

Choctaw

Friday Nights in the Park

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Choctaw's premier city park will continue to be a lively scene each and every Friday night throughout the summer months.

Choctaw Creek Park will remain the host site of a weekly community market event each Friday, May through September.

The weekly gathering will continue to feature local vendors, food trucks and fun for the entire community in the city's premiere park, May 5 to Sept. 1.

The City of Choctaw started taking applications in February.

Applications will be submitted to the Choctaw City Hall, and all types of vendors are welcome.

The cost for a space is \$15 for non-electric and \$20 for electric.

Questions about special event vendor applications, guidelines and fees can be directed to City Hall at 405-390-8198.

With a new city manager and park and recreation director, staff has taken the market back under city supervision. And officials say the upcoming vendor market/show will allow for a wider variety of local vendors

than the previous farmer's market.

With previous city staff, Choctaw's farmer's market was restructured in 2019 to be overseen by a farmer's market manager. The event was moved to Friday nights and has grown each year.

After three different market managers taking the helm over the last half decade, the event hit new heights of success last season which helped the volunteer market manager land a paid job in that field.

Following the resignation of the market manager, the city will be working to ensure that momentum built in 2022 isn't lost this coming season.

With new leadership at City Hall, Choctaw opted to not appoint a volunteer farmer's market manager this season, but instead bring the market back under city management.

Despite rumors and concerns, the event will continue each and every Friday throughout the season.

Officials say most of the previous vendors will still participate, while some have chosen to setup elsewhere.

Officials say they had a waiting list for vendors last year so there shouldn't be an issue filling those vacancies.



The city has been updating Choctaw Creek Park in preparation for summer.

Food



Del Rancho is now serving up favorites in Nicoma Park. PHOTO BY RYAN HORTON

Del Rancho moves to Nicoma Park

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Del Rancho has a new home for its original steak sandwich supreme.

The east side's Del Rancho has officially relocated from NE 10th Street to NE 23rd.

Del Rancho has long been situated near the eastern edge of the Midwest City limits along NE 10th Street, but they've recently relocated to Nicoma Park.

Del Rancho is now serving up favorites full time.

Del Rancho had long been situated along NE 10th Street, but they're now calling Nicoma Park home.

The restaurant relocated to the former home of Jim's Famous Fried Chicken and The Coop, 10811 NE 23rd St.

The idea for the Del Rancho Steak Sandwich Supreme® began

in 1961. Its founder, J.R. Holt, heard that to be successful in the restaurant business, you need at least one unique item on your menu, which only your restaurant offers.

Two years after opening his first restaurant, Mr. Holt had a vision for a variant of a hamburger. It would be a sandwich, a steak sandwich. A sandwich like no one else had ever seen. That day began a long experimental process that lasted three years. Finally, in 1964, it was complete, and Mr. Holt introduced his "masterpiece" menu item.

Ever since, Oklahomans have enjoyed the steak sandwich supreme alongside a full menu at locations around the state. Other nearby locations include Del Rancho – Midwest City at 9201 SE 29th St. and a new Oklahoma City location near Interstate 35 at 2741 NE 23rd St.

For more information visit del-ranchousa.com.