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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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## Mark your calendars: Fall Garage Sale is October 4th & Hootenanny on the Hill is October 11th

### October 4th

The first Fall Community Wide Garage Sale will be October 4th from dawn until dusk. Start cleaning out those closets and mark those calendars! Place items in your front yard.



### October 11th

Once again, we're merging several events into a great day of family fun – a Fall Festival, if you will! Mark your calendars for October 11th and start preparing your recipes, grooming your dogs, and saving old clothes for making scarecrows.

In Fairway Fields, enjoy the 4th Annual Pet Fair from 10AM to 2PM. This event serves as a fundraiser for the Plum Creek Dog Park, and the Pet Fair Committee is hard at work to make the event bigger and better than last year. Enjoy dancing dogs, training demonstrations, a canine costume contest, a mutt race, and more. Bring your pocketbooks and partake in a silent auction purchase an item from one of the vendors selling pet treats, people food, jewelry, and other pet products. Some of

the vendors will be offering free services, like nail clipping, too. So bring your faithful four-legged friend (preferably, your dog) as so much fun is planned for them, too. All dogs are welcome, as long as they are not aggressive. Email [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com) with any questions.

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 from 10AM to 2PM. 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 [brandeelotto@yahoo.com](mailto:brandeelotto@yahoo.com) with any questions.

If you are interested in selling pet related products, please contact Sandy Stevens at [dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:dogpark@plumcreektxhoa.com). For selling all other products at Hootenanny on the Hill Festival, please contact Brandee Otto for the form and details at [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com).

More information will be provided, as available, via the Plum Creek Post and eNews. As always, volunteers are needed and appreciated at all HOA events!

Come out for the fun! You can't beat Cooking BBQ & Chili or Hanging with your Pet! It's a perfect fall day in Texas!

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512-262-1140 to request your account number.

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Plum Creek on site office.*

## Claiborne Kyle Log House Holds Annual Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser on September 27th

Have you ever driven down Old Stagecoach Road and yearned to check out this historic site? Now's your chance!

On Saturday, September 27th, come out to the Claiborne Kyle Log House for the Annual Fried Chicken Dinner. The Kyle Log House is located at 2400 South Old Stagecoach, County Road 136, South of Kyle. This annual event is the only fundraiser for the upkeep of the historical site. Plates are \$7 for adults and \$4 for children under 12. The event runs from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

If you would like to lend a hand at the event, please contact Christina Baese at [cb28655@earthlink.net](mailto:cb28655@earthlink.net). They could use a few helping hands!

During the summer, the Kyle Log House is open on the first Sunday of the month from April to September from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM and holds a yearly wildflower event, too.

### HISTORY OF THE CLAIBORNE KYLE LOG HOUSE

Claiborne and Lucy Bugg Kyle married in 1829 in Tennessee and moved to Texas in 1844. Kyle, a former Senator from Mississippi, relocated to Texas after experiencing some financial hardships. In 1850, they built this massive log house on a bluff overlooking the Blanco River. With help from his farm workers, he built this log house of alternating courses of cedar logs and rock grouting, square notched at the corners and secured by wooden pegs.

The Kyle Log House is a most unusual type known as the "linear four-pen dog trot" and is the only one of this type left in Texas. The home has four rooms, each about 16 feet square and lined up with

two on either side of the dog trot. It housed the couple, their eight children, and one adopted son.

It is listed in the Terry Jordan book *Texas Log Cabins*, and a picture and story appear in the book *Nineteenth Century Homes*. On September 22, 1980, the Blanco River Bluffs, Inc. deeded the Kyle Log House to Hays County. A Claiborne Kyle Log House Commission was appointed to direct the restoration and maintenance of the house. On May 28, 1981, the Claiborne Kyle Log House was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. A Texas Historical Marker was dedicated in 1982.



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## Keep those Dogs on Leashes and Please Pick Up after your Pets

Several reports have arrived about dogs roaming free without their owners and dogs with owners but off-leash. Please remember, the City of Kyle has a leash law. Dogs must be on a leash at all times when not in a fenced in areas. Also, please remember to be neighborly and clean up after your pet. Thanks!

### BUSINESS CLASSIFIEDS

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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.

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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.

## 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/>

## Garden Tips for September

### PREPARE YOUR LAWN FOR FALL AND WINTER

September and October are the perfect time to aerate and top dress or compost your lawn. Follow with foliar feeds like seaweed, Garrett Juice, or Medina Soil Activator through November. If just trying to winterize or feel lazy, spread organic pellet fertilizer by Lady Bug or Fox Farm and then drench the lawn with a foliar feed.

Control Weeds: Spread Corn Gluten Meal on your lawn between 9/1 and 10/15 to control weeds. As a natural weed & feed and common ingredient in pet food, it does not kill active weeds, but it prevents weeds from sprouting. Also, it fertilizes the lawn with 9% nitrogen.

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## ARE YOU RUNNING WITH YOUR DOG IN THE MIDDAY HEAT?

Heat stroke can strike your dog quickly, especially on humid summer days. It can happen rapidly, and it doesn't have to be that hot outside. One minute, they are fine, and the next, they are frantically panting and on the verge of a heat stroke. Dogs don't have sweat glands like humans. Dogs expel heat through the respiratory system with some expulsion through small sweat glands in their foot pads and noses. The dogs that are most at risk are heavy coated, overweight, very young, or old. Also, dogs with short, flat noses, such as boxers, mastiffs, pugs, Pekinese, and bulldogs, are susceptible.

As their caretaker, it is important for you to keep your dog cool, hydrated, and well-ventilated and to avoid vigorous exercise on hot, muggy days. Danger signs and indicators of heat stroke tend to follow a progression from mild to severe, as follows:

- Loud, frantic panting
- Temperature over 103 degrees
- Elevated heart rate
- Agitation
- Excessive, frothy salivation
- Dark purple gums
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Muscle cramping
- Seizure-like tremors
- Weakness
- Dazed and disoriented
- Loss of balance
- Collapse
- Loss of consciousness
- Death

The outcome of a severe heat stroke is rarely positive. If the dog survives, it will often sustain permanent organ and even, brain damage. WE DO NOT WANT THAT TO HAPPEN! So, PREVENTION is our best option. If you suspect your dog is suffering from heat stroke, stop all activity, offer fresh water, and wet your dog down with cool water. If outside, allow him to rest in a breezy, shaded area, or if inside, in front of a fan or air conditioning to help your dog lower his body temperature. However, do NOT apply ice or extremely cold water or cover the dog with a wet towel. The towel can capture body heat and prevent the cooling process. If your dog is experiencing severe signs of heat stroke, get your dog to an emergency veterinary clinic at once.

Let's have a fun, but safe, summer with our canine friends. Who else would love us unconditionally like they do?

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