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"A Real Neighborhood" **PLUM CREEK**

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The definition for the word "Neighborhood" is "A district, esp. one forming a community within a town or city." Doesn't sound very enticing. Here's another one. "People who live near one another in a particular district or area." This definition sounds even worse. My personal definition of the word "neighborhood" is PLUM CREEK.

About 6 years ago, my wife Kate and I made a decision to look into moving to a better place for the good of our family. I grew up in San Diego and loved it but was tired of the rat race. Traffic on the highway at 11 P.M. was enough to push us over the edge.

I have a friend who lived in Houston who always said good things about Austin. I gave him a call. He said don't come to Houston, but Austin is real nice. I flew to Austin by myself, and he showed me around for a few days. Although Austin is very nice, I like the idea of living on the outskirts of town. We traveled to San Marcos and I found an area that I really liked.

I called my wife and told her

that this place was great and that she and the girls would love it. We immediately planned for a little family vacation for all of us to come out here to see together. We all flew out, and immediately, my wife and daughters fell in love and were ready to move. Before going back home, we were ready to put a down payment on a lot to build. The night before we were to put a down payment on a beautiful acre lot in San Marcos, my wife was on the internet and found a house for sale in Kyle, Texas. It was a Victorian style house. She loves that look. We took a short drive, and once we entered the neighborhood, we knew we were home.

Swimming pools, parks, fishing lakes, elementary school, white picket fences, big trees, great landscaping, dog park, and pretty colored houses. In California, you were lucky to get half a park and a few planted trees. For that you would have to pay \$300,000 to \$500,000. That doesn't include HOA fees of at least \$150 per month.

Our decision had been made. We were now moving to Kyle, Texas of all places. Plum Creek was our new home and

neighborhood. We knew no one. (Other than my friend, who lived 3 plus hours away in Houston) We had no family, no jobs, nothing! We knew we could make it though. We have been here just over 4 years now. We have managed to make it ok. My girls go to school at Negley Elementary. They take dance classes at the Shock Dance studio at the front of the neighborhood. The pool is an every day visit in the spring and summer. The lake is (was) fished 3 to 5 days a week. My wife bikes the trails of the lake and anywhere else she can virtually every day of the week. We now make our living doing landscape, yard maintenance, and other jobs throughout the neighborhood.

We have been fortunate to meet and befriend many of you all. It's great to have so many friends. Recently, bad times struck our family. I was recently diagnosed with a rare autoimmune disease. The disease and complications from it put me in the hospital for 5 weeks. It has attacked my joints and kidneys. My kidneys are only functioning at 11% so I am on dialysis. I go 3 days a week, but it allows me to live.

(Update: At press time, Sam had managed to get off of dialysis, but kidney function is still a work in progress.)

Plum Creek has saved my life. While in the hospital, so many people (neighbors, friends, and even people we never met) all came to help. My poor wife had to deal with the possibility of losing her husband while at the same time take care of 3 girls, a home, and a business. We received prayers, cards, food, babysitting, and even, money. We were overwhelmed and blessed to be a part of such an incredible neighborhood. Your help and support has not gone unnoticed. I pray daily and thank God for all your love and support and only ask that I can repay you someday.

Plum Creek is the true meaning of "Neighborhood". You all are the true meaning of "Neighbors". Friends and Family is more like it.

**THANK YOU,
THANK YOU,
THANK YOU!**

*From the bottom of our hearts.
The Guerrero Family
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Plum Creek Annual

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Monday, July 4th!

Hosted by the Recreation Committee

Come out for our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic! The fun happens on Monday, July 4th from 10:00 am to Noon.

Decorate those wagons, strollers, bikes, and scooters and come out to march with your neighbors in the parade. If you don't want to decorate your stuff or walk, please come out and cheer on those in the parade, it is a sight to see!

The Parade will start at the corner of Witte and Negley and continue down Witte to McNaughton Park with the picnic to follow. Bring the whole family and enjoy the fun.

Lunch will be served but bring blankets and lawn chairs. Don't forget the swimsuits and sunscreen, as we will have a waterslide to help keep you cool.

*If you have any questions or would like to volunteer,
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Toddler Time on Tuesday, June 14th: Bubbles

Bring your bubble wands, guns, etc and let's make bubbles! This will be a tad messy, so be prepared. Should be fun though! Bring your tiny tot, ages 3 and under, to the Plum Creek Community Center (450 Haupt) on Wednesday, May 11th from 10AM to Noon (or until the kids wear out, whichever comes first)! Bring your sippy cups, and we'll provide a little snack.

Will have lots of different bubble contraptions (machines, blowers, etc.) and different kinds of wands (big and small) and about 100 pit balls in an inflatable pool inside, too. We can blow bubbles outside and will put up some of the orange fencing to help us wrangle the kiddos! :) Email Christina Baese at announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com with questions! RSVP's welcome, too!

Sip & Sew on June 14th

Join our Sip and Sew group on the second Tuesday of the month (June 14th) at the Community Center from 6:30 to 9:00pm. The tables are filled with sharing and laughter as we knit, needlepoint, quilt, rug hook, punch needle, counted cross stitch, and even, jewelry making. Questions gladly answered by Pam Chapman (512.656.6050), Sandra Sigler (512.405.0187) and Iris Sandle (512.405.0054).

May 2011 YARD OF THE MONTH

1st Place: 5940 Negley



2nd Place: 5099 Hartson

3rd Place: 4831 Mather

Judging for the June 15th YOM begins June 1st. The June Yard of the Month is the last one for the year, so email your favorite gardens to landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Looking good, Plum Creek!

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BB AND AIRSOFT GUNS

Prohibited by City Code

There have been several recent reports of public use of BB guns and Airsoft guns within the Plum Creek community.

Did you know that the City of Kyle does not permit the display of a firearm in public parks within City limits or the discharge of a firearm within City limits? Section 23 of the City of Kyle Code of Ordinances includes BB Guns, paintball guns, and Airsoft guns in the definition of a firearm. Please review Section 23 of the Code of Ordinances for a full description of the City code related to these devices at www.cityofkyle.com under Online Services>Key City Documents>Code of Ordinances.

PROPERTY MANAGER

Kristi Morrison Becomes Plum Creek's Property Manager

A few of you may know Kristi, as she has worked in the HOA office for several years now as the Assistant Manager. Effective early May, Kristi has assumed the role as Plum Creek's Property Manager. Please give her a big pat on the back and a little patience as she transitions from Assistant Manager to Property Manager.

Just to provide some background about this change, Chris Gauna, the acting manager, resigned her position as the Property Manager for Plum Creek on Monday, April 11, 2011. Chris was working as our property manager on a 90 day trial basis, and within a few weeks of that window, she decided that this position was not a good fit for her.

Again, Kristi has lots of experience with Plum Creek, and she's looking forward to learning even more and embracing all that the position has to offer. If you have any problems, you can contact the HOA Office at 512-262-1140 or at plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com. Matt Gibson of Goodwin is still overseeing Plum Creek through this transition, as well. So, don't hesitate to contact the office with any questions or concerns. Either Matt or Kristi will gladly assist you. Thank you!

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AT THE FENCE

Front Porch Days Winners, Annual Meeting Update, and Pie Recipes Coming July

Due to PC Press deadlines, all of the winners for the events at Front Porch Days, the annual meeting update, and the pie recipes will be in the July issue! Thanks!

Personalized Library Pavers

Those who are making the new Kyle Public Library possible (that's you!) have the rare opportunity to memorialize your name, or the names of your family and friends, by purchasing a Kyle Library Paver. The pavers will be located at the library's entry courtyard on Scott and Meyer Streets.

For generations to come, these pavers and the names on them, will greet library visitors as a reminder of those who took part of the history of the Kyle Public Library. Each paver may have up to four

lines with 12 letters per line. Each paver costs \$100 and is tax deductible. Orders placed by June 30, 2011 will be ready for the Library Grand Opening.

Order forms can be downloaded at www.cityofkyle.com/library/ and turned into the Kyle Public Library. Please call the library at 512.262.1036 for more information.

City of Kyle's Independence Day Celebration Fireworks Show

Join in the celebration of Independence Day this July 4th as the City of Kyle once again has planned for a spectacular fireworks show.

Due to limited space at Gregg-Clarke Park, the fireworks show has moved this year to the Plum Creek Golf Course's Practice/Driving Range.

Before it gets dark on July 4th, find a safe and secure location around the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center (PAC) or anywhere around the intersection of Fm

1626 and Kohler's Crossing. The show can even be seen from the parking lots around Subway, What-A-Burger and Kohl's.

Please use extreme caution in parking on the street's right of way and no alcohol is permitted at the PAC or on school property

The fireworks are scheduled to begin around 9:30pm. Rain out makeup date is July 5th, same time, same site.

Six Flags Discount Tickets for Plum Creek Residents!

Once again, our Recreation Chair Brandee Otto has secured a great deal for Plum Creek residents!

Have you taken advantage of your Six Flags EXTREME SAVINGS? Just visit <https://shop.accesso.com/clients/sixflags/affiliate/index.php?m=12275> then log into your personal ticketing site with Username: PLUMHOA and Password: SixFlags4.



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PET POSTINGS

PC Dog Park Officially Open, Bring Water with You!

By the time you receive this newsletter, the long awaited PC Dog Park will be open for business and pleasure. Because of the expense, we are opening with limited equipment. Some of it is temporary until we have the money for the more permanent replacement; i.e. water, as an example. You are encouraged to bring jugs of water to the dog park to fill the available containers. It will be hot this summer and the dogs need to stay hydrated, just like we do. Please be sure that the **WATER IS COOL ENOUGH TO DRINK** before your dog drinks from the watering tubs (dishes) at the Park. If not, please dump it out, and **ADD ADD FRESH, COOLER WATER**. Thanks!

Summer Pet Safety! Summer is here, so:

Keep pets indoors during the hottest hours of the day if you can, from 10 AM to 4 PM.

Provide ample shade and plenty of fresh water for outdoor pets.

Limit your pet's exposure to hot cement, as much as possible as they are "bare footed" all of the time.

Doggie Issues

- Animal Control visited the HOA office in Mid-April and stated that anyone seen with a dog off leash outside of the dog park will be cited. No more warnings will be given.
- Please be mindful of your dogs if they bark, especially at night or if barking incessantly. Here's a great article if you have a barker: www.cesarsway.com/tips/problembehaviors/5-tips-for-handling-nuisance-barking

WHOOOPS! You Dropped Something...

Please do the neighborly thing and pick up your pet's waste and dispose of it properly. It's the considerate thing to do, and it's the law. If everyone would follow this simple rule, we could stop the spread of many diseases to our pets, as well as our barefoot children. There are a number of communicable diseases that are transmitted simply by your dog or cat sniffing or walking on the waste left by an infected animal. Peteducation.com has authored an exceptional website where you can read about several of the "microbial monsters" that threaten pets and people alike including parvo virus, trichinosis, whipworms, hookworms, roundworms, giardia, and coccidia. Remember to always use a pooper scooper.



WATER RESTRICTIONS

City of Kyle Moved to Stage One Water Restrictions in Late April. By the time this newsletter hits your mailboxes, let's hope we haven't moved to Stage Two. But, to get the latest in water restriction information, visit www.cityofkyle.com/utilitybilling/water-use-restriction-information

It is shaping up to be a hot and dry summer as most weather forecasts call for continued below average rainfall and above average temperatures. Kyle water customers are required to limit their watering to twice per week and to only water during the hours before 10 am and after 8 p.m. Customers with automatic irrigation systems should only water between the hours of Midnight and 10 am.

Mandatory Twice Per Week Watering Schedule

Residential Odd-# Addresses Wednesday and/or Saturday
Residential Even-N# Addresses..... Thursday and /or Sunday
Commercial & Multi-Family..... Tuesday and/or Friday

Other important requirements of Stage One Restrictions are:

- Watering is permitted before 10 am and after 8 pm.
- Hand watering is allowed at any time but you must have actual physical control of the hose while watering.
- Regularly check for leaks, including broken sprinkler heads, leaking valves, leaking or broken pipes, or leaking faucets.
- Do not operate a irrigation system with a broken head, a head that is out of adjustment where the arc of the spray head is over a street or parking lot, or a head that is misting due to high water pressure.
- Don't allow water to run off property such that there is a trail of water running in the street for a distance of 50 feet or greater.
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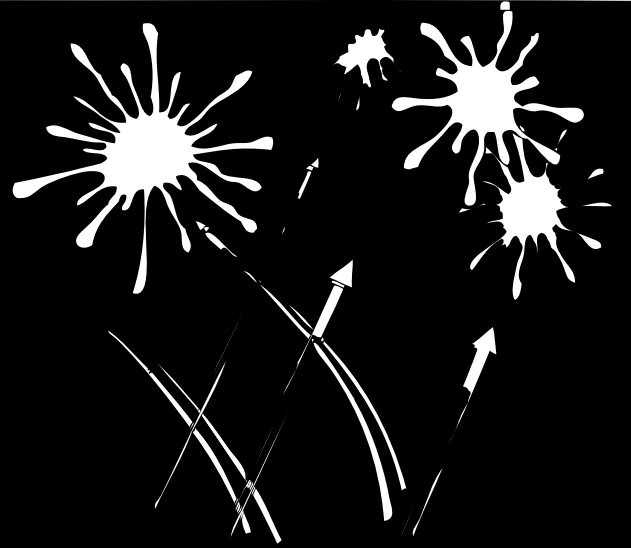
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Splash into Lake Travis for the Red Licorice Events Open Water Swim at the Mansfield Dam on June 26. The swim benefits Colin's Hope and you can choose from 800m, 1.2 mile or 2.4 mile options. Visit www.redlicoriceevents.com for more information.

August 27th & 28th 3rd Annual Colin's Hope Kids Triathlon

Athletes ages 5-15, mark your calendars for August 27th & 28th. Our Kids Triathlon will once again take place in the Lake Pointe neighborhood. Registration opens in early June and will fill up very quickly! www.colinshope.org



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