



Piedmont Parks & Recreation News

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August 18th - School Starts

Watch for kids walking and biking.
Watch for increased vehicle traffic around the schools.
Watch your speed in school zones.

School Supplies and Backpacks

If you need assistance with school supplies for your child, contact the Piedmont Service Center at 373-4022.

The Service Center is accepting donations of backpacks and school supplies through the end of August. You can get a list of supplies for specific grades and schools at Wal-mart, or you can stop by the Service Center and pick up a list.

Some school supplies the Service Center is particularly short of are reams of copy paper, boxes of kleenex, and scientific calculators.

The Service Center is also accepting financial donations for the purchase of school supplies.

**FAST
FACT**

What percent of adults in Oklahoma reported consuming five or more fruits and vegetables per day? Only 14.5%. Of all 50 states, how does Oklahoma rank on this issue? Dead last.

Take a Seat!

The Piedmont Public Library is looking for someone to fill a vacant seat on the library board. The position does not require that you have any specific knowledge or expertise, just an interest in serving.

Current members of the library board are Ken Sauer, Nedra Funk, Bruce Campbell, and Sheila Urton.

The library board meets at 5:30 p.m. on the first Monday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, and November). To see an example of what is typically on the library board agenda, go to <http://piedmont-ok.gov>, click on the "Meeting Minutes & Agenda" button, and look at the library board agendas.

If you are interested in filling the position, or have questions, call Lisa at City Hall at 373-2621.

Traveling With Pets

If you are planning to take your pet with you as you travel this summer, here are some tips:

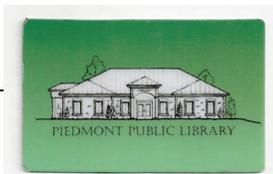
- 🐾 In addition to your pet's regular identification tag, your pet should also have a travel tag that includes your pet's name, your name, your phone numbers including a cell number, your destination address and phone number, and any other relevant information. Consider having the vet insert an ID chip on your pet.
- 🐾 Be sure your pet is current on vaccinations and the rabies tag is firmly attached. It is also helpful to have a copy of your pet's medical records and your vet's contact information in case of an emergency while traveling.
- 🐾 Health certificates must accompany dogs and horses entering nearly all states, and most states have requirements for other pets as well. In some cases, the certificate must be in the hands of the state regulatory agency in advance of entry into the state. You need to know the requirements of every state you are entering. A good place to start is the US Dept. of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service website at www.aphis.usda.gov/import_export/animals/animal_import/animal_imports_states.shtml.
- 🐾 Carry a current photo of your pet in case your pet becomes lost.
- 🐾 Clip your pet's nails to avoid injuries if they become frightened.
- 🐾 If your dog or cat is not used to traveling by car, make short trips with the pet beginning weeks or months in advance of the trip to accustom it to motion and to teach it how to behave.
- 🐾 Dogs should be taught to lie quietly, keep their heads inside, and not annoy the driver or passengers. Don't let your dog stick his head out the window. He can be injured by flying debris, and the wind can irritate his eyes.
- 🐾 Cats are often frightened by car travel, but some cats adjust quickly. Some people allow the cat to find its own place in the car, but it is safer to confine a cat to its carrier.
- 🐾 Accustom your pet to being on a leash or harness. Always use the leash or harness when traveling. Your pet can become frightened and bolt away from you through open doors and windows, or become lost in a strange place if not properly restrained. Keep a leash or harness on your pet even when in the car. Even better is a pet harness that connects to the car's seatbelt; it allows the pet some movement while keeping it safely restrained. Never travel with your pet in the back of a pickup truck.
- 🐾 Smaller animals are often more susceptible to stress than larger ones. Your vet might prescribe a sedative or tranquilizer. Do not give your pet any drug not prescribed or given to you by your veterinarian.
- 🐾 Expect to make at least twice as many stops. Animals need to stretch and take



bathroom breaks more frequently than humans.

-  Keep feeding to a minimum and the meals small to avoid motion sickness. Feed your pet their regular pet food and resist the temptation to give them some of your fast food.
-  Pack a pet travel kit that contains pet food, food and water dishes, can opener (if needed), a few treats, grooming supplies, first aid kit, and a favorite toy, blanket or bedding to give them a sense of familiarity.
-  Take supplies to clean up after your pet, including paper towels, plastic bags, scoop, and odor and stain removal supplies.
-  If stopping overnight, check in advance to verify the hotel allows pets, and ask about restrictions or fees.
-  Local communities have pet control and licensing ordinances. In some cases, the number of dogs and cats per residence is limited. Check with city officials in advance at your destination for specific information.
-  When you arrive at your destination, you will find that your pet has the same problems adjusting as you do. It must learn its way around, and meet new neighbors, both animal and human. Let your pet's personality dictate how much exposure he can handle. Your pet must also adjust to new water and climate, and learn where it can and cannot go.

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Do You Have a Green Card?

The Piedmont Public Library offers much more than books. It regularly offers a variety of activities for both children and adults. In addition, there are computers with internet access inside the library, and Wi-Fi is available from the parking lot 24 hours a day.

Library cards are free. To get one, just stop in during regular library hours:

Tuesday	9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Sunday & Monday	closed

While at the library, you can sign up to be put on the library's email list.

For more information, the library can be reached at 373-9018, or by email at info@piedmontlibrary.org. The library is in the process of transferring to a new website. The current website is piedmontlibrary.org, and the new one will be www.piedmont.okpls.org.

August Community Calendar

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays (9:00-4:00) - back to school supplies collected and distributed at the Piedmont Service Center for families needing assistance, 373-4022

3 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement with Miss Bonnie at the library, children ages 2-5, free, 373-9018

3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905

4 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce meeting at city hall, school superintendant James White will be the speaker, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234

4, 11, 18, 25 - (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229

6 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at the former Co-Op, Boy Scout Troop 374 will be there to help, 373-2905

6, 13, 20, 27 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345

6 (1:00-3:30 pm) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club for all ages, at the civic center, free, 488-5999

7-9 (7:00-9:00 pm) - Kidawesome Kids Crusade for ages 5 to 12, at the Freedom Church Youth Center (100 Monroe Ave NW), transportation available, free, 373-0817

7 (8:00 pm, exhibitions at 7:00 pm) - Play Day at Round-Up Club Arena, \$5 office charge, \$2 games & barrels, \$4 exhibition charge, 630-4009

8-12, 15-19 (9:00-4:00 pm) - Angel Food orders can be placed at the Baptist church, pick up day is Saturday, August 27, from 8:30-10 am, 373-2420

10, 17, 24, 31 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662

16 (6:30 pm) - Simple Saving Savvy Coupon Class at the Baptist church, free, sign up by calling 373-2420

18 (6:30 pm) - Kid Co Performance by Kid Co Theatre for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018

19 (6:00-11:00 pm) - Stamp Camp at the civic center, \$5, please bring supplies, RSVP 535-8849

23, 30 (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time at the library, free, 373-9018

27 (9:00-5:00 pm) - Hunter Safety Course at the Baptist church, free, 373-2420

An expanded version of the calendar is online at
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