



The Official Newsletter of the Plum Creek Homeowner Association June 2016 Volume 7, Issue 6

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**5913 McNaughton** Please take a look at these beautiful yards; they are only three of the many wonderful landscapes in Plum Creek. Signs of recognition will appear in the winning yards April 15th. Please send nominations (yourself or your neighbor) to landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

#### 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.

#### Plum Creek Annual Fourth of July Celebration on Monday, July 4th!

Hosted by the Recreation Committee

Come out for our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic! The fun happens on Monday, 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.

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# SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF DROUGHT TOLERANT XERISCAPE

By Tony Tucker, Resource Conservation Representative with New Braunfels Utilities



1. Planning and Design-develop a plan. Consider how your property is shaped and formed. Determine what areas, if any are sloped; what areas get too much sun or not enough; what trees and plants already exist that can be used; what type of soil do you have; are there any other constraints?

2. Improving Soil- the type of soil a location has can vary within a given site and is crucial to know when determining planting locations and watering needs.

3. Plant Selection- for best results select drought resident plants that are native to your region. See the Plum Creek Landscape Template for approved plants to install in Plum Creek.

4. Efficient Irrigation- low pressure, low- angle sprinklers are best used to irrigate turf areas. Drip, micro-spray or bubbler emitters are most efficient for watering trees, shrubs, flowers and groundcovers.

5. Mulch- mulch is your landscape's best friend. It helps to maintain the soil's temperature, keeping it cooler, while reducing evaporation and preventing erosion. Mulch also reduces the amount of weeds growing in beds.

6. Practical Turf Selection- turf plays an important part in a landscape design but in order to be a viable option, it needs to be well thought out. Approved turf options for Plum Creek are Bermuda, Zoysia and Buffalo as approved by the City of Kyle.

7. Maintenance- During the first two years, a fair amount of weeding may be needed, but once established, drought tolerant landscapes require significantly less maintenance time than regular landscapes.



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#### Please Trim Those Trees!

Due to safety concerns, the HOA is evaluating street and yard trees that encroach on the sidewalk and streets. Since these trees belong to the homeowner, we want to provide residents with the opportunity to prune their own trees. The HOA requests that you prune your trees seven (7) feet above the sidewalk to prevent injury and fourteen (14) feet to prevent damage to emergency vehicles. Corner lots and round about lots need to clear limbs for sight distance of traffic signs and oncoming vehicular traffic at intersections.

City of Kyle and Hays CISD regularly drive through Plum Creek to inspect for drivability for large fire trucks and schools buses.

When raising your tree's canopy, follow proper pruning techniques, including cleaning tools between trees and wound spraying any cuts on all OAK trees to prevent Oak Wilt.

For information and diagrams about pruning visit: www.treesaregood.org http://texastreeplanting.tamu.edu/PruneYoungTree.html www.plumcreektxhoa.com

For information about contacting local certified arborists or for questions or concerns about pruning, feel free to contact the Landscape Committee at landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com

So, get out there with your clippers and let's clear those sidewalks and streets!

#### At the Fence SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

The June meeting of the Plum Creek Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee will be Thursday, June 16, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Community Center (by the bucket pool). National Night Out is coming up in October, and planning will begin with the June meeting. We want to make the event really special this year. We also plan to provide an update on the Block Captain brainstorming meeting in May, as well as status updates on sub-committee projects/efforts. 2016 projects include increasing security patrol, investigating and implementing traffic control solutions (additional signage, speed humps/tables, and/or a radar speed monitoring device), sidewalk repair, and street lights. Please note that our meetings are almost always on the third Thursday of the month. Whether you would like to help on a sub-committee, help with National Night Out, report a safety concern, or just come by to meet some of your neighbors, we are happy to welcome any Plum Creek resident to a meeting!

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#### SIP AND SEW

Want to join a group of creative individuals? Sip and Sew is a group of individuals enjoying their hobbies....which includes needlepoint, crochet, knitting, punch needle, rug hooking, counted cross stitch, quilting and sewing. We have numerous individuals willing to share their talents. We meet the second Tuesday of the month, June 14th, 6:30-8:45 PM.

Location is Haupt Community Center. Come ready to "do your own thing" of to get instructions or assistance with a project or just to observe. Come, Sip and Sew! If you have questions, please contact: Iris Sandle-512-405-0054 or Sandra Sigler 512-405-0187



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#### Sight Distance at Intersections - Corner Lots

The City of Kyle periodically inspects intersections for sight distance. Trees and shrubs planted within 25 feet of the intersection can block the view of oncoming traffic and traffic signs. Traffic can be pedestrian, bicycle or vehicular traffic. Traffic signs include, but are not limited to, speed limit signs, yield signs and stop signs. Another consideration in trimming trees and shrubs is the range of height of vehicles. Drivers can be low to the ground in a sports car or they can sit high up like a UPS truck. The Plum Creek Declaration indicates that the trees and shrubs within the 25 foot triangle on corners shall not be permitted to remain within the 25 foot triangle unless the foliage is maintained at a sufficient height to prevent obstruction to the sight distance.

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# What is a Community Association?

Some residents think homeowners and condominium associations (also called community associations) exist just to tell them what to do—or not do. Actually, the association is more like a housing management or service-delivery organization that provides three types of services to all residents--owners and renters alike

• Community services-these can include publishing newsletters, orienting new owners, holding community-wide annual information meetings, and scheduling recreational and social functions.

• Governance services-these can include ensuring that residents are complying with the association's governing documents, that the association is adhering to local, state, and federal statutes (like fair housing laws), enforcing community rules and policies, administering design review policies, and recruiting new volunteer leaders.

• Business services-these can include operating

the common property efficiently, bidding maintenance work competitively, investing reserve funds wisely, developing long-range plans, and equitably and efficiently collecting assessments.

Providing these services requires good management (whether carried out by a professional manager or a self-managing board of home owners), strong planning and organization, and carefully monitoring the

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