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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4th of July Parade & Picnic

Plum Creek Annual Fourth of July Celebration on Thursday, July 4th! Hosted by the Recreation Committee. Come out for our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic! **The fun happens on Friday, July 4th from 10:00 am to Noon.**

Volunteers needed to help cook and serve. Contact Brandee Otto at brandeeotto@yahoo.com or 512-557-2728.

4th of July Popsicle Run

This year, we have introduced The Popsicle Run with a 5k, 3k and 1k fun run as part of the Plum Creek Challenge Race Series.

WWW.ATHLETEGUILD.COM/RUNNING/KYLE-TX/2014-1ST-ANNUAL-POPSICLE-RUN

*Check in begins at 6 am.
5k runs starts at 7 am.*

The series is directed entirely by volunteers. Are you interested in helping? Would you like more information? Contact Jennifer Crosby at jcrobsys3@gmail.com.

HAPPY 4TH OF JULY

Easter Egg Hunt Results

Here's this years winners!

Age Group 0-3

AJ
Charles
Caleb

Age Group 7-9

Hunter/Kyler
Austin
Nathan

Age Group 4-6

Erica
Peyton
Carla

Age Group 10+

Makenzie
Ella
Ahtziri

Thanks to all the participants and the volunteers.

Gardening Tips for July

We are entering our least productive season for planting landscape plants here in central Texas. Accordingly, the planting recommendations are slim this month. Your best bet is to let the landscape rest and survive through the heat while you plan for the fall garden.

The only exception may be the vegetable garden. It is time to prepare and plant beds for the fall vegetable garden.

Plant vegetable seeds: Beans*, Cantaloupe*, Carrot*, Cauliflower*, Chard, Sweet Corn, Cucumber, *Eggplant, Fennel*, Okra, Black-eyed Peas, Pumpkin, Rutabaga*, Salsify, New Zealand Spinach, Summer and Winter Squash, Watermelon.

(An asterisk () before the entry indicates it is best planted the first half of the month; an asterisk after the entry indicates it is best planted*

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the last half of the month.)

Plant pumpkin seeds around the 4th of July to get Jack'o lanterns for Halloween!

Plant Vegetable Plants: Pepper, Tomato.

Plant Herbs: Basil, Oregano, Thyme.

Plant Annual Flower/Ornamental Seeds: Cosmos, Morning Glory.

Plant Annual Flower/ Ornamental Plants: Blue Daze, Portulaca, Purslane, Zinnia.

Plant Perennial Plants: Black-Eyed Susan, Grasses, Mexican Bush Sage, Desert plants such as Agave, Nolina, and Sotol.

Plant native grass seed: Their seedbed will need to stay moist for them to germinate. Therefore, water once or twice daily until fully sprouted.

Mulch all bare-soil areas.

Plant cover crops, such as cowpeas (black-eyed peas) or buckwheat in bare-soil or follow areas to improve the soil while preventing and crowding out weeds. Till the cover crop- before it goes to seed-into the soil about 1 – 2 weeks before planting there again.

Avoid topdressing lawn until fall. If you feel you must topdress with compost, apply only a light layer, about a quarter of an inch, and water in. Otherwise, topdressing in the heat can burn the lawn.

Likewise, continue to foliar feed with seaweed or seaweed/ fish emulsion combinations only early in the morning or late in the evening.

Any time of year, do not drench a dry plant with anything but water. Any solution, even organic, could burn the roots.

Water deeply, and as infrequently as possible, rather than shallowly and frequently. Watering in the morning is best. If you must water in the evening, avoid wetting the leaves.

Prune or pick off dead limbs or leaves.

Take time to spruce up your garden. Add yard art, like a bird bath or feeder.

Source: *The Natural Gardener*



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Summer is here and so is the bright, hot sun. Here are some sun-smart tips:

- Limit sun exposure between 10 AM and 4 PM, when the ultraviolet (UV) rays are most intense.
 - Slip on a shirt. Choose shirts and pants to protect as much skin as possible.
 - Slap on sunscreen. Choose a sunscreen with a Sun Protection Factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.
 - Slap on a hat. Choose a hat that shades the face, neck and ears.
 - Wrap on sunglasses to protect your eyes from UV rays.
 - Caution: Sunlamps and tanning booths are as harmful to your skin as the sun.
 - Important: Some prescription drugs can greatly increase your skin's sensitivity to UV rays. Check with your pharmacist.
- Parents: Take Note! Avoiding sunburn during childhood and adolescence is very important in reducing the risk of skin cancer later in life.

Sunscreen is not recommended for children less than six months old. Keep infants in the shade and protected with clothing.

Everyone is at risk for skin cancer, whatever their skin color. Everyone needs to protect skin and eyes from the sun.

Most skin cancers could be prevented by protecting ourselves from the sun's rays.

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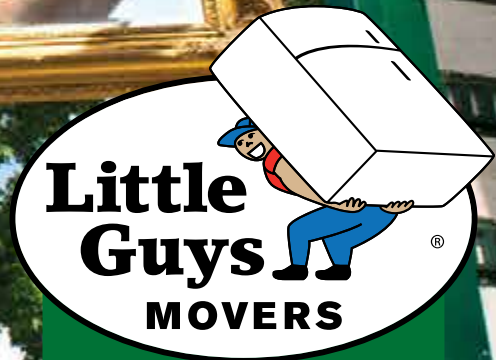
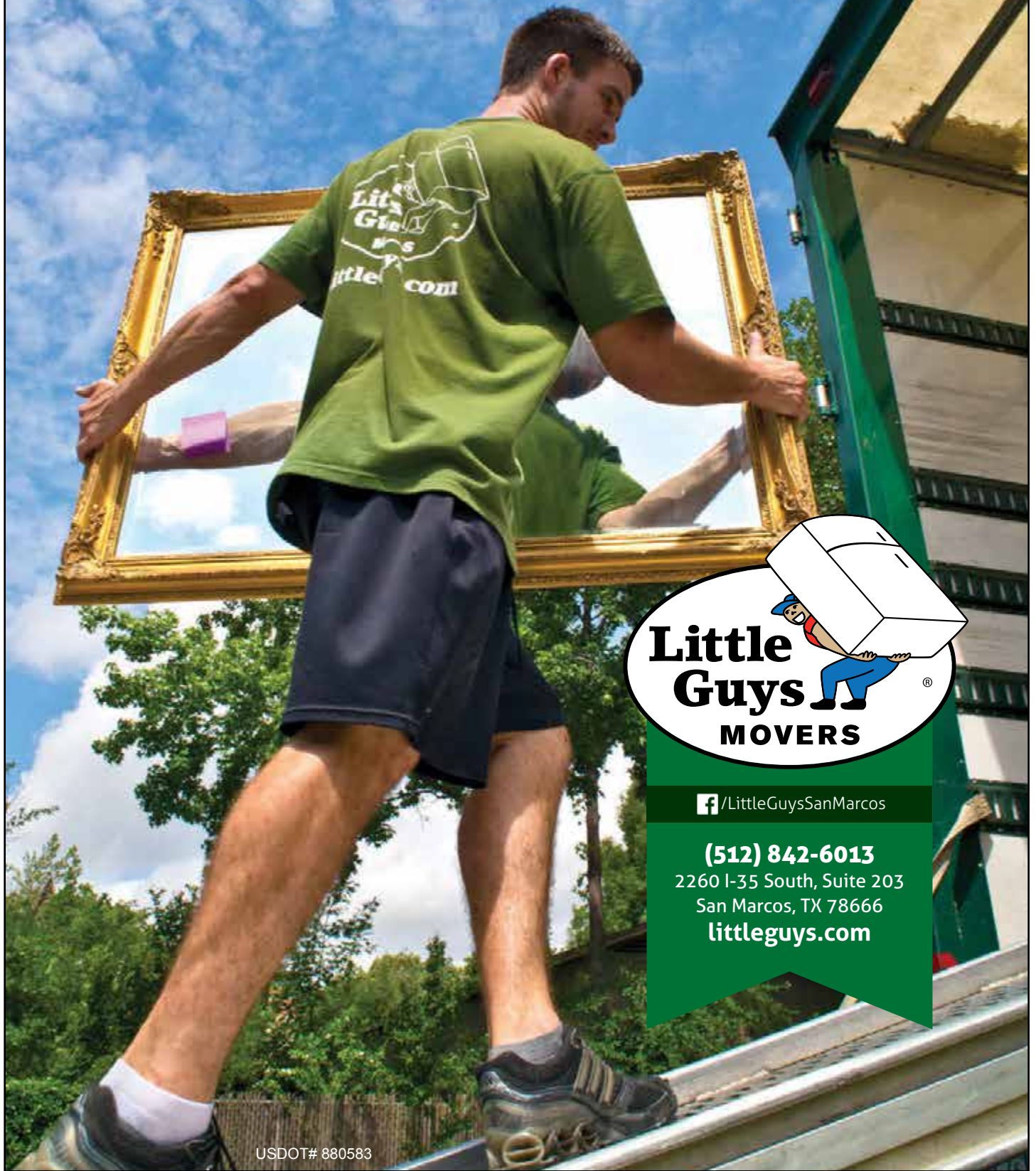
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FROM THE LANDSCAPING COMMITTEE: **XERISCAPING!**

If you are still pondering what to do with your yard, please consider XERISCAPING. No we do not mean all cactus, rocks, and cattle skulls. That is not xeriscaping. According to Dr. Welch from Texas A&M University, xeriscaping is a quality landscape that has proportional balance of 1/3 plantings, 1/3 lawn, and 1/3 hardscape (decks, patios, sidewalks). You can see quality landscapes (i.e. XERISCAPED) in magazines such as Southern Living and Better Homes & Gardens. There are many yards in Plum Creek that are xeriscaped according to Dr. Welch's definition. With his definition in mind, you can have a beautiful landscape and also save time and conserve water. It is never too late to start saving water and doing our part to preserve our planet.

Happy Gardening



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HILL COUNTRY KIDS & FAMILY TRI

SATURDAY, JULY 19, 2014

WWW.HILLCOUNTRYKIDSTRI.ORG

(for info and registration as a racer and volunteer)

Plum Creek Neighborhood is once again the venue for this 9th Annual family swim, bike, and run event. Join us for a mini triathlon through the streets of Plum Creek. Whether you volunteer or race as a family, you will enjoy the chance to train and compete followed by face painting, water sliding, and free sno cones. Age categories include 5-6 (swim 25 yards, bike 1.6 k, run 1k); 7-8 & 9-10 (swim 100 yards, bike 6k, run 1k); 11-12 & 13-15 (swim 200 yards, bike 9k, run 2k).

This year we are making a concerted effort to encourage spectators to avoid parking in front of mailboxes and to stay off lawns. We ask residents on the race course (Fairway, McNaughton, Witte, and Steiner) to please remove cars from the street and park in the alley for safety. But most importantly we hope residents will come out and cheer the kids on. Host a brunch on your front lawn and support the kids and families as they whiz by you. Spray them with water guns. Hand out water. Enjoy the day seeing kids compete in a sport they love! Make this a fun day of volunteering and cheering for your family:)

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