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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

*Fall Garage Sale is October 2nd & Fall Fest is October 9th*

### OCTOBER 2ND

The first Fall Community Wide Garage Sale will be October 2nd from 9AM to 11AM. Start cleaning out those closets and mark those calendars!

### OCTOBER 9TH

Once again, we're merging several events into a great day of family fun – a Fall Fest, if you will! Mark your calendars for October 9th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, baiting your poles, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows. First, the Lake Committee will host a Family Fishing Day at Lake Negley from 9AM to 11AM. Poles and bait provided, while supplies last. Catching a fish is all but guaranteed, so don't miss out! Email lake@plumcreektxhoa.com with any questions

Next, the Landscape will host the 5th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp and Scarecrow Contest at Fairway Fields, across from Fergus Park, and Negley Elementary. This event runs from 10AM to 2PM, while the seeds last. We'll seed wildflowers, make scarecrows, snap photos by hay bale critters, and enjoy hay rides! Email landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com with any questions

In Fairway Fields, next to the Seed & Stomp, enjoy the 2nd Annual Pet Fair from 10AM to 2PM. This event serves as a fundraiser for the Plum Creek Dog Park, and the Pet Fair Committee is hard at work to make the event bigger and better than last year. Enjoy dancing dogs, training demonstrations, a canine costume contest, a mutt race, and more. Bring your pocketbooks and partake in a silent auction purchase an item from one of the vendors

selling pet treats, people food, jewelry, and other pet products. Some of the vendors will be offering free services, like nail clipping, too. So bring your faithful four-legged friend (preferably, your dog) as so much fun is planned for them, too. All dogs are welcome, as long as they are not aggressive. Email dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com with any questions.

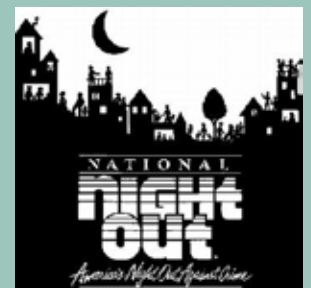
Just across the way, the Recreation Committee will host the 4th Annual BBQ and Chili Cook-Off at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fergus Soccer Fields from 10AM to 2PM. The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and an open category. The chili portion of the cook-off is CASI Sanctioned. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Entry fees range from \$10 to \$15. Forms are due by October 2nd. Check-in occurs on Friday, October 8th at 6PM. Email recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com with any questions

If you are interested in selling pet related products, please contact Inez Scott at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com. For selling all other products at the Fall Fest, please contact Brandee Otto for the form and details at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com. More information will be provided, as available, via the Plum Creek PC Press and eNews. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events!

Come out for the fun! You can't beat Fishing with the Family, Seeding Wildflowers & Making Scarecrows, Cooking BBQ & Chili or Hanging with your Pet! It's a perfect fall day in Texas!

## National Night Out: *America's Night Out Against Crime*

National Night Out (NNO) is the time to get out and get to know your neighbors. It's America's Night Out Against Crime! NNO helps promote police-community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. Block captains will be hosting small parties all over Plum Creek. Save the Date: Tuesday Evening, October 5th, 2010. Party Planners needed! Contact Wyana Eddleman at safety@plumcreektxhoa.com or 512-913-8264



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## 5th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp and Scarecrow Contest

*Wildflowers, Hayrides,  
Scarecrows, and more...*

The Plum Creek Landscape Committee invites all residents to help seed a few acres of Fairway Fields on October 9th from 10am to 2pm or until we run out of seeds, whichever comes first! Once again, our friends at the Negley Garden Club are helping, too!

### Here's what you get:

- Seeds for spreadin' and stompin' (Fairway Fields & Negley Garden)
- Yummy goodies and beverages (Fairway Fields)
- Pinecone birdfeeders (Fairway Fields)
- Scarecrow Contest (Negley Garden)
- Free hayrides from Fairway Fields to Negley Garden

### 5th Annual Scarecrow Contest Details :

Who?: Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun!

Two ways to enter: Create early and drop off at Negley's atrium by Friday, October 8th or create and/or drop off on event day. If you build a scarecrow at the event, some hay and frames will be provided, just bring clothes and props. Remember, only homegrown scarecrows for this contest.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONA, and Most CREATIVE. The scarecrows will be judged and photographed at day's end and remain at Negley Garden until 10/31 or until bad weather/damage forces their removal. Let's create a family of scarecrows in PC!

Now, for the rest of the details...For the whole month of October, you can discover hay bale critters for pictures at Fairway Fields.

Hope to see you on October 9th from 10am to 2pm for the Seed & Stomp at the Fall Fest!!!

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In addition, please remember that arm "floaties" are NOT a life saving device. Other commonly used flotation devices that are NOT considered to be safe enough to protect younger kids in the water include inflatable tubes, air mattresses, rafts, inflatable seats and riders for babies and toddlers, swim rings, wave surf boards, and noodles.

These flotation devices can be fun in the water, but if your child does not know how to swim, be sure to use a Coast Guard approved life vest or life jacket at the same time. Again, please stay within arm's reach when your young child is in the water.

## Claiborne Kyle Log House Holds Annual Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

*On September 25th*

Have you ever driven down Old Stagecoach Road and yearned to check out this historic site? Now's your chance!

On Saturday, September 25th, come out to the Claiborne Kyle Log House for the Annual Fried Chicken Dinner. The Kyle Log House is located at 2400 South Old Stagecoach, County Road 136, South of Kyle. This annual event is the only fundraiser for the upkeep of the historical site. Plates are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. The event runs from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If you would like to lend a hand at the event, please contact Marilyn Beals of the Kyle Log House Commission at 512-268-9981. They could use a few helping hands!

During the summer, the Kyle Log House is open on the first Sunday of the month from April to September from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and holds a yearly wildflower event, too.

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## 4TH ANNUAL PLUM CREEK BBQ & CHILI COOK-OFF

*Saturday, October 9th in Kyle, Texas*



**WHO:** OPEN to the PUBLIC

**WHAT:** The competition includes Meat Categories of Chicken, Brisket, Pork Spare Ribs, open and Chili. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Entry fees range from \$10 to \$15.

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 9th with Check-in Friday October 8th at 6:00 PM

**WHERE:** Plum Creek - Fergus Park and Soccer Fields - Corner of Haupt and Fairway. Self contained RV's and vehicles welcome. Electricity not provided.

**WHY:** Have fun! Eat great food! Win prizes and more!

**HOW:** Complete the attached entry form on page 4 and send your form and entry fees to Brandee Otto, Plum Creek Recreation Committee, 1251 Fairway, Kyle, TX 78640 – Deadline October 2nd.

**OTHER QUESTIONS???** Email Brandee Otto at [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com) or call 512-557-2728

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*See Page 6 for Entry Form.*

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## Olympians Visit *Plum Creek!*

On Wednesday, June 30th, McNaughton Pool had some special visitors. The Mutual of Omaha BREAKout! Swim Clinic was held in Plum Creek, and Olympic Gold Medalists Josh Davis and Matt Grevers helped kids learn champion performance techniques. They instructed participants on several strokes, and best of all, the kids got to race the Olympians!

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## 4TH ANNUAL PLUM CREEK BBQ & CHILI COOK-OFF FORM ON SAT, OCT 9TH IN KYLE, TX

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Name of Head Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Asst. Cook: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEATS:** \_\_\_ Chicken (\$15) \_\_\_ Pork Spare Ribs (\$15) \_\_\_ Brisket (\$15) \_\_\_ Chili (\$15) \_\_\_ Open (\$15)

**SIDES:** \_\_\_ Beans (\$10) \_\_\_ Potato Salad (\$10) **DESSERT:** \_\_\_ Dessert (\$10)

**Total:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

One or more categories may be entered. Receive \$15.00 off when entering ALL categories. Please make check payable to Plum Creek HOA and mail with this entry form to: **Brandee Otto, 1251 Fairway, Kyle, TX 78640.**

Details regarding event rules, cooking sites, cash prizes etc. will be forwarded as entry forms are received. For any questions please contact Brandee Otto at (512) 557-2728 or email recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Cook Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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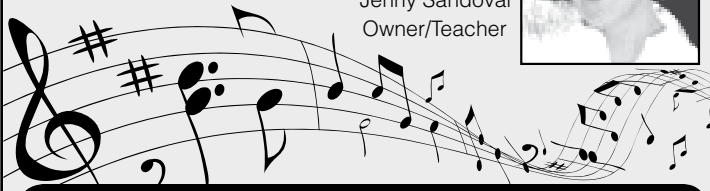
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## Social Groups

### Plum Creek Poker Night Meets September 10th

The Texas Hold 'em Tournament will occur on Friday, September 10th. Residents need to bring their Rec Tags and are asked to please limit inviting non PC guests to just one per resident player. Players are asked to arrive at 6:30 to 6:45pm, and the game will start by 7pm. It will be a No Limit Texas Hold 'em Tournament with a \$20 buy in. Also, a few extra portable/folding poker tables are needed to play. If you have questions, email [socialgroups@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:socialgroups@plumcreektxhoa.com) to be referred to the group organizers. Thanks!

### The Plum Creek 55+ Group Meets September 11th

The 55+ group will meet Saturday, September 11th and Saturday, October 9th. The group always meets at 6PM at the Plum Creek Community Center and usually, they have a potluck. The guest for the September meeting will be ACC reps to explain the upcoming elections, etc. Want to join? Email Dennis Perkins at [dperkins@reoservices.com](mailto:dperkins@reoservices.com).

### PC Scrapbooking & Card Making Group Meets Oct 1st

Come join us for a Girl's night out for "Scrapbooking and/or Card making" on Friday, October 1st (1st Friday) from 7 pm to midnight at the Plum Creek Community Center located at 450 Haupt. Please let me know if you are interested in attending via email at [beckys.bos@gmail.com](mailto:beckys.bos@gmail.com)

or call me at 262-7567 and ask for Becky. Just bring your supplies/projects and/or snacks or drinks. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Sip & Sew Group Forming, First Event Is Sept 14th

Come and join a "just forming" group of residents interested in the art of stitching and the art of hand work. Sandra enjoys the 18th Century art of rug hooking and has many rugs to view. Pam needlepoints and cannot wait to show her started and finished pieces. Iris loves knitting. Other members enjoy punk needles and quilting.

Bring your current project to sip and sew and enjoy the friendship and company of fellow stitchers! If you are interested in learning, but have not stitched before, several members are willing to help you get started and have a few patterns for you try.

The group plans to meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at the Plum Creek Community Center at 450 Haupt from 6:30 PM to 9PM. The first meeting occurs on September 14th with other nights to include October 12th, November 9th, and December 14th.

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## Garage Sale Signs: *Plum Creek HOA Rules and the City of Kyle Ordinance*

A few residents at the Annual Meeting inquired about posting signs, specifically garage sale signs. So, here's a quick overview of the neighborhood deed restrictions and the city's ordinances pertaining to signage.

### In Plum Creek

The Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions (DCCR's) are the neighborhood deed restrictions, which are designed to create a desired look in Plum Creek and maintain high property values.

Regarding garage sale signs or any other sign from lost pets to a found bike, one would refer to DCCR 3.12, which reads

3.12 Signs. No sign or emblem of any kind may be kept or placed upon any Lot or mounted, painted or attached to any residence, fence or other Improvement upon such Lot so as to be visible from public view except the following:

- (i) For Sale or Lease Signs. An Owner may erect one (1) sign not exceeding 2' x 3' in area, fastened only to a stake in the ground and extending not more than three (3) feet above the surface of the ground advertising the property for sale or lease.
- (ii) Declarant's and Builders' Signs. Signs or billboards may be erected by the Declarant without approval of the Architectural

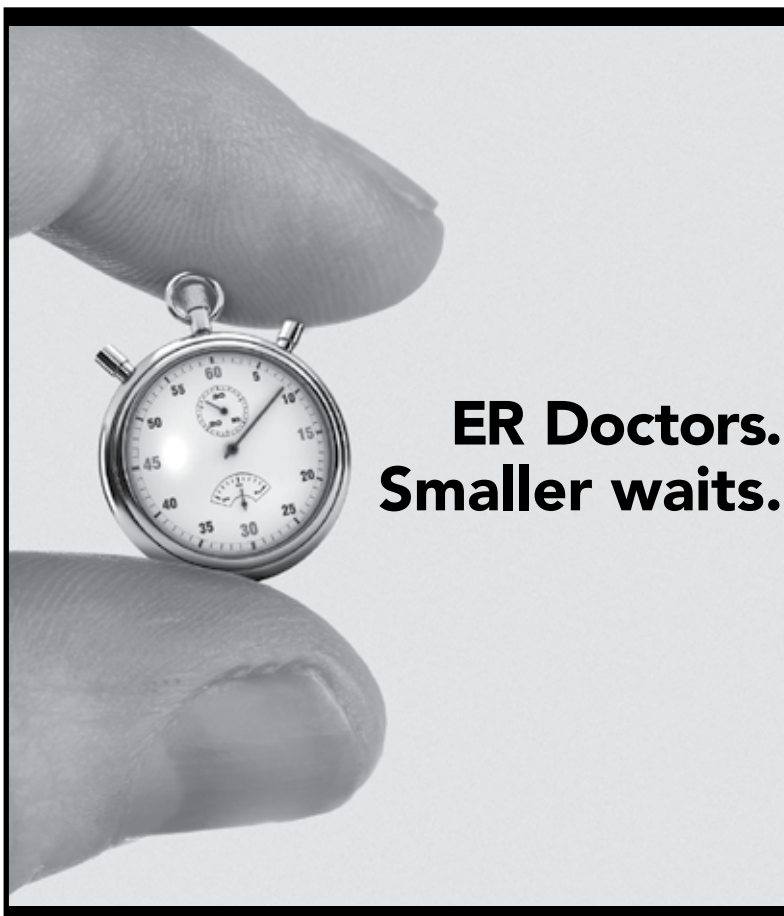
Review Committee. Builders may erect signs or billboards only with prior written approval of the Architectural Review Committee.

- (iii) Political Signs. Political signs may be erected upon a Lot by the Owner, of such Lot advocating the election of one or more political candidates or the sponsorship of a political party, issue or proposal provided that such signs shall not be erected more than ninety (90) days in advance of the election to which they pertain and are removed within fifteen (15) days after the election. Such signs shall not exceed 2' x 3' in area, and must be fastened only to a stake in the ground and extending not more than three (3) feet above the surface of the ground.

Thus, garage sale signs and other signs (lost bike, etc.) are not allowed to be posted at the entrances, other common areas, or on other residents' property. For sale/lease and political signage must follow the rules above.

As with all DCCR's, they are subject to interpretation by the Architectural Review Committee (ARC), and pertaining to garage sales, the ARC will allow a sign to be placed on one's own lot for the duration of the garage sale only. If a sign of any sort is posted/placed/

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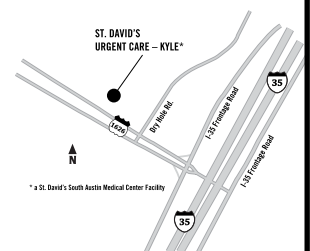
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## Garage Sale Signs - (Continued from Page 8)

installed anywhere other than one's own Lot, it is in non compliance with the DCCR's and will be removed and discarded. Also, a deed restriction violation (DRV) may be issued.

During the Community Wide Garage Sale, the HOA will place approved signs created by the HOA announcing the upcoming event in the neighborhood.

Signage other than Garage Sales, such as community events, church activities, PTA, etc., is only permitted if the sponsoring party requests and receives approval from the ARC and HOA Board prior to the event and/or placing the signs.

### In the City of Kyle

The City of Kyle has additional ordinances pertaining to garage sale signs, which can be found in Sign Ordinance 576, Section 20, Part D at <http://www.cityofkyle.com/documents/SignOrd576.pdf> (C) Garage sale signs. The purpose of a garage sale sign is to announce the sale of household possessions.

- (1) Garage sale signs shall not exceed four (4) square feet. Signs shall be allowed for a maximum of seventy-two (72) consecutive hours no more than two (2) times per calendar year.
- (2) Single-family residential on-premises: One garage sale sign per street frontage shall be allowed, but only on the premises where

the garage sale is being conducted and where there is an existing residential use.

- (3) Neighborhood-wide garage sales: Two garage sale signs per subdivision entrance shall be allowed for a neighborhood-wide garage sale sponsored by a homeowner's association (HOA). The garage sale sign may be off premises from where the actual garage sale is conducted, but the sign shall be located on property, including a street right-of-way, that is within the limits of the homeowner's association. The HOA must be registered with the City of Kyle.
- (4) Signs shall be placed at least twenty-five (25) feet from an intersection and a minimum of ten (10) feet from the curbline. Signs shall not be placed anywhere in the center median of a public or private street
- (5) No permit or fee shall be required for any garage sale sign.

Truly hope this article helps all residents understand any and all regulations surrounding signage in Plum Creek, especially pertaining to garage sales. Again, please remember that information about garage sales, lost pets, found items, and more can be placed in the Plum Creek eNews by sending them to [announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com). The eNews is sent out weekly, usually on Fridays. Thanks!

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## Meet your Neighbor's Pet: *Rudy and Albie Dennis*

Hello, Plum Creek Residents! My name is Rudy, and this pooch is my little brother Albie! I'm five years old and a little mix of everything. Albie is one year old and a Sheltie/Chihuahua mix. We were both adopted from Town Lake Animal Shelter almost a year ago, and now, we live with our parents, Cory and Michelle Dennis, on Mather. Albie and I may not be real brothers, but we sure act like it. We're never apart! We are always running around the backyard together, chasing birds, digging holes (even though we aren't supposed to!), and barking at other dogs that walk by our house, so you may have heard us. Don't be scared, though – we just like being loud. Sometimes we're a little shy, but once we get to know someone, we can't wait to see them again! We love going on walks in the neighborhood with mom and dad, and we, especially, love going for rides in the car, but neither of us like the water very much. Our favorite thing of all time is to snuggle with our parents on the couch and have our bellies rubbed. We heard they may be building a dog park sometime soon, and we can't wait!

[If you're interested in having your pet featured in next month's issue of Meet Your Neighbor's Pet, please email Michelle Dennis at mdennis1228@gmail.com for more information.]



## Remember: *Stay Current on Assessments to Reserve the Community Center*

If you plan to reserve the Plum Creek Community Center, you must be current on your HOA dues. It is through our dues that we provide and maintain the great amenities we have available in Plum Creek, including the electricity and upkeep of the Community Center. If you are not current in assessments, you will lose your right to use these amenities, including the Community Center and swimming pools. Also, please remember, if you wish to use the pools, you must have a Rec Tag. The lifeguards are checking for Rec Tags at both pools and if you do not have one, you will not be allowed to enter. Thank you!



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It is listed in the Terry Jordan book Texas Log Cabins, and a picture and story appear in the book Nineteenth Century Homes. On September 22, 1980, the Blanco River Bluffs, Inc. deeded the Kyle Log House to Hays County. A Claiborne Kyle Log House Commission was appointed to direct the restoration and maintenance of the house. On May 28, 1981, the Claiborne Kyle Log House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A Texas Historical Marker was dedicated in 1982.

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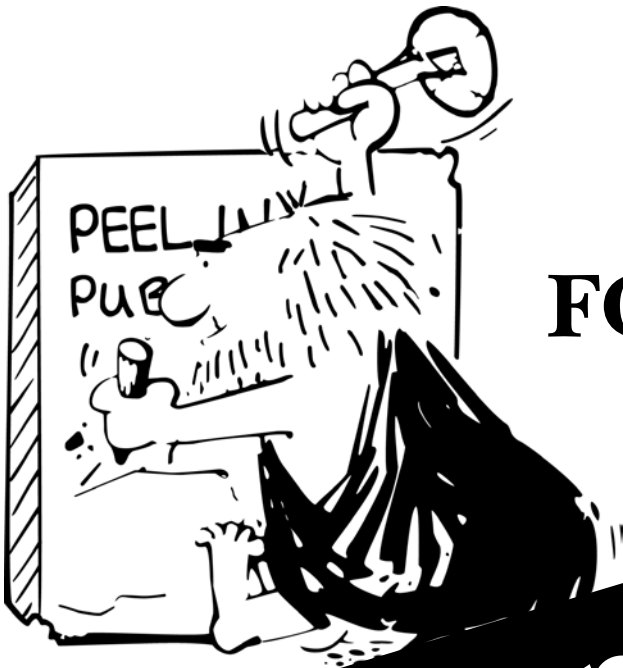
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