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## News Release

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### **City of Yukon Recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community**

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) in partnership with Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) will recognize the city of Yukon as an Oklahoma Clean Community during a special ceremony scheduled for June 27, 2014 at 9:15 a.m. The ceremony will be held at in the Centennial Building at 12 S. 5th Street in Yukon.

The City of Yukon hosts several events and service projects throughout the year. Citizens are encouraged to clean, beautify, recycle and reuse. In addition to numerous community tire collection events, Yukon participates in many environmental service projects. The Yukon City Council hosts a Big Trash Day/Recycle Event twice annually. The Stormwater Department promotes a Rain Barrel Project and Sanitation Services sponsors an annual School Locker Clean Out Event. Parks & Recreation annually hosts a Big Event, the Patriot Project and Ride Your Bike to Work Day. They are also developing a Butterfly Garden at Yukon's Freedom Trail Playground.

DEQ and KOB recognize entities that participate in at least one tire collection event annually and other environmental service projects. DEQ encourages entities to coordinate a community-wide cleanup of used tires. DEQ's Tire Indemnity Fund will pay to haul off old, unused, or abandoned tires. Tire piles can be an eyesore and attract unwelcome pests, such as mosquitoes and rodents. After cleanup is complete and all criteria for other service projects are met, a community can be recognized as an Oklahoma Clean Community.

More information on the Used Tire Recycling Program is available at <http://www.deq.state.ok.us/lpdnew/TireRecyclingPrg.htm> or by contacting Ferrella March at [ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov](mailto:ferrella.march@deq.ok.gov) or 405-702-5175.

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