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PLUM CREEK ANNUAL

Fourth of July Celebration

ON SATURDAY, JULY 4TH!

Hosted by the Recreation Committee

Come out for our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic! The fun happens on Saturday, July 4th from 10:00 am to Noon.

Decorate those wagons, strollers, bikes, and scooters and come out to march with your neighbors in the parade. If you don't want to decorate your stuff or walk, please come out and cheer on those in the parade, it is a sight to see!

The parade will start promptly at 10 Am on the corner of Witte and Negley and continue down Witte to McNaughton Park with the picnic to follow. Bring the whole family and enjoy the fun.

We will have lunch for you at the park but be sure to bring blankets and lawn chairs for you to sit and eat on. Don't forget the swimsuits and sunscreen, as we will have a waterslide to help keep you cool.

We are looking for volunteers to help us cook and serve.

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Brandee at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com or 512-557-2728.

City of Kyle Fireworks

Join in the celebration of Independence Day this July 4th as the City of Kyle once again has planned for a spectacular fireworks show.

Fireworks will launch over the lake at Plum Creek Golf Course. Before it gets dark on July 4th, find a safe and secure location around the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center (PAC), sit on the hill at Haupt Park, or anywhere around the intersection of FM 1626 and Kohler's Crossing. The show can even be seen from the parking lots around Subway, What-A-Burger and Kohl's.

Please use extreme caution in parking on the street's right of way and no alcohol is permitted at the PAC or on school property.

The fireworks are scheduled to begin around 9:30pm. Rain out makeup date is July 5th, same time, same site. For more information visit the City of Kyle website: www.cityofkyle.com.

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YARD *of the* MONTH

Summer came to Plum Creek with a BLAST!!!!
The heat is on!!!!

The neighborhood still looked lovely from the rains when the landscape committee judged Yard of the Month for June.

23 yards to look at and it was a tough decision but the winners are:

1st place---225 Witte

2nd place---6139B Negley

3rd place---6034 Hartson

Congrats to these homeowners. Gifts cards for \$60, \$50, and \$40 respectively were delivered along with a yard sign on June 15.

Thanks again for all the nominations this year. We have really enjoyed looking at everyone's hard work in the garden.

Keep it Up.

Happy Gardening,
Landscape committee

July 4th



POPSICLE RUN

Plum Creek Popsicle Run will include the option to test your skills at 6 functional challenges along the race course. Camp Gladiator Trainers are preparing 3 levels of each exercise so this will be something anyone can do! It's your choice - do all six, do less, or just run, walk, or stroll.

On July 4, this 4-miler event, with optional Camp Gladiator Functional Challenge, will start and finish at Negley Elementary in the Plum Creek neighborhood in Kyle, Texas. Participants will walk or run by and through some of the features of this master-planned development, including

the pools, the golf course, the walking trail, the newest section of housing, and the playgrounds.

For added fun, this run will include some functional challenges, at ability-appropriate levels, along the course. Frozen treats will reward the participants at the finish line, provided by Lone Star Delights!

In addition to the four-mile course, there will also be 3K and 1K options, so there is something for everybody in this family-friendly event.

Welcome New Architectural Committee Member

A big welcome to the newest member of the Architectural Control Committee, resident color specialist Suzanne Sweeney. Suzanne brings over 20 years of professional experience with architectural color and coatings in a broad range of roles and environments to the volunteer position. "I have a can't live with/without it relationship with color," she says, laughing.

"I have always felt blessed to work with an element that can enhance, correct and influence how we live, work and feel - and in a field that I learn from continually." Suzanne is excited to be able to share her passion with the community and is considering educational articles, seminars and neighborhood walking tours to compliment her committee service. She gazed intently at the houses framed by Decker Park, full of ideas to bump up a pulled together architectural look with color magic. She is eager to share, rolling off small, marvelous tips and suggestions with positive potential neighborhood impact.

"I look forward to getting to know our community and residents - learning from them and sharing with them." As the HOA plans a renewed focus on paint and exterior upkeep, the timing benefit to the community couldn't be better.

Suzanne has served on the Interior Design Department Board of Color Marketing Group International and taught credited and CEU classes for University of Texas design students and professional designers.

She has worked with Pottery Barn, Benjamin Moore Paints, Longue Vue Gardens, Stowers Furniture and Ronald McDonald House in capacities ranging from consumer color seminars to specifying exterior color and its corrective placement for residential and commercial buildings. She also demonstrates historical floor cloth techniques in modern mediums and teaches broken color for production to paint contractors.



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HILL COUNTRY KIDS AND FAMILY TRIATHLON

Event: Hill Country Kids and Family Triathlon

Date: Saturday, July 18th, 2015

Time: 6:00 am - 11:00 am (race starts at 7:00 am)

Location: Plum Creek Neighborhood - McNaughton Pool

This year is the 10th Annual Hill Country Kids and Family Tri in the Plum Creek Neighborhood. This is an exciting event for kids, parents, volunteers and spectators. We would love to have Plum Creek residents cheer on our 300 kids and parents as they race down the streets after the swim in McNaughton Pool.

Closures: McNaughton Rd between Wetzell and Fairway; Fairway between McNaughton and the Round-a-bout before 2770; Witte between McNaughton and the 2nd Round-a-Bout; and Steiner between McNaughton and Witte.

To help direct traffic for racers and residents and to ensure a safe

race course we will have three off duty police officers at key places on the course. In addition, we will have 75 volunteers lining the course.

REQUEST: Please move your cars off of Fairway, McNaughton, Witte, and Steiner the night before the race along the course. The course is much safer if cyclists and runners are not having to dodge parked cars. Parking behind your house will give you access to your car in the morning if you need to leave.

For more information about the race or to sign up your family to participate, check out our website www.hillcountrykidstri.org.

Thank you to the Plum Creek Community for supporting this race. We hope you come out to enjoy this great event!

Kathy Rainey

Race Director

Hill Country Tri Club



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Dog Park Committee

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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Lifeguards Going Off-Duty September 7th

Just a reminder to all parents/guardians and swimmers, that the lifeguards final day will be September 7th. 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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STREET SAFETY

By state law, the following areas are NO PARKING – FIRE ZONE areas: within 15 feet of a fire hydrant, within 20 feet of a ramped crosswalk, within 30 feet of a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic control signal, or opposite an alley entrance or private driveway. Many of the streets in Plum Creek are public. We encourage residents to park in their garage or driveway to reduce street congestion. If you park your vehicle on the street, try not to block your neighbor's driveway or mailbox. Also, the speed limit on all streets in Plum Creek is 25 mph.

Please consider filing a report at www.cityofkyle.com/police/traffic-complaint-form if you witness traffic violations in the Plum Creek community. The next Plum Creek Safety Committee meeting will be June 18 at 6:30 pm at the Plum Creek Community Center at the Haupt Pool. There will be signup sheets for pool monitors, Neighborhood Watch block captains, and National Night Out Project 365. We welcome all those who are interested in helping keep our community safe and secure for all our residents.

Carol Peters

Plum Creek HOA Safety Committee chair
safety@plumcreektxhoa.com

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A Neighborhood Watch program is forming in Plum Creek. Nurturing relationships and talking about problems in our community is an integral part of this program. The Block Captain's Handbook will be available at our July 16 meeting. We look forward to meeting you. Happy Neighboring. Safety & Monitoring Committee

PERSONAL CLASSIFIEDS

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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 permanent exterior 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.

Find out more about notices of violations and deed restrictions by logging onto the private resident side of the Plum Creek HOA website: www.plumcreektxhoa.com

Don't have a log in, then press the link on the public homepage to request one.

SAFETY TIPS: WASP SPRAY



A friend who is a receptionist in a church in a high risk area was concerned about someone coming into the office on Monday to rob them when they were counting the collection. She asked the local police department about using pepper spray and they recommended to her that she get a can of wasp spray instead.

The wasp spray, they told her, can shoot up to twenty feet away and is a lot more accurate, while with the pepper spray, they have to get too close to you and could overpower you. The wasp spray temporarily blinds an attacker until they get to the hospital for an antidote. She keeps a can on her desk in the office and it doesn't attract attention from people like a can of pepper spray would. She also keeps one nearby at home for home protection... Thought this was interesting and might be of use.

Sources: Convicted burglars in North Carolina , Oregon , California , and Kentucky ; security consultant Chris McGoe, who runs <http://www.crimeactor.com/> and Richard T. Wright, a criminology professor at the University of Missouri-St Louis, who interviewed 105 burglars for his book *Burglars on the Job*.

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- ◇ *Simmer 1 lemon sliced, 2 sprigs of rosemary, 1-2 tsp vanilla , and water in a small pot of water to make your home smell delightful!*
- ◇ **Grill fish on top of lemon or lime slices, it adds flavor and keeps fish from sticking!**
- ◇ ***Please, please, please, slow down, pay attention, don't text and drive! School is out and the littles are out and about! :)***
- ◇ "All of life is a constant education"
~Eleanor Roosevelt
- ◇ The Summer market is here! If you are thinking of selling , buying or both, now is the time! Call me! 512-771-7037

Crockpot Salsa Chicken

What you need:

4-5 boneless, skinless chicken breast
1 med yellow onion, chopped
2 T taco seasoning
1 C salsa
1 (14.5oz can) petite diced tomatoes

- ◇ Place chicken in the slow cooker
- ◇ Sprinkle with taco seasoning
- ◇ Add the chopped onion on top of the chicken
- ◇ Pour the salsa and tomatoes on the top of the chicken and onion
- ◇ Cook on low for 5-6 hours or on high for 2-3 hours.
- ◇ Remove chicken from the slow cooker and shred with two forks, then return to the slow cooker and stir it up
- ◇ Serve with your choice of rice, tortillas, sour cream, cheese, etc... **DELISH!!!**



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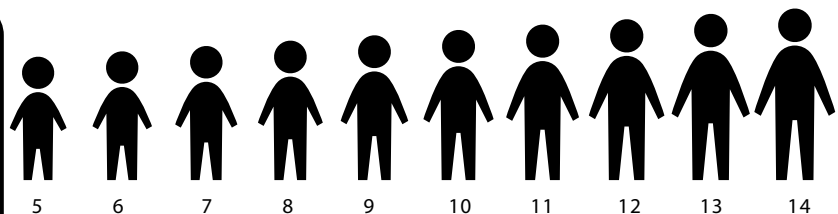
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