

If you haven't heard or read about it, council has approved a resolution to compete for an Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) and Association of Central Oklahoma Governments (ACOG) Safety Grant to install a Roundabout at the intersection of Henney and 10th. Nation-wide, cities are looking to the roundabout as a more efficient, cost effective way to improve safety and traffic flow. However, change and new ideas are often

met with resistance and intuitively some may rush to think the roundabout is going to increase accidents, increase traffic congestion at the intersection, and limit response time of emergency responders. Given the example of the roundabouts currently on our Main Street one might make this conclusion. However, if engineered and sized properly to handle volume, studies by credible sources, such as the Federal Highway Administration and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety have shown that roundabouts typically achieve a 37% reduction in overall collisions, 75% reduction in injury collisions, 90% reduction in fatality collisions, 40% reduction in pedestrian collisions, and 75% fewer conflict points than a traditional intersection. Taking into account the safety benefits of the roundabout, the City decided to pursue a grant for the intersection of 10th and Henney. The City chose this specific intersection due to proximity to the High School, and the varied ultimate destinations of the drivers using this intersection. Particularly the competing destinations of students and the rest of us going to work. Bottom-line, Citizen's benefit from a grant, an easier flow of traffic, and an added benefit of a safer intersection.



Proposed Building Code Changes

In early 2018, the City of Choctaw will be adopting the 2015 International Building Codes. We will be holding a series of Open Forum meetings to discuss the proposed changes and adoption of the 2015 Building Codes

on the following dates & times:

Wednesday, January 17th, 2:00-4:00pm, to discuss the 2015 International Residential Code (IRC).

Thursday, January 18th, 2:00-4:00pm, to discuss the 2015 International Plumbing Code (IPC), the International Mechanical Code (IMC), the 2014 National Electric Code (NEC), and the 2015 International Fuel Gas Code (IFGC).

Friday, January 19th, 2:00-4:00pm, to discuss the 2015 International Building Code (IBC) and the 2015 International Fire Code (IFC).

Saturday, January 20th, 10:00am-12:00pm, and a second session from 2:00-4:00pm, for an open discussion on all of the codes.

All of the above meetings will be held at City Hall, 2500 N. Choctaw Road. For more information and to view the proposed changes, please visit <http://choctawcity.org/proposed-building-code-changes/>

Questions and requests for more information may be directed to Chad Denison, City Planner/Development Director at Choctaw City Hall, **405-390-8198**.



Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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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!