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Plum Creek Welcome Committee News

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.

The Committee is currently working on three new initiatives:

- Beginning next year, we will be hosting a quarterly "meet-and-greet" for new residents.
- We have obtained a directory of area senior services, which we can provide for any elderly Plum Creek residents who may need them.
- We are also compiling a list of local contractors that we will make available to all Plum Creek residents.

The Plum Creek Welcome Committee will next meet Monday, November 14th at 6:30 PM at 1143 Sanders, (the home of Arcelia and Gary Gibbs). Any resident is welcome to attend.

Turkeys Tackling Hunger

October 1 – November 29, 2016

At Hays County Food Bank

220 Herndon Street San Marcos, TX 78666

<http://turkeystacklinghunger.org/>

You can help families throughout Hays County enjoy the comfort and tradition of a Thanksgiving meal by taking a few hours this holiday season to help spread the word about Turkeys Tackling Hunger. Share your good fortune and help others by putting up posters, coordinating a fund drive at your office, or even donning a turkey suit for special events. For every \$30 that you raise, a family enjoys a home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner! Call 512-392-8300 x230 or email Ashley Hurst at ahurst@haysfoodbank.org to get started!

Lake/Park Committee

November 2016

Lake improvements- We have treated the lake for excessive vegetation and have already seen good results. We have approval for restocking the lake with grass carp this fall, and bluegill in the spring. We also met with the landscaping company to develop a better plan for maintain the vegetation along the trails.

Kirby Park improvements- We have installed a new bench and picnic table in Kirby Park. We have also gotten budget approval for a toddler playground early next year.

Eagle Scout Projects- We are working with Eagle Scouts to build and locate nesting boxes for owls, ducks and bats around the lake, and perhaps in some of the parks. Owls are very useful in controlling varmints such as field mice, and bats can be useful in reducing mosquito populations.

Greene/Kirby pocket park- We have created guidelines for such development and will soon be sharing them with neighbors interested in developing this pocket park.



Donation to Hays County Food Bank!

We are proud to announce that the Plum Creek HOA donated \$338 cash to the Hays County Food Bank as a result of the People's Choice Award at the BBQ Contest at the Hootenanny!

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Our first category is Traditional, which includes the simpler designs of house trimming and lots of greenery. It's the classic winter wonderland and Christmas of old with 1st, 2nd, or 3rd awarded!

Next, we encounter the Religious category, which embraces all major religious holidays. These holidays include Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and more. We award 1st place only.

In the Novelty category, you can go let your imagination go wild! This category accepts all of the rest! Once again, you can receive 1st, 2nd, or 3rd.

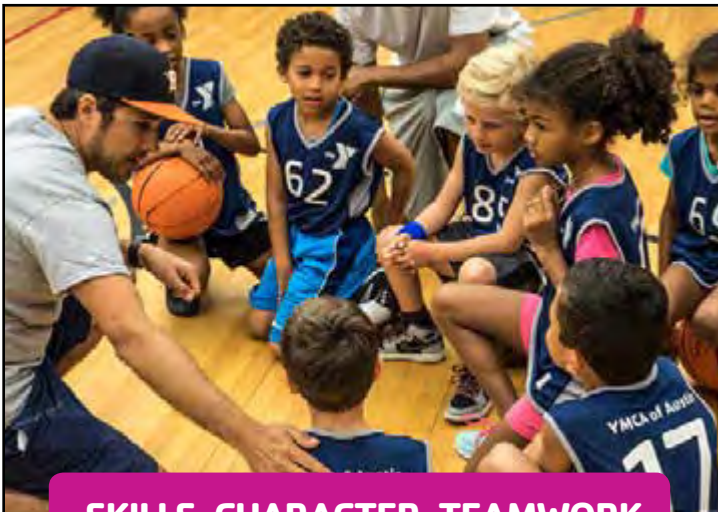
Judging begins the first Sunday of December and continues through the entire week.

Only houses that are nominated will be judged.

Winners receive a gift card and sign in their yard through the holidays and will be announced in the Plum Creek eNews in December and the February PC Post.

Feel free to nominate your own home or your neighbor! Just email: landscape@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Judging will be the entire week (starting the first Sunday in December) so everyone please have all your beautiful lights shining and lighting up Plum Creek that week!



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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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Snake Season Approaches

As our gardens awaken, so do the critters, including snakes. As always, please be very careful gardening, playing in the yard, or using the trails and lake, especially in the evenings. Check your porch and backyard before letting your kids or dogs outside. Examine your yard, porch, garage, and driveway, especially near the golf course, a drainage channel, natural area, or construction area. In addition, you may want to discuss the rattlesnake venom vaccine for your dog with your vet. If you spot a snake, leave the area immediately. If you find a snake or other critter and need assistance, you can contact Animal Control. Please don't kill snakes other than rattlers, as many of them are non poisonous and keep the rat and rattlesnake population under control. It is always better to retreat from any snake than engage it.

At the Fence

SIP AND SEW

And, a fun time is had by all! Come join our Sip and Sew group.... maybe you need assistance with a project that you are currently working with. Maybe you need a "new idea" or would you like to learn to needlepoint, crochet, knit, punch needle, rug hooking, mending or you have a project that just needs completion. A group of talented individuals always willing to share their love of hand crafts! We meet the second Tuesday of the month, November 08th, at the Haupt Community Center....6:30-8:45 pm. For additional information: please contact....Iris Sandle – 512-40-0054 or Sandra Sigler – 512-405-0187.

Plum Creek Golf Course and Walking Trails

The Plum Creek Golf Course is private property. Cart paths and fairways are for paying customers only. Do not walk, jog, ride bikes or skateboard on the cart paths or fairways. Cart paths have a posted 'No Trespassing' sign posted at the entrance.

It is dangerous to use cart paths and fairways for recreational purposes because you may be hit by a golf ball.

Residents can access the trail around the lake. The trail is for walking, jogging and bicycling. No motorized vehicles are allowed.

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Trash Cans: Screen from view

Deed Restriction Enforcement-Trash Cans

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:

3.13 Rubbish and Debris. No rubbish and debris of any kind shall be placed or permitted to accumulate upon the Property and no odors shall be permitted to arise therefrom so as to render the Property or any portion thereof unsanitary, unsightly, offensive or detrimental to any other property or to its occupants. Refuse, garbage and trash shall be kept at all times in covered containers and such containers shall be kept within enclosed structures or appropriately screened from view or in the area(s) designated for such purposes on the house plan approved by the Architectural Review Committee for such lot.

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 or behind the fenced area of each yard or garage. 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.

Ideas for trash cans screens: ARC Approval Needed:

Large shrub Yes, if it is a newly installed shrub

Fence section to match existing Yes

Add gate to fence Yes

Resin trash can screen- (match fence color) Yes if concrete is needed to install

****Note:**

1. Free standing trash can islands are not approved by the board of directors. Trash cans must be up against a permanent structure like a fence or building wall.

2. If you are using a resin/vinyl trash can screen, the screen should be the same width as the trash cans.

3. Resin/ vinyl trash can screens must match the fence color for your section of the neighborhood.

If you have questions regarding the enforcement of Article 3.13, please contact the Plum Creek HOA office at 512-262-1140 or plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com.

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

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