



Piedmont Community News & Events



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January 2018

Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet and Auction

Oklahoma City Mayor Mick Cornett will be the speaker at the Chamber's annual banquet, and the entertainment will be provided by Piedmont High School Musical Ensembles.

Thunder tickets are among the items in the auction.

The banquet and auction will be held on Saturday, January 13th at 6:30 p.m. at the Piedmont Intermediate School at 977 Washington NW. Please park on the north side of the building.

Tickets are \$30 in advance or \$35 at the door. To purchase tickets in advance, send a check to the Chamber at PO Box 501, Piedmont OK 73078.

For more information, or to donate items for the auction, call Lisa at 373-2234.

Legislative Breakfast

The quarterly legislative breakfast will be held on Thursday, January 11 at city hall from 7:00 to 8:00 a.m.

The guest speaker will be Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy. State and federal legislators or their field representative will provide legislative updates.

A free hot breakfast will be provided by Great Plains Bank.

The legislative breakfasts are hosted by Piedmont Chamber of Commerce and the Piedmont Public Schools Board of Education.

For more information, call Lisa at 373-2234.

NOTE: There will not be a Chamber luncheon this month nor in July, but you can mark them on your calendar for the first Thursday of the other ten months in 2018.

Ladies Night

Saturday, January 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m

shopping, painting, music, hors d'oeuvres, music, wine
at Chester's Party Barn & Farm

\$50 per person
(must be over 21)

for more information or for tickets, call 373-1595

Wildcat Wednesdays

A Latte Love espresso truck will be at Stone's Ace Hardware every Wednesday morning in January from 8:00-11:00 a.m.



First Day Hikes

First Day Hikes is an initiative that takes place in all 50 states on the first day of the new year. At least 19 state parks in Oklahoma will be participating.

The two participating parks closest to Piedmont are Roman Nose State Park at 3236 S. Highway 8A in Watonga, and Lake Thunderbird at Discovery Cove Nature Center, 1201 Clear Bay Ave. in Norman. Hikes at both parks start at 1:00 p.m. on January 1. For more information, call Roman Nose at 580-623-7281, or Lake Thunderbird at 405-360-3572.

There will be two hikes on January 1 at Osage Hills State Park located at 2131 Osage Hills State Park Rd, Pawhuska. The first hike is at 12:00 a.m. (it's not a typo - it's at midnight!) and another at 1:00 p.m. For more information, call 918-336-4141.

For information about First Day Hikes at other Oklahoma state parks, go to www.travelok.com/article_page/first-day-hikes-at-oklahoma-state-parks

Travel OK

In addition to an Oklahoma travel guide and map kit, you can request a variety of free Oklahoma travel brochures online at www.travelok.com/brochures.

Travel guides are available that focus on hunting, agritourism, country stays, art, fall foliage, genealogy, music, motorcycles, museums, destination dining, Oklahoma counties and communities, and specific attractions.

Request free travel information now and be ready to see Oklahoma in 2018.



Quilts of Valor



The mission of the nationwide Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

There have been 178,069 quilts awarded since the very first Quilt of Valor was awarded in November of 2003.

Anyone interested in veterans or quilting is invited to meet at the Piedmont Area Veterans Association building at 170 Edmond Rd NW on January 9 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m. to put together a Quilt of Valor quilt top and set some goals for future meetings. The goal is that one Quilt of Valor can be completed each month and that three quilts can be awarded at a luncheon held quarterly.

There are many roles for volunteers, so you do not need to know how to quilt or to sew to be part of this group. However, if you do sew and have a sewing machine, please bring it with you.

Because the group will meet through lunch, participants should bring something to snack on.

For more information, contact Laura Sylvester at 419-778-9533.

If Your New Year's Resolution is to Be Healthier in 2018...

... go to the Seated Total Body Workout which meets on Tuesdays from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m. on January 2, 16, 23 and 30. All sessions are at the library except for January 16th when the group will meet at city hall. The sessions are free.

... attend the Diabetes Management Class which meets on Wednesdays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on January 10, 17, 24, and 31 at the library. Call 951-2277 to pre-register. The classes are free.

... go to the monthly gathering of gardeners at the library. The January meeting will be on Saturday the 20th at 9:00 a.m. Not only will you have a reason to get some outdoor exercise, but you'll get tips on growing healthy fruits and vegetables.

... widen your circle of friends, which studies repeatedly show provides both mental and physical health benefits, by participating in activities with others in the same stage of life such as attending senior lunches or taking a preschooler to activities at the library.

... take time for a hobby, which studies show also provides health benefits. Quilters will meet at the library on January 10, 17, 24 & 31 at 10:00, and the Stampin' Up card class will meet at city hall on January 26 at 6:00 p.m. Both groups welcome newcomers.

... volunteer your time and talents, which has also been shown to provide health benefits, by helping with the Quilt of Valor project. There are many ways to help with this project that do not require knowing how to quilt or sew.

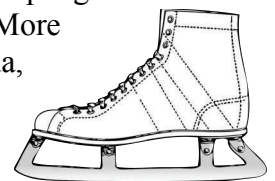
... expand your mind by joining the Readers Who Lunch group, or check out some of the books on health and wellness at the Piedmont library. The library is located at 1129 Stout Dr NW and library cards are free.

... connect with nature. Several studies have shown the benefits of connecting with nature and wildlife, and a great place to do that is in your own backyard. By providing **1 source of water** (such as a birdbath), **3 sources of food** (such as a bird feeder, a suet feeder, and a bush that produces berries), **2 places for cover** (such as a log pile and a rock pile), **2 places to raise young** (such as a dense shrub and a mature tree) and **two sustainable gardening practices** (such as using mulch and native plants), and a one-time **\$20** no-expiration registration fee, you can certify your yard as a wildlife habitat through the National Wildlife Federation. Over 100 properties in Piedmont have already been recognized as wildlife habitats, making Piedmont the first community in Oklahoma to be designated as a Community Wildlife Habitat. For more information about registering your yard, go to www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/Certify

Myriad Botanical Gardens

The Myriad Botanical Gardens at 301 W. Reno in Oklahoma City, is a busy place even in the dead of winter.

The Winter Olympic Expo, geared toward kids from 4 to 10 years of age, will be on Saturday, January 13 from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at the Devon Ice Rink and Park House. The cost is \$15 for a child, \$12 for a member child, and \$8 for adults. The activities include hockey, figure skating and curling demos, skating, meet and greets with expo athletes, hot chocolate, donuts, crafts, and Olympic games for the entire family. More information, the agenda, and registration are on the Myriad Botanical Gardens website at <http://oklahomacitybotanicalgardens.com>



On the Myriad Botanical Gardens website you can also find gardening information and tips under the "Garden & Gardening" tab.

January Community Calendar

Where friends meet!

- 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** (10:00 am) - Storytime for toddlers & pre-schoolers, songs, dance, stories, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 2, 16, 23, 30** (6:15-7:00 pm) - Seated Full Body Workout for all ages and fitness levels, at library except for the 16th at city hall, free, 373-9018
- 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** (8:00-11:00 am) - Wildcat Wednesdays - A Latte Love espresso truck at Stone's Ace Hardware, 812-7298
- 3** (10:00 & 10:45 am) - Music and Movement for ages 2 & up, dancing, singing, and instruments, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 4, 11, 18, 25** (4:00-7:00 am) - Piedmont Area Veterans Building is open, free, 373-4820
- 5, 12, 19, 26** (10:00 am) - Mother Goose on the Loose for babies & toddlers, stories & songs, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (7:00-9:00 am) - Coffee at PAVA building, free, 373-4820
- 6, 13, 20, 27** (10:00-2:00 pm) - Historical Society Museum is open, free, 373-2905
- 9** (10:00-4:00 pm) - Quilt of Valor sewing/quilting group at PAVA building, 170 Edmond Rd NW, bring a snack and a sewing machine (if you have one), free, 419-778-9533
- 10, 17, 24, 31** (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters at library, free, 919-0870
- 10, 17, 24, 31** (noon) - Senior Adults Lunch & Fellowship at Methodist church, \$4, for reservations call 373-2905
- 10, 17, 24, 31** (2:00-4:00 pm) - Diabetes Management Class at library, free, call 951-2277 to pre-register
- 11** (7:00 am) - Legislative Breakfast - speaker is Corporation Commissioner Dana Murphy, state and federal legislators or their field representative will provide updates, free hot breakfast, at city hall, 373-2234
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- 18** (noon) - Readers Who Lunch book club, book: *The Female of the Species* by McGinnis, bring your lunch, at the library, free, 373-9018
- 20** (9:00 am) - Gardeners Group at the library, free, 373-9018
- 26** (6:00-9:00 pm) - Stampin' Up! Card Class at city hall, \$12, bring adhesive, RSVP 535-8849

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