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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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## HOOTENANNY ON THE HILL IS OCTOBER 12TH

The Hootenanny on the Hill is something you won't want to miss! It encompasses the 8th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp, the 4th Annual Pet Fair, and the 7th Annual BBQ & Chili Cook-off. Mark your calendars for October 12th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows. The entire event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

In addition to the events mentioned below, some old favorites return of the petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, lots of vendors, and more!

### 8th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp Events:

- Scarecrow Contest, Entries Due by 2PM
- Photos by the Hay Bale Critters

- Pinecone Birdfeeders
- Pumpkin Decorating Contest, Entries Due by Noon.

All events are located at Fairway Fields. Email Christina Baese at [cb28655@earthlink.net](mailto:cb28655@earthlink.net) with any questions.

### Plum Creek Pet Fair Events:

- Pup Trot and Costume Contest, Starts at 11AM
- Star Dogs: Plum Creek's first doggie talent show, Around Noon
- Muffin Eating Contest
- Silent Auction
- Cake (Pet Treat) Walk
- Face Painting and Balloon Animals

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### Hootenany on the Hill - (Continued from Cover Page)

- Local pet vendors will be in attendance to provide information for residents.

All events are located at the Dog Park and Fairway Fields. Proceeds benefit the beautification of the Dog Park. For more information, contact Gary and Cindy Kennedy at [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com).

### 7th Annual BBQ and Chili Cook-Off Information and Events:

- BBQ & Chili Cook-Off: The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and cook's choice. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Prize awarded for best cook site. Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25. Forms due October 9th. Check-in Friday, October 11th at 6PM.

- 10k, 5K and 1K Fun Run, Starts at 7AM
- Washers Tournament, Starts at 11AM
- Horseshoes Tournament, Starts at 11AM

All events held at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fergus Soccer Fields. Email [brandeelotto@yahoo.com](mailto:brandeelotto@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**Vendors and Sponsors:** If selling pet related products, email Gary and Cindy at [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com). For selling all other products, contact Jen LaCour at [jen.lacour@gmail.com](mailto:jen.lacour@gmail.com) or 512-787-9611. If interested in sponsorships, email Brandee Otto at [brandeelotto@yahoo.com](mailto:brandeelotto@yahoo.com)

More information and entry forms provided via the PC eNews, [www.hootenannyonthehill.com](http://www.hootenannyonthehill.com) or friend us on Facebook. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events! Come for the fun!

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## MORE INFO ON SOME HOOTENANNY ON THE HILL CONTESTS ON OCTOBER 12TH

**8th Annual Scarecrow Contest:** Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun with two ways to enter: Create early and drop off at Negley's atrium by Friday, October 11th or create/drop off on Saturday, October 12th at the event. If you build one at the event, some hay and frames will be provided. Just bring clothes and props. Remember, only homegrown scarecrows!

Prizes awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS, Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe, one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! 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! Email Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net with questions.

**Pumpkin Decorating Contest:** Open to residents of all ages! Organizations, neighbors, & classes join in the fun and bring your pumpkin already decorated and carved to Fairway Fields by Noon. Put your name, address, and phone number on the bottom of the pumpkin.

Prizes awarded for the Most BEAUTIFUL, Most HUMOROUS,

Most TRADITIONAL, Most CREATIVE/ORIGINAL, and maybe, one or two more categories depending on the creative entries! The pumpkins will be judged and photographed by 2pm and ready to take home at that time. Email Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net with questions.

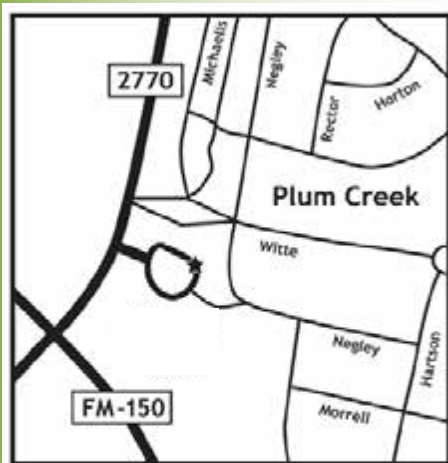
**Washers Tournament:** A double elimination washers tournament will be held on Saturday, October 12th as part of the Hootenanny on the Hill events. Check-in at 11am. For all the details and forms, visit [www.hootenannyonthehill.com](http://www.hootenannyonthehill.com) or email [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com).

**Star Dogs:** Does your dog have a talent?? Let Plum Creek see, and enter into the Second Annual "STAR DOGS" at the Plum Creek Pet Fair. Prizes awarded. Anything goes: dancing, fetching, best kisses, etc. Limit your trick to three minutes. If interested, email [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com) for details.

**Pup Trot/Costume Contest:** The pup trot starts at 11AM with same day registration. Fees are \$5 for t-shirt or free to just run! For costume contest details, email [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com).

More information on all contests and events can be found at [www.hootenannyonthehill.com](http://www.hootenannyonthehill.com).

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## HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN SCARECROW FOR THE CONTEST!

Making a scarecrow is a fun way to dress up the garden, and it may even scare off those pesky bird buddies. In this case, we're trying to keep them from eating our wildflower seeds!!

Feel free to change or completely disregard this basic design in your creations, but hopefully, these instructions will give you a great place to start!!

### What you need:

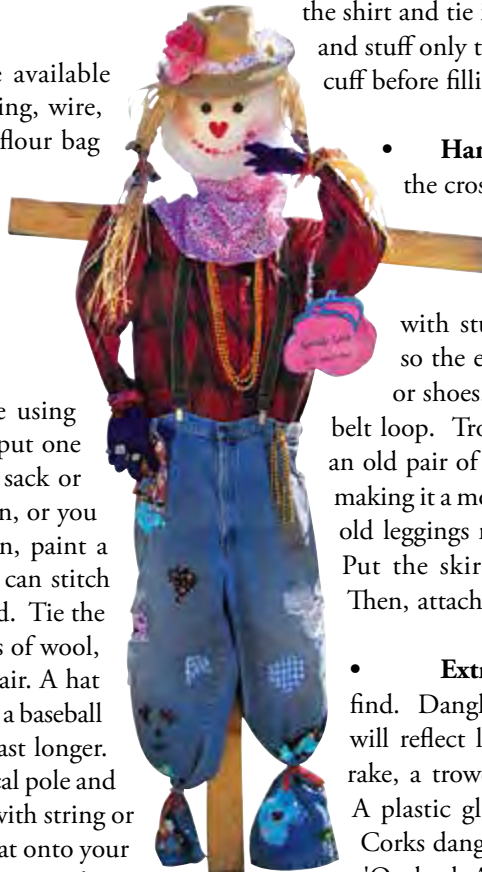
The "t" for the scarecrow (We'll have some available at the Seed & Stomp at Fairway Fields) - string, wire, and safety pins - pantyhose or tights - small flour bag or pillow sack for the head - straw or other material for stuffing, including old leaves, poly fill, newspaper, plastic bags, and more - clothing, props, and other items to make your scarecrow unique

### How to build your scarecrow:

- **The head, face, hair, and hat:** If you are using stockings for the head, cut off the legs and put one inside the other for extra strength. A flour sack or pillowcase works, too. Floral patterns are fun, or you can use white! Start with a pencil and then, paint a face with permanent marker or paint. You can stitch features, too. Stuff it into the shape of a head. Tie the head loosely at the neck end. Attach strands of wool, raffia, straw, or other fiber under a hat for hair. A hat certainly makes building your head easier, and a baseball cap is just as good as a straw hat and may last longer. Slide the head onto the short end of the vertical pole and attach the head to the body by tying tightly with string or wire. If you haven't done so already, fix the hat onto your scarecrow's head using string or safety pins. Pumpkins, balls, gourds, masks, or cut-outs may be used for heads, too.
- **The shirt, jacket, and vest:** An old shirt, a jacket, and/or a vest will make your scarecrow more lifelike. Put the shirt on the scarecrow, using the short stake as the arms. Button most of the

way to the neck. Tie the arms closed at the end with string or knots. If you are adding gloves, leave a couple of inches of the stick poking out of the sleeves and tie the cuffs firmly around the stake. You can tuck the shirt into the trousers or skirt and fill it with stuffing. Then, close the last buttons. If you want the shirt to hang over the trousers, fill a second pillowcase for inside the shirt and tie it to the stake, button the shirt closed over it, and stuff only the arms. Be sure to tie the arms closed at the cuff before filling. Tuck the head into the neck of the shirt.

- **Hands:** Tie gloves to the outstretched ends of the crossbar and fill with stuffing.
- **Trousers, skirt, socks, and shoes:** Tie the ends of the trousers with string and fill with stuffing. Lean the trousers against the frame so the ends are just above ground level or add boots or shoes. Tie the trousers to the stake using the back belt loop. Trousers are easier than a skirt, but if you have an old pair of boots, a skirt is fun. It moves in the breeze, making it a more effective bird-scare. If you use a skirt, some old leggings make a good lower body for your scarecrow. Put the skirt over these and attach using safety pins. Then, attach both to the stake using string or safety pins.
- **Extras:** Experiment with any materials you can find. Dangling washed cans or old CD's from the arms will reflect light and help deter the birds. Old tools, a rake, a trowel, or spade make a hardworking scarecrow. A plastic glass and a book create a relaxing scarecrow. Corks dangling from your scarecrow's hat will give it an 'Outback Aussie' look. Sunglasses make a sophisticated and sun-wise scarecrow. Add a scarf around the scarecrow's neck or a basket to carry.



Whatever you do, make sure that you have fun building your scarecrow!

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**September 8:** 5th annual Colin's Hope Kids Tri, and All Star Burger Fundraiser (10% of sales donated).  
**October 19:** Sharkfest Austin Swim benefiting Colin's Hope. Volunteers needed.  
**November:** Underwater Holiday Photos (multiple days and locations).  
**February 16:** Austin Marathon. Runners, walkers, and water stop volunteers needed.

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## Negley News September 2013

We are back to school in full swing. It was great to see all the new and familiar faces at Back To School Night and Set Sail in the Park. We invite you to be a part of our September events, but please do not forget, any event where you will be entering the building you will need your state ID. Thank you for your help in keeping Negley a safe school.

### September School Events:

- **9/3 5-8 pm PTA Cici's spirit night.** We do our best NOT to have door to door fundraisers. Instead we partner with local businesses to help raise funds for our school. Please consider eating at Cici's tonight and let them know it is for Negley. We will receive a % from each sale.
- **9/6 Grandparents Lunch.** Calling all grandparents, we would like to celebrate Grandparent's Day by inviting you to each lunch with your grandchild(ren). Please contact child's teacher for lunch times.
- **9/10 5-8 pm PTA Chick-Fil-A spirit night.** We do our best NOT to have door to door fundraisers. Instead we partner with local businesses to help raise funds for our school. Please consider eating at Chick-Fil-A tonight and let them know it is for Negley. We will receive a % from each sale.
- **9/16 6:30 pm General PTA meeting.** Please join us for our first and only PTA meeting for the Fall of 2013. We will be limiting our meetings to the three necessary for Texas State PTA requirements. Our first meeting will be to introduce our new board members, approve this years proposed budget and let everyone know what events we plan to host this year. We would love for everyone to be able to join us.
- **9/17 5-8 pm PTA Dickey's spirit night.** We do our best NOT to have door to door fundraisers. Instead we partner with local businesses to help raise funds for our school. Please consider eating at Dickey's tonight and let them know it is for Negley. We will receive a % from each sale.
- **9/18 6:45-7:45 NES Fitness Club will start up again.** Please meet in the car rider drop off parking lot. We are excited to see all

of our return fitness kiddos and families from last year and can't wait to meet all of our new participants. Watch the Negley PTA Facebook page for reminders and updates.

- **9/24 Fall Pictures.** SAY cheese! Pricing information will be coming home with every student.
- **9/25 9/18 6:45-7:45 NES Fitness Club.** Please meet in the car rider drop off parking lot. Watch the Negley PTA Facebook page for reminders and updates.
- **9/27 7:15-7:45am NES PTA will be hosting Donuts for Dads.**

### Future Dates:

- **10/1 Cici's Spirit Night 5-8**
- **10/2 NES Fitness Club 6:45-7:45**
- **10/3 NES Curriculum Night** – watch for lots more info
- **10/8 Chick-fil-A Spirit Night**

Dates and times are subject to change. Please refer to the Negley calendar on our school website <http://www.hayscisd.net/Negley.cfm> for updated information.



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## Claiborne Kyle Log House Holds Annual Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on September 28th

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

On Saturday, September 28th, 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 Christina Baese at [cb28655@earthlink.net](mailto:cb28655@earthlink.net). 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.

### History of the Claiborne Kyle Log House

Claiborne and Lucy Bugg Kyle married in 1829 in Tennessee and moved to Texas in 1844. Kyle, a former Senator from Mississippi, relocated to Texas after experiencing some financial hardships. In 1850, they built this massive log house on a bluff overlooking the Blanco River. With help from his farm workers, he built this log house of alternating courses of cedar logs and rock grouting, square notched at the corners and secured by wooden pegs.

The Kyle Log House is a most unusual type known as the "linear four-pen dog trot" and is the only one of this type left in Texas.



The home has four rooms, each about 16 feet square and lined up with two on either side of the dog trot. It housed the couple, their eight children, and one adopted son.

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.

## 8th Annual Hill Country Kids & Family Triathlon



On Saturday, July 13th at 7:00 a.m. the Hill Country Tri Club held the 8th Annual Kids & Family Tri. 150 kids ages 5-16 and 40 parents swam 25, 100 or 150 yards; biked 1, 3.5 or 5.5 miles; and ran 1 or 2k through the streets of Plum Creek. Families from Kyle, Buda, San Marcos, Houston, Cedar Park, Round Rock, Austin, Corpus Christie, and San Antonio competed in this fun event promoting healthy lifestyles.

We received a tremendous amount of positive feedback from racers regarding the beauty of the Plum Creek community as well as appreciation for the community's willingness to share their neighborhood for this event. Many, many parents commented that this is an event their families look forward to every year because of the hospitality of the community, the high level of organization of the event and the great atmosphere after the party including face painting, water slides, food, and fun awards. Every racer received

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# HOPE4JD Family Fun Fest

## AND BATTLE OF THE YOUTH BANDS

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## Triathlon - (Continued from Page 8)

a t-shirt, swim cap, finisher dog tag, and opportunity to win fun participation prizes. Medals were awarded to the top three finishers by gender in each age category.

The event started at the McNaughton Pool then continued down McNaughton to Fairway and 2770 for the bike portion. The Steiner quarter loop and portions of Witte were also used for the bike and run. Racers recognized the course design as extremely safe and friendly. Racers and club members loved when homeowners came out and cheered them on from their front lawns.

There were various supporters and sponsors, who gave their time, financial contributions, and diverse talents. Many thanks to Seton, Lennar, Plum Creek, Corridor Primary Care, and many other sponsors. Thank you to the amazing 100+ volunteers from the Hill Country Tri Club, sponsors, community, and surrounding neighborhoods. Because of the joint effort of ALL of you, this race was a huge success again. Most of all, thank you to the Plum Creek residents, who were gracious enough to provide a place for such a safe and fun family experience.

The families who participated became TRIATHLETES!

Can you think of a better way to share time with your kids and

create long lasting memories?!

So, here's to everyone who had the dedication to show up...and the determination to finish or volunteer or allow us to borrow your streets. **YOU ARE A WINNER!**

We look forward to continued success and hope to see more Plum Creek residents out participating next year. Even better check out our website, [www.hillcountrytri.org](http://www.hillcountrytri.org) and consider joining our club!

We have learned a few things from residents. In the future we will work with the Austin Statesmen to ensure paper delivery prior to the start of the race. We will also do a better job of communicating with racers regarding not blocking mailboxes if they park on a street and respecting homeowners' lawns. We will encourage spectators to stick to the sidewalks! So thanks for your understanding and know that we will continue to try to make this event fun as possible for your community while

Now, see if you can find your friends by checking out the race results below:

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On behalf of the Hill Country Tri Club a huge Thank You,

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### Toddler Time: Apples!

To get ready for fall, we will make some mini apple pies to take home and bake, have a few fun crafts related to fall and food, and have a food drive for the food bank. Activities geared toward 2 to 5 year olds.

Please bring a box/can or two to donate to the food bank. Here's their list of needs: <http://haysfoodbank.org/donate/donate-food/>.

The fun runs from 10:30am to noon on Friday, September 6th. Snack and drink provided. Please RSVP to Christina at cb28655@earthlink.net by Tuesday, September 3rd.



### Sip and Sew

September is a great time to start a new project. Join a great group of individuals ready to share their "artsy" talents of needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, punch needle, quilting, cross stitch and rug hooking. We meet the second Tuesday of the month in the Fergus Community Center. For September, we will meet the 10th - 6:30PM - 8:45PM. Not quite sure what you would like to pursue, just come and observe. Or bring a current project and come Sip and Sew! If you have questions, please contact Iris Sandle - 512-405-0054, Pam Chapman - 512- 656-6050 or Sandra Sigler - 512-405-0187

### 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 1, 2013. Party Planners needed!



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## In the Garden

Some planting tips for  
**September** gardening courtesy  
of **Kim's Tejas Nursery**.

### WILDFLOWERS:

Now is the time to plant wildflowers. In nature, many plants that will provide us with flowers next spring will begin to grow in the fall. So we mimic Mother Nature and sow the seeds now. Native American Seed, located in Junction, Texas is a grower and provider of native wildflower seed. You can visit their very informative website at <http://www.seedsource.com/>.

### PERENNIALS:

September is probably the best month of the year to plant those native and well-adapted perennials. In the north, they garden around the winter, with its extreme low temperatures. Here in Texas, we also garden around a season with extreme temperatures, but that season for us is summer. Many of the hardy perennials that you would plant now will go dormant over the winter. But they return in the spring, with a well-developed root system, becoming larger and more established plants by the heat of the summer. So if you need to fill some vacant spots in your established beds or wish to create a new perennial bed, now is the perfect time to get those plants in the ground. There are some plants that choose to flower mostly in the fall. Some choice, fall blooming perennials are Mexican Mint marigold, Mexican Bush Sage, Fall Aster, Philippine Violet, and Coral Vine.

Now would be a great time to foliar feed everything. Foliar feeding substitutes for top dressing. Try Neptune's Harvest Fish and Seaweed or the liquid Bioform. Be sure to spray in the cool of the day when the temperature is below 90 degrees.

### ANNUAL COLOR:

Nothing provides more color in your gardens than annuals. You will start to see the cool-season annuals show up at the nurseries this month. For the novice gardeners, we have two seasons here in

Texas, hot and cold. There are some plants that are considered annuals because they thrive in either warm or cool season. We are winding down on the plants that thrive in the warm weather. But there are many fine annuals that give much color through fall and winter and into early spring. Some cool season annuals are Snapdragons, Mums, Petunias, Dianthus, Pansies, Dusty Miller.

### TREES AND SHRUBS:

Fall is absolutely the best time to plant trees and shrubs. As with the perennials, the sooner we get trees and shrubs in the ground after the current heat of summer is waning, the more time they have to become established by the heat of next summer. Two products that will help your newly planted trees establish quicker and easier are liquid seaweed and mycorrhizae fungus inoculant.

**Liquid Seaweed:** This product is a natural source of vitamin B1, a natural rooting stimulator that will help your plants establish quicker. It also contains over sixty trace minerals. It comes as a concentrate that you mix with water and then use a soil drench after planting. For a five-gallon tree or shrub, pour three or four gallons of this solution around the root ball when planting.

**Mycorrhizal Fungus:** This beneficial fungus is found in all healthy soils. It has a symbiotic relationship with plants. The roots of your plants release a gas from their roots that this fungus uses as its sustenance. In exchange for this, the fungus protects the plants roots from disease and insect attacks and also reaches out and brings water and nutrients back to the plant. You can now purchase this product to use when you plant most anything. It has to be applied in the root zone, so you mix it the soil backfill when you plant. Even though it is found in health soils, by applying when you plant you will give your new plantings the immediate benefits of this wonderful soil amendment.

## BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

HERE ARE SOME PEARLS OF WISDOM TAKEN FROM COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS INSTITUTE:

- Curb thy dog
- Keep music at reasonable volumes.
- Do not block your neighbor's driveway or mailbox.
- Don't be a six-car family.
- Take care of your property.
- Help form a neighborhood watch.
- Share a smile with a neighbor.
- Offer to lend a hand.
- Welcome new neighbors to the community.
- Nurture relationships.
- Talk about problems.



# Orchard Park of Kyle

Assisted Living & Memory Care

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## Orchard Park of Kyle Assisted Living

Orchard Park of Kyle Assisted Living is a special combination of housing, personalized support services and health care designed to meet the individual needs of persons who need help with activities of daily living. Services include assistance with medication administration, dressing, grooming, bathing, toileting, shopping,

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Each resident is assessed by a specially trained, licensed nurse to determine the individual's specific care needs. Residents receive personal and comprehensive care and are consistently treated with the dignity and respect they deserve.

Whether our residents need help with day-to-day activities, getting to appointments, or medication management, our caregivers

kindly and competently meet those needs.

Sometimes additional services are needed to provide for our residents like Home Health, Hospice or Physical Therapy. Whether the need is temporary, or long term, we will coordinate those services so they can be provided in-house, for as long as they are needed, even as the resident ages in place.

## DUSTY BOOT SHINDIG

***Come join us to celebrate the opening of Orchard Park.***

***Entertainment by John Hanson & Keith Kelso  
Texas style BBQ***

***Date : Thursday, September 26***

***Time : 6:00 pm—8:00 pm***

***Location: Orchard Park of Kyle  
4701 Ratcliffe Dr.***

***Kyle, TX 78640***

***Please RSVP by Monday September  
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## ***Health Care Providers:***

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# PLUM CREEK POST



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LAWN DEED RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS - Plum Creek Homeowners Association

### **Q:** *What do you mean that I have to recover my lawn?*

**A:** For a variety of reasons including drought, disease, and lack of proper maintenance, some front yards have reached a state that is considered detrimental to the preservation of property values. Dead grass/shrubs, excessive weeds, and bare dirt, etc. are not acceptable. As the owner of the property, you are responsible for fixing these problems and restoring your front lawn to a state that is consistent with the policies established by the rules of the Plum Creek HOA. This does not necessarily mean you must immediately re-sod your front yard. HOA policy allows for and promotes alternative approaches.

### **Q:** *Should I replant when we are in drought conditions, have water restrictions and are being told by the City of Kyle to conserve water?*

**A:** We all have to be realistic about our climate, but our yards must look decent. That's why xeriscaping is an alternative. Xeriscaping doesn't mean just rock and cactus. There are many ways to create a lush and water-wise landscape. Review the Landscape Design Guidelines for low water plants on the Plum Creek web site if you are interested in this type of landscape. Important Reminder: An Architectural Review Committee (ARC) request form must be submitted and approved before you start any visible changes to your landscape. See below for links to the form and the guidelines. Failure to have an approved plan on file may mean you have to take out plants or hardscape that don't meet the guidelines.

### **Q:** *What is considered a reasonable period of time to cure the violation?*

**A:** It depends on what problem was identified. If it's something easily corrected (like weeding, mowing and edging), it should be fixed by the next inspection. Inspections are completed every two weeks. If it's something more involved that requires more time such as sodding, seeding or complete renovation of your landscape, remember to communicate with our property manager within two weeks of the violation date. You may be granted an extension to complete your project. Not taking corrective action or communicating will mean you may not have time to correct the violation before a fine is assessed. Fines are assessed on the third notice.

### **Q:** *Should I re-sod?*

**A:** There are a lot of factors to consider before you re-sod such as soil quality, your ability to keep a new lawn watered, available shade, time of the year and of course your personal preferences. Re-sodding does not require an ACC request approval but it can be expensive so be sure you are willing to do what's needed to keep it alive before you make that investment. You will probably have to hand water frequently to supplement the once-a-week watering restriction, especially during the hotter parts of the summer.

Review the Landscape Design Guidelines for the list of approved low water plants. You can visit a local nursery to find out options about maintain your lawn.

### **Resources**

- Need a login for the Plum Creek Web Site? Log onto [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com) and select Request Login. You must be a current resident.
- Documents link
- Governing Documents
- Landscape Design Guidelines
- Plum Creek ARC Application
- Hays County Master Gardeners – [www.hays.agrilife.org](http://www.hays.agrilife.org)
- Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center – [www.wildflower.org](http://www.wildflower.org)
- Central Texas Gardener – [www.klru.org/ctg](http://www.klru.org/ctg)

## RATTLESNAKES IN THE AREA!

Several rattlers were spotted around the lake in July. As always, please be careful gardening, playing in the yard, and using the trails and lake, too. Check your porch and backyard before letting your kids or dogs outside. In addition, you may want to discuss the rattlesnake venom vaccine for your dog with your vet. Pay close attention when outside in your yard, garage, or driveway, especially if you live near the golf course, any drainage channel or more natural area, or near a construction area. Before working in your garden, use a rake or long stick to check for snakes. Be mindful of snakes when using the trails and sidewalks, especially in the evenings. If you spot a snake, get out of the area immediately. If you find a snake or other critter and need assistance, you can call Kyle Animal Control at 512-268-8800. Remember, don't kill snakes other than rattlers, as many of them are non poisonous and help keep the rat and rattlesnake population under control. It is always better to retreat from any snake than engage it.

## BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

**FALL YARD MAINTENANCE & LANDSCAPING:** Plum Creek resident My Hired Helper offers complete yard service. Tree & Bush Trimming, Fall Planting, Mulching, Weeding beds, Mow, Blow, and Edging are all available. We can also do acorn & leaf removal/ haul off. Sod Installation. Please visit [www.myhiredhelper.com](http://www.myhiredhelper.com) or call Kate to schedule 512-663-8389.

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## **Texas Community Association Advocates created a list of Nine Great Benefits Of HOAs which is as follows:**

1. HOAs preserve the nature of the community and protect property values by delivering services and providing a safe, well- maintained living environment.
2. HOA regulations are another layer of protection against neighborhood degradation, and an effective means to maintain community standards and protect property values.
3. HOAs lessen the need for local government oversight of housing conditions. Most municipalities are not equipped- i.e. do not have the manpower- to monitor housing.
4. HOA leaders live in their communities and better understand the needs of the community, from the delivery of core services, such as waste collection, to amenities and decisions affecting the future of the community.
5. HOAs promote a higher level of civic involvement than municipalities, in terms of voting, meeting attendance and volunteerism.
6. By definition, planned communities offer a more efficient use of land to address the growing issue of urban sprawl associated with unplanned development.
7. Land-use efficiencies can make homes more affordable, a benefit for first-time home buyers, retirees and low-and moderate- income families.
8. Many HOAs maintain swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds and other amenities that most Americans cannot afford on their own.
9. Associations offer a sense of community, an important contribution in an increasingly transient society.

Living in a community association encourages all members to work for common goals of maintaining the community. If you want to find out more about how a community association works you can visit the following websites:

- Community Associations Institute  
[www.caionline.org](http://www.caionline.org)
- Texas Community Association Advocates  
[www.txcommunityassociationadvocates.org](http://www.txcommunityassociationadvocates.org)

## **Our Trees Need Attention ...and Trimming**

Trees are one of the many things that make Plum Creek such a wonderful place to live.

The street trees and yard trees planted throughout Plum Creek reduce home cooling costs by providing shade. They cool the ambient air temperature by providing shade to the sidewalks and streets, which absorb sunlight and continue to radiate heat during the night. Trees reduce storm water runoff, store carbon, and improve air quality by releasing oxygen and filtering the air. Additionally, the trees make walking in Plum Creek cooler and safer by creating a physical barrier between pedestrians and cars and improve our quality of life.

However, these wonderful trees with all of their benefits need our regular attention and care. Many of the trees need to be trimmed to prevent damage to persons or vehicles that traverse the sidewalks and streets. Please prune any and all of the trees in the planting strip or yard that are encroaching on these areas. It is requested that these trees be trimmed up to allow seven (7) feet of clearance beneath them. Included is an example of a properly trimmed street tree. Street trees along the Hays CISD bus route may need to be trimmed higher.

With everyone taking care of their trees, Plum Creek will continue to be a place where people want to call it home. Thanks so much!

## **AT THE FENCE**

- Just a reminder that the last day that the lifeguards were at the pool was August 25th. Anyone who is 15 and under needs to have a parent or guardian at the pool with them when the lifeguards are not on duty.
- The Fall Community Wide Garage Sale will be October 5th. Start cleaning out those closets and mark those calendars!
- Hootenanny on the Hill: Saturday, October 12th from 10 AM to 2 PM, visit [www.hootenannyonthehill.com](http://www.hootenannyonthehill.com). A Lost and Found table will be placed inside the community center.
- Back to School- More traffic coming in and out of Plum Creek. Watch for pedestrians and bicyclists in school zones. Remember to leave earlier to allow for time travel time.
- Have something to celebrate – a birthday, a new baby, or something else? Email it to [announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com) by August 8th for inclusion in the September PC Press!
- Do you have any fun, simple recipes that you want to share with your neighbors? You can submit it to [announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:announcements@plumcreektxhoa.com) to be published in the eNews and newsletters.



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