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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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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 512-557-2728 or [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com)*



The 13th Annual Front Porch Days is almost here. Front Porch Days is a huge gathering each year in May and includes music, a pie baking contest, petting zoo, pony rides, inflatables, barrel train, Texas Skate Team demo, local organizations, vendors, crafts, food, and more.

All of 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 washers tournament, golf tournament, 10K, 5K, 3K, or fun run. This year, the majority of events, including live music, will occur on Sunday, May 18th and take place at Fergus Park.

### SCHEDULE OF TIMED EVENTS

#### Saturday, May 17th:

- 8th Annual Golf Tournament, PC Golf Course. Register online [www.frontporchdays.com](http://www.frontporchdays.com) and [www.active.com](http://www.active.com)
- 10AM: 5th Annual Plum Creek Garden Tour, Fergus Park

#### Sunday, May 18th:

- 7AM: 8th Annual Plum Creek 10K, 5K 3K, & Kids' Fun Run, Negley Elem. Register online @ [www.frontporchdays.com](http://www.frontporchdays.com)
- 13th Annual Front Porch Days from Noon to 3PM
- 8th Annual Plum Creek Music Festival from Noon to 3PM
- Pie Baking Contest @ 1PM, PC Community Center
- Kyle United Methodist Church Kids Washers Tournament @ 1PM

*Visit [www.frontporchdays.com](http://www.frontporchdays.com)  
for details and event updates!*

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## Garden Tour and Yard of the Month Info

It is that time again--SPRING TIME. Time to start digging in the dirt and sprucing up that lawn and garden. While you are working on that FABULOUS garden please consider showing off all your hard work as a garden on the GARDEN TOUR scheduled for Saturday May 17th from 10am to noon. Contact Suzanne Parr at [landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com) if you would like display and brag on your garden.

Wondering what to do with that "ugly dirt patch", otherwise known as your front yard? If you have tried turf grass (and failed) and you want something different than mulch, have you considered GROUNDCOVERS? Soil preparation is the key to having success. Clear the soil of any weeds or grass then amend the soil with compost and organic matter (at least 6-8 inches of well-amended soil to establish a healthy root system). Plan on purchasing about 4 plants per square foot if you are using 4 in. pots. Some of the groundcovers can be mowed and some might need to be trimmed back occasionally. A little hand weeding will be necessary until the groundcover grows

thick enough to crowd out the weeds. Here are some that do well in our area: dwarf monkey grass, horseherb, leadwort plumbago, oregano, periwinkle, pigeonberry, sedges, frogfruit, silver ponyfoot, mints.

Check with your favorite nursery for selections and sun requirements. As you are working hard and sweating, just remember you could be rewarded as **YARD OF THE MONTH**.

You could have braggin' rights with a sign in your front yard AND a gift card. The landscaping committee will be judging yards for April, May, and June using the following criteria: curb appeal, overall design, weed control, pruned and healthy trees and shrubs, clean and neat edging/borders. Judging will be the first week of the month and the signs will be in winning yards from 15th to the following 15th of the month.

Well, that is it from the landscaping committee. If you have any questions or comments please contact Suzanne Parr at [landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com). Now get out there and start diggin'!!!

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## Bake a Pie for Front Porch Days!

If you've got the best pie baking skills in Plum Creek, Kyle, or Hays County, compete in the Front Porch Days Pie Baking Contest.

Simply, drop off your baked pies between Noon and 1PM on Sunday, May 18th at the Plum Creek Community Center. Label the bottom of your pie dish with your name, address, email, phone number, and name of pie.

Judging begins at 1PM, and the empty pie plates and prizes will be ready for pick-up about 3:00PM. The pies will be sampled, judged, and enjoyed!

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## Pool Season Begins April 25th

### Get your Rec Tags and Pool Keys

Pool season is just around the corner. The pools open on Friday, April 25, 2014, weather permitting. The lifeguards start May 24, 2014.

Residents can obtain the new pool key at the HOA Office at 4100 Everett Ste. 150. Residents, 11 years or older, must have a Rec Tag (recreational ID) to use the pools, fish at the lake, play at the basketball courts or go to the dog park. Rec tags are issued to any homeowner, tenant, or resident family member.

Tenants are charged \$25 for each new Rec Tag. At the end of the lease period, tenants are encouraged and expected to return Rec Tags to the HOA Office. When a Rec Tag is returned, \$15 of the original \$25 per Rec Tag is reimbursed. For example, a family of 4 (all 11 and older) renting a home in Plum Creek must purchase 4 Rec Tags at an original cost of \$100. At the end of the lease period with the return of all 4 Rec Tags to the HOA Office, the family is reimbursed \$60. This helps improve security at the pools and offset the cost of continual Rec Tag issuance to rental addresses due to turnover.

If lost, homeowners and tenants can purchase a replacement Rec Tag for \$10.

One pool key is issued per address. If lost or a second one is needed, they are available for \$25.00 at the HOA Office. The office only accepts checks or money orders. Also, you need to call the office, at 512-262-1140, if you receive a key that is not working properly.

Please remember to have your pool key and Rec Tag available when entering the pool. If you do not have both cards when attending the pools, you may be asked to leave.

Have a fun filled and safe summer!





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# At the Fence

**Plum Creek Race Challenge**  
[www.plumcreekchallenge.com](http://www.plumcreekchallenge.com)

**Plum Creek Challenge**

*For any age, any level! 10k, 5k, 3k and 1k fun runs!*

**March 1** - Negley 5K - Starts at 8:00 a.m. at Negley Elementary

**May 18** - Front Porch Days 5K/10K - Starts at 7:00 a.m. at Negley Elementary

**July 4** - Popsicle Run 4-miler - Starts at 7:00 a.m. at McNaughton Pool

**October 11** - Hootenanny on the Hill 5K/10K - Starts at 7:00 a.m. at Haupt Park

## **Sip & Sew on April 8th**

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 April 8th 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.

## **Community Wide Garage Sale on May 10th**

Don't forget to start cleaning out those closets for the neighborhood garage sale!

## **Attention all of Plum Creek: Trim those trees.**

We really are in need of trimming of the trees in the planting strips. They need to be clear of the street and walk ways at least 7 feet over the sidewalks and 14 feet over the streets. We need to think of our neighborhood and keep from hanging over the sidewalks and in the street and blocking stop signs for safety purposes. So please look at your trees in the planting strips and if you can touch them with a vehicle please take the time and cut them back.

## **Snake Season is Here...**

As our gardens awaken, so do the critters, including snakes. As always, please be very careful gardening, playing in the yard, or using the trails and lake, especially in the evenings. Check your porch and backyard before letting your kids or dogs outside. Examine your yard, porch, garage, and driveway, especially near the golf course, a drainage channel, natural area, or construction area. In addition, you may want to discuss the rattlesnake venom vaccine for your dog with your vet. If you spot a snake, leave the area immediately. Please don't kill snakes other than rattlers, as many of them are non poisonous and keep the rat and rattlesnake population under control. It is always better to retreat from any snake than engage it.



## **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](http://www.colinshope.org)**

Questions about the event?

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## 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. Vehicles need to remain operable.

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. Thank you for helping to maintain Plum Creek as a beautiful and desirable neighborhood!

## 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](http://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](http://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.*



# BLOOD PRESSURE

TAKE CONTROL OF THE SILENT KILLER



High blood pressure, or hypertension, is sometimes called the silent killer because there are often no symptoms. That's why keeping track of blood pressure is one of the most important things a person can do to stay healthy, said doctors at Baylor College of Medicine.

Left untreated, hypertension, can cause organ damage over time, leading to heart attack, blindness, kidney failure or stroke, said Dr. Biykem Bozkurt, professor of medicine at BCM.

Some factors that are associated with hypertension are diabetes, family history of hypertension, being overweight, taking in too much sodium, drinking excessive alcohol and smoking. Generally a healthy

reading is 120/80, and hypertension diagnosis is made at 140/90. People considered prehypertensive generally have readings that fall between 120/80 and 140/90. Doctors always check blood pressure as part of appointments and there are also many locations where blood pressure machines are available for anyone to have their pressure checked. Bozkurt advises talking to a doctor to determine if your reading is at a healthy level rather than taking the machine's reading at face value.

"For a relatively healthy person not suffering from any other illnesses, only a few lifestyle changes like diet modifications and exercise may be needed," said Bozkurt.

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