



Piedmont Community News & Events



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April 2015

Earth Fest

Saturday, April 18, 1-4 p.m.

It's a party for the planet during the Martin Park Nature Center's annual eco-friendly celebration. This free outdoor festival will have ecology education exhibits, alternative fuel cars, kids' activities, plus family games and other eco-friendly fun.

For more information, call 297-1429.

Legislative Breakfast

Thursday, April 9, 7:00 A.M.

Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will be the guest speaker at the quarterly legislative breakfast, and updates will be given by Sen. Stephanie Bice, Sen. Ron Justice, Rep. John Enns, Rep. Mike Sanders, and field representatives for U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, U.S. Sen. James Lankford, and U.S. Rep. Frank Lucas.

A free hot breakfast will be served and the public is invited to attend.

The quarterly legislative breakfasts are co-hosted by the Piedmont Chamber and the Piedmont school board.

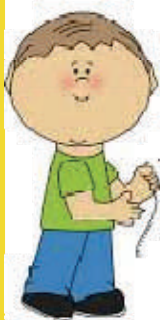
Kites & a Movie

At 6:30 pm on Saturday, April 25, kites will begin to fly at Piedmont Church of the Nazarene, 2011 Piedmont Rd N. Kids of all ages are invited to bring and fly their own kite or use one provided for free at the church.

At 8:15 pm, the movie *Big Hero 6* will be shown.

Hot dogs, lemonade, and water will be provided, and soft drinks will be available for purchase.

For more information, call the church at 373-2308.



Ward 2 - Remember to Vote!

April 7, 2015

Piedmont Egg Hunts

April 4, 2:00 pm



Location: Windmill Park Addition
the park is next to 317 Cypress

Sponsor: Piedmont Nazarene Church
Contact: Deanna, 373-2308



Location: City Hall
314 Edmond Rd NW

Sponsor: City of Piedmont
Contact: Tamra, 373-2621

Help Your Child Be a Butterfly Hero

The National Wildlife Federation is giving a butterfly garden starter kit to every child or family that takes the Butterfly Heroes Pledge and has a photo taken while making the American Sign Language sign for butterfly. The website at www.nwf.org/Butterfly-Heroes/Pledge.aspx explains how to make the butterfly sign.

The starter kit includes a seed packet with native milkweed or a flowering nectar plant, a list of milkweed and other nectar plants native to our region, a Ranger Rick Nature Notebook, and Butterfly Heroes sticker and poster. To get started, go to www.nwf.org/Butterfly-Heroes/Getting-Started.aspx.

Individuals or families that take the Butterfly Heroes pledge by May 15, 2015, will be entered into a drawing for a trip for four to Walt Disney World.

For additional wildlife and garden projects you can do with your child, go to www.nwf.org/Butterfly-Heroes/Getting-Started/Kids-and-Families.aspx.

Raffle Tickets

The Piedmont Service Center is selling raffle tickets for two airline tickets donated by Express Travel for anywhere in the continental United States on either American Airlines or Delta. The proceeds will be used to help fund the planned splash pad and park.

Tickets cost \$10 each and the winning ticket will be drawn in October on the last day of the Pumpkin Patch. Tickets are also available from Piedmont Pharmacy & Gifts and Piedmont Dry Cleaners & Florist.

Call the Service Center at 373-4022 for more information.

April 22, 2015 45th Anniversary of Earth Day

Gaylord Nelson, a U.S. senator from Wisconsin, proposed a day to promote awareness about air and water pollution. It was intended to force into the national spotlight the idea of environmental protection.

That first year, on April 22, 1970, an amazing 20 million Americans took to the streets, parks and other public places to demonstrate for a healthier, more sustainable environment. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

Michigan State University



April 17 is ...

National Bat Appreciation Day

Facts about the Mexican free-tailed bat:

- The Mexican free-tailed bat is the official state flying mammal of Oklahoma.
- Bats are the only mammal capable of true and sustained flight.
- The wingspan of a Mexican free-tailed bat is 12 to 14 inches, and the bat weighs only 0.4 to 0.5 ounces (11-14 grams).
- Bats can eat up to 1,000 mosquitoes in an hour.
- A group of bats is called a colony.
- All the females in a colony give birth within a period of just a few days in mid June. Each female has one pup.
- Young Mexican free-tailed bats and their mothers roost separately. The mother must find her own pup among the thousands and it is thought that she locates her baby by recognizing its individual call or smell.
- Mexican free-tail bats may live up to 18 years.
- Bats navigate at night by using a type of sonar called echolocation.

WOW! (Walking On Wednesdays)

Walking on Wednesdays will begin April 1st (which happens to be National Walking Day!) and continue through Wednesday, May 13th.

Volunteers will meet students after school at Piedmont Elementary and walk with them on the sidewalk to the Piedmont Library at 1129 Stout NW. As in previous years, grandparents and parents of students in the program are also welcome to walk.

Once at the library, there will be activities for students to participate in, or they can read, use library resources, or work on homework.

Parents can pick up their child any time before 5:00 p.m. when the library closes.

The walk will take place every Wednesday, rain or shine, except in cases of severe weather or an electrical storm.

Space is limited so pre-registration is required online at <http://piedmont-ok.com/wow.html>. The registration form needs to be submitted only once, but **every Wednesday that your child walks, you must send a note to your child's teacher** stating that your child will be walking to the library rather than going home the way he or she usually does.

For more information, contact Lyn Land at 202-3984.



Find it on Facebook!
Piedmont Farmers Market

StoryCorps

StoryCorps is an innovative oral history project started by Dave Isay which encourages people to record each others' stories. Dave Isay opened the first StoryCorps booth in New York's Grand Central Terminal in 2003, and since then the StoryCorps project has grown to become the single largest collection of human voices ever recorded. All StoryCorps interviews are archived at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C.

More than 100,000 people have recorded interviews and stories about their lives over the past 12 years. Many of these recordings have been animated and can be watched by searching for StoryCorps on www.youtube.com, or can be listened to on the StoryCorps website at <http://storycorps.org/listen>. Search for Dave Isay on www.ted.com to learn more about the project.

Ready to record an interview with someone special in your life? The StoryCorps app helps you pick some questions to ask, gives you tips for recording an interview or story, lets you keep one copy for yourself, and with one tap, it uploads a copy of your interview to the Library of Congress.

Bicycle Helmets

Through a Safe Routes to School grant, bicycle helmets are available free to children and youth in Piedmont.

Helmets are available in various sizes and colors. To request a helmet, go to www.piedmont-ok.com/helmets.html.

For easy directions on how to properly fit and adjust a bicycle helmet, go to www.piedmont-ok.com/adjust-a-helmet.pdf.



April Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 1 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 2 (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speaker is Nancy Anthony, President of the OKC Community Foundation, Ward 2 council candidates have been invited to present their qualifications and platform, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 2 (6:30 pm) - Writer's Group, special guest is Oklahoma author Marcia Preston, for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 3, 10, 17, 24 (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4 (9:00-11:00 am) - Piedmont Recycling at 115 Piedmont Rd N, glass, cardboard, tin and aluminum cans, plastic #1 & 2, metal, 373-2905
- 4, 11, 18, 25 (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 4 (2:00 pm) - Easter Egg Hunt at Windmill Park pavilion sponsored by the Nazarene church, free, 373-2308
- 4 (2:00 pm) - Easter Egg Hunt at city hall sponsored by the city, free, 373-2621
- 7, 14, 21, 28 (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 8, 15, 22, 29 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 919-0870
- 9 (7:00 am) - Quarterly Legislative Breakfast at city hall, State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister will speak, state and federal elected officials will provide legislative updates, free hot breakfast, 373-2234
- 10 (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849
- 16 (12:00 pm) - Ladies Who Lunch book club at the library, book: *Bitter is the New Black* by Jen Lancaster, free, bring your lunch, 373-9018
- 23 (6:30 pm) - Ladies' Night at the library, Strength Finders with guest Rhonda Boyle, free, 373-9018
- 25 (6:30 pm kites; 8:15 pm movie) - Outdoor Movie Night and Kite Flying at Nazarene church, movie *Big Hero 6*, hot dogs & lemonade provided, kites provided or bring your own, free, 373-2308
- 28 (6:30-8:00 pm) - LEGO Club at the library, for all ages, come & go, free, 373-9018

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