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HOOTENANNY ON THE HILL ON OCTOBER 11TH

Come out for the Seed & Stomp, Pet Fair, BBQ & Chili Cook Offs, and more!

Once again, we're merging several events into a great day of family fun now called the Hootenanny on the Hill! Mark your calendars for October 11th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, carving your pumpkins, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows. The event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

First, the Landscape Committee will host the 8th Annual Wildflower Seed & Stomp at Fairway Fields, across from Fergus Park. We'll seed wildflowers, make scarecrows as part of the annual Scarecrow Contest, snap photos by hay bale critters, and host a pumpkin decorating contest! Email Suzann Parr at landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

In Fairway Fields, next to the Seed & Stomp, enjoy the Annual Plum Creek Pet Fair. Festivities will include the Muffin Eating Contest, Silent Auction, Cake (Pet Treat) Walk, Costume Contest, and Pup Trot. Local pet vendors will be in attendance to provide information for residents. All proceeds will benefit the beautification phase of the Dog Park. For more information, you may contact Sandy Stevens at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Just across the way, the Recreation Committee will host the 7th Annual BBQ and Chili Cook-Off at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fergus

Soccer Fields. The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and an open category. The chili portion of the cook-off is CASI Sanctioned. Other categories include beans, potato salad, and desserts! Entry fees range from \$20 to \$35. Forms are due by October 9th. Check-in occurs on Friday, October 10th at 6PM. Email Brandee Otto at brandeelotto@yahoo.com with any questions.

Other events include a 10k/ 5K/1K/Pup Trot. In addition to the events mentioned above, some old favorites of a petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, and more will return.

If you are interested in selling pet related products, please contact Sandy Stevens at dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com.

For selling all other products, email pcoffice@goodwintx.com. If interested in sponsorships, email Brandee Otto at brandeelotto@yahoo.com.

More information will be provided, as available, via the Plum Creek PC Press and eNews. Also, check out the new website at www.hootenannyonthehill.com for additional information and entry forms. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events! Come out for the fun!



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You can contact the Plum Creek HOA office at
512-262-1140 to request your account number.

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YOM!

Congratulations to the June Yard of the Month winners:

JUNE

1st—733 Sampson

2nd—1130 Sanders

3rd—1239 Fairway

Please take a look at these beautiful yards; these are only three of the many wonderful landscapes in Plum Creek. Signs of recognition appeared in the yards. Thanks to all that participated. This ends the Yard of the Month contests for 2014. Keep planting and prepare for the 2015 YOM contests April – June!

LIFEGUARDS GOING OFF-DUTY AUGUST 24TH

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians and swimmers, that the lifeguards final day will be August 24th. The lifeguards will be returning to school. Residents are reminded that the age limits to go to the pool without supervision are 16 and up.

We have numerous non-compliance issues when this seasonal change occurs and many young residents get into trouble when not supervised in the pools. Please make sure that any child under the age of 16 is accompanied by an adult after the lifeguards go off duty. Your assistance in the matter is appreciated. Thanks for keeping our pools safe and enjoyable for all.

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AT THE FENCE

Sip & Sew on August 12th

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 August 12th 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.

Safety Committee Meeting

The Plum Creek HOA Safety Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 27, at 6 pm at 4224 Mather Street. The Safety Committee is made up of Block Captains who are members of the Neighborhood Watch at Plum Creek. We will be planning the National Night Out Event which will be held on Tuesday, October 7, at Haupt Park.

More Block Captains are needed. Currently we have Captains for only six streets. If you would like to help out, please contact Safety Committee chair, Carol Peters, at 512-268-2610, capeters12@austin.rr.com, or just show up at the meeting. We also need door prizes for the October 7 event. So if you have or know of a business who would like to provide a door prize, you are also needed to attend the meeting on August 27.

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Controlling Weeds

Broadleaf, Dandelions, Milkweed, and Clover have taken off in your area, and with recent rains, they will quickly spread. Please take steps to remove and control these weeds on your property by physical uprooting, or by the use of chemicals. PLEASE, do not allow them to spread to your neighbors!

The easiest way to stop weeds from invading your lawn and garden is preventing them in the first place. Proper practices can be instrumental in discouraging weed establishment.

Here are some helpful tips to achieve a beautiful, weed-free lawn and garden:

- **Avoid light, frequent waterings or overwatering.** Plants that receive deep, infrequent watering, generate extensive root systems. Strong roots foster thick, hearty plants and lawns that withstand stress, preventing invasions from pests, weeds and disease.
- **Fertilize your lawns and gardens on a regular basis.**
- **Always cut lawns at the proper mowing height.** Never cut off more than 1/3 of the grass blade at one time. Keep mower blades sharp to avoid tearing plant leaves. Scalping or mowing too closely will stress your lawn, while weeds thrive under these conditions. A dense, healthy, vigorous stand of grass will resist the intrusion of weeds.
- **Stop weeds before they can seed or develop extensive root structures.** Remove existing weeds by pulling or hoeing them or use an all-purpose weed killer of your choice. Corn Gluten helps keeps weeds from growing. Then apply a pre-emergent control to prevent new weeds from germinating.

Your assistance in maintaining your yard and controlling these noxious weeds is greatly appreciated.

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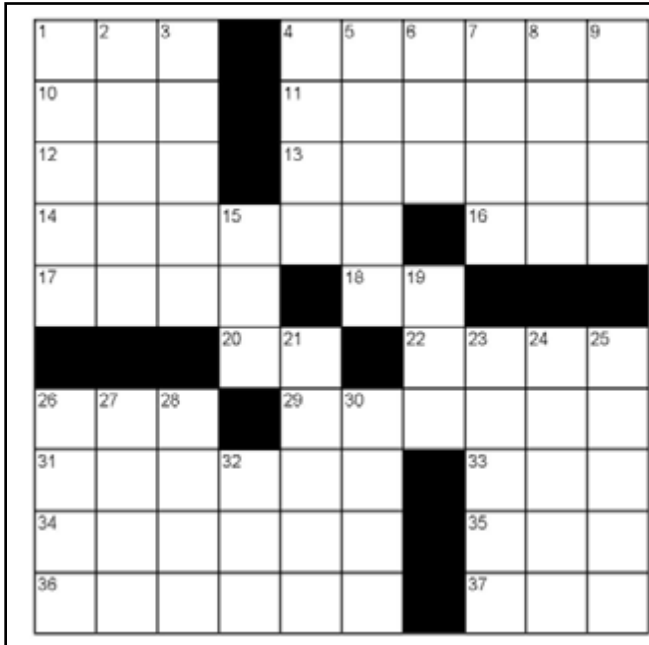
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16. New Jersey's neighbor
17. In __ (together)
18. Kilogram
20. Post script
22. Too
26. Concord e.g.
29. Additions
31. Computer game
33. Killed in action
34. Ancient (2 wds.)
35. Antlered animal
36. Mourning
37. Ocean

DOWN

1. Land
2. Milk's food group
3. Type of enemy
4. Loony
5. __ havoc
6. Make a mistake
7. Stow
8. Greek stringed instrument
9. Defile
15. American College of Physicians (abbr.)
19. Chitchat
21. Book holder
23. Enjoys
24. Steps for crossing a fence
25. City
26. Prod
27. Prudent
28. Plane
30. Nearly horizontal entrance
32. Poet Edgar Allen

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Getting Violations?

They are easy to avoid! The Plum Creek property inspections are performed every other week and they start on Thursdays around 10am. So mark your calendars for every other Thursday, and ensure that your property is ready for inspection. A lot goes into a property inspection and many things are looked at, but here are a few basics that should prevent most violations:

- Mowing, edging, trimming and weeding both front and back yards, on both sides of your fence. This is particularly important for house with alleys. The area on the other side of the fence is your responsibility as well.
- Getting your trash can out of the alley and storing it properly (behind a fence or in the garage).
- Keeping flower beds free of weeds.
- Ensuring that Barbecue pits do not sit on driveways when not in use.
- Ensuring that any articles that would be considered unsightly are stored properly out of view.
- Making sure not to park on the grass at any time
- Remember as the spring months come, always apply for ACC approval BEFORE making any changes to your property. Maintenance is always acceptable, however if you are making any kind of change to the outside of your home, even down to changing type of grass you have or any plants, it all requires ACC approval.

Also, please remember that the HOA is here for you. Our goal is not to send violations and collect fines, but rather to get everyone into compliance to make this a place we all want to live and to let our property values grow. If you ever have a question regarding a violation, please feel free to call we are happy to talk to you about it and work to reach an amicable solution.

At the Fence (Continued from Page 5)

Rock The Porch

"Rock the Porch" is a public art initiative designed to engage the people of Plum Creek, Kyle and Hays County. To "amp" things up for the second year, selected artists will be asked to design chairs inspired by the music that rocks them. Call for Artists is open now through August 15th, 2014. Twenty area artists or groups will be chosen to design one-of-a-kind rocking chairs that will be unveiled on October 11th at the communities Hootenanny on the Hill event. During a live concert, the chairs will be voted on by the community and the artist of the crowd favorite chair will be able to select a charity from a predetermined list, to which Plum Creek will donate \$500. Following the event, the 20 chairs will be placed in pairs throughout Kyle and Plum Creek for everyone to enjoy. To learn more about Rock the Porch and apply to be an artist, click <http://plumcreektx.com/rocktheporch/>



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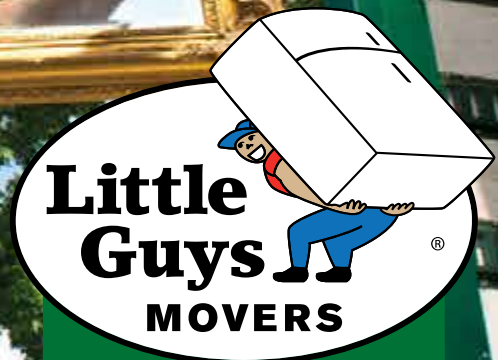
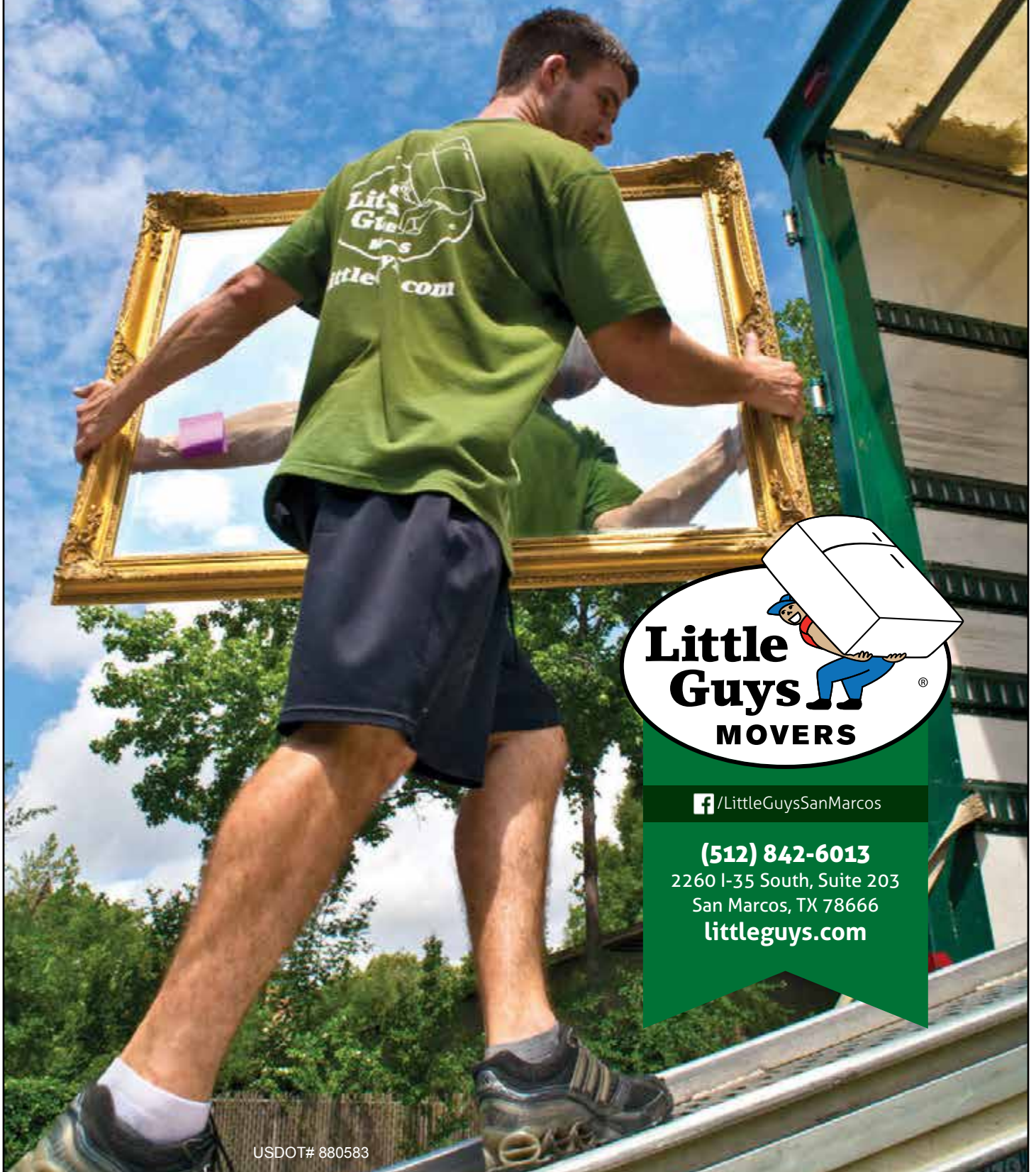
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