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"Yard of the Month" begins April 1st!

By: Plum Creek Garden Committee
(formerly called the Landscape Committee)

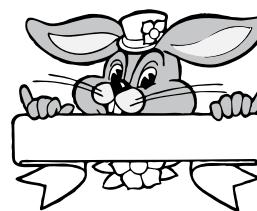
The "Yard of the Month" awards are just around the corner! As in previous years, only yards that have been nominated will be judged, so send in your favorite Plum Creek gardens. Judging criteria includes tree and shrub maintenance, originality, use of color, and lawn appearance.

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

The PC Garden Committee will judge the first round during the first week of April. Subsequent home nominations will be judged during the first week in 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 garden@plumcreektxhoa.com. Otherwise, you can continue sending nominations until June 1st for consideration in May and June. Homes can only win once during the season.

Thank you for participating in making our community beautiful.



Annual Plum Creek Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 15, 2017
9:30 AM Sharp

Come and join in all the fun! The Annual Plum Creek Easter Egg Hunt will be held in McNaughton Park at 9:30AM on April 15, 2017. Gather your baskets, bring your kiddos and join us for Face Painting, Balloon Animals, Easter Eggs, and the GOLDEN Egg prizes!!

The park will be divided into multiple sections color coded by age range. Arrive a bit early this year as our hunting grounds are a bit different. We will have five sections this year with a new and more challenging area for 10+ and up!

We are a volunteer driven event! We are always seeking volunteers and even Sponsors. If you or your group would like to help please contact KellyJo Sloan 512-787-4485 or Heidi Rainer 512-787-4856

All Residents Welcome at Annual Meeting

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!

2017 Annual Meeting Date:
March 23, 2017

Sign-in starts at 5:45 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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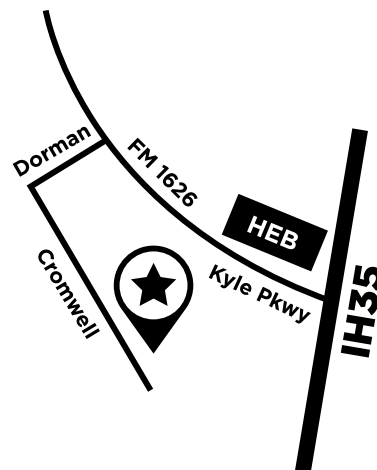
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Save the Date: Front Porch Days is May 20th & May 21st

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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 13th: Spring Community Wide Garage/Front Porch Sale
- Saturday, May 20th: Races, **AND** Plum Creek Garden Tour
- Sunday, May 21st, 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 washers tournament or races (on Saturday – tinyurl.com/2017FPDRaces).

Have a baker in the family? Pull out that favorite recipe and start practicing your dough-rolling skills. The pie baking contest also has a new twist on the format, including age groups! Keep an eye on the website for additional information.

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 Melody Stein 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 Greg Walters at gwalters219@gmail.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 the Recreation Committee at recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com.

Volunteers Needed- as always Plum Creek social events need volunteers. It can be as simple as packing packets, standing at a street corner to cheer on walkers and runners, setting out garbage cans, placing sponsorship signs around the park or judging the pies. You can sign up online here - tinyurl.com/2017FPDVolunteer

PLUM CREEK SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

Please mark your calendars now for the March 28 meeting of the Plum Creek Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee, as we expect a special guest: Kyle Police Department Chief Jeff Barnett. The goal of a Neighborhood Watch program is bringing citizens together with law enforcement to deter crime and make communities safer. We so appreciate the Chief taking the time to meet with us here in Plum Creek to help us make our community safer! Please note that the Safety & NW Committee has changed the week day for our monthly meetings. Meetings will now be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month (instead of the third Thursday). Meeting are held in the Community Center (by the bucket pool), and begin at 6:30. Committee projects for 2017 include continued efforts to address speeding concerns in the neighborhood (did you see our new sign on Sampson?), painting of sidewalks (near crosswalks, Stop signs), and increasing or modifying our security patrol. And of course, National Night Out, which is held in October each year. 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 all Plum Creek residents to meetings.

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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

ALLEY ETTIQUETTE

Spring is here and the kids are out! This time of year, before the temperature soars and the fire ants wage their battles in the plots of bermuda, feels like paradise. When you're a kid, there is nothing more fun than speeding down an alleyway on your new bike. Even better if you have some friends to form a posse. For parents, it's a great place to let them blow off all that steam. You'll also see the little ones wandering after the big kids, hoping to ride someday like they do. It's a great time of year and a good time to remember safety in our streets in alleys. We have no shortage of large vehicles in Texas and they can be scary and dangerous to kids. Watching your speed around corners, being extra slow in case a bike might come barreling towards you goes a long way to ensure our neighborhood is safe and sound for the little lives that are being nurtured in our neighborhood.

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13. Fraud
15. Compass point
16. Taught
18. Hides
21. Brew
22. Large meals
26. Sheer, triangular scarf
28. Midwestern state
29. Electronic mail
30. First letter of the Arabic alphabet
31. September (abbr.)
32. Polish

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1. Attired
2. Earring need
3. Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries
4. Efface
5. Egg layer
6. Many times
7. Capital of Idaho
8. Eyed
10. Combustible material
14. Angry
17. Old Testament prophet
18. Fireproof storage areas
19. Climate
20. Summary
23. Fly alone
24. Matching
25. Secure
27. Whack

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Street Addresses Needed In Alleys

Did you know that our alleys act as alternative routes for emergency services like police and ambulances?

However, many of our homes, especially in the older section, are not numbered in the alley. Over the years, house numbers have been painted on lot driveways, but sadly, the painted numbers wear away quickly and must be repainted every few years. However, mounted numbers offer a more sustainable and permanent solution.

Have you considered purchasing and placing your street numbers by your garage door for safety's sake?

In the newest sections of Plum Creek, residents are actually required to have their street number by their garage door, as indicated below:

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Home Numbers - Alley Side of Home

On alley lots, in addition to the numbering system on the front of a home, the street number will be required on the face of the garage structure adjacent to the garage door. The numbers should be located 5' above the ground plane and should be 4" matte black metal letter form. It is preferred that the numbers be located just below a wall mounted sconce light to make the numbers visible at night.

However, the HOA wants to encourage everyone in Plum Creek to place their street address by their garage. These numbers help with violation notices and especially, emergency personnel locate your home with ease. So, if your home has an alley, please consider placing your address on the alley side, too.

Thank you for your assistance! If you have any questions, please contact me at plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com



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Spring has already sprung upon us, and this year's March equinox falls on March 20, 2017. Daylight Saving Time (DST) is the practice of setting the clocks forward one hour started by Benjamin Franklin as a means conserve energy. The practice was likely perpetuated by golfers wanting to play after work and before the sun went down. Whatever the reason for its continuation, daylight saving time will start Sunday, March 12, 2017 at 2:00 a.m. You can use the change in time twice to remind you to check the batteries in your smoke alarm.



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