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Yard of the month awards are just around the corner. Like last year, we are judging only nominated homes, so email us your favorite Plum Creek gardens! Any home in Plum Creek can be nominated. You can even nominate your own home. To nominate a home, please email landscape@plumcreekhoa.com.

The landscape committee will judge homes the first week of each month of April, May, and June and the winning yards will have signs by the 15th of the month. Remember, only **NOMINATED YARDS** will be judged so send those emails to the above address.

Prizes are awarded for First, Second, and Third Place. Home Depot gift cards are awarded in the amounts of \$60 for First, \$50 for Second, and \$40 for Third. So, if you know of a great garden, it's worth taking a second to submit the nomination to landscape@plumcreekhoa.com

Have your gardens ready for judging and your nominations submitted by April 1st. Continue submitting lovely yards for awards until June 1st of 2014.

If you see a beautiful yard and want to reward that gardner, send a nomination (all you need is just the address, you do not need the name of the resident) to landscape@plumcreekhoa.com.

Happy Gardening

Save the Date: Front Porch Days May 17th & May 18th www.frontporchdays.com

The 12th Annual Front Porch Days is fast approaching. Front Porch Days is our huge neighborhood gathering during May and includes music, local organizations, vendors, a pie baking contest, petting zoo, pony rides, jump castles, crafts, food, and more.

Excited? Here are the highlights of the upcoming activities and dates:

- Saturday, May 10th: Community Wide Garage/Front Porch Sale
- Saturday, May 17th: 6th Annual Plum Creek Golf Tournament, PC Golf Course AND 4th Plum Creek Garden Tour, Plum Creek
- Sunday, May 18th, early morning: 6th Annual Plum Creek 5K and Kids' Fun Run, Negley Elementary
- Sunday, May 18th, 12PM to 3PM: 12th Annual Front Porch Days, including the 7th Annual Plum Creek Music Festival, the KUMC Washers Tournament, and the Pie Baking Contest, Fergus Park.

Front Porch Days is a great time to get out with your family and neighbors. The entertainment and many of the events are FREE. Money is needed to purchase food, drinks, and products from vendors and community groups or to participate in the golf tournament, washers tournament, 5K, or fun run.

Interested in selling something? More details coming in April's PC Post. However, we are already taking applications for

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Plum Creek's Yearly Event Schedule

*Come out for the fun in
Plum Creek this year!*

Friday, April 1st

Yard of the Month Season Begins
Runs through June

Saturday April 19th

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday May 10th

Spring Community Wide Garage Sale
open to the public

Saturday May 17th

Plum Creek Garden Tour
Front Porch Days Golf Tournament
open to the public
www.frontporchdays.com

Sunday, May 18th

Front Porch Days
including 5K, open to the public

Friday July 4th

Annual 4th of July Parade & Picnic in Plum Creek

Saturday, October 4th

Fall Community Wide Garage Sale
open to the public

Tuesday, October 7th

National Night Out

Saturday October 11th

Hootenanny on the Hill
*including the Wildflower Seed & Stomp &
Scarecrow Contest, BBQ & Chili Cook-off, Pet
Fest & More, open to the public*
www.hootenannyonthehill.com

Saturday, December 6th

Santa Visits Plum Creek
includes Holiday Market

*Other dates coming down the pipeline
include the Holiday Lights Contest.*

*Dates subject to change, so please check the PC
Post & the eNews for updated information.*

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booth spaces. If you're an artist, craftsperson, business, or community group, we want you! Contact Brandee Otto at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com to ask questions or get a booth application. Also, the application is online at www.frontporchdays.com.

Interested in performing? If you are interested in performing, contact Brandee Otto at 512-557-2728 or recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com. While some larger acts are booked, local talent is always wanted!

Interested in another aspect of Front Porch Days? If interested in another aspect of the event, including volunteering, contact Brandee Otto at 512-557-2728 or recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com.



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PLUM CREEK **easter** EGG HUNT

at McNaughton Park

**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2014
FROM 9:30 AM TO 11:30 AM**

Come on out to the Annual Plum Creek Easter Egg Hunt at McNaughton Park on Saturday, April 19th! It is important for you to have your children present by 9:30 am, as not to miss the fun! The hunt starts right on time! Feel free to hang out after the hunt and enjoy the bounce house.

With plenty of eggs to hunt, the park will be divided into four, color-coded sections by age group, as indicated below. Also, kids must bring their own basket to collect their tiny treasures.

Age Groups:

- 0 - 3 years : pink section
- 4 - 6 year olds: green section
- 7 - 9 year olds: orange section
- 10 & up: yellow section

As always, volunteers are need to help set up on event day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brandee Otto at 405-0159 or recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com

The Greenheart of Cultural Exchange

We are an educational non profit and I am reaching out to the community looking for volunteers! We are asking volunteers to host a foreign student for this coming fall school year. We have about 200 students waiting to find out where they will spend their year in America! The students are 15-18 from over 60 countries. Your family can learn about a new culture and change a life. The students come with medical insurance, speak english and bring their own spending money for activities and personal items. You are responsible for providing a bed and meals in your home. They attend the local high school during the school year and ride the bus to and from school. They arrive in late August and leave in June. Let me know if you or someone you know would be interested in hosting the 2014-2015 school year? Also if you know anyone that would be interested in hosting we give \$100 referral for anyone that hosts a student that you refer to me!

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Front Porch Days 8th Annual Golf Tournament Registration

Enjoy a 4-Person Scramble on Saturday, May 17th at 1:15 pm at the Plum Creek Golf Course at 750 Kohlers Crossing in Kyle, Texas. Open to the public.

Cost Per Team of 4 Golfers is \$260. Includes Round of Golf, Range Balls, Cart, Event T-shirt, Meal, and Drink. Lunch served after the tournament. No outside food or drinks allowed.

Check in begins at 11:00 AM. Shotgun Start at 1:15 PM. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Mulligans will be for purchase @ 2 for \$5.00.

If you are interested in playing, but do not have a full team, contact Brandee Otto (512-405-0159 or recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com)

Register online at

http://www.active.com/event_detail.cfm?event_id=1945513 Checks payable to Plum Creek HOA. One check per team, please. Mail or drop off entry form and check to: Brandee Otto, 1251 Fairway, Kyle, TX 78640

All entries mail-in and online, must be received by May 1st.

Team Name:			
Player 1 Name:			
E mail:		Phone:	
Shirt Size (Circle):	ADULT: S, M, L, XL, XXL	YOUTH: S, M, L, XL, XXL	
Player 2 Name:			
E mail:		Phone:	
Shirt Size (Circle):	ADULT: S, M, L, XL, XXL	YOUTH: S, M, L, XL, XXL	
Player 3 Name:			
E mail:		Phone:	
Shirt Size (Circle):	ADULT: S, M, L, XL, XXL	YOUTH: S, M, L, XL, XXL	
Player 4 Name:			
E mail:		Phone:	
Shirt Size (Circle):	ADULT: S, M, L, XL, XXL	YOUTH: S, M, L, XL, XXL	

Visit www.frontporchdays.com for more information about the Front Porch Days festivities.



JOIN US FOR GOLF AND A GREAT CAUSE!

DATE: Wednesday, April 30th

11:00 am Registration - 1:00 pm Start

LOCATION: Flintrock Falls Country Club

FORMAT: 4-person scramble

COST: \$165 per golfer*

*Includes lunch, dinner and lots of swag

Register online at:

www.colinshope.org

Questions about the event?

Contact Amy Domecq

or Tracie Garvens

amy.domecq@colinshope.org

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At the Fence

Need Homes for the 3rd Annual Plum Creek Garden Tour

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

Sip & Sew on March 11th

Have a project that you just need time to finish? Please, come join the Sip & Sew Group. Meeting the second Tuesday of the month, the next one is March 11th from 6:30 to 9PM at the PC Community Center. There are individuals that knit, crochet, rug hook, counted cross stitch, quilt, and punch needle. All are willing to share their talents by giving advice or starting you on a new project. Everyone is constantly amazed at the talents of the group. Come join this group of talented ladies! Any questions, contact Sandra Sigler at 512.405.0187 or Iris Sandle at 512.405.0054.

Annual Meeting

The meeting will be on 3/20/14 at the Plum Creek Golf Club. Registration will start at 6pm and the meeting will start at 6:30pm. Look for the annual meeting notice in the mail.

Clubhouse Reservations

Community Clubhouse reservations can be made a year in advance. Requests made in advance of a year may be replaced by an HOA sponsored event. HOA events using the clubhouse are Front Porch Days (third weekend in May), July 4th, Hootenanny on the Hill (second weekend in October) and Santa Pictures (TBD). If you are planning ahead for an event check to see if an HOA event is scheduled for that date.

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PLUM CREEK IRRIGATION LEAKS

Plum Creek has many acres of common area property that needs to be watered regularly to keep it looking great. The irrigation system runs on battery or electrical powered zone controllers. 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 many factors which irrigations systems to fail and cause unwanted run off. Here are a few reasons:

- The timers that run the zone are electrical or run on batteries. The timers fail to activate properly and need to be reset. Several causes are excessive heat, extreme cold, power outages, ground shifts, and age of the timer. Timers are replaced on an as needed basis.

- The valves in a zone controller can get stuck open. This is caused by soil intrusion into the controller valve or the age of the controller. These are replaced on an as needed basis.

- Changes in moisture levels in the soil 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.

Solid Waste and Recycling Information

Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) 1-800-375-8375

Single Stream Recycling

The expanded list of acceptable materials allows customers to put all their recyclables, unsorted, into a large cart.

Paper: including junk mail, newspaper, magazines

Cardboard: including cereal boxes, shipping boxes, shoe boxes

Containers: Empty containers made of plastic, metal, aluminum and glass, including bottles and cans

Compost

Yard Debris: including grass clippings, tree and shrub limbs

Soiled Paper and Cardboard: including pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins

Residential Bulk Collection

Part of the expanded residential service is large bulk and brush collection. Kyle residents can contact TDS once per year to have items such as furniture, appliances or bundled brush of up to 3 cubic yards (approximately the size of a washer and dryer) picked up at no additional charge. Contact TDS at 1-800-375-8375 for more information.

Olympic Fever Can Encourage Physical Activity In Children

According to an expert at Baylor College of Medicine, the Olympics are a great opportunity for children to learn about physical activity and goal setting.

According to Dr. Jorge Gomez, associate professor of pediatrics in the division of adolescent and sports medicine at Baylor, Olympic competitions will encourage children to do something fun and active.

"Research has shown that the strongest predictor of children remaining physically active into adulthood is having experiences of being active with their parents," said Gomez.

He offers the following tips for parents when watching the Olympic Games with their children:

- Point out that the athletes are participating because it's fun for them.
- Emphasize athletes are where they are after years of hard work.
- Discuss what it means to be a team player and to have good sportsmanship.
- Focus on the fact that the athletes are fit because they take care of themselves by eating well and exercising.
- While encouraging children to explore new activities, keep safety in mind.





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