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Please remember that your HOA dues should now be sent to Goodwin Management – not RealManage. Mail payments to:
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Contact Tobin Hurley at (512) 852-7923 or tobin.hurley@goodwintx.com if you have any questions.

Who's New...?

Are you new to Hometown Kyle? Do you know someone who is? Do you sometimes wonder who that new face is you see in the community?

We would like to acknowledge our new neighbors and welcome them to the neighborhood...maybe get to know a little bit about each other.

Did you know Patrick and Sarah O'Bryan moved into Hometown Kyle a few months ago, in phase 3 on Sweet Gum Drive? They come to us from the state of Washington. They love the abundant sunshine here in central Texas, but summertime in Kyle is sure different! Patrick is a recruiter for the Army, and a huge football fan...if you want to know what team, you'll have to ask him. They have 2 Chihuahua mixes. They are warm and friendly folks. Say hi when you see them out walking Cooper and Roxie. Welcome to the neighborhood Patrick and Sarah!

Please let us know when someone new has moved in, so we can make them welcome in their new Hometown. You can enter a notice on the Hometown Kyle website.

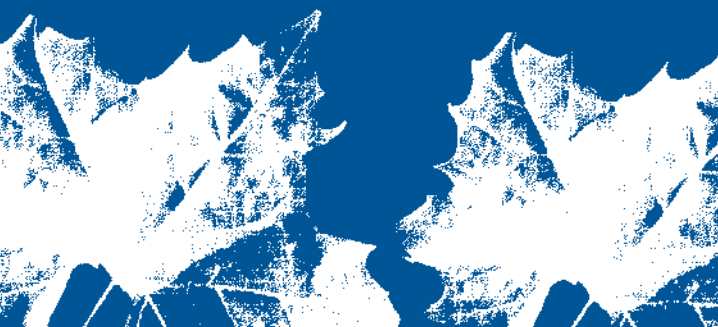
Community Get-togethers

THE FALL CRAWL

Talk your neighbors into hosting a garage party in your pocket of the community beginning at 5pm on Saturday, November 10th. Later on, take a walk around and visit with the folks in nearby garages. Drinks, snacks, games, chairs, party themes, etc. add to the fun!

Bring copies of your favorite fall recipes to exchange with neighbors and get a head-start on the holidays. Exchange coupons, holiday decorating ideas, and talk sports. Do whatever! Just get together!

Look forward to more community get-togethers in next month's newsletter!



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Community Fences

Is any portion of the fence around your property community owned? The fences that run along some streets and community areas, such as walkways, retention ponds, playgrounds and basketball courts, are owned and maintained by the HOA.

If you have HOA owned fencing around your property, please take care to prearrange any modifications and removals with the HOA and Goodwin Management. Repair work needed due to homeowner actions (window cutouts, gates, temporary removal of panels, etc.) will be billed back to the homeowner.

Also, vegetation growing along the fence negatively impacts its longevity, so please limit such landscaping to personal property (home, personal fence line, lattice work, etc.). In the process of landscape maintenance, vegetation growing through or on the community fences may be cut down.

The above guidelines will allow us to work together and avoid additional costs to everyone.

If you have questions regarding the ownership of any portion of fence along your property, feel free to contact Marilyn Childress at Goodwin Management by calling 512-502-7509 or emailing marilyn.childress@goodwintx.com.

In the Pipeline

The following modifications are under consideration:

- Xeriscaping and placement of boulders in areas where landscaping has died repeatedly
- Security lighting along community pathways
- Hopscotch in play areas
- Picnic table at Camelia/Hometown Pkwy play area
- Addition trashcan at central basketball court on Hometown Pkwy
- 2013 Calendar of Events

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Trash Talkin'

The basketball courts need your attention

Hometown Kyle has two basketball courts that the HOA is happy to maintain for the benefit of all our neighbors. However, the basketball court on Hometown Parkway and Chaparro seems to mysteriously attract a large amount of litter. If you enjoy playing on one of these courts PLEASE make sure you and your visitors are not leaving empty containers lying around. Trash cans are provided on each court. If the trash is full, please take the containers with you. Better yet, if you want to be a real team player, double check the court after you're done playing and make sure nothing is left behind. We really thank you for doing your part in making sure we keep our entire subdivision clean and in the best shape possible.



Board Meeting

The next HOA Board of Directors Committee Meeting will be held in December. As the date draws closer and a venue is secured, details will be provided on Hometown Kyle's website.

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Trash Cans

Avoid that dreaded violation letter! Make plans now to get your trashcans out of sight!

A little over one year ago, the City of Kyle required us to organize waste into 3 separate trashcans. The board of directors at that time realized this would require some time for us to make arrangements to store them out of sight as stated in our Codes, Covenants and Regulations (CC&Rs). A grace period was established while people figured out their new solutions. During the transition, the board granted a temporary exception to the CC&R's, allowing for the trashcans to be stored in front of the homeowner's fence, but behind the air conditioning units.

We now need to finish making the transition to the 3 trash cans and ensure they are stored out of sight per our CC&R's. This can include inside garages, in the backyard behind the fence, or in front of your fence but behind some screening, such as lattice fencing, small fences, shrubbery, etc... Please make sure to request approval of any additions to your front yard from the Architectural Control Committee (ACC) before installing.

Until the first of the year, trashcans visible in front of the fence, but stored behind the air conditioning units will still be acceptable.

However, by January 1, 2013, all trashcans must be stored out of sight. At that point, violations will again be distributed for trashcans that are visible.

The most common complaints from fellow homeowners, as well as the most common violation issues, are related to yard appearance and visible trash cans. Details make a difference, and attention to those details keeps our neighborhood looking great! Please do your part to keep Hometown Kyle looking its best.

A group of five diverse young people (three women and two men) are smiling and pointing their fingers towards the camera. They are dressed in casual, warm clothing. The background is a bright, clear sky.

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Suspicious Solicitor Activity

We have been advised by the Hays County Sheriff's office of suspicious solicitation activity in Hometown Kyle and neighboring communities. Some individuals posing as solicitors have been seen hopping fences, peering into windows, and appearing to try the doorknobs. They can be pushy, ask for personal information (times you are home, if you own a security system, names of neighbors, etc.), won't leave the premises easily, and may become unpleasant.

Law enforcement officials ask us to be aware of any suspicious activity and report it immediately to local police by calling 512-268-3232. When you encounter a solicitor, let the police know there is someone soliciting in this subdivision. Provide an address of where you see the solicitor, as well as a physical description. Ask the police to verify their permit or clear them from the subdivision.

The City of Kyle requires every solicitor to have a permit for solicitation from the City carried on their person while soliciting.

Contact Kyle police immediately to report solicitors or suspicious activity. Take proper measures to secure your home.

Do not leave valuables in your vehicles, including papers with financial and/or identity data.

Hometown Kyle Board of Directors

Smart Landscaping

Did you know that you can conserve water and also have a beautiful garden with plants that bloom? These plants prefer to be left alone and thrive in the caliche soil we have here. Just loosen the soil, and voila, the plants are happy!

Such plants include:

- Salvia
- Iris
- Canna Lily
- Cactus
- Lantana
- Evergreens

Thank you to our neighbor, Maria McLain, for contributing these helpful tips for our newsletter!



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Visit our website!

Go to www.hometownkyle.com to view announcements, submit an inquiry, see our calendar of events, or try a delicious, healthy recipe.



Reporting Issues

To report issues or concerns, please contact: Marilyn Childress, Goodwin Management: 512-502-7509 marilyn.childress@goodwintx.com To pose questions and issues directly to the Hometown Kyle HOA Board of Directors, please visit the website at: www.hometownkyle.com

Why Knowing About Kilowatt-Hours Can Help You Save Money

By Chris Lee

Let's all admit it - we've all taken electricity for granted. As soon as we were young enough to reach the light switch to turn on the lights, we've never thought about electricity since it's been integrated into our lives as a basic necessity. By understanding a little bit about a Kilowatt-Hour (kWh) of electricity use, you'll more easily measure and compare the costs to operate your appliances in order to figure out how you can save some money.

The concept of kWh is difficult to visualize since most of us have forgotten the details of our high-school physics class (for those of us that actually took high school physics). Power, energy, time?...how can we define kWh? If you turned on twenty 100-watt lightbulbs in your house and left them on for 1 hour, you would have used 2 kWh (20 lightbulbs x 100w x 1 hour = 2000 watt-hours). And if you used your clothes dryer for an hour and your dryer is rated at 5000 watts, then you used 5 kWh (5000w x 1 hour). While each family uses electricity differently based on their living habits, here's a website that will give you an idea on energy use of common household appliances. Caution: the dollar figures used in this chart are based on \$0.07 per kWh instead of their typical \$0.10 per kWh in Texas:

www.glendalewaterandpower.com/rates/appliance_operating_costs.aspx (Shortened: <http://goo.gl/kCelA>)

So if you looked at your energy bill, you'll see that you're paying for the amount of kWh's that you and your family use. By knowing the concept of kWh you'll be able to more easily correlate your energy use to your energy bill and therefore be able to do more to save money. To help you save energy and therefore more money, here are some resources with helpful energy saving tips:

www.takealoadofftexas.com/index.aspx?id=energy-efficiency-tips (<http://goo.gl/meydE>)

http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/energy_savers.pdf (<http://goo.gl/u3fuE>)

I hope you've understood the basics of a Kilowatt-Hour and how it's measured to help you see your energy usage. If you have any questions about this, please ping me at leec89@gmail.com.



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