

“The Piedmont Piece”

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Park and Rec Calendar of Events

Message from the Mayor

The Legislative session is three weeks old and the state is already close to a billion dollars behind for next year's budget. Legislators are making hard decisions about what funding will be cut and where. In the end, all state agencies and services will be affected. This means less money for education and corrections as well. Which are two areas that our state already significantly under funds. As a state, we will have to tighten our belt and find a way to balance the budget this year.

However, the financial outlook for Piedmont is much better. All year we have been meeting or exceeding our budget revenue projections. The past month was down, but we attribute much of that to the number of snow days in January. This was accomplished through conservative budgeting and not spending more than we made in the previous budget year. Our budget has remained at approximately \$4.1 million every year I have been Mayor, yet our city has grown and prospered despite no increase in the budget. This was accomplished by maximizing our

grant programs and lobbying efforts in Washington D.C. This year our community has added close to \$3 million in additional revenues through grants and direct appropriations.

In the near future we will begin a construction remodel project for our City Hall. The money for this project was provided by Congress through Sen. Jim Inhofe and Rep. Frank Lucas offices. We have also resurfaced several miles of road and have several more slated for next year.

In the coming weeks we will begin the budgeting process for next year's budget. We will again take a conservative approach to spending your tax dollars. I believe Piedmont's economy will stay stronger over the next year as we begin to add new businesses in our town, beginning with the new grocery store. This store will provide a major cash infusion to our budget, beginning next November. Just in time for you to do your Thanksgiving shopping in Piedmont! Barring any unforeseen hurdles that may remain in process.

1-5, 8-13 (M-F 9-4, Sat 10-12) - Angel Food orders can be placed in person at the Baptist Church (bring a large box), and picked up on Sat. Feb 20 (8:30-10:00 am) cash, money order, or food stamps, no checks, 373-2420.

2, 9, 16, 23 (10:00 am) - Preschool Story Time at the Library, free, 373-9018.

3 (10:00 am) - Preschool Music and Movement with Miss Bonnie at the Library, free, 373-9018.

3, 10, 17, 24 (5:15-6:16 pm) - Fellowship Dinners at the Methodist Church, adults \$6, kids \$3, 821-2877.

4 (2:00 pm) - TRIAD Meeting for anyone interested in working with senior citizens and law enforcement to prevent the victimization of seniors, presenter will discuss health screenings, at the police station, 373-3268.

6 (9:00-11:00 am) - Recycle Saturday at the former Co-Op site, 373-2905.

6 (1:00-3:00 pm) - Piedmont Area Rocketry Club for all ages, at the Civic Center, free, 488-5999.

7 (5:00pm) Super Bowl Party for all 6th through 12th graders, at the Methodist Church, free, 373-2298.

9 (6:30 pm) - Canadian County Tuff Riders 4-H equine program for 3rd through 12th graders, don't have to own a horse, at the Library, 820-6728.

10, 17, 24 (10:00-noon) - Library Quilters for anyone interested in quilting, at the library, free 373-1662.

11 (6:00-8:00 pm) Piedmont Parent Advocates meeting, for parents of kids with special educational needs, at the Methodist church, 514-9248.

City Meeting Dates

Library Board @ 5:30 p.m.	n/a
Planning Commission @ 6:30 p.m.	8
Parks and Recreation @ 6:30 p.m.	15
City Council/ PMA @ 7:00 p.m.	22

11 (6:00-8:00 pm) Chocolate Party for the whole family, at the library, free 373-9018.

12 (6:30 pm) - Stone Ridge Elementary Talent Show, fundraiser for the music department, cost is \$5, 760-1744.

13 (6:00 pm) - Valentine Dinner (prime rib) at the Methodist church, cost is \$15 and reservations are required, 373-2298.

16 (5:15-6:15 pm) Fat Tuesday Dinner (waffles, sausage, bacon, and fruit salad) at Methodist church, adults \$6, 18 and under \$4, 373-2298.

16 (6:30-8:00 pm) - Windmill Poets at the Library, for anyone who likes to read or write poetry, free, 728-7310.

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From The Desk Of Clark Williams

The City Manager wishes all a Happy and Prosperous New Year! A Hat's Off to the Piedmont Public Works Department, Tim Kudron, and Roy and Kurt Mayabb and the Canadian County Commissioners Office, Commissioner Phil Carson, Road Superintendent Justin Atkinson and their crews and the Piedmont Fire Department for coming to the rescue of the Piedmont by clearing snow packed roads from the Christmas Eve Snowstorm of 2009. Without their committed efforts and help this City would not have been able to move traffic or function as quick as it did.

Piedmont missed the bullet again as a potentially devastating ice storm hit the area on January 28-29. We were as prepared as resources permitted. Staff has been communicating with the State of Oklahoma Emergency Management Office in regard to programs to furnish generators at no charge for such an event. Representative of the US Corps of Engineers will be in the community over the next few weeks to inventory our needs and prepare plans for supply generators.

Again a commendation is in order for the Public Works Department, Fire and Police Departments, and the Emergency Management Director for their long hours, hard work, and ever available support during the storm event. Furthermore, Mr. Kudron, Mr. Mayabb and county personnel pitched in to ensure travel could continue on our roads. These are citizens working together for our common good and need our hearty thanks!

Sewer Update-The City of Piedmont closed it \$2,525,000 Clean Water Waste State Revolving Fund Loan Project No. ORF-09-0014-CW on

December 17, 2009. Evans and Associates was awarded the bid to construct the project. On January 5, 2010 a notice to proceed was delivered to Evans at a pre work meeting held in the City Attorney's office in OKC. Work commenced Monday, January 11, 2010.

The City of Piedmont is in the process of implementing its CTY-Connect System. Built exclusively for the needs of local government, the Connect CTY service enables leaders such as Mayors, Emergency Management Directors, Sheriffs, Police and Fire Chiefs, Public Works and Health Department superintendents and directors as well as other authorized users to record, schedule, send, and track tens of thousands of voice and text messages in minutes.

The Connect CTY service provides for the sending of an unlimited number of messages to residents, businesses, staff via voice, text messaging, and email. Messages can be sent by either using a telephone and a computer connected to the internet to schedule delivery of messages, or by using just a telephone to record and send messages immediately to all contacts when urgent situations demand. This system provides for mass and/or selective communications to the citizens of Piedmont regarding: missing and/or found children, fire emergency, flood alerts, evacuation alerts, bomb threats, hazardous materials spill, suspect in area warnings, temporary shelters, snow emergencies, flu clinics, street closures, power outages, trash collection schedule, and much more.

The Hazard Mitigation Citizens Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, January 5th and considered Hazardous Materials sites and transportation hazards. The planning process should be complete by July of this year. The Canadian County Assessor had their annual visit to Piedmont in January to help citizens with property taxes.

Library News

The Library is celebrating Valentine's Day with a Chocolate Party for the entire family on Thursday evening, February 11 from 6-8 pm. This is a come and go even. Participants will make their won candy bar, and design a Valentine's Day candy bar wrapper. We will also make 'fudge in a bag' to eat or take home, and we will have a chocolate fountain with lots of yummy stuff to dip.

As of February 19th, library customers will be able to access the Piedmont Catalog from home, and will be able to renew books, reserve books, write book reviews, and submit book purchase suggestions. Customers may also want to sign up for email due date and overdue book reminders. Look for a link to the Library Catalog from our website www.piedmontlibrary.org.

With the move to our new software system, we will begin assessing overdue charge for books returned more than 3 days past their due dates!



From the Fire Chief



Hope everyone made it through the Blizzard of 2009 and are having a good new years so far. The holidays are behind us and it's time to look to planning the new year. Lots of things are going on in Piedmont!

New business, new people moving in, and lot of changes at the Fire Depart-

ment are going to bring a lot of change and challenges with it. This is a huge step forward for Piedmont. It's going to bring a lot of change and challenges with it. We are going to do all we can to ensure that the level of service and dedication you are used to, not only is maintained, but grows as the town does.

Piedmont is going to experience many changes in the next few years. Here's hoping we can work together for what is best for Piedmont!

Public Works Update



What a way to start off the new year. January was a month to remember! We were still digging our way to from the Christmas Eve storm and more snow moved in! Things seemed to be getting back to normal and all of the sudden boom more snow and ice! Power generators were hauled in to the City Hall location in anticipation of predicted power outages. For the second time this month we dodged a bullet! Our snow plowing was once again contracted out and a big thank you goes out to Tim Kudron and his personnel for the splendid job done

plowing our roads and to Canadian County District 1 for all their assistance.

January well production was at 14.6 million for a 473.6 thousand gallon average. Monthly bacteriological samples were submitted to DEQ and all analysis came back good. Meter routes were completed and sewer water services had froze up but all were repaired and service was restored. Two main line breaks had to be excavated and repaired, disruption in water service was minimal. There were

eighteen meters locked for non payments, and all but 2 have been restored. We met with Sterling Water Systems to see what could be done to remove uranium from wells 1 and 2. The Public Works Dept. purchased a small tailgate mounted salt spreader to assist in the removal of snow and ice. Approximately 50 tones of sand was spread during this last storm. Sand and salt surplus has been purchased and stored for who knows what the weather in February might bring!

From the Police Chief



Recently, in the OKC suburb of The Village, police responded to a call where a victim told the officer he'd been contacted over the phone by someone who told him he was a 2nd place winner in a sweepstakes in NYC. He was told he had won \$500,000 and would have to send 10% of the winnings to get his money. Later that day, the victim sent a money transfer of \$1,550 to the Philippines. The next day, he was contacted and told to send more. Over the next few days, he was contacted and responded by sending more transfers of \$5,000, \$3,000, and another \$5,000. Each time, he was assured his winnings were on their way.

The victim then received a call from someone saying they were from the IRS. The caller said his winnings were being held, pending an investigation from the IRS and the FBI. The next day, he sent another \$4,800, before someone else called him and said he had won \$5.5 million and he could retrieve his winnings with a small fee. The victim then called the first caller who said it was a scam, told not to send them money, but to send more money to them. Further transfers resulted in the victim losing a total of \$55,031.

You may be asking yourself how someone could fall for such a scam, but the fact is that people fall for these

schemes every day. These crooks are very good at what they do and are very convincing. They consistently defraud people out of their life savings.

Remember, if its too good to be true, then it probably is a lie! If you are receiving a telephone call saying you've won the lottery and you haven't played the lottery, don't fall for the scheme. Do not listen to them, just hang up. You do not get something for nothing! It is impossible to prosecute these individuals as they are out of the US and there is no jurisdictional remedy to catch them. Playing foreign lotteries is against the law in the US, and are all phony. Don't loose your life savings. You will never get your money back!

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Sales Tax February 2009

Sales Tax February 2010

Cig/Tobacco	\$880.21	Cig/Tobacco	\$1,051.52
Use	\$5,969.37	Use	\$4,539.35
Sales	\$101,974.22	Sales	\$72,094.51
Total	\$108,823.80		\$77,685.38

Parks and Recreation Tips

Many recreation activities can increase the risk of eye injury. Knowing what to do for an eye emergency can save valuable time and possibly prevent vision loss. Here are some instructions for basic eye injury first aid from Prevent Blindness America:

Be Prepared:

- Wear eye protection for all hazardous activities and sports at school, home, and on the job.
- Stock a first aid kit with a rigid eye shield and commercial eyewash before an eye injury happens.
- Do not assume that any eye injury is harmless. When in doubt, see a doctor immediately.

Chemical Burns to the Eye:

In case of eye contact with Chemicals:

- Immediately flush the eye with water or any other drinkable liquid. Hold the eye under a faucet or shower, or pour water into the eye using a clean container. Keep the eye open and as wide as possible while flushing. Continue to flush for at least 15 minutes.
- Do not use an eyecup.
- Do not bandage the eye.
- Seek immediate medical treatment after flushing.

Specks in the Eye:

- Do not rub the eye.

- Try to let tears wash the speck out or use an eyewash.
- Try lifting the upper eyelid outward and down over the lower lid.
- If the speck does not wash out, keep the eye closed, bandage it lightly, and see a doctor.

Blows to the Eye:

- Apply a cold compress without putting pressure on the eye. Crushed ice in a plastic bag can be taped to the forehead to rest gently on the injured eye.
- In cases of pain, reduced vision, or discoloration (black eye), seek emergency medical care. Any of these symptoms could mean internal eye damage.

Cuts and Punctures of the Eye or Eyelid:

- Do not wash out the eye with water or any other liquid.
- Do not try to remove an object that is stuck in the eye.
- Cover the eye without applying pressure. The bottom half of a paper cup should be used.
- See a doctor at once.

For more information, or to request a free copy of Children's Sports Eye Safety Guide for Parents, Teachers, School Nurses and Coaches, visit the Prevent Blindness website at www.preventblindness.org.

Park and Rec Calendar

19 (5:00-10:00 pm) - El Chico Night fundraiser for Stoneridge Elementary, May and Britton, say you're from Piedmont and the school receives a percentage of the profits, 760-1744.

20 (7:00-11:00 am) - Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Piedmont girls softball teams, at Soldier Creek Church of Christ at 4th and Monroe, \$5, kids 4 and under are free, 373-2169.

24 (5:00-6:00 pm) Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Piedmont Girls Scouts, at Methodist church, adults \$6 and children \$3, 373-1398.

25 (all day) - Johnnie's Charcoal Broiler fundraiser for PTO, all metro locations, say you from Piedmont and all the schools receive a percentage of the profits, 863-6208.

An expanded calendar is available online at PiedmontParksAndRec.com

