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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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## IS OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

The Hootenanny on the Hill is something you won't want to miss! It encompasses the 7th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp, the Annual Pet Fair, and the 6th Annual BBQ & Chili Cook-off. Mark your calendars for October 13th 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!

### 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 (NEW!), Around Noon
- Muffin Eating Contest
- Silent Auction
- Cake (Pet Treat) Walk
- Face Painting and Balloon Animals
- 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 Cindy Kennedy at [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com).*

### 6<sup>TH</sup> 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. The chili event is IBCA or CASI Sanctioned. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Prize awarded for best cook site. Entry fees range from \$15 to \$25. Forms due October 6th. Check-in Friday, October 12th at 6PM.

- 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 [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com) with any questions.*

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More information and entry forms provided via [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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## ROAD CLOSURE ON OCT. 12<sup>TH</sup>

On Saturday, October 12th, a section of Fairway from Hartson to Haupt will be closed for the Hootenanny on the Hill event. We have events on either side of Fairway, and the 5K, 1K, and Pup Trot will start/end in this location. We do not want anyone to dart out from behind a parked car and be hit crossing the street, especially children or four-legged friends. So, for safety's sake, this area in front of Fairway Fields and Fergus Soccer Fields will be closed from 6AM to 4PM. You will be able to go around Fergus Park to rejoin Fairway, but if possible, it is best to seek alternative routes on this day during this time. Thank you!



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# HOOT CONTESTS

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:cb28655@earthlink.net) with questions.

## WASHERSTOURNAMENT

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).

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## STAR DOGS

Does your dog have a talent? Let Plum Creek see and at 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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## ACC Hays Campus Construction 75 Percent Complete, On Track for January 2014 Opening

*Article submitted by Alexis P. Hanes*

Construction of the Austin Community College Hays Campus – the first community college campus in Hays County – is more than 75 percent complete, and the campus is on track for a January 2014 opening.

The three-story, 88,000-square-foot facility will offer a full array of core curriculum/general education classes as well as career training in the following areas:

- Accounting and management
- IT network technician and computer security
- Child development
- Office administration

There also will be Continuing Education offerings. ACC Hays Campus will include a library, state-of-the-art learning lab with free tutoring, and other student services.

“This campus will have such a great impact on Kyle, Buda, and all of Hays County,” says Vince Collier, mortgage consultant for Encompass Lending Group and a Hays CISD resident. “It means new opportunities for our residents and families, and we’ll develop a more skilled workforce that will draw new business and industry to our area. It’s a win-win.”

The first phase of the campus will accommodate 2,000 students. Hays CISD residents already have access to the low,

in-district tuition rate, \$67 per credit hour.

“We worked with residents to make sure this campus and its programs would reflect the community’s needs,” says Mike Midgley, vice president of instruction for ACC. “This is going to be a great resource for people in this area, and we look forward to opening it up and serving the community.”

Hays Campus will play a key role in the new Pathway Program, a collaboration between ACC and Texas State University in San Marcos. Beginning in fall 2014, the program allows students to take courses at ACC and Texas State simultaneously. Participants will complete the core curriculum at ACC. As long as they maintain a 2.25 GPA, students are guaranteed full admission into Texas State to complete their bachelor’s degree. Additional requirements apply for some degree programs.

“Students will be able to benefit from both the ACC and Texas State experiences, and the program will ultimately increase the number of college graduates in Central Texas,” says Midgley.

Hays Campus is located in Plum Creek. Registration for spring 2014 classes begins this October for current and former students and in November for new students. To stay updated on Hays Campus news, visit [austincc.edu/hays](http://austincc.edu/hays).

## KYLE'S PUMPKIN PATCH CELEBRATES 8TH YEAR

By Sean Claes

Starting October 18, the Kyle United Methodist Church (corner of Sledge and Lockhart) will be the home of about 800 fantastic pumpkins that are looking for a new home... yours. Until October 31, the Eighth Annual Kyle Pumpkin Patch is open for business.

On October 19th we've got a big party going on at the Pumpkin Patch after the Kyle Founder's Day Parade (roughly 11:30-2p). We'll have games, crafts, snacks, a costume corner (we collect gently used Halloween costumes and give them out) and more.

The Kyle Pumpkin Patch will be open from Friday (10/18) until

**What:** Kyle's Pumpkin Patch  
**Where:** Kyle United Methodist Church  
**Address:** 408 W. Lockhart Street  
**When:** October 18-31, 2013  
**Time:** M-F: 2:30-Dusk / Sat. 9a-Dusk / Sun. Noon-Dusk

Halloween day. Hours of operation are 2:30p.m until dusk Monday – Friday, 9a.m. Until dusk Saturday and noon until dusk on Sunday.

There will be various prices for various sizes from under a dollar to over forty. Also for sale are assorted fall-extras like gourds and mini-pumpkins. Bring your kids out to try the annual pumpkin maze or visit the

staged areas where you can take your annual fall pumpkin patch photo.

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*BBQ Dinner Served from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Pre Sale Tickets: Child 12 & under - \$10/Adult - \$15  
At Door: Child 12 & under - \$12/Adult - \$18*

**Raffle Items:** 2 Humidors with cigars, signed Aggie football, Randy Smith Canvas Aggie Collage, and Benjamin Knox A&M Timeline Print Tickets for raffle - \$10 for 1 or \$25 for 3

**Silent Auction:** numerous items including handmade Aggie quilt, round of golf for 4 at River Place Country Club, & many Aggie items.

Door Prizes Galore! Hosted by Hays County Aggie Moms' Club. For more information visit our website at <http://hayscountymoms.aggienetwork.com/home>. Contact us at [aggiemomsbbq@yahoo.com](mailto:aggiemomsbbq@yahoo.com) for tickets or call 512-554-2454



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## HUMMERS: Fireworks in your Garden

*By: Christina Baese*

Every summer, thousands of hummingbirds migrate through Texas, and this year with the drought, they could use some extra attention from all of us. Much of the action occurs from August to October, but you may have already noticed some buzz past you this summer. Right now, it's too hot for more than garden maintenance, so sit back and enjoy the hummingbirds' firework display. Weighing 1/10th of an ounce, they weigh less than a pencil. At speeds of 25 mph and 75 wing flaps per second, their acrobatics include flying backward, forward, straight up or down, and upside down.

Locally, we see lots of Black-chinned and Ruby-throated hummers, but we have 18 species in the state and 16 in our area. Hummers need a few things to make your garden their home, including food, water, and shelter. However, if you are eager for a garden visitor, simply put out a hummingbird feeder. The best feeders are easy to fill and clean. Perches are great but not needed. For the birds' safety, clean the feeder every three days during spring and fall, but once we hit 80 degrees, clean them every other day to prevent syrup spoilage and to keep mold from accumulating. The mold and bacteria can kill the hummingbirds, so keep it clean and the solution fresh. Usually, just a warm water rinse will clean the feeder, but if you see black goo growing, use soap and water followed by vinegar. Toss in a few grains of rice inside, use an old toothbrush, or try a special feeder brush to scrub it clean. Remember to rinse well with warm water and allow to dry before refilling.

To make the sugar syrup, mix 4 parts boiling water to 1 part white sugar. Let the mixture cool before pouring into the container. If you make a large batch, it will keep for a day or two in the fridge. Remember, do not add red food coloring or honey. Commercial feeders have enough red on them to attract hummers, and in the wild, they don't eat honey or red dye. Many experts suspect that the red dye creates tumors in the little guys and affects their metabolism, and the honey causes mouth sores. Essentially, they don't need it, so please don't add it.

Even though they enjoy our homemade candy, nectar is their favorite food, and they visit 1,000 flowers each day. They love anything with a tubular shape or long neck in bright colors. Red and orange flowers are their favorites, including Red Yucca, Coral Bean, Cigar Plant, Firebush, Firespike, and Turk's cap. However, I find them indulging in many pink and purple flowers, including Mexican Bush Sage, Mexican Oregano, and most any color Sage. Believe it or not, hummers feed heavily on insects, so avoid using insecticides anywhere near your hummingbird garden. Tree sap is another delicacy for them, and they will follow woodpeckers from tree to tree to dip into the leftovers.

Just a few last tips... Hummingbirds are attracted to moving water, and you'll see them fly through your sprinklers. Also, misters and drippers make great hummingbird additions to birdbaths. When offering shelter, plant lots of trees and stick with native trees and plants.

Hopefully, we have spiked your interest in Hummers and gardening for them. For more information visit the Texas Hummingbird Roundup at [www.tpwd.state.tx.us](http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us) or [www.hummingbirds.net](http://www.hummingbirds.net).



## *Plum Delicious* **POPCORN BALLS**

*By: PC Resident Melissa Housman*

### **TIPS FOR A SAFE HALLOWEEN!**

- Swords, knives, and similar costume accessories should be short, soft, and flexible.
- Avoid trick-or-treating alone. Walk in groups or with a trusted adult.
- Fasten reflective tape to costumes and bags to help drivers see you.
- Examine treats for choking hazards and tampering before eating. Limit the amount of treats you eat.
- Hold a flashlight while trick-or-treating to help you see and others see you.
- Always test make-up in a small area first. Remove it before bedtime to prevent skin and eye irritation.
- Look both ways before crossing the street. Use established crosswalks wherever possible.
- Lower your risk for serious eye injury by not wearing decorative contact lenses.
- Only walk on sidewalks or on the far edge of the road facing traffic to stay safe.
- Wear well-fitting masks, costumes, and shoes to avoid blocked vision, trips, and falls.
- Eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid eating homemade treats unless you know the cook well.
- Enter homes only if you're with a trusted adult. Otherwise, stay outside.
- Never walk near lit candles or luminaries. Be sure to wear flame-resistant costumes.

### **EXPECTING TRICK-OR-TREATERS OR PARTY GUESTS?**

- Provide healthier treats for trick-or-treaters, such as individual packs of raisins, trail mix, or pretzels. For party guests, offer a variety of fruits, vegetables, and cheeses.
- Use party games and trick-or-treat time as an opportunity for kids to get their daily dose of 60 minutes of physical activity.
- Be sure walking areas and stairs are well-lit and free of obstacles that could result in falls.
- Keep candle-lit jack-o'-lanterns and luminaries away from doorsteps, walkways, landings, and curtains. Place them on sturdy tables, keep them out of the reach of pets and small children, and never leave them unattended.
- Remind drivers to watch out for trick-or-treaters and to drive safely.

*Follow these tips to help make the festivities fun and safe for everyone! From: [www.cdc.gov/family/halloween](http://www.cdc.gov/family/halloween)*

## **HAPPY HALLOWEEN!**

Happy Halloween . . . well almost. Popcorn balls have a special place in my heart. My grandmother always made them every Halloween, and yes, it was exciting to go to her house to show off our costumes. But, it was equally, if not more, exciting to sink our teeth into the sugary, sweet, crunchy, and sticky goodness known as the popcorn ball.

Because of my slight obsession for these holiday confections, I'm going to share two of my favorites. The first recipe is for the traditionalist, using a sugar syrup poured over freshly popped popcorn and formed into baseball-sized balls.

The second recipe, which is a bit easier than the first, is for the kid in all of us. It has a marshmallow base rather than syrup and has a hint of caramel from the brown sugar. Oh-and chocolate! How bad can that be?

### **TIPS:**

Pull out that electric air popper that has been housed on the top shelf of your pantry, you know the one Aunt Alma bought you as a wedding gift . . . air popped popcorn is THE BEST for these recipes. Don't rely on microwave popcorn.

Use aluminum roasting pans to mix the popcorn in, as it allows for easy clean up.

Allow the sugar and marshmallow mixtures to cool before forming them! You are working with hot sugar, so take precaution!

Spray your hands with non-stick pan spray. It helps when shaping the popcorn balls. Keep it on the counter and spray, as needed.

### **POPCORN BALLS:**

- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup white syrup
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 3 quarts popped popcorn (9 tablespoons of unpopped kernels)
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup water

Boil sugar, syrup, salt, vinegar, vanilla, and water to soft ball stage or 250 degrees on a candy thermometer. Pour sugar mixture over popcorn that has been placed in the aluminum roasting pan. Let cool before forming with buttered hands. Shape into baseball or small softball sized balls.

### **MARSHMALLOW POPCORN BALLS**

- 4 T. unsalted butter
- 1 ten oz. bag miniature marshmallows
- 1/4 cup light brown sugar,
- packed
- 3 quarts popped popcorn
- 1 cup M&Ms

Place popped popcorn and M&Ms into an aluminum roasting pan. Melt butter in heavy pot over low heat. Add marshmallows and brown sugar. Stir until melted. Remove from heat. Let cool for 2 to minutes. Pour over popcorn and M&Ms. Toss well. With buttered hands, shape into balls.

## Sip and Sew

October 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. In October, we will meet the 8th - 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

## TODDLER TIME HALLOWEEN

Join us for Toddler Time on October 18th for some Halloween fun! Come dressed in your Halloween Costume and get a prize! Prizes awarded for events and lots of fun to be had! We'll provide some snacks and drinks, too. Geared toward the 2 to 4 crowd but younger and older siblings welcome! Meet at 10:30am at the Plum Creek Community Center at 450 Haupt. Email Christina to RSVP at [cb2865@earthlink.net](mailto:cb2865@earthlink.net). We want to have enough goodies, prizes, and activities for all of the kiddos!



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## Greetings New Residents and Welcome to Plum Creek!

Plum Creek is a great community. While you should have received a copy of the Plum Creek Declaration and Bylaws at closing, we thought the following basic information would be helpful.

The Plum Creek HOA office is located at 4100 Everett suite 150, near the Hays Performing Arts center and Plum Fit. The office number is 512-262-1140. The office hours are Monday – Friday 9 AM to 5 PM. The property manager is Kristi Morrison and her email address is: [plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com](mailto:plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com).

Parking in the back alley ways is prohibited. The alleys are for ingress and egress only. You can park in your driveway or in your garage. There is street parking on the front street. Try not to block your neighbor's house.

Garbage pickup is on Tuesdays. The trash and recycling cans need to be stored out of view by the following day to prevent getting a violation notice. The recycling schedule is located on the City of Kyle website under <http://www.cityofkyle.com/utilitybilling/city-kyle-solid-waste-collection-information> and also stored on the Plum Creek website under documents: [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com)

Residents can log onto the Plum Creek website and have access to the governing documents, rules and get answers to frequently asked questions about homeowners associations. To acquire a log in to the website just select the Request Login link. We may need to see a legal document or a lease to verify that you are resident in Plum Creek to approve the request.

Xeriscaping is allowed in Plum Creek. To add xeriscaping you must submit an Architectural Review Committee Approval Application with the location and types of plants you want to install. This form is located under Documents on the Plum Creek website.

Whether you are a renter or buyer, your yard is important so you'll need to keep it maintained.

Each lot has three trees that have to be maintained by each owner/resident. These can be costly to replace so keep them watered and trimmed. These need to have a minimum of a 7 foot clearance. Street trees may need to be trimmed higher to allow for taller vehicles to pass.

The City of Kyle is under stage two watering restrictions. Visit the City of Kyle website at [www.cityofkyle.com](http://www.cityofkyle.com) and under Departments and select the Public Works link. Residential odd numbers water on Wednesday and Saturday. Residential even numbers water on Thursday or Sunday.

Enjoy the pool! If you do not have a pool key or recreational ID or your pool key does not work, contact the Plum Creek HOA office.

These are some of the basic and frequently asked questions. Want more reading? Log onto the Plum Creek website and review the governing documents, the Landscape Design Guidelines, and the rules. Visit the website at [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com). Welcome to the neighborhood.



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## PLAY ON OUR TEAM

At the Hays Communities Y, we support families in their efforts to **EAT HEALTHY, PLAY EACH DAY, GET TOGETHER & GO OUTSIDE**. Join us for fall family fun. Y member benefits include:

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## AT THE FENCE

### LOST AND FOUND ADDED TO HOOTENANNY ON THE HILL

The Lost and Found table will be located inside the community clubhouse. You can return found items here. Any lost children will be brought to this location.

### POOLS CLOSING IN OCTOBER, LIFEGUARDS OFF DUTY

The pools will stay open until Sunday October 31st provided the weather is still good. If a cold spell happens, the pool will be shut down earlier in for the season.

Also, please remember that lifeguards are no longer on duty. Any child, 15 years old and younger, must be accompanied by a responsible person, aged 16 or older. Also, don't forget, it's just one guest per swimmer at the pool! Thanks and enjoy these last few days at the swimming pool!

### FALL TREE TRIMMING

Fall is a great time to trim the tree limbs. The minimum clearance is 7 feet off the ground. Street trees and corner lot trees may need to be trimmed higher to allow for passage of taller vehicles, like school buses, and sight distance at intersections.

## Home Safety 101

Our homes can never be 100% safe. What can we do? We can make our house less appealing to burglars. We can slow down criminals. Here are some common sense security tips:

Lock all doors, windows and gates! Make sure your locks are the right type for the door placement. Lock all windows. If you have a back gate, put a lock on it!

Keep your garage door closed! Light up your property! Put up motion detector lights around your front and rear doors. Make sure your back yard is well lit at night.

Neighbors can work together to watch the alley during the day and night.

Deliveries: Ask the bottled water delivery driver to place the bottled water behind a bush. If you are going out of town and expecting a delivery, ask a neighbor or friend to stop by and pick it up for you.

Keep shrubbery trimmed back. Keep all your trees trimmed up 7 feet off the ground. You want to prevent areas for someone to hide.

Alarm Signs: Put the alarm sign where everyone else can see them. People walking to the front door should notice the sign without searching.

For more common sense security tips log onto the Plum Creek website: [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com) and select the Documents link in the Choose a Category box select the Common Sense Security article.

## Etiquette in Community Association Living

In today's society, we have so many choices on where to live...condos, apartments, downtown lofts, farms, and classic neighborhoods. Some neighborhoods, like Plum Creek, even have homeowner associations (HOAs), which connects us even further. In our neighborhood, each person has their own perspective of what is important about living in an HOA, including

- A great school district in Hays CISD
- Budget friendly
- Easy access to local businesses and work
- Proximity to Austin or San Antonio
- Safety
- Social activities
- Great community pools, trails, and parks
- Quiet
- Connected community

While this may not be a complete list, it mentions a few of the wonderful things about our neighborhood. The last one, being connected, is what makes Plum Creek so unique. Plum Creek is a diverse group of people that come together to create a community. We live, work, and play here. We share space with our neighbors from alleys to parks to our own yards and many spaces in between. Being so connected is wonderful, but it can present some challenges. Each of us have different work and play schedules, different sleep habits, and different noise level tolerances. Being neighborly and understanding is a very important part of living in neighborhood, such as Plum Creek.

Residents move in and out of the neighborhood all the time. Get to know your neighbors. Wave and smile! They probably chose to live in the community for some of the same reasons as you. If you haven't already, introduce yourself to a neighbor you haven't met yet. It just takes a few minutes to walk up and greet your neighbor. Relationships take time to build, but relating on basic levels is always a good place to start.

Another place to meet and greet neighbors is the common areas. These include the pools, parks, community center, and walking trails. While using these areas, we owe it to ourselves and our neighbors to be on our best behavior. Have fun, but remember the basics...clean up and be courteous. Remember to toss all of your trash or wipe off the table after a picnic lunch. Treat the common area items as if your own. Use a little extra care with common area landscaping, playscapes, bathrooms, the community center, tables, chairs, and more. Damages to these items can cause HOA dues to rise or take facilities out of use. What is that old boy scout rule? "Always leave the campground cleaner than you found it." While that's not always 100% possible, it's a good thing to remember and try to follow. If a problem should ever arise in a common area, kindly explain the park, trail, or pool rules or report the problem, if necessary. It's a big community, and we can make it a great place to live for everyone!

So, whether you are here for one year or you are here to stay, remember to be neighborly, use your best behavior in the common areas and help keep the common amenities in good working condition.



## Getting Violations?

Property inspections are performed as part of the management company's contract in order to monitor compliance with the DCCR's. The purpose of monitoring for compliance is to maintain the beautiful community we live in and help uphold property values. In the end, the goal of all parties involved is not to send more violation notices or to assess fines but to cure outstanding violation issues.

The Plum Creek property inspections are performed every other Thursday. Here are a few guidelines for keeping your property in compliance:

- Mow, edge, trim and weed the front and back yard on both sides of the fence. This is particularly important for owners in the alleys. In most cases, the area on the alley side of the fence is homeowner responsibility.
- Keep trash cans off the street on non-trash days and store in an area appropriately screened from view (behind a fence or in the garage).
- Keep flower beds free of weeds.
- Ensure that barbecue pits are appropriately screened from view when not in use. They are not permitted to sit on a driveway when not in use.
- Vehicles should be not be parked in the lawn or alley way at any time.

Remember that ARC approval is required for all exterior modifications, prior to starting the modification. The ARC form can be found on the HOA website ([www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com)) in the "Documents" link under the "Architectural Changes" category.

If you ever have a question regarding a violation, please feel free to contact the HOA office. Let us know your individual situation so we can help you cure the violation. Thank you for helping to maintain Plum Creek as a beautiful and desirable neighborhood!



## IRRIGATION LEAKS

Plum Creek has many acres of common area property that needs to be watered regularly to keep it looking great. Due to the drought conditions, the commercial irrigation system has to run on a certain schedule. The timers are used to set the irrigations systems to run automatically to reduce the manual labor involved of having a person activate each zone. At times, leaks occur or zones do not turn off as scheduled. There are several reasons why irrigations systems to fail and cause unwanted run off. Here are a few reasons:

- The timers that run the zone are electrical. The timers fail to activate properly and need to be reset. Several causes are excessive heat, ground shifts, and age of the timer. These are replaced on an as needed basis.
- The drought conditions cause the ground to shift and pull. This can cause an underground pvc line to break. We call these lateral line breaks. These are repaired when they are reported.
- A sprinkler head is broken off. Basically, it boils down to: being run over or water pressure unscrews the sprinkler head.

The irrigation company checks the sprinklers and zones monthly in phases. Since many hazards can happen to an irrigation system in a 30 day period like kids with sticks, runners, bicyclists, lawn mowers, golf carts, cars, it is hard to know exactly what is going on in each zone on a daily basis. We need help from owners and residents to keep us informed about irrigation leaks.

Report irrigation leaks to the Plum Creek HOA office at 512-262-1140 or to [plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com](mailto:plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com). If you call the City of Kyle about irrigation leaks, they will issue a fine to Plum Creek HOA which comes out of your dues.





# Orchard Park of Kyle

Assisted Living & Memory Care

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## Orchard Park of Kyle Assisted Living

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kindly and competently meet those needs.

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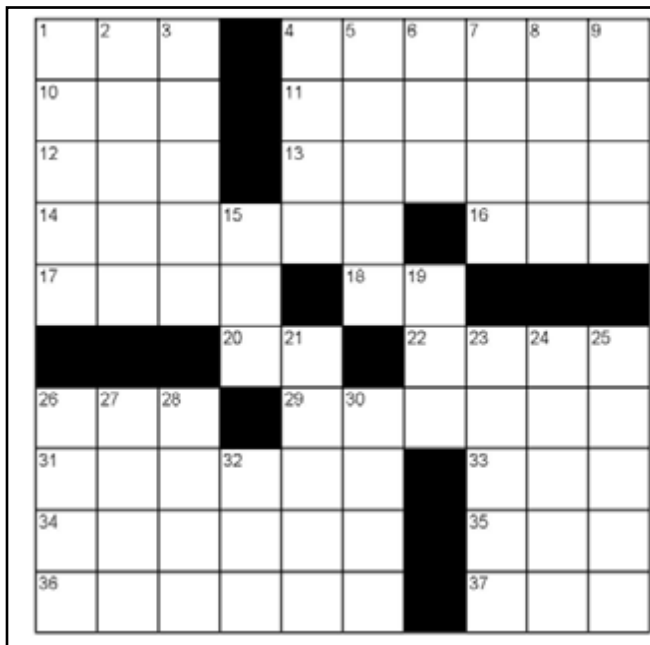
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### ACROSS

1. Owns
4. Short people
10. Grain
11. In the air
12. Single
13. Nun's headwear
14. Musician (3 wds.)
16. Homesick
17. Booty
18. Horsepower (abbr.)
20. Cincinnati locale
22. Hasten
26. Mountain Standard Time
29. Eras
31. Cover
33. Eccentric
34. Beaches
35. Vane direction
36. Hug upon greeting
37. Danish krone (abbr.)

### DOWN

1. Coat hangers
2. Root beer brand (3 wds.)
3. Stone
4. Aurora
5. Ponder
6. Build up
7. Holes
8. Syllables used in songs (2 wds.)
9. Sledge
15. Gone by
19. Not against
21. Cycles per second
23. Pimpled
24. Glob
25. Organic compound
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27. Prig
28. Tyrant
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