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Plum Creek Homeowner Association

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"Yard of the Month" begins April 1st!

By: PC Landscape Committee

The "Yard of the Month" awards are just around the corner! As in previous years, only yards that have been nominated will be judged, so send in your favorite Plum Creek gardens. Judging criteria includes tree and shrub maintenance, originality, color, and lawn appearance.

You can nominate any home, including your own, by sending the address information to landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

The Landscape Committee will judge the first round of homes the first week of April. Subsequent home nominations

will also be judged the first week of May, then June. Gift card prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

So if you want to be considered for April, send in your nominations by April 1st to landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com. Otherwise, you can continue sending nominations until June 1st.

Thank you for participating in making our community beautiful.



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The association's annual meeting is the best opportunity for you to learn about this year's events and get caught up on everything happening in our community. Here are a few agenda items and meeting activities you won't want to miss:

- Meet board and committee members and the manager.
- Get an update on all current and future scheduled projects.
- Review the proposed budget, and hear how your assessments are being used and reserves are being invested.

Be an active community resident and attend the annual meeting. Come introduce yourself to the board, the manager and your neighbors and find a wealth of information about your community!

2016 Annual Meeting Date: March 24, 2016

Sign-in starts at 6 PM, Meeting starts at 6:30 PM

Plum Creek Golf Course Banquet Room

Look for the meeting notice in the mail



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Saturday, March 19, 2016 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

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With plenty of eggs to hunt, the park will be divided into four, color-coded sections by age group, as indicated below. Also, kids must bring their own basket to collect their tiny treasures.

Age Groups:

- 0 - 3 years : pink section
- 4 - 6 year olds: green section
- 7 - 9 year olds: orange section
- 10 & up: yellow section

As always, volunteers are need to help set up on event day. If you are interested in helping, please contact Brandee Otto at 512-557-2728 or brandeelotto@yahoo.com



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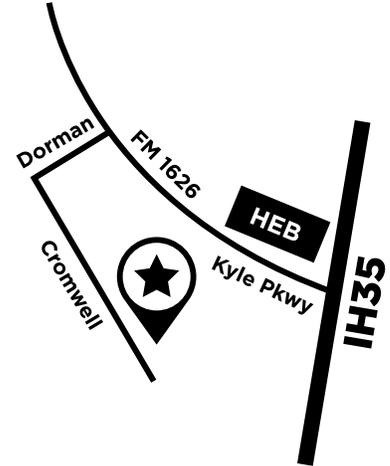
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Save the Date: Front Porch Days is May 14th and May 15th

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Front Porch Days is fast approaching. Front Porch Days is our huge neighborhood gathering during May and includes music, local organizations, vendors, pie baking contest, petting zoo, family fishing day, pony rides, jump castles, crafts, food, and more.

Excited? Here are the highlights of the upcoming activities and dates:

- Saturday, May 7th: Spring Community Wide Garage/Front Porch Sale
- Saturday, May 14th: Races, Plum Creek Golf Tournament, AND Plum Creek Garden Tour
- Sunday, May 15th, 12PM to 3PM: Front Porch Days Carnival, including the Plum Creek Music Festival, the Pie Baking Contest, and more at Fergus Park.

Front Porch Days is a great time to get out with your family and neighbors. The entertainment and many of the events are FREE. Money is needed to purchase food, drinks, and products from vendors and community groups or to participate in the golf tournament, washers tournament, 5K, or fun run.

Interested in selling something? More details coming in April's PC Post. We will be accepting vendor booth applications for booth spaces soon. If you're an artist, craftsperson, business, or community group, we want you! Contact Adriane Carbajal at pcoffice@goodwintx.com to ask questions or get a booth application. Also, the application will be posted online at www.frontporchdays.com.

Interested in performing? If you are interested in performing, contact Brandee Otto at 512-557-2728 or brandeelotto@yahoo.com. While some larger acts are booked, local talent is always wanted!

Interested in another aspect of Front Porch Days? You can direct general questions about the event to Mary Halenza at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Volunteers Needed- as always Plum Creek social events need volunteers. It can be as simple as setting out garbage cans, placing sponsorship signs around the park or judging the pies. Email Brandee Otto with volunteer questions. You can also volunteer for the races, contact Jen Crosby to ask how to help with the races at jcrosbys3@gmail.com.



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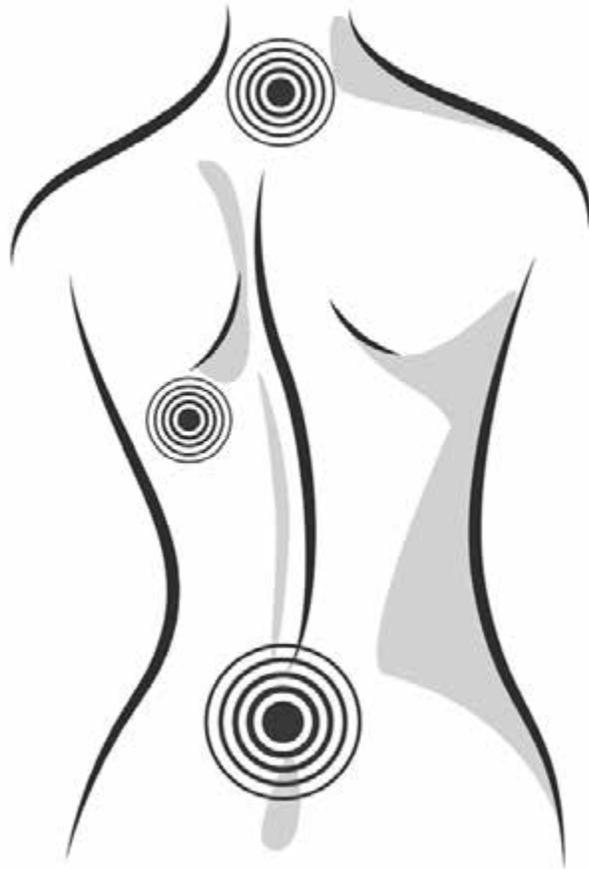
What to do for my Aching Back?

Low back pain is the most expensive diagnosis in medicine. It costs more per year than diabetes, or cancer or heart disease. On top of the associated costs, it also results in significant loss of quality of life, along with inability to perform normal activities of daily living, if not treated appropriately.

From a physical therapy perspective, one of the most important questions is “When should I receive care for my low back pain?” The traditional practice pattern is to go to the primary care physician, receive pain medication or muscle relaxers, and then wait and see what happens. Although a large number of patients will have less pain with this approach, the underlying cause of the back pain may not be resolved, if it was related to weakness in muscles, or tightness in joints.

Research shows that seeing a physical therapist within 16 days of the onset of back pain will cut medical expenses in half over the course of a year. Back pain is often a recurrent issue, and seeking physical therapy care from a highly trained clinician can resolve the pain and address any underlying weakness or tightness that lead to the episode of pain. A good therapist will not only help you get out of pain, but will help prevent any further back pain from occurring.

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City of Kyle- Drought Tolerant Grass

The City of Kyle requires the use of drought resistant vegetation. In the Plum Creek office we receive lots of questions about the use St. Augustine as an approved grass for Plum Creek. Since St. Augustine is not a drought tolerant grass, the City of Kyle prohibits the installation of St. Augustine. Here is a blurb from the City of Kyle Zoning Chapter 53, Article V, Section 53-987 (a)(ii):

"The City experiences frequent drought and periodic shortages of adequate water supply; therefore, it is the purpose of this Section to require the use of drought resistant vegetation that does not consume large quantities of water. "

Furthermore, this section explains which lawn grasses are approved for use in the City of Kyle in Section 53-987 (c)(iii):

"Lawn Grass. In order to limit the volume of water required for the turf, it is required that grass areas be planted with drought resistant species normally grown as permanent lawns, such as Bermuda, Zoysia, Buffalo or other similar drought resistant grasses. Grass areas may be sodded, plugged, sprigged or seeded except that solid sod shall be used in areas subject to erosion. This applies to all zoning classifications."

A copy of this section of Zoning Chapter 53 will be saved in the Documents link on the Plum Creek website. Select Choose a Category, then select Landscape Design Guidelines. The document is labeled City of Kyle Lawn Grass Requirements. Zoning requirements are also located on the City of Kyle website. Just select the Planning/ Maps department, then select the Frequently Used Development Codes.



Front Porch Days Annual Golf Tournament Registration

Enjoy a 4-Person Scramble on Saturday, May 14th at 12:00 pm at the Plum Creek Golf Course at 750 Kohlers Crossing in Kyle, Texas. Open to the public.

Cost Per Team of 4 Golfers is \$260. Includes Round of Golf, Range Balls, Cart, Event T-shirt, Meal, and Drink. Lunch served prior to the tournament. No outside food or drinks allowed.

Check in begins at 12:00 PM. Shotgun Start at 1:30 PM. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers, closest to the pin, and longest drive. Mulligans can be for purchase @ 2 for \$5.00 the day of the tournament.

If you are interested in playing, but do not have a full team, contact Brandee Otto (512-557-2728 or brandeelotto@yahoo.com)

Visit www.frontporchdays.com for forms and registration information about the Front Porch Days festivities.

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- 1 orange bell pepper
- 1 1/2 cups corn (I used frozen, thawed)
- 4 green onions

{For the dressing}

- 2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 2 Tbsp. fresh lemon juice, or more to taste
- 1 1/2 tsp. basil (or fresh if you have it)

Directions

Rinse quinoa, and cook according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a small bowl whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, and basil. Set aside. Slice green onions, dice roma tomatoes and bell pepper. When quinoa is done cooking, let cool. Then place all salad ingredients in a large bowl. Pour dressing over top and mix well to combine. Can eat immediately or chill before serving.

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The eNews has been designed as an 'Opt-In' email, as to not bother anyone just wishing to visit the HOA website on occasion. If you're interested, please add your email to the list by following these instructions:

1. Visit www.plumcreektxhoa.com.
2. Residents Login or request one via Login
3. Once you sign onto the site, click on User Profile in the menu at the top left of the page. You should arrive at your address book profile.
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- Train Rides
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Community Center Reservation Calendar Booked?

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There are other local options to contact for meeting room/ party reservation availability if the community center is full:

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San Marcos Recreation Center
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Some might advocate that a board should not take action without a vote of the members to find out what the people want. That would be counter-productive. If association members were to vote on every issue before a decision was made, there would be no need for a board, but simply someone to send out ballots and tally results. However, boards find out what their constituents want in other ways. Many make time to hear from residents at each board meeting. But, it's up to you to attend meetings, voice your opinions and participate in the exchange of ideas with the board. We also encourage your involvement and participation. Perhaps you would consider joining a committee. We want your input, ideas, thoughts and opinions.

When the season for community association annual meetings and annual board elections approaches, consider carefully which candidates you select—including yourself. Consider running for the board to help shape the future of your community.

Source: Community Associations Institute (CAI) www.caionline.org



AT THE FENCE

Safety Committee

The Plum Creek HOA Safety & Monitoring Committee will have their regular 3rd Thursday meeting on March 17 at 6:30 pm at 4224 Mather Street. All safety-minded community members are invited to attend.

Plum Creek Welcome Committee News

The Plum Creek Welcome Committee will next meet Monday, March 14th at 6:30 PM at 1143 Sanders, (the home of Arcelia and Gary Gibbs). Any resident is welcome to attend. We are always looking for new volunteers.

The Plum Creek Welcome Committee greets new neighbors moving into Plum Creek. We give every new resident a Plum Creek tote bag, which contains a Plum Creek HOA Welcome Packet, a Kyle Chamber of Commerce Guidebook, and a variety of items from local area businesses. Some of our volunteers also solicit local businesses for the promotional items to be included in the tote bags.

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Lakes and Parks Committee

The next meeting of the newly formed Plum Creek Lakes and Parks Committee will be March 15 at 7 pm at the home of Arcelia and Gary Gibbs (1143 Sanders). Any resident is welcome to attend. We are looking for volunteers willing to work to ensure that our outdoor amenities serve the recreational needs of our community.

Also, members of our committee will lead a family birding and nature walk around the lakes on Sunday afternoon, March 13, at 3 p.m. weather permitting. We will meet at 1401 Kirby (the corner house near the trail). So if you are curious about the ducks and other birds and wildlife you see while walking, jogging or biking, here is your chance to learn from a retired biologist and the well-traveled birders on our committee. Bring your kids and binoculars if you have them. We will have spotting scopes for up close observation. Hope you can join us.

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Zika Virus

Zika virus is transmitted by Aedes mosquitoes and there is no specific treatment or vaccine currently available. The best way to avoid getting the virus is to avoid being bitten by infected mosquitoes. About 20% of people with Zika virus actually get ill. Severe disease, requiring hospitalization, is uncommon and death due to the virus is rare.

The incubation period of Zika virus is thought to be a few days to a week, but is still unknown. Symptoms include fever, skin rash, conjunctivitis, muscle and joint pain, and headache. Symptoms tend to be mild and last from 2-7 days. Zika virus can be contracted through the bite of an infected mosquito, through blood transfusions, through sexual contact, and from mother to child during pregnancy.

The mosquitoes that are able to transmit Zika virus are also able to transmit dengue and Chikungunya viruses. These mosquitoes are daytime biters, but can also bite at night. Aedes mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water- buckets, tires, tree holes, animal water dishes, etc.

To protect yourself from mosquito bites, wear light-colored clothing that covers as much skin as possible, use insect repellent (read and follow label instructions), use screening on doors and windows, use mosquito netting (if needed) while sleeping, and reduce standing water areas.

For more information on Zika virus, please see the CDC website here <http://www.cdc.gov/zika/index.html>

For more information or help with identification, contact Wizzie Brown, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Program Specialist at 512.854.9600. Check out my blog at www.urban-ipm.blogspot.com

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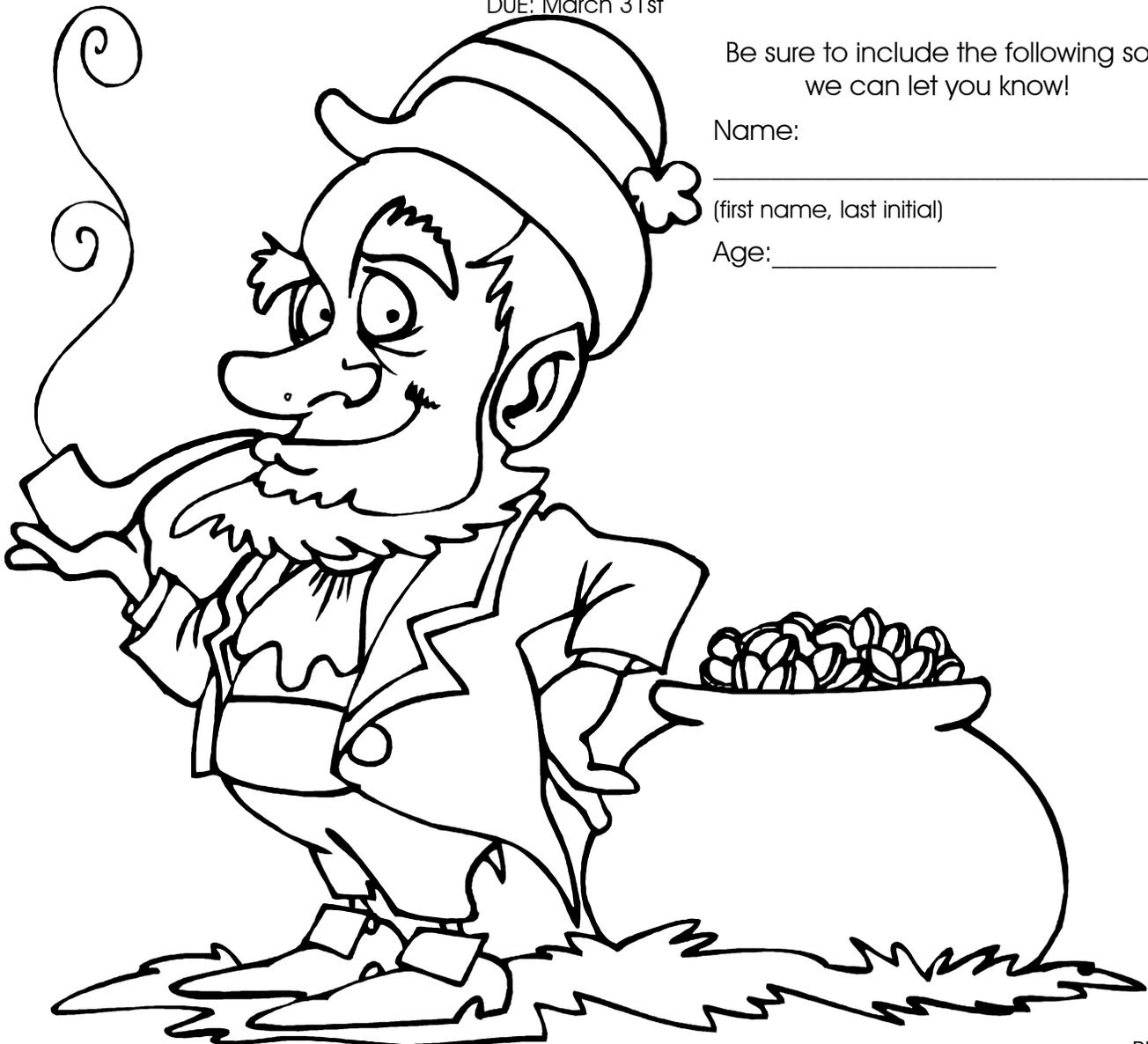
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