



Piedmont Community News & Events



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The Chisholm Trail Needs Your Action!

The National Park Service (NPS) has completed the comprehensive study necessary to designate the Chisholm Trail and the Western Trail (both of which run through Oklahoma) as National Historic Trails under the National Historic Trails Program. The report states:

The primary routes of the Chisholm and Western Trails across Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Nebraska meet the eligibility provisions of the National Trails System Act: the historic routes are known, historic use is securely documented, significant potential for recreational use or historic interest exists along the routes, and they are of national significance. Adding to the desirability of this designation is the fact that these iconic cattle trails would be a unique addition to the National Trails System. No trail currently in the system commemorates this important and highly mythologized aspect of American history.

The NPS is providing only two options for consideration: Alternative A would leave everything as it is and the trails would not be presented to Congress for National Historic Trail designation, or Alternative B which would recommend National Historic Trail designation for the trails and allow the NPS to consider the Chisholm Trail and the Western Trail as a single unit on the national level but allow them to be treated as separate trails on the state and local level. **Alternative B - to move forward with the National Historic Trail designation - is what the vast majority of trail supporters are recommending.**

The study states that there is no plan to acquire land (private land will remain private), nor any anticipation that the land use patterns will change as a result of receiving a National Historic Trail designation, but it should increase tourism and the number of people who come to our community as they trace the route of the Chisholm Trail along public roads through Piedmont.

We are now well into a 60-day comment period before the study goes to Congress for possible action. It is important that we give strong support for the proposal to designate these two trails as National Historic Trails (Alternative B) not only for the benefits it would bring to Piedmont and other communities the trails pass through from Texas to Kansas, but to help preserve the history.

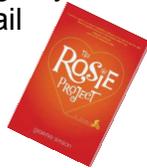
The documents and comment form are available online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=456&projectID=30803&documentID=63251> The space available in which to comment is the equivalent of 10 pages, so after letting them know that you support **Alternative B**, feel free to thank Congress for authorizing the study (without which none of this would be possible), commend the National Park Service for an excellent report, express your hope that the document will make its way to Congress and that Congress will act in time for the designation to be in place for the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail in 2017, and make any other comments about why the trail and the designation are important to you and to our community. (Direct links to the Chisholm Trail documents and comment form are available on the community calendar at piedmont-ok.com)



Online Book Club

If you love to read but are too busy to get to the brown bag book club at the library on the third Thursday of each month, then check out the new online discussion group the library is starting.

Reading and discussing the first book, *The Rosie Project* by Graeme Simsion, begins the first of February. If you want to join the group, you will need to call or go by the library and give them your email address so they can send you an invitation to join the online discussion on Goodreads.



Whether or not you want to join the book club this month, if you're a booklover, you will want to check out the things you can do with your books on Goodreads by going to: www.goodreads.com/about/how_it_works

Friends of the Metropolitan Library System will hold their annual book sale at the state fairgrounds on Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22 from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. Hundreds of thousands of books, magazines, and videos will be sold - most for \$1 or less.

Admission is free to the Oklahoma City Zoo every Monday in February.

Did you know?

A 600 lb. octopus can squeeze through a hole the size of a quarter. Find this and more odd facts at <http://didyouknowblog.com>

OSU Extension has fact sheets on many topics at <http://osufacts.okstate.edu>

including a garden planning and planting guide at <http://pods.dasnr.okstate.edu/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-1092/HLA-6004web.pdf>

Hurry! Carrots, radishes, spinach, onions, lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower and more can generally be planted the middle of February.



WANTED

Vendors for the Piedmont Farmers Market



For more information
call Mike Best
919-6406

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Studies have shown that families who start reading aloud to their children at birth help to strengthen their language skills and build their vocabulary - two important tools for beginning to learn to read when they enter kindergarten.

The Piedmont library has started the program called "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten" that encourages families and caregivers to read books to children from the day they are born. The number of books read are recorded on a log, and prizes are given to both the parent or caregiver and to the child for every 100 books read. If you read just four books a week to your child from the time they are born, they will have heard 1040 stories by the time they start kindergarten. Just like in real life, you can read the same books over and over - you will not need to buy or check out 1000 different books!

Sign up for the program at the library, then grab a book, grab and child, and go read!



It requires 5 miles of walking to burn off the calories in one 20 oz soda.

Friends and Food in February

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Senior Lunch & Fellowship - Every Wednesday at noon, there's a home-cooked meal and friendly conversation at the Piedmont United Methodist Church, 2525 Piedmont Rd N. The cost is just \$3.00, but you must call Evelyn in advance at 373-2905 and let her know you plan to attend. On the first Wednesday of each month, the fire department will be there to take the blood pressure of anyone wanting theirs taken.

I think America's food culture is embedded in fast-food culture. And the real question that we have is: How are we going to teach slow-food values in a fast-food world? Of course, it's very, very difficult to do, especially when children have grown up eating fast food and the values that go with that.

~ Alice Waters

Super Cool Cooking School

From 4:00 to 5:00 pm, Yuliya Lisk will teach students of all ages how to cook. The classes will be held at the library and the event is free. Contact the library at 373-9018 for more information.

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Chamber of Commerce Luncheon - The Chamber luncheons are held the first Thursday of each month at city hall, and always include an interesting guest speaker and an optional lunch for \$8.00. The speaker this month is Kitt Letcher with the Better Business Bureau. The Chamber hosts the luncheons for the enjoyment of both Chamber members and the general public.

Franny K. Stein Valentine Party - The library is hosting a valentine party based on the Franny K. Stein books. The party begins at 11:00 a.m. and includes science experiments, generating love poems, making chocolate insects, and shooting Cupid's arrows. All ages are invited to participate. The event is free.

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Brown Bag Book Club - *Deep Down Dark* by Tobar is the book this month. Bring your lunch and a friend to the library at noon and join the discussion. Drinks and dessert will be provided. The event is free.

If you truly get in touch with a piece of carrot, you get in touch with the soil, the rain, the sunshine. You get in touch with Mother Earth and eating in such a way, you feel in touch with true life, your roots, and that is meditation. If we chew every morsel of our food in that way we become grateful and when you are grateful, you are happy.

~ Thich Nhat Hanh

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Ladies Night at the Library - Cooking with Yuliya will be the activity this month. The fun and conversations start at 6:30 p.m., and the event is free.

Velata Meal Prep Class - Are you struggling with meal ideas? Join Jana Holcomb at the civic center from 10:00 to noon and prepare 8 to 10 tasty freezer meals. Cost is \$40 which includes Velata spices, cheese, and recipes. You must pre-register and pay by February 14. Contact Jana at 640-4233 for more information.

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February Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 3, 10, 17, 24** (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4** (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement for ages 2 & up, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free, 919-0870
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (noon) - Senior Adults lunch and fellowship at the Methodist church, \$3, for reservations call 373-2905
- 4, 18** (4:00-5:00 pm) - Super Cool Cooking School for all ages, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 5** (noon) - Chamber of Commerce luncheon at city hall, speaker is Kitt Letcher with the Better Business Bureau of Central Oklahoma, free, optional lunch \$8, 373-2234
- 5, 12, 19, 26** (7:30-8:30 pm) - Zumba class at city hall, beginners welcome, \$3, 650-0229
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for ages birth to 3, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849
- 7** (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
- 7, 14, 21, 28** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 823-1345
- 14** (11:00-12:30 pm) - Franny K. Stein Valentine Party at the library, free, 373-9018
- 19** (12:00 pm) - Brown Bag Book Club for adults, at the library, book: *Deep Down Dark* by Tobar, free, 373-9018
- 19** (6:30 pm) - Writer's Group will start the Artist's Way program, at the library, for all ages, free, 373-9018
- 24** (6:30 pm) - Nature's Medicine Cabinet: Essential Oils at the library, free, 397-9211
- 24** (6:30-8:00 pm) - LEGO Club at the library, for all ages, come & go, free, 373-9018
- 26** (6:30 pm) - Ladies' Night at the library, cooking with Yuliya Lisk, for adults, free, 373-9018
- 27** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring double-sided tape, RSVP 535-8849
- 28** (10:00-noon) - Velata meal prep class at city hall, \$40, includes spices & rubs, must register and pay by February 14th, 640-4233

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