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BLUE SANTA

Sunday December 11th
1pm - 5pm at the Community Center

Santa Claus is coming to Plum Creek like you've never seen him before! Mark your calendar **SUNDAY, December 11th from 1pm - 5pm at the Community Center**. We are excited to announce that Santa this year will be Blue Santa, in person! Residents have asked over the years for ways to give back or give to our local community. Rec Committee met with Blue Santa's elves to see what Plum Creek could do to help get bicycles and toys to boys and girls ages 0-14. Those elves discussed it with Blue Santa and HE wants to come to Plum Creek to collect any donations we'd like to give!

The elves sent us a list, approved by Blue Santa, for the following items they are collecting for sweet kids who need some extra help this Christmas. They are looking for NEW toys and bicycles for ages 0-14, but they have a special need for gifts for older children (12-14) in that age span. They hope for NEW makeup cases, footballs, basketballs, gloves, scarves, make up, for example. Also, the elves are always looking for wrapping paper and gift boxes. Every little bit helps where these items are concerned, so bring even partially-used rolls. If it is easier, you could also make a monetary donation to Kyle

Police Employee Association (checks made out to KPEA) and they will help Blue Santa get exactly what is needed.

You can bring all of these items when you come to the Plum Creek Community Center on December 11 (Sunday), between 1 pm-5pm. While you are at the Community Center, you can take a holiday picture with Blue Santa!

We've got a photographer available to capture this unique opportunity to celebrate the season and help others. You'll love how we decorate the Community Center for all of this fun! Residents will have options of prints, text and emails of their holiday photos.

Kids will enjoy bouncing outside in our holiday bounce house, while grownups visit the vendor tables we'll have inside. In case you get hungry or thirsty, we'll have delicious cookies and hot chocolate ready for your enjoyment!

We have a limited number of vendors, coordinated by Hope Arabie (hopearabie@gmail.com). Tables are \$10 each and the \$10 will be donated to Blue Santa.

We can't wait to see you there!

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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.

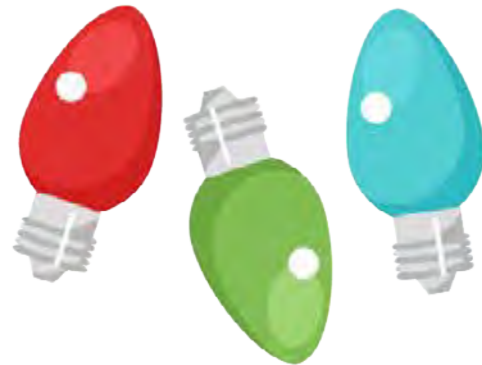
Judging begins the first Sunday of December and continues through the entire week.

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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We want to thank all the residents that turned out for National Night Out this year, as well as the block captains who worked hard to plan and volunteer at the event! We had a great turn out at all four Plum Creek locations. We cooked about 300 hot dogs, between three parks, and scooped a bunch of ice cream at Decker Park! In addition to visits from Kyle PD officers and EMT representatives, Plum Creek had visits from the Mayor and the Chief of Police at two of our parks, and a City Council member at another. Also, between NNO and our booth at the Hootenanny, we were able to raise over \$1,400 to help purchase a wheelchair van for a neighborhood family. We are grateful to the neighbors who donated prizes to help with the raffle, and to everybody that participated. All in all it was a great year, and we look forward to seeing you all next time.

We also want to recognize and thank Carol Peters for her service as Chair of the Committee over the past several years. Carol put in a lot of time for the Plum Creek community, and making sure that Plum Creek participated in National Night Out every year was one

of her priorities. We appreciate her service! Carol has retired from the Chair position but continues to serve as a Block Captain for Mather.

Our December meeting will be Thursday, December 15, 2016, in the Community Center (by the bucket pool). Some members arrive at 6 to visit. The meeting officially starts at 6:30. Ana Boling, a local attorney, will return to continue her presentation on mediation. Ms. Boling's September presentation turned out to be such a hot topic that many members still had questions.

Finally, the Committee recruited three new Block Captains at our booth at the Hootenanny, but we can definitely still use more. We would also welcome help on various neighborhood safety improvement task forces (projects like getting curbs painted in safety zones; additional 25 mph signs, street light review; etc). Whether you would like to help on a sub-committee, 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!

REACHING YOUR NEIGHBORS *and many others...*

- Avery Ranch
- Bee Cave
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- Belterra
- Canyon Creek
- Cat Mountain Villas
- Circle C Ranch
- Courtyard
- Forest Creek
- Highland Park West Balcones
- Jester Estates
- Ladera
- Lakeway
- Legend Oaks II
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From the Lake/Park Committee

The Lake /Park Committee is committed to improving the lake and trail system, and all parks within Plum Creek. We meet monthly, (dates and location to be announced), and any resident interested in lending a hand is welcome. In recent months, we have:

Lake improvements:

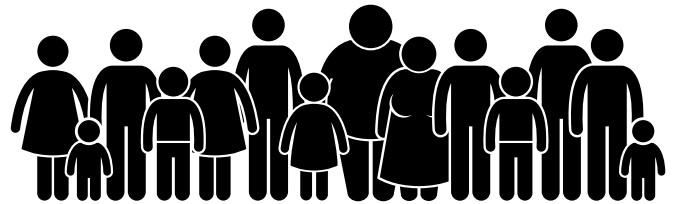
- Installed new benches, trash cans and seating blocks around the lake
- Treated the lake for excessive vegetation and have already seen good results, and restocked the lake with grass carp to further control lake vegetation.
- Met with the landscaping company to develop a better plan for maintaining the vegetation along the trails.
- We will be planting wildflower seeds in November/December timeframe
- We are working with the Boy Scouts on two Eagle Scout projects to install owl, duck and bat nesting boxes around the lake

Kirby Park improvements:

- Installed a new bench, picnic table and trash can.
- Installed two new seating blocks in the park.
- Held a drawing for the "blue house". Mike Mascianetti won and has now removed it from the park.
- Gotten budget approval for a toddler playground early next year.

Pocket Parks:

- Created guidelines for neighbors interested in developing their pocket parks and can help them get started.



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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.

- Beginning next year, we will be hosting a quarterly "meet-and-greet" for new residents. Saturday January 28th, 2017 from 4-6 pm we will host our first meet-and-greet at the Community Center Plum Creek 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 meets monthly;
any resident is welcome to attend.*

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