



Piedmont Community News & Events



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Lights On, Piedmont!

The best nights to take the family to look at Christmas lights will be Monday, December 15 through Wednesday, December 17, between 6:00 and 9:00 pm. On those nights, judges from the Piedmont Chamber of Commerce will be driving throughout Piedmont looking for the winners of this year's annual Christmas decorating contest.

There are two contest categories - residential and business. For your home or office to be considered in the contest, have your Christmas lights on from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. on the evenings of December 15, 16 and 17. The top three winners in both categories will be recognized by the Piedmont Chamber of Commerce.

For more information, contact Lisa at the Chamber office at 373-2234.

Piedmont Elementary PTO Dinner & Auction

On December 5th, at 6:00 p.m., the Intermediate School cafeteria will be the location of the Piedmont Elementary School's annual 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 bought in advance by contacting Barbara at 799-8612 or bstemm8612@aol.com. The deadline to purchase tickets is December 4th.

There will be both a silent auction of baskets, and a live auction. Some of the hot ticket items in the auction this year include OU vs OSU bedlam tickets, Thunder tickets, an iPad Mini, and a hot dog cooker roller. For more information about the auctions, including how to donate items, visit the website at www.cash4cats.com.

For more information, contact Keri Corbin at 206-9410.



Midwinter's Night Praise

The Oklahoma City Handbell Ensemble will present a free winter concert at the Piedmont United Methodist Church on Friday, December 5 at 7:00 pm. For more information, call 373-2298, or visit the OKC Handbell Ensemble's website at www.okcbells.com

Exploring Oklahoma with Children

Coupons are available for discounted or free admission to 29 attractions across Oklahoma.

The coupons are available online at:
[www.metrofamilymagazine.com/
exploring-oklahoma/kidspass2014bw.pdf](http://www.metrofamilymagazine.com/exploring-oklahoma/kidspass2014bw.pdf)



Pictures with Santa

There will be punch, cookies, and pictures with Santa at F&M Bank on Saturday, December 6 from 9:00 to noon.

Downtown in December

Ice skating, snow tubing down a 150-foot slope, a Santa run, movie Mondays, water taxi rides, pop-up shops, Little Willie's Triple Dog Dare, the Lyric's *A Christmas Carol*, and the OKC Philharmonic's Christmas Show are just a few examples of activities going on in downtown OKC in December. Many of the events are free of charge.

For specific dates, times, locations, cost, and other details, visit the website at:
<http://downtownindecember.com>

Readers Who Lunch Book Club

There's no need to actually read the book *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood*. Just bring your lunch, come watch the movie, and enjoy the discussion on December 18th at noon at the library.

Raffle, Silent Auction, & Vintage Clothing Fashion Show

Haven of Hope, located near Piedmont, rescues dogs who face certain euthanasia, or who are lost, injured, or are otherwise vulnerable. The costs of providing care are significant.

A raffle, silent auction, and vintage clothing fashion show will be held on December 14, 5:30 - 8:00 pm, at Central Oklahoma Home Builders Association Event Center, 420 East Britton Road, OKC. All proceeds benefit the Haven of Hope Rescue Foundation and their Rescue Kids.

Other ways that you can support the work of the Haven of Hope Rescue Foundation:

- donate items such as dog or puppy food, blankets, dish soap, or bleach (donated items can be left at Stone's Hardware)
- offer to be on a list of short-term foster homes for the occasions when Haven of Hope temporarily runs out of space for new rescues
- consider adoption

For more information about the raffle and auction, to purchase tickets, or to meet dogs waiting for a forever home, visit the website at havenofhoperescue.com, or call Lori Jones at 620-2411.



Oggy & Indy came from a cruelty case and were saved by an animal cruelty investigator. They have been together for 7 years and need to be adopted together. They are neutered, good tempered, affectionate, and up-to-date on their vaccinations.

Photo by Sherry Stinson of Tyler Dog Photography

Families in Need of Help

If you know of a family needing a Christmas dinner, refer them to the Piedmont Service Center. Application must be made in person on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The deadline to apply is December 15.

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



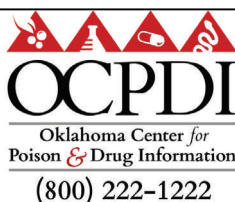
Grandmother's House

If you're going to grandmother's house, or to anyone else's house not accustomed to having small children around on a daily basis, be aware of these statistics from recent national polls of grandparents:

- 85% have prescription drugs in their home
- 42% store prescription drugs in easily accessible places
- 28% keep their pills in a quick access containers without childproofing features



Unintentional poisonings from swallowing prescription or over-the-counter medications cause more emergency room visits for young children than car accidents. The most common prescriptions are painkillers that contain morphine or a morphine-like ingredient, and the most common over-the-counter medicine is acetaminophen.



Call for questions about poisonous plants, bites and stings, medications, or chemicals, or for free 24/7 treatment advice.



Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

The monthly Chamber luncheons are held from noon to 1:00 pm the first Thursday of every month except January. The luncheons are free and open to the public. Luncheon speakers vary from local to well known. An optional lunch is available for \$8.

On Thursday, December 4, the speakers will be Karen Reich of Piedmont Service Center and Dee Blose of Youth & Family Services. Their topic is "Service to the Community." Both presenters have created a wish list for their organization. Luncheon attendees are invited to bring an item from the wish list to the December meeting. Go to <http://piedmont-ok.com/wishlist.pdf> to find the wish list for both organizations.

For more information about Chamber luncheons or other Chamber events, contact Lisa at 373-2234.



Piedmont's Prescription Drug Drop Box

If you have prescription drugs that are expired or are no longer needed, you can dispose of them safely by putting them in the drop box located in the lobby of the police department.

The police department lobby is open from 8:00 to 5:00 pm on Monday through Friday except for legal holidays.

Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics partners with an Oklahoma-based company to destroy the pharmaceuticals and turn them into green energy.

By using the drop box, you reduce the amount of drug residue that gets into our water, and you reduce the chance that small children might get into the medications, or that others might access and illegally use them. (It is illegal for anyone to use a prescription drug other than the person for whom it was prescribed.)



Mayor's Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

December 5, 6:30-8:30 pm
Historical Society Annex



December Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 2, 9, 16 (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time at the library for ages 2-5, free, 373-9018
- 3 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 3, 10, 17 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 3 (4:00 pm) - Super Cool Cooking School for kids of all ages, at the library (under 6 must be accompanied by an adult), free, 373-9018
- 4 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speakers are Karen Reich of the Piedmont Service Center and Dee Blöse of Youth & Family Services, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 4, 11, 18 (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba at city hall, \$3, 650-0229
- 5 (6:00 pm) - Piedmont Elementary PTO School Dinner & Auction at the Intermediate School, adults \$15, 7-12 yrs \$9, under 7 yrs free, tickets must be purchased by Dec. 4 by calling Barbara at 799-8612
- 5 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, bring double-sided tape, \$12, RSVP 535-8849
- 5 (6:30-8:30 pm) - Mayor's Christmas Tree Lighting at the Historical Society Annex, free, 373-2621
- 5 (7:00 pm) - "Midwinter's Night Praise" winter concert by Oklahoma City Handbell Ensemble, at Methodist church, free, 373-2298
- 6 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling of glass, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, plastic #1 & 2, and metal, at former co-op, 373-2905
- 6 (9:00-noon) - Pictures with Santa at Piedmont F&M Bank, punch and cookies, free, 373-1600
- 6 (10:00-noon) - Christmas Crafts, make a tree ornament, come & go, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Piedmont Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 9 (1 pm, 2 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm) - Hour of Code, for K-5th grade, easy computer programming, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 10, 17, 31 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 919-0870
- 10 (3 pm, 4 pm) - Hour of Code, for K-5th grade, easy computer programming, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 11 (6:30 pm) - Writer's Group, no experience necessary, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 12, 19 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose at the library, for infants and toddlers, free, 373-9018
- 13, 20 (10:00-noon) - Christmas Craft (13th: card making, 20th: gift bag decorating) at the library, come & go, free, 373-9018
- 15, 16, 17 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Lights on Piedmont - decorations are lit on homes and businesses for Chamber's annual decorating contest
- 18 (noon) - Readers Who Lunch Book Club for adults, book: "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," at the library, free, 373-9018

Programs and Services at local churches:

- 7 (6:30 pm) - Children's Choir Program at Baptist Church
- 10 (8:30 & 11:00 am) - Christmas Chancel Choir at Methodist Church
- 10 (10:00 am) - Children's Christmas Pageant at Methodist Church
- 17 (6:30 pm) - All Christmas Fellowship at Baptist Church
- 20 (7:00 pm) - Adult Christmas Choir Program at Baptist Church
- 21 (6:30 pm) - Candlelight Service at Baptist Church
- 24 (5:30 pm) - Carols and Candles at Nazarene Church

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