

Frederick is a Great Place to Live

Frederick is a wonderful community that has a lot to offer regarding quality of life, friendly folks, recreation, attractions, and education. Most people who live in our community would never consider living anywhere else!

About Frederick

Frederick is a town of fewer than 5,000 people. We are located in Southwest Oklahoma and our town is the county seat of Tillman County.

Most would agree that the nicest aspect of our community is its small-town, friendly atmosphere. We do NOT have a problem with crime, traffic or noise. We are a peaceful, small-town community where the pace of life is a little slower than big cities and larger towns.

Many folks in Frederick still sit on front porches on summer evenings, attend church on Sundays, greet each other in the grocery store, and cheer for local school teams. We offer small town living at its best!

Our Past...

The area around Frederick was opened to settlement through land lottery in 1901, so the town's history dates from that time. The land surrounding our town is among the most fertile, productive farmland to be found anywhere, and throughout most of its existence Frederick has been an agricultural center. Farming, ranching, and dairy production are still important parts of the Frederick economy.

The biggest industrial employer in Frederick is Henniges Automotive. The facility is located at Frederick's airport and industrial park three miles southeast of town. Other major employers include the Memorial Hospital & Physician Group, City of Frederick and the Frederick Public School System.

Our Present...

Schools

The Frederick Public School District serves approximately 1,000 students in grades K-12. Frederick's schools are small enough that students are recognized as individuals by teachers and administrators, most class sizes are small, students are able to know and interact with all other students in the school, and opportunities abound for participation in extracurricular activities.

The Frederick Public School District operates four schools - Prather Brown Elementary which serves kindergarten through grade two; Frederick Elementary for grades three through five; Frederick Middle School for grades six through eight; and Frederick High School for grades nine through twelve.

Frederick Schools provide pre-kindergarten classes in collaboration with Head Start.

All levels of the Frederick Public Schools are accredited by both the Oklahoma State Department of Education and the North Central Association of Schools.

Frederick's newest school, Frederick Elementary, was built in 1997.

In October 2005 voters of the district gave overwhelming support (85 percent) to a bond issue that has provided important improvements at school sites throughout Frederick.

The Frederick community is also served by Great Plains Technology Center which provides high school students the option of taking elective courses in numerous fields of study. Great Plains Technology Center also serves adult students and special training needs of local industries.

Medical Services

Frederick is served by Memorial Hospital & Physician Group, which is a service of Comanche County Memorial Hospital in Lawton, OK. It has a 37-bed licensed acute care facility, a 30 bed intermediate care facility (nursing home) and a Home Health program that includes personal care through the Advantage program. In addition, it houses a medical clinic which is serviced by two full time physicians, a Physician's Assistant, a Nurse Practitioner and three LPNs. Frederick also is serviced by a dentist, an ophthalmologist, and a chiropractor. Several home-health care and supply companies service the area, including two hospice agencies.

Churches

The Frederick community has more than 20 churches that represent most mainstream denominations. The largest church in the community is the First Baptist Church at 11th and Grand, and there are also seven other Baptist churches. Other denominations include Assembly of God, United Methodist, Catholic, Church of Christ, First Christian, Pentecostal Holiness, African Methodist-Episcopalian, Church of the Living God, Jehovah's Witness, Nazarene, and Presbyterian.

Clubs and Organizations

Frederick has an active Arts and Humanities Council, as well as numerous civic organizations that include Rotary, Lions, and Jaycees. The Tillman County Historical Society preserves and honors the history of Frederick, Tillman County and Oklahoma. Numerous other clubs, sororities, and ladies' social clubs are also active and positive parts of the community.

Attractions

There are many great attractions in the Frederick area.

Hackberry Flat Wetlands, located a few miles south of Frederick, is a nationally recognized bird habitat. A visitor's center at Hackberry Flat is planned for construction later this year.

The Pioneer Townsite Historical Museum is adjacent to the Tillman County Courthouse Square and features exhibits relating to early-day Frederick and Southwest Oklahoma's agricultural past. The townsite complex includes a restored original early 20th Century rural school, Frederick's 1901 Frisco Depot where President Theodore Roosevelt arrived in 1905 for an Oklahoma Territory wolf hunt, a barn and reproduction 1920s store, a shed that houses authentic old farm equipment, a farmhouse from the 1920s, and a revolving exhibit of crops and harvesting techniques.

The Crawford Collection in downtown Frederick is a private collection of more than 160 animal trophy mounts that were collected from throughout the world by Frederick's Crawford family. It is available for tour by private arrangement.

The Hotel Frederick, built in 1929 at the intersection of Main and Grand Avenues, has been restored for use as elderly housing apartments. It is now called The Grand. Its 1930s décor is a must-see during visits to Frederick. Within coming months an old-fashioned soda-fountain and coffee shop will open in The Grand, hearkening back to past decades.

The Ramona Theatre, built in the 1920s on South 9th Street in downtown Frederick, has been restored and is a true showplace. Many community performances and events are held there.

During World War II Frederick was home to Frederick Army Air Field. **The World War II Airborne Demonstration Team Foundation** has established its world headquarters at the Frederick airport in a hangar that has been preserved from that time. The Foundation has several hundred members who live throughout the United States and Europe who visit Frederick often for parachute jumps and training. The team members seek to honor World War II airborne veterans and to preserve World War II artifacts and knowledge for future generations. The group's hangar will eventually house WW II plans and exhibits and will be open to the public.

Recreation

Recreational opportunities abound in Frederick.

Prime area fishing spots include Lake Frederick which is located about 10 miles northeast of Frederick, and Tom Steed Lake which is 25 miles north of town.

There are also plenty of hunting opportunities in the area. Hunting includes quail, dove, turkey, and deer.

Frederick is only 30 miles from the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge which is an ideal spot for sightseeing, picnicking, hiking, and observing a wide variety of animals including buffalo and elk.

Frederick Golf and Country Club, located west of Frederick, features a nine-hole golf course.

The City of Frederick maintains several parks and during the summer months the city operates a municipal swimming pool. Numerous recreational activities are available for youth, including a summer baseball program.

Shopping

Frederick offers a wide variety of shopping. Almost any item that one wishes to purchase can be obtained from Frederick retailers.

There is also easy access to shopping and entertainment in surrounding communities. Frederick is located approximately 45 miles from Lawton, Oklahoma; 30 miles from Vernon, Texas; 30 miles from Altus, Oklahoma; and 60 miles from Wichita Falls, Texas.

Transportation

Highway 183 runs north-south through downtown Frederick and is a significant artery for trucking and out-of-state visitors. State Highway 5 is an east-west highway through Frederick. Both are excellent roadways that provide for easy travel.

Traffic in Frederick and surrounding towns is not a problem. Many residents of the community commute to work in surrounding cities, and this seems to be a trend that is increasing.

Real Estate and Housing

Real estate prices in Frederick are also quite reasonable - far, far less than major metropolitan areas and far less, also, than surrounding cities such as Wichita Falls and Lawton.

Homes in Frederick can be purchased from \$10,000 to \$150,000, with most very nice homes being available in the area of \$100,000.

Land for construction of new homes is also available and numerous builders can be contracted for building a home.

Apartments and rental housing is available for rent from various sources, and most are very modestly priced.

Come to Frederick! If we can provide you with further information about Frederick, please contact us at the Frederick Chamber of Commerce.

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