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## Greetings New Residents & Welcome to Plum Creek!

Plum Creek is a great community. While you should have received a copy of the Plum Creek Declaration and Bylaws at closing, we thought the following basic information would be helpful.

- The Plum Creek HOA office is located at 4100 Everett suite 150, near the Hays Performing Arts center and Plum Fit. The office number is 512-262-1140. The office hours are Monday – Friday 9 AM to 5 PM. The property manager is Kristi Morrison and she can be reached at [plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com](mailto:plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com).

- Parking in the back alley ways is prohibited. The alleys are for ingress and egress only. You can park in driveway or in your garage. There is street parking on the front street. Try not to block your neighbor's house.

- Garbage pickup is on Tuesdays. The trash and recycling cans need to be stored out of view by the following day to prevent getting a violation notice. The recycling schedule is located on the City of Kyle website under <http://www.cityofkyle.com/utilitybilling/city-kyle-solid-waste-collection-information> and also stored on the Plum Creek website under documents: [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com)

- Residents can log onto the Plum Creek website and have access to the governing documents, rules and get answers to frequently asked questions about homeowners associations. To acquire a log in to the

website just select the Request Login link. We may need to see a legal document or a lease to verify that you are resident in Plum Creek to approve the request.

- Xeriscaping is allowed in Plum Creek. To add xeriscaping you must submit an Architectural Review Committee Approval Application with the location and types of plants you want to install. This form is located under documents on the Plum Creek website.

- Whether you are a renter or buyer, your yard is important so you'll need to keep it maintained.

- Plum Creek follows the City of Kyle water restrictions. Visit the City of Kyle website at [www.cityofkyle.com](http://www.cityofkyle.com) and under Departments select the Public Works link. Residential odd numbers water on Wednesday and Saturday. Residential even numbers water on Thursday or Sunday.

- Enjoy the pool! If you do not have a pool key or recreational ID or your pool key does not work, contact the Plum Creek HOA office.

These are some of the basic and frequently asked questions. Want more reading? Log onto the Plum Creek website and review the governing documents, the Landscape Design Guidelines, and the rules. Visit the website at [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com). Welcome to the neighborhood!

## Hootenanny on the Hill on Saturday, October 10th

**COME OUT FOR THE RACES, BBQ & CHILI COOK OFFS, AND MORE!**

Once again, it will be a great day of family fun at the Hootenanny on the Hill! Mark your calendars for October 10th and start preparing your recipes. The event runs from 10AM to 2PM.

Just across the way, the Recreation Committee will host the 8th Annual BBQ and Chili Cook-Off at the Plum Creek Community Center and Fairway fields. The BBQ competition is IBCA Sanctioned with categories for chicken, brisket, pork spare ribs, and an open category. 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 9th at 6PM. Email Brandee Otto at [brandeelotto@yahoo.com](mailto:brandeelotto@yahoo.com) with any questions.

In addition to the events mentioned above, some old favorites of a

petting zoo, pony rides, trackless train, Hay Bale Critters and more will return from 10 AM to 2 PM.

If interested in sponsorships, email Brandee Otto at [brandeelotto@yahoo.com](mailto:brandeelotto@yahoo.com).

More information will be provided, as available, via the Plum Creek PC Post and weekly eNews. Also, check out the website at [www.hootenannyonthehill.com](http://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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## BE GOAL ORIENTED

It's not whether you win or lose, it's how you learn the game. At the Hays Communities YMCA, kids develop all of their skills, from catching and dribbling to teamwork and sportsmanship. Just as important, they learn firsthand the benefits of being healthy & active and that virtual games just can't compare to the real thing.



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## Helpful back to School Information

It's Back to school for Hays CISD students on Monday, August 24th. The district has released its academic calendar for 2015-2016. You can also find the calendar on the website at: <http://www.hayscisd.net>.

Plum Creek students will continue to attend Negley Elementary, Barton Middle School and Hays High School for the 2015-2016 school year. Check the campus websites for back to school nights.

New student registration will be at the main office, Monday-Thursday in July. You can also check your child's campus website for new student registration information. Please call the Central Administration Office, 512-268-2141, for further information if your child is new to the district. Returning students can be registered online beginning July 1st through August 30th.

You can log onto the Hays CISD website for further information: [www.hayscisd.net](http://www.hayscisd.net)

## Plum Creek HOA Safety Committee

"Collaboration between public safety and the communities they serve is often referred to as Community Engagement and is essential for the success of any community. Transparency, trust, and mutual respect between the community and the police department are just a few of the qualities that make a strong foundation for public safety and community members to build relationships." – 5 Core Principles for Strong Community Engagement Infographic

These 5 core principles apply to real life statistics relating to resident and police situations and result in solutions for building stronger community engagement in communities small or large everywhere. The next safety committee meeting is Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 pm Haupt Community Center. Our speaker will be Doug Phillips, Dobie Supply in Buda, who is the distributor Traffic Logix radar feedback signs in Central Texas.

Also, on the agenda will be Pool Monitors for Monday through Fridays from 4-6 pm in September and October 6 National Night Out. If you are unable to attend the August 20 meeting, please contact Carol at 512-268-2610 or [capeters12@austin.rr.com](mailto:capeters12@austin.rr.com) if you are able to help with any of these two programs. We need lots more volunteers.



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If you hear a noise outside your home or someone trying to get in your house, just press the panic button for your car. The alarm will be set off, and the horn will continue to sound until either you turn it off or the car battery dies. This tip came from a neighborhood watch coordinator. Next time you come home for the night and you start to put your keys away, think of this: It's a security alarm system that you probably already have and requires no installation. Test it. It will go off from most everywhere inside your house and will keep honking until your battery runs down or until you reset it with the button on the key fob chain. It works if you park in your driveway or garage. If your car alarm goes off when someone is trying to break into your house, odds are the burglar/rapist won't stick around. After a few seconds all the neighbors will be looking out their windows to see who is out there and sure enough the criminal won't want that. And remember to carry your keys while walking to your car in a parking lot. The alarm can work the same way there. This is something that should really be shared with everyone. Maybe it could save a life or a sexual abuse crime.

P.S. I am sending this to everyone I know because I think it is fantastic. Would also be useful for any emergency, such as a heart attack, where you can't reach a phone. My Mom has suggested to my Dad that he carry his car keys with him in case he falls outside and she doesn't hear him. He can activate the car alarm and then she'll know there's a problem.

Forwarded from Beth Smith, Hays County Precinct 2



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## Water Wise-Tips for the August Heat

- Plant well-adapted and native shrubs, trees and grass. Choose plants that are tolerant of drought, heat, and our minimum winter temperatures.

- Improve soil with mulch and compost. Mulch retains moisture, reduces runoff, and control weeds. Use one to three inches of mulch in your garden and planters. Top dressing, or compost, functions like mulch for your lawn. It increases organic content and protects shallow grass roots.

- Apply fertilizer only in the spring and fall. Your grass will develop good root systems, use less water, and need less mowing. Also, aerate your lawn once a year.

- Pull your weeds regularly, as they rob plants of valuable nutrients and water.

- Monitor your grass length. Keep grass length between 1.5 and 3 inches and never cut more than 1/3 of the length at a time.

- Leave lawn clippings, which hold in moisture, reduce evaporation, moderate temperature, and give nutrients back to the lawn.

- Water one inch, including rain, every 5 days or longer and only after the top 2" of soil has dried out. This system increases overall health, drought tolerance, and deep root systems. Start in spring when root growth is high or adjust slowly with successively longer periods between watering. Plan around any City of Kyle water restrictions.

- Water early in the morning or evening. Evaporation loss can be 60% higher during the day. Never water on windy days.

- Use drip irrigation or soaker hoses for garden beds and trees and use low angle sprinklers for lawns. They minimize evaporation, impede weed growth, and may help prevent diseases caused by under or overwatering.

- Adjust run time and frequency of automatic sprinklers monthly to respond to rainfall and temperature conditions. Install rain shut off devices to avoid unnecessary watering. Adjust sprinklers to eliminate overspray on pavement. Adjust irrigation times according to City of Kyle water restrictions.

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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.

## AT THE FENCE

### 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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There are many advantages to living in this kind of development. The community usually features attractive combinations of well-designed homes and landscaped open spaces. The houses may even cost less than traditional housing due to more efficient use of land. Parks, pools and other amenities, often too expensive for you to own alone, can be yours through shared ownership. So, now you have a chance to own and enjoy the pool, tennis court or other recreational facilities that may have been unaffordable previously. What's more, you won't have direct responsibility for maintenance, so you won't have to clean the pool or fix the tennis nets, and you may not even have to mow your lawn. But that doesn't mean you'll never have to think about it.

The community association operates and maintains these shared facilities. Of course, you'll pay your share of the expenses and, as an association member, you'll have a voice in the association's decisions. The association may have one of a variety of names: homeowners association, property owners association, condominium association, cooperative, common interest community or council of co-owners. To simplify matters, they are all frequently referred to using the umbrella term, homeowner associations or HOA.

## SEND US YOUR EVENT PICTURES

Do you have a picture of an event that you would like to run in this newsletter? Send it to us and we will publish it in the next issue. Email the picture to [ARTICLES@peelinc.com](mailto:ARTICLES@peelinc.com). Be sure to include the text that you would like to have as the caption. Pictures will appear in color online at [www.PEELinc.com](http://www.PEELinc.com).



## TALKING TRASH

The Plum Creek DCCR's are in place to maintain the appearance of the neighborhood and to protect property values. One area of compliance to the DCCR's that goes a long way to keeping the community an attractive place to live relates to trash and recycling receptacles.

Article 3.13 of the DCCR's discusses trash and the storage of trash receptacles: Many owners are already keeping compliance with this restriction; however, there are a significant number of owners storing their trash and recycling receptacles in their driveway against the garage, at the street in the alleyway, or on the side of the house, visible from the street. While these storage locations may be convenient, they unfortunately do not comply with the requirement that receptacles be appropriately screened from view.

Acceptable areas of storage for trash and recycling receptacles include inside the garage, behind the fenced area of each yard or garage or behind an approved trash screen. In addition, receptacles should be taken to the curb the evening before trash pickup and should be returned to their storage location the evening following trash pickup. Review approved trash screens on the Plum Creek website at [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com), then select the Deed Restriction Violation link. Screen coloring should match the color of the existing fences in your section of the neighborhood.

If you have questions regarding the enforcement of Article 3.13, please contact Kristi Morrison, property manager, at 512-262-1140 or [plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com](mailto:plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com).

The Board, management company, and your neighbors thank you for your compliance!



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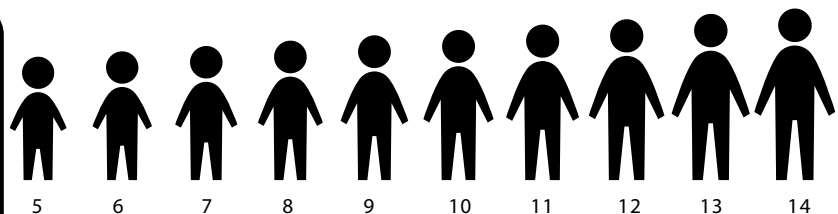
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