



Piedmont Parks & Recreation News

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December 2013

Holiday Dinner & Auction

On December 6th, at 6:00 p.m., the Intermediate School cafeteria will be the location of the Piedmont Elementary School's dinner and auction. Dinner tickets cost \$15 for adults, \$9 for kids 7-12, and are free for kids under 7 years of age. Tickets must be purchased in advance by contacting Barbara at 799-8612 or bstemm8612@aol.com.

A few of the hot auction items include a signed OU football from Bob Stoops, Thunder tickets, zoo passes, PS4, BMW golf bag, OU softball package, home remodeling package, concrete work, two tickets to the Gloriana concert at Riverwind and one night stay at the Riverwind hotel, and much more!

Downtown in December

Information about all events, including specific dates, hours, location, cost, and other details are online at <http://downtownindecember.com>.

- Sonic Segway Santa** (free)
- A Vintage Christmas on Film Row** (free)
- Deluxe Winter Market** - 11/30/13 & 12/1/13
- Little Willie's Triple Dog Dare** - 12/7/13 (\$35 to \$60)
- OKC Philharmonic's Christmas Show** - thru 12/7/13 (\$15 to \$53)
- Red Earth Museum** - 12/8/13 (free)
- The Gaylord-Pickens Oklahoma Heritage Museum** - 12/8/13 (free)
- SandRidge Santa Run** - 12/14/13 (free to \$35)
- Devon's Saturdays with Santa** - thru 12/21/13 (free)
- Holiday Pop-Up Shops** - thru 12/22/13
- Oklahoma City Ballet's The Nutcracker** - thru 12/22/13 (\$25 to \$61)
- Lyric's A Christmas Carol** - thru 12/28/13 (\$40)
- Water Taxi Rides** - thru 12/29/13 (free)
- Holidays in the Crystal Bridge** - Sundays thru 12/29/13 (free)
- Continental's Free Movie Mondays** - thru 12/30/13 (free)
- OKC Arts Council's Opening Night** - 12/31/13 (\$8 in advance, \$10 at event; under 5 yrs are free)
- Automobile Alley Lights on Broadway** - thru 1/1/14 (free)
- OneMain Financial's Canal Lights** - thru 1/1/14 (free)
- Chesapeake Snow Tubing** - thru 1/4/14 (\$10)
- Santa's Adventures on the Oklahoma River** - thru 1/5/14 (\$25; \$15 for youth under 12)
- Devon Ice Rink** - thru 2/2/14 (\$10 includes skates, \$7 if bring own skates)



Is the Library on Your Gift List?



The Piedmont library can always use donations of the following supplies for weekly activities:

- copy paper (letter and legal size)
- card stock (white)
- scrapbook paper (various colors and prints)
- disinfecting wipes / baby wipes
- Elmer's school glue
- apple juice
- facial tissues
- pipe cleaners and pom-poms
- googly eyes
- plain white paper plates
- construction paper (any colors)
- Amazon.com gift cards
- Hobby Lobby gift cards
- Michael's gift cards
- BarnesAndNoble.com gift cards
- Half Price Books gift cards

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Holiday Stop & Shop

You can do your Christmas shopping on Sunday, December 8th, from 1:00-5:00 pm, at the Piedmont Civic Center.

This is the third year that a group of local vendors have held this event and given a portion of their profits to the Piedmont Service Center.

The vendors this year include:

- Silpada Designs
- Young Living Oils
- Grace Adele
- Body by Vi
- Mirror Mirror Boutique
- Velata
- Pampered Chef
- Hatcrafted by Jax
- Scentsy Fragrance
- Thirty-One gifts
- Mary Kay



Wendi Jackson Photography will be taking holiday photos at the event, and Piedmont Service Center cookbooks will be available for purchase.

For questions about the event, contact Jana at 640-4233. For more information about holiday photos, contact Wendi at 570-1957.



Mayor's Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6, 2013

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Caroling, Cocoa, Carriage Rides
Face Painting, Pictures with Santa,
and more!

Lighting of the tree is in front of the Museum Annex

You'll find this year's event different from tree lightings in the past. The Parks & Recreation Board would like to thank the mayor for embracing a suggestion for something different and new, and thank the downtown businesses for their enthusiastic participation. We especially want to thank the two members of our board who were the force that brought this idea to life. With the Christmas-like excitement and enthusiasm that she always exudes, former Parks & Rec board member Lia Oldham first shared the idea for this event with the board. Long-time board member Amy Hirom has kept the concept alive and in front of the board, while generating more ideas than could possibly be put into place this first year. Come, enjoy, and if you see either of these two ladies, please give them a word of thanks. Parks & Recreation board members volunteer over and above their family responsibilities and full-time jobs, and your gratitude and appreciation are the only compensation and recognition they receive for their dedicated service to our community.

Decorate a Tree for Wildlife



On a tree or bush, or on your cut Christmas tree when the season is over, you can hang edible ornaments that provide food for wildlife. Some of the possibilities for your tree include:

- Garlands made of popcorn, cranberries, grapes, and raisins.
- Crackers that have small holes for hanging.
- Pinecones spread with a mixture of peanut butter (which can be thinned with a little vegetable oil) and yellow corn meal, and then rolled in birdseed.
- Grapes, sliced apples, and coconut pressed into pinecones.
- “Icicles” made by stringing peanuts in the shell.
- Birdseed mixed into peanut butter and spread on bagels or rice cakes.
- Suet from melted beef fat or bacon grease mixed with peanut butter, granola, fruit or birdseed, and hung in a mesh onion bag or suet feeder.
- Apples and oranges cut crosswise into thin slices.
- “Necklaces” made of cereal such as Cheerios that can be slipped over the end of branches.
- Sections of dried corn on the cob.
- Dried sunflower heads and other dead plant stems with seeds still attached.
- A bowl made from one-half of an orange or grapefruit rind and filled with seed or suet.
- For ground-feeding birds, drill holes in small logs and fill with suet or peanut butter mixed with cornmeal or oatmeal.

Even if you can’t decorate a tree for wildlife, you can still attract a variety of birds by maintaining a birdbath with clean water that is not frozen. Immersion heaters are available that will keep the water from freezing.



Some things to keep in mind:

Birds can get tangled in thread or fishing line, so use string, thin ribbon, or wire. Edible ornaments on the tree can attract a variety of wildlife, so if birds are all you want to attract, decorate your tree accordingly. Birds might not eat Cheerios, but other wildlife will, so place them lower on the tree. Grapes and raisins can be toxic to dogs, so place them up out of a dog’s reach. Decorating a tree visible from a window will let you enjoy the wildlife that feast at the buffet you created.

Wild About Piedmont

— Oklahoma’s first Community Wildlife Habitat

For more information, go to: piedmontparksandrec.com/habitat.html

Families in Need of Help

If you know of a family needing a Christmas dinner, or gifts for the family, refer them to the Piedmont Service Center, located at 415 Piedmont Rd N, and open 9-4 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.



You can also adopt a family for Christmas by calling the Service Center at 373-4022.

December Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 3, 10, 17** (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4** (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18** (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 5** (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at civic center, Ashleigh Arnall from United Way of Canadian County will be the speaker, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 5, 6** (6:00 pm) - Fresh Wreath Making with Dave at the library, for adults, \$25 donation, pre-registration required, 373-9018
- 5, 12, 19** (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 6, 13, 20** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3 years, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6** (6:00 pm) - Piedmont Elementary School Dinner & Auction at the Intermediate School, adults \$15, 7-12 yrs \$9, under 7 yrs free, tickets must be purchased in advance by calling Barbara at 799-8612
- 6** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at city hall, \$12, bring double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849
- 6** (6:30-8:30 pm) - Mayor's Tree Lighting in front of museum annex, caroling, pictures with Santa, food available for purchase, 373-2621
- 7** (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at former co-op, 373-2905
- 7** (9:00-noon) - Pictures with Santa at Piedmont F&M Bank, punch and cookies, free, 373-1600
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 7** (11:00-1:00 pm) - Christmas Ornament Craft at the library, come and go, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 7** (noon) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club launch, at Hollman Farm, for all ages, free, call for directions, 593-9737
- 8** (1:00-5:00 pm) - Holiday Stop & Shop with all local vendors, at city hall, portion of proceeds will be donated to Service Center, 640-4233
- 8** (6:30 pm) - Children's Christmas Program at the Baptist church, 373-2420
- 11, 18** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 14** (11:00-1:00 pm) - Christmas Card Craft at the library, come and go, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 15** (9:45 am) - Children's Christmas Pageant at the Methodist church, 373-2298
- 15** (10:45 am) - Bell Choir & Children's Christmas Program Nazarene church
- 15** (5:30 pm) - All Christmas Fellowship / Adult Choir at the Baptist church, 373-2420
- 19** (noon) - Brown Bag Book Club for adults, book: *Skipping Christmas* by John Grisham, free, 373-9018
- 22** (8:30 & 11:00 am) - Christmas Cantata at the Methodist church, 373-2298
- 24** (5:00, 7:00, 11:00 pm) - Candlelight Service at the Methodist church, 373-2298

An expanded version of the calendar is online at PiedmontParksAndRec.com
A Piedmont map of community events is online at PiedmontParksAndRec.com/map.pdf