



# Piedmont Parks & Recreation News

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## Everybody Reads!

“Dig Into Reading” is the theme of the summer reading program for both kids and adults that begins on June 4th. Tokens for prizes will be given based on the number of hours spent reading or being read to. In addition, several activities related to reading will take place at the library for people of all ages.

YA Read Don't YA? is a book club for young adults that meets the second Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Readers Who Lunch is an adult book club that meets the third Thursdays at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

## Thank You, Bryan Adamson!!!

Have you noticed the blades are back on the beautiful Monitor windmill on Piedmont Road?

Piedmont Parks & Recreation thanks Bryan Adamson for generously donating both the materials and the labor to make an entire set of new wheel sections for the windmill head. Not only are there six sections, but every blade in each section is set at a slightly different angle. Thank you, Bryan, for your expertise and generous donation which helped us restore Piedmont's oldest and most unique windmill!

## Model L Monitor

The first Monitor windmill was produced in Evansville, WI, in 1875, and named for the famous Civil War Union ironclad warship, the Monitor, which fought the Confederate ironclad ship, the Merrimac, in the first battle in the world between armored ships. Although most vaneless windmills use a weighted lever governor to control it in the wind, the Monitor uses a spring system. As the wind increases, the individual wooden wheel sections are pulled out of the wind by centrifugal force. This action is countered by two strong springs that are mounted on the wheel. When the wind decreases, the springs pull the sections back to face the wind.

The Model L Monitor, which is the windmill just north of the sign at the entry to Piedmont, was first produced about 1913, so it is approximately 100 years old this year.

Welcome back, Model L Monitor!



## 2nd Annual Library Carnival

Carnival games and other activities will take place at the 2nd Annual Library Carnival from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm on Saturday, June 22nd, at the Piedmont library located at 1129 Stout St NW.

An armband can be purchased for just \$12 that includes all games and activities, plus a hot dog, chips, and a drink. For those wishing to participate in games and other activities, but not eat, the cost is \$10. Anyone that wants only to eat can purchase a meal ticket for just \$4.00.

The Library Carnival is a fundraiser for Piedmont Library. You can support the library by coming out for an evening of fun on June 22, and if you do not already have a library card, or you have not already signed up for the summer reading program, you can do it while you're there.

For more information, call the library at 373-9018.

## Summer Fun - Both Near & Far

June 5 - deadline for submitting applications to watch over 1 million bats emerge from Selman Bat Cave, for more information and an online application visit <http://wildlifedepartment.com>

Wednesdays in June & July, 10:30-11:30 am - Okietales for 5-9 year olds at Oklahoma History Center, \$2 includes museum admission, pre-registration required, for more info visit [www.okhistory.org/historycenter/classes](http://www.okhistory.org/historycenter/classes)

June 22, 9:00 pm - Full Moon Bike Ride leaves from Myriad Gardens' Bandshell for leisurely hour-long bike ride downtown, lights & helmet required, suggested \$5 donation, for more info visit [www.myriadgardens.org/event-calendar](http://www.myriadgardens.org/event-calendar)

50 Free Things To Do In Oklahoma - check out [www.travelok.com/article\\_page/50-free-things-to-do-in-oklahoma](http://www.travelok.com/article_page/50-free-things-to-do-in-oklahoma)

## Art Contest for Pre-K through High School

The contest theme is Dig Into Reading, and all artwork must be submitted June 12 - 15 during regular library hours. The art will be displayed June 18 - 22. Contest rules can be downloaded from the library website at [www.piedmontlibrary.org](http://www.piedmontlibrary.org)

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## Storm Shelter Registration

The Piedmont Police Department encourages everyone with a storm shelter to get it registered with their department. A registration form can be found online at [www.piedmont-ok.gov/Police/stormshelter.pdf](http://www.piedmont-ok.gov/Police/stormshelter.pdf).

The registration form includes a place for you to indicate where your cellar or safe room is in relation to the foundation of your home. On the chance your home is demolished in a disaster, emergency responders will save time and resources by knowing exactly where to start digging to locate your cellar or safe room.

You might want to keep a copy of your registration form with your emergency kit and review it annually. Although the location of your shelter probably won't change, other information might, such as the number of people living at your address.

After filling out the information requested on the form, consider what other information might be helpful and also include it on the form, such as your cell phone numbers in case you aren't at home when a tornado or other disaster hits your home, or contact information for a close relative living at a different location in case you are injured in a tornado and a close family member needs to be contacted.

If you have questions about filling out the form, call the police department at 373-1334.

**FREE!**  
to the first 15

## Got Wildlife?

Piedmont Parks & Rec has only 15 FREE pre-paid applications left for designating your property as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. If you live in the 73078 zip code area, and if you have the four things wildlife needs (water, food, shelter and places to raise young), be one of the first 15 to apply online to take advantage of this offer at <http://piedmontparksandrec.com/habitat.html>.

## Ten Tips for Backyard Habitat



**Select Wildlife Food Plants:** Provide nuts, berries, buds, catkins, fruits, nectar, and seeds that mature in different seasons. Plants that attract insects attract birds! Each species of butterfly and moth requires a specific plant on which to raise its caterpillar.

**Provide Water:** Provide water year-round for birds; wet soil in summer for butterflies.

**Provide Shelter:** Evergreens and dense shrubs are best. Supplement live shelter with brush and rock piles for the winter.

**Reduce Lawn Areas:** Lawns provide virtually no wildlife benefit except to deer and Canada Geese. Reduce lawn areas to the minimum required for human needs.

**Increase Diversity:** A diverse habitat is a healthy habitat. Plant a variety of food plants to provide a variety of food throughout the year.

**Plant Natives:** It is a fact that native birds and butterflies prefer native plants! A number of non-native flowering plants compliment a native garden, but absolutely avoid non-native invasive plants.

**Love Bugs:** Minimize the use of insecticides and other chemicals. Birds and bats require insects to survive. In turn, they are our best insect controls. Very few insects are pests. Learn to embrace beneficial insects and to tolerate a few of the pests. Bug zappers kill far more beneficial insects than nuisance ones.

**Go Wild:** Let part of your yard grow as it wishes, removing only those plants considered to be 'invasive.' Many 'weeds' provide seeds for birds. This is especially true of annuals.

**Reduce Fall Cleanup:** Birds eat dried seeds in winter. Many butterflies and moths spend the winter as eggs, caterpillars, or pupa in leaf litter or on 'dead' plant materials - a lovely excuse not to be too tidy. Raking leaves and removing flower stalks removes next year's butterflies and moths.

**Relax and Enjoy!** The less mowing, weeding, pruning, and fussing you do with your yard, the more wildlife will love it. Use the time you save to watch your wild friends. Invite your neighbors over - maybe they will follow your lead and develop more backyard habitat.

# June Community Calendar

- 1 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at the former co-op, 373-2905
- 1 (1:00 pm) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club meeting (and maybe a launch) for all ages, at city hall, free, 720-1805
- 2, 30 (3:00 pm, 1:45 pm exhibitions) - Playday for all ages at Round-Up Club Arena, fees vary by event, free to watch, 445-9245
- 3, 10 (6:30 pm) - Adult Acting Class at the library, learn basic acting techniques, free, 406-1984
- 4, 11, 18, 25 (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time at the Library, for ages 2 and up, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25 (noon-6 pm) - Come & Go Craft at the Library, for all ages, (4th: Worm & Veggie Painting; 11th: Moveable Mummies & Coffin Fill; 18th: Ninjas; 25th: Garden Gnomes), free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25 (6:30 pm) - Essential Oils at the library, (4th: Lemon, Lavender, Peppermint; 11th: Melaleuca, Oregano Thieves; 18th: Frankincense, Myrrh, Helichrysum; 25th: Citrus Oils & Lemongrass), free, 397-9211
- 5 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement at the library, children ages 2-5, free, 373-9018
- 5, 12, 19, 26 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 6 (10:00 am) - Zumba at the library, \$3, RSVP if want to assure a place in class, 373-9018
- 6 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speaker is Mark Elam on Human Trafficking in Oklahoma, free, optional lunch is \$8, 373-2234
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (4-6:00 pm) - Teen Event for grades 5 & up, at the library, (6th: Rock Painting & Street Art; 13th: Movie Magic; 20th: Shark Party; 27th: Time Capsule), free, 373-9018
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose at the library, for ages up to 3 years, free, 373-9018
- 7, 21 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at city hall, \$9, bring double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849
- 10-13 (6:00-8:30 pm) - VBS - Kingdom Rock: Where Kids Stand Strong for God at Nazarene church, 4 yrs thru 6th grade, free, 373-2308
- 11 (6:30 pm) - CC Tuff Riders 4-H equine program for 9-18 year olds, at Rubley's Arena, 524 Ash Rd NW, release & helmet required if riding, free, 620-4824
- 12, 19, 26 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters at the library, free, 373-1662
- 13 (6:30 pm) - YA Read, Don't YA? young adult book club at the library, *Girl of Fire & Thorns*, free, 373-9018
- 15 (7:00 pm, 6:00 pm books open) - Oklahoma Arabian Horse Club All Breed Open Horse Show at Round-Up Club Arena, entry fees \$5 / class, \$10 / championship, free to watch, 826-4987
- 16 (8:30 & 11:00 am) - Bluegrass Sunday featuring Kyle Dillingham at Methodist church, free, 373-2298
- 20 (noon) - Readers Who Lunch adult book club at the library, *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, free, 373-9018
- 20 (6:00 pm) - No Experience Necessary adult writing class, at the library, free, 373-3788
- 21 (1:00 pm) - Annual Chamber Golf Tournament at Surrey Hills Country Club, \$300 per team, pre-registration is required, 373-1600
- 22 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Saddle Fitting Clinic at Rubley's arena, 524 Ash Rd NW, fundraiser for CC Tuff Riders 4H, \$15 per horse with a 10 horse limit, \$5 to watch & learn without a horse, lunch provided for a donation, 373-1387
- 22 (5:00-8:00 pm) - Friends of the Library Carnival & Art Show at the library, \$4 meal (hot dog, chips, drink), \$10 games & events, or \$12 for all, 373-9018
- 23-27 (6:00-8:30; dinner served Mon-Thu at 5:30 pm) - VBS at Baptist church, 4 yrs old thru completed 6th grade, free, 373-2420
- 27 (6:30 pm) - Ladies Night at the library, snacks, conversation, and a craft for adults, free, 373-9018

An expanded version of the calendar is online at [PiedmontParksAndRec.com](http://PiedmontParksAndRec.com)  
A Piedmont map of community events is online at [PiedmontParksAndRec.com/map.pdf](http://PiedmontParksAndRec.com/map.pdf)