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Plum Creek Violation Fine Policy Effective March 1, 2011

In an effort to encourage compliance with the Plum Creek Master Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (DCCR's) and in accordance with Article 5.10 of the DCCR's, the Board of Directors has adopted the following fine policy to be effective March 1, 2011:

- The first violation notice will be considered a courtesy notice and will not result in a fine.
- The second violation notice of same or similar kind will also not result in a fine.
- The third violation notice of same or similar kind will result in a \$25 fine.
- Each repeat violation of same or similar kind thereafter will result in an additional \$25 fine.

This violation sequence will "reset" if a same or similar violation is not cited within a six month period.

For example: An owner is issued a courtesy notice for needed lawn maintenance on March 1. The owner cures the violation, and another notice for lawn maintenance is not issued until November 1. The November 1 notice will also be considered a courtesy notice because the owner was not cited for the same or similar violation within a six month period.

If you have questions regarding the new fine policy, please contact Chris Gauna, property manager, at 512-262-1140 or plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com.

The Board, management company, and your neighbors thank you for your compliance!

Deed Restriction Enforcement

Trash Cans

The Plum Creek DCCR's are in place to maintain the appearance of the neighborhood and to protect property values. One area of compliance to the DCCR's that goes a long way to keeping the community an attractive place to live relates to trash and recycling receptacles.

Article 3.13 of the DCCR's discusses trash and the storage of trash receptacles:

3.13 Rubbish and Debris. No rubbish or debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon the Property and no odors shall be permitted to arise therefrom so as to render the Property or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other property or to its occupants. Refuse, garbage and trash shall be kept at all times in covered containers and such containers shall be kept within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view or in the area(s) designated for such purposes on the house plan approved by the Architectural Review Committee for such Lot.

Many owners are already keeping compliance with this restriction; however, there are a significant number of owners storing their trash and recycling receptacles in their driveway against the garage, at the street in the alleyway, or on the side of the house, visible from the street. While these storage locations may be convenient, they unfortunately do not comply with the requirement that receptacles be appropriately screened from view.

Acceptable areas of storage for trash and recycling receptacles include inside the garage or behind the fenced area of each yard or garage. In addition, receptacles should be taken to the curb the evening before trash pickup and should be returned to their storage location the evening following trash pickup.

In order to give Plum Creek owners time to bring their property into compliance with Article 3.13, Goodwin Management will not begin citing trash can violations until the week of February 14, 2011.

If you have questions regarding the enforcement of Article 3.13, please contact Chris Gauna, property manager, at 512-262-1140 or plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com.

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Coyotes are Back in Area

Recently, Plum Creek has had some unwelcome visitors...coyotes.

With so much construction happening all around us, these animals are searching for a place to live and feed in an area that was once rural ranches but has become neighborhoods, shopping centers, and golf courses.

As you may recall, a dog was bitten by a coyote on the far side of the lake in early 2008. Recently, another dog near the golf course was chased by a group of 3 coyotes. It should be noted that both dogs were off-leash at the time of these incidents, but during this recent time, the dog was just outside of its home on Echols.

Please exercise extra diligence when walking on the trails, in tall grass, or near the lake or golf course. For tips on dealing with coyotes: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/huntwild/wild/nuisance/coyote/ Coyotes are a fact of life in Texas, but we can better protect ourselves. Please report any encounters with coyotes to the HOA at plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com

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New HOA Website and eNews Reminder

The HOA has a new website! Many things will seem familiar, but it's got a new look. Hopefully, you can navigate it with more ease, too. Visit www.plumcreektxhoa.com. While there, please update your User Profile with a current email address.

Also, you might register for the eNews. Click on Plum Creek eNews in the menu on the left. Check the box next to Plum Creek eNews and click Save Changes at the bottom. Now, you can receive the weekly eNews with important information, including weekly and upcoming events, neighborhood watch info, lost/found pets, and more. The eNews is typically sent once per week on Thursday or Friday. Thanks again!

Need Homes for the 3rd Annual Plum Creek Garden Tour

On Saturday, May 14, 2011, the PC Landscape Committee plans to host the Plum Creek Garden Tour, as part of Front Porch Days. We're looking for some folks with lovely gardens to participate, especially folks in our newer section near Kirby Park. We hope to have a walking tour and showcase about 3 to 7 of Plum Creek's gardens. If you would like to share your garden with your neighbors or know of a neighbor with a beautiful yard, please email landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com. Thanks and Happy Gardening!!

MOPS Has New Night

Get connected to other moms! Meet other moms of preschoolers,

children from birth to entering school. Come share, experience, and learn about this unique season of mothering together. Hays Hills Baptist Church MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is excited to announce a new group forming on Wednesday nights in addition to the existing one on Friday mornings. The groups meet as follows:

- 1st and 3rd Fridays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- 2nd and 4th Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Please contact us at hhbcmops@gmail.com for more information on either group. More information about MOPS International can be found at www.mops.org

Sip & Sew on February 8th

Have a project that you just need time to finish? Please, come join the Sip & Sew Group. Meeting the second Tuesday of the month, the next one is February 8th from 6:30 to 9PM at the PC Community Center. There are individuals that knit, crochet, rug hook, counted cross stitch, quilt, and punch needle. All are willing to share their talents by giving advice or starting you on a new project. Everyone is constantly amazed at the talents of the group. Come join this group of talented ladies, as they look forward to 2011! Any questions, contact Pam Chapman at 512.656.6050, Sandra Sigler at 512.405.0187, or Iris Sandle at 512.405.0054.

Helpful tips for your family during flu season



Dr. Tim Kay

- · Get your yearly flu shot.
- · Wash your hands with soap frequently.
- When using an alcohol-based sanitizer, apply to all surfaces of the hands, including nail areas and between the fingers.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and clean your hands afterwards. If you don't have a tissue or cloth, cough or sneeze into the inside of your elbow or upper arm.
- · Get plenty of rest and drink lots of fluids.
- Disinfect objects that you share with others such as keyboards and telephones.

Walk-ins are welcome Most insurances accepted



Dr. Erik Arhelger

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Negley News for February

At the end of the 1st semester, we began to introduce school-wide expectations for the common areas (Halls, Cafeteria, Play Ground, Restrooms, and Assemblies). Ask your child about SAIL. SAIL is an acronym for the following: Show respect (S), Always being Safe (A), I will make good choice (I), and Live honestly (L). February is a busy month at Negley Elementary. Please join us for our many activities scheduled.

2/3 100th day of school

2/7-11 National School Counselor Week

2/8 Faculty Luncheon (Grades)

2/11 Twin Day (Dress like a friend), Help out a Negley Navigator by being kind AND 3rd Grade Market Days: 3rd will study an Economics Unit in social studies and learn about goods and services, earning, spending, and saving money, and using a budget. As a culminating activity, students will engage in a Market Day on February 11th. 3rd graders will sell goods and services to the students and staff at Negley and identify their profit. All proceeds will go towards a 3rd Grade Field Trip and our End of Year Party.

2/12 PTA Locks Donations

2/14 Valentine's Day Parties in classrooms

2/14-18 No Place for Hate Week: Negley Elementary School has applied a second year to be a "No Place for Hate" campus

through the anti-defamation league. A "No Place for Hate" campus is one committed to supporting student differences, educating students about bullying and the consequences of bullying, as well as promoting respect. During the week, students will participate in "pay it forward" kindness activities, learn about bullying and effects of bullying through morning announcements, and may choose to participate in a poetry/art contest, which speaks out for respect of diversity and against bullying. We want Negley Elementary, and Plum Creek, to be "No Place For Hate".

2/18 End of the 4th Six Weeks

2/21 District Wide Early Release Day with Elementary at 12:00, Middle School at 12:45, and High School at @ 1:30

2/22 5th Grade Math Benchmark

2/23 5th Grade Reading Benchmark

2/25 4th Six Weeks report cards go home

2/26 All Pro Dad's

Please remember that when you visit Negley, you need to bring your state ID or Drivers License with you. Dates and times are subject to change. For updated information please visit our website http://www.hayscisd.net/Negley.cfm , watch for changes on the school marquee or contact the school @ 268-8501.



Happening in and Around Kyle in February 2011

As promised, here are a few things you may be interested in checking out in February, I mean besides my birthday. You DID remember it was on the fifth, didn't you? Oh, and by the way, I like peanut butter pie from Texas Pie Company in case you're wondering about a gift. (Joking about the gift part, not the pie. Have you tried it? YUM.)

2/3 - 2/5 - HAIRSPRAY, The Musical

The Hays Performing Arts Center will host a 4 show-only performance of Hairspray the Musical. This musical, based on the 1988 John Waters movie, follows young Tracy Turnblad's dream to dance on a local TV dance show and continues to follow her as she rises to celebrity and helps shine light on many social injustices of the 1960's. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing these fantastic Hays CISD kids take on such a legendary musical. Shows scheduled for Thurs. 2/3 and Fri. 2/4 at 7:00p with two shows on Sat. 2/5 at 2:00p and 7:00p.

2/6 - Happy Chinese New Year!

As of press time, there were no organized celebrations we were aware of happening within Kyle, so I thought I'd tip you off on the one happening in Austin. It happens in North Austin in the parking lot

of the Chinatown Center (N. Lamar near Braker) and is completely free. Starting at 11:00am, they plan to have fire crackers at the pagoda, as well as dragon and lion dances. For directions to the Chinatown Center, visit them online at http://www.chinatownaustin.com/

2/11 - Rachel Eliza Griffiths Reading

Rachel Eliza Griffiths, a poet, painter, and photographer, will be reading at the Katherine Anne Porter Literary Center at 508 Center Street in Kyle. She reads Friday, February 11th at 7:30 p.m. Rachel received the MFA in Creative Writing from Sarah Lawrence College and is the author of Miracle Arrhythmia, Turn of Heaven, and Mule & Pear. The event is FREE and open to the public. For more info, visit http://www.english.txstate.edu/kap

2/24 - Free Small Business Counseling!

If you own or are thinking of starting a small business and want to talk to someone about it, the Third Thursday of each month is for you. Why? Well, between 9am and 4pm, there will be a representative from Texas State University's Small Business Development Center at the Kyle Chamber Office to provide free, confidential counseling

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If you think you'd like to schedule time, call the Kyle Chamber at 512-268-4220. For more information about Texas State University's Small Business Development Center visit http://www.business.txstate.edu/sbdc/.

2/26 - Clean Up That Watershed!

In an event sponsored by the State of Texas' "Keep Texas Beautiful" program, the City of Kyle' Parks and Recreation Department organizes a "Plum Creek Watershed Clean Up & Park Improvement Project" once a year. Projects for the day include picking trash out of the creek, removing dead trees, painting, planting trees and bushes, trail building, and general cleaning. Volunteers begin at 9:30am on Saturday, February 26, 2011.

If you'd like to be involved in this (or know an organization or club that may be interested), contact the Parks Department at (512)262-3939 or email parks@cityofkyle.com More information can be found here: http://www.cityofkyle.com/parks/creekcleanup.php

Adult Kickball Tournaments

Kickball is still out in full force in February with league games happening the first 2 Fridays. The final tournament for Winter 2011 are Saturday, February 12th for Women's and Saturday, February

19th for Co-Ed at the Kyle Kickball Fields at Gregg-Clarke Park. If you've never watched a game, come on out. It's fun to watch and totally free. If you're interested in playing on an adult kickball team, visit http://www.cityofkyle.com/parks/NextSeason.php. Team Registration is due by February 15th, and the Spring 2011 season is set to get underway in March.

Have you seen MY Kyle?

Just thought I'd share my photo blog. I've been taking photos of Kyle, Texas since 2006 for my blog, "Kyle, Texas Daily Photo." It's been a really neat process as Kyle has had amazing growth since I started (HEB Plus, Hospital, CVS, etc.), and I've had the opportunity to share photos along the way. If you have a chance, pop over and take a look. http://kyledailyphoto.blogspot.com/

Live Music In Kyle

Be on the lookout for live music in town. I've enjoyed BBQ at both Milt's BBQ and Railroad BBQ set to a live band (call them to find out who plays when). The Motley Menagerie usually brings live music on Fridays. If anyone is aware of any other places to see free live music in Kyle, please let us know.



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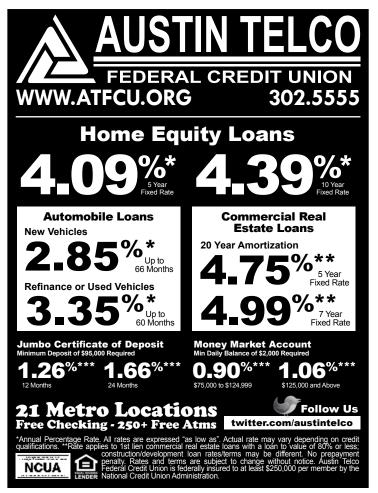
For the year 2009, PC sold a total of 97 units, and for 2010, 81 units, a negative of 16 units. For 2009, the average list price was \$156,587, and average selling price was \$153,978 or \$90 per ft. In 2010 the results were an average list price \$158,139, selling price of \$155,421. and \$89 per ft. The average square foot on sold homes in 2009 was 1751 sq ft and in 2010, was 1826. The average days on market for 2009 was 76 DOM and in 2010, was 73 DOM. The highest priced home selling in 2009 was \$253,000, and in 2010, it was \$275,000. Lowest price in 2009 was \$101,500 and in 2010, was \$95,000. In 2009, 11 foreclosures were sold and ten sold in2010. The biggest change between 2009 and 2010 was in the number of total units sold.

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