



# Piedmont Parks & Recreation News

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*The Beauty Center, located at 1213 Piedmont Rd North, will be the location of two performances of "Steel Magnolias" by Ensemble Theatre which is based in Piedmont and serves the Oklahoma City metro area.*

*The performances will take place on Friday, May 30th and Saturday, May 31st, at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7:15 p.m.*

*Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by calling 405-406-1984.*

## Brisket at the Barn

The annual community appreciation cookout sponsored by F&M Bank will be held on Thursday, May 15th, from 3:00-7:00 pm at the barn behind the bank.

The fun includes face painting, Trolley Train rides, Chester the Clown, and a caricature artist.



The Historical Society's sidewalk sale will take place on Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 - 3:00 pm.

Donations for the sale can be dropped off at the museum on Saturday, May 3 from 10:00 to 2:00 pm.

For more information, call Evelyn at 373-2905.

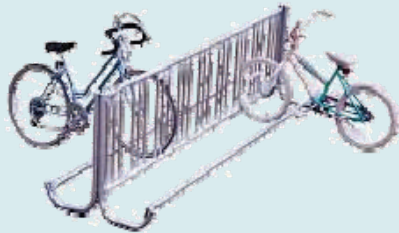
## Did You Know?

Summer reading loss is cumulative. Children don't "catch up" in the fall because the other children are moving ahead with their skills. By the end of 6th grade, children who lose reading skills over the summer are two years behind their classmates.

## National Bike Month

Wednesday, May 7, is National Bike to School Day, but every school day in May, students that ride their bicycle to Piedmont Elementary or Middle School and park it in the bike rack will get a small surprise tied to their handle bar.

One option for students that live too far from the school is to unload their bicycle at the library and bike from the library to the school. NOTE: Parents, please help your child safely cross 7th Street by the library.



## Science, A Fair!

The Piedmont Library is kicking off the summer reading program on May 31 with entertainment and activities from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

The event is free, and participants that don't already have a library card can sign up for one at no cost. A hot dog, chips and bottled water will be available for \$4.

The summer reading program will continue through the months of June and July with activities for pre-school and students of all ages, and will include some activities for the entire family.

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



Piedmont's Senior Class is holding a blood drive on Monday, May 19, from 9:00-2:00 p.m. at the high school.

Each person that donates blood will receive a t-shirt and two free zoo admissions while supplies last.

For more information, please call 373-5011.

If you are not able to attend the blood drive at the high school, make plans to attend the blood drive at the Baptist church on June 4th.

## Free Admission . . .

. . .for everyone at the **Myriad Botanical Gardens**, Friday, May 9, in celebration of National Public Gardens Day. (445-7080)

. . .for everyone at the **Gaylord Pickens Museum** on Saturday, May 10, to help celebrate the 7th anniversary of the museum. (523-3211)

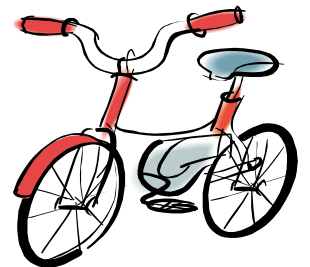
. . .for mothers accompanied by anyone with a paid admission at the **Oklahoma City Zoo** on Mothers Day, Sunday, May 11. (425-0262 )

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## Ten Ways to Help Children Become Better Pedestrians and Cyclists

1. Give your child only as much independence and responsibility as s/he can handle safely. Throughout childhood, children slowly develop the cognitive, perceptual, and sensory skills necessary to be safe in traffic.
2. Remember that each child is unique. Do not base rules for one child on those for siblings, cousins or neighbors. Children of the same age may require different levels of supervision in traffic.
3. Evaluate your child's behavior out of traffic. Is s/he impulsive? Does s/he stop to think before acting? Distractible? Can s/he sustain attention on something important? Is s/he a risk-taker? It is likely that your child's behavior in traffic will resemble behavior out of traffic.
4. Consider any limitations your child has and how these might influence his or her behavior in traffic. For example, does your child have vision problems? Hearing impairment? Cognitive or judgment limitations? Physical limitations?
5. Give your child practice in traffic. Frequent supervised experiences can help children develop good traffic safety habits.
6. Teach your child the rules of walking and bicycling safety as you encounter traffic situations. Ask your children to repeat rules back to you.
7. Do not assume your child will follow the rules just because s/he can verbalize them. Let your child lead you in traffic to help you assess how well s/he follows the rules. Set up situations with your child in which you shadow him/her. (Walk 10-15 feet behind to allow semi-independence.)
8. Grant independence in small steps to see how your child handles it. For example, let your child progress from playing in front of the house to playing on the block, to walking around the block, to crossing one street, etc.
9. Always model appropriate traffic safety practices yourself, whether you are walking, bicycling or driving. Children learn from important people around them.
10. Be a careful driver. Watch for children who may not yet have developed good traffic safety habits. Their safety is in your hands.



### Join the Discussion

Discussions are underway which will result in a long-range trails plan for Piedmont. Runners, joggers, bikers, equestrians, walkers, and other trail users are encouraged to attend.

The next meeting is Monday, May 12, at 6:30 pm, at city hall.

If you have questions, call 202-3984.



### Free Bike Helmets

Through the same grant that built the sidewalk from the library to Piedmont Middle School and Elementary, Parks & Recreation was able to purchase several bicycle helmets. If your child needs a helmet, is currently in kindergarten through eighth grade, and if you live in Piedmont city limits, you can request a free helmet online at:  
[piedmontparksandrec.com/helmets/html](http://piedmontparksandrec.com/helmets/html)



# May Community Calendar

*Where friends meet!*

- 1 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, candidates for County Treasurer and County Commissioner District 1 will speak, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3 years, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 3 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at former co-op, 373-2905
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6, 13, 20, 27 (6:30 pm) - Knit & Crochet for all ages, at the library, come to learn or bring a project you're working on, free, 373-9018
- 6 (6:30 pm) - Organic Gardening with Essential Oils at the library, \$10, pre-registration is required, 397-9211
- 6 (7:00 pm) - Meet the Candidates for State House & Senate, U.S. Representative, and State Superintendent of Schools, at city hall, free, light refreshments will be served, 373-2234
- 7 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2-5, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 8 (11:00 am) - Organic Gardening with Essential Oils at the library, \$10, pre-registration is required, 397-9211
- 8 (6:30 pm) - Writer's Group at the library, bring a piece for feedback, free, 373-9018
- 8 (6:30 pm) - LEGO Club for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 9 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Scrapbooking at city hall, \$10, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 10 (9:00-3:00 pm) - Historical Society sidewalk sale at the museum, donations will be accepted on May 3 from 10:00-2:00 pm, 373-2905
- 12 (6:30 pm) - public input workshop at city hall for bicyclists, walkers, runners, joggers, equestrians and other trail users to discuss the need for & possible location of sidewalks and trails in Piedmont, 373-2621
- 14, 21, 28 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 373-1662
- 15 (noon) - Readers Who Lunch book club for adults, book: *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee, free, 373-9018
- 15 (3:00-7:00 pm) - Brisket at the Barn behind F&M Bank, free, 373-1600
- 17 (9:00-1:00 pm) - Free Comic Book Day for all ages, at the library, 373-9018
- 17 (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, 413-3077
- 20 (6:30 pm) - A Healer in Every Home essential oils class at the library, \$5, pre-registration is required, 397-9211
- 22 (6:30 pm) - Paint 'N Palette Ladies Night at the library, for adults, free, 373-9018
- 29 (6:00 pm) - Essential Oils with Debbie, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 30 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up card class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive & supplies, RSVP 535-8849
- 30, 31 (7:30 pm) - Steel Magnolias at The Beauty Center, 1213 Piedmont Rd N, tickets \$10, 406-1984
- 31 (2:00 pm) - Playday for all ages at Round-Up Club Arena, fees of \$5-\$15 vary by event, free to watch, 630-4009
- 31 (5:00-8:00 pm) - Science, A Fair at the library, entertainers & activities, free, hot dog, chips, & water available for \$4, 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)