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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

Front Porch Days is May 20th and May 21st

www.frontporchdays.com

Front Porch Days will be here next month! 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.

Plan to join us -

- Saturday, May 13th: Spring Community Wide Garage/Front Porch Sale
 - Saturday, May 20th: Races, AND Plum Creek Garden Tour

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Pool Season Begins April 29, 2017 Get Your Rec Tags and Pool Keys

Both pools will open beginning April 29th. New in April, the Plum Creek HOA office will stay open until 6 pm on Thursdays to pick up pool keys.

Lifeguards will start Friday May 26th from 4 – 9 PM. They will then be on duty everyday through Labor Day weekend.

Come out and have hot dogs with the Lifeguards on Saturday the 27th from 12-3 PM at the Haupt Pool!

New residents can obtain the ADT pool key card at the HOA Office at 4100 Everett Ste. 150. Residents, 11 years or older, must have a Rec Tag (recreational ID) to use the pools, fish at the lake, play at the basketball courts or go to the dog park. Rec tags are issued to any homeowner, tenant, or resident family member.

Tenants are charged \$25 for each new Rec Tag. At the end of the lease period, tenants are encouraged and expected to return Rec Tags to the HOA Office. When a Rec Tag is returned, \$15 of the original \$25 per Rec Tag is reimbursed. For example, a family of 4 (all 11 and older) renting a home in Plum Creek must purchase 4 Rec Tags at an original cost of \$100. At the end of the lease period with the return of all 4 Rec Tags to the HOA Office, the family is reimbursed \$60. This helps improve security at the pools and offset the cost of continual Rec Tag issuance to rental addresses due to turnover.

If lost, homeowners and tenants can purchase a replacement Rec Tag for \$10.

One pool key is issued per address. If lost or a second one is needed, they are available for \$25.00 at the HOA Office. The office only accepts checks or money orders. Also, you need to call the office, at 512-262-1140, if you receive a key that is not working properly.

Please remember to have your pool key and Rec Tag available when entering the pool. If you do not have both cards when attending the pools, you may be asked to leave.

Have a fun filled and safe summer!

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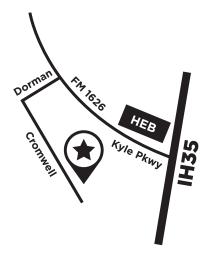
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• Sunday, May 21st, 12PM to 3PM: Front Porch Days Carnival, including the Plum Creek Music Festival, the Pie Baking Contest, and more at Fergus Park.

Our 4 race distances mean there's a distance for every one of you! Front Porch Days is the second in the series of 4 race events in Plum Creek, presented by Cory Pack – State Farm Insurance Agent. Walkers, strollers, joggers, runners are all welcomed. We also love it when the neighbors step out of their front doors and cheer on the participants. No roads are closed during the races, but we do ask that you proceed with caution on race morning, May 20, between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. You can find the courses and registration at tinyurl. com/2017FPDRaces

This year, our **Pie Contest** will include age group categories! Start practicing now – or sign up to be a judge at tinyurl. com/2017FPDVolunteer

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).

Interested in Sponsoring? Sponsorships help us keep the activities on Sunday free! Please consider supporting the event through one of our sponsorship levels. Information about sponsorships is posted at www.frontporchdays.com

Interested in selling something? Get that form turned in quick! We are accepting applications for vendor booth spaces now. If you're an artist, craftsperson, business, or community group, we want you! Contact Melody Stein at pcoffice@goodwintx.com to ask questions. The application is posted online at www.frontporchdays.com.

Interested in performing? If you are interested in performing, contact Greg Walters at gwalters219@gmail.com. We are looking for a couple of bands to play throughout the event.

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. Volunteer hours are community service hours! 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, keeping a watchful eye over the bounce houses, or judging the pies. You can sign up online here - tinyurl. com/2017FPDVolunteer



PLUM CREEK SAFETY & NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

We first want to express our thanks to Kyle Police Chief Jeff Barnett for attending our March meeting. We appreciate the Chief taking the time to meet with us here in Plum Creek to help us make our community safer! Second, please mark your calendars now for the April meeting, which will take place Tuesday, April 25, 2017. As always, the meeting will be held in the Community Center (by the bucket pool), and will begin at 6:30.

Many residents continue to express concerns about speeding in our neighborhood, and vandalism, as well as car burglaries. The Committee has been working on increasing the security patrol presence in Plum Creek. It is our understanding that adding the foot patrol some years back significantly reduced the vandalism at the pools. We hope that moving to a car patrol instead of a foot patrol will curtail (or at least reduce) the vandalism and car burglaries. With regard to speeding, we are adding some additional 25 mph signs in problem areas, and we continue to let Kyle PD know of the concerns. The Kyle PD does come through the neighborhood and check, as often as they can.

We want the Kyle PD presence in our neighborhood to deter crime. However, when they are here, they are also ticketing where they see other violations. Reproduced below please find a reminder list of common parking violations found in Plum Creek. In addition to avoiding a ticket, we can all make the neighborhood safer by complying with these laws.

TRC 545.302(b)(2): Stand or Park within 15 Feet of a Fire Hydrant- An operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle within 15 feet of a fire hydrant.

TRC 545.302(b)(3): Stand or Park within 20 Feet of a Crosswalk-An operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection.

TRC 545.302(b)(4): Stand or Park within 30 Feet of a Traffic Control DeviceAn operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle within 30 feet on the approach to a flashing signal, stop sign, yield sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.

TRC 545.302(b)(1): Stand or Park in front of a Public or Private Driveway- An operator may not, except momentarily to pick up or discharge a passenger, stand or park an occupied or unoccupied vehicle in front of a public or private driveway.

TRC 545.303(b): Parked Facing Traffic- An operator who stops or parks on a one-way roadway shall stop or park the vehicle parallel to the curb or edge of the roadway in the direction of authorized traffic movement with the right-hand wheels within 18 inches of the right-hand curb or edge of the roadway or the left-hand wheels within 18 inches of the left-hand curb or edge of the roadway. This subsection does not apply where a local ordinance otherwise regulates stopping or parking on the one-way roadway.



Saturday, April 8, 2017 11:00am - 3:00pm Kyle Banking Center (next to the Post Office in Kyle)

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Easter Egg Hunt (Don't forget your Easter Basket!)



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Lake/Park Committee

Birdwatching tour-Was held Sunday February 19th, and went very well. We had about 16 participants and identified 32 bird species. We are planning another Bird walk on Sunday April 23rd, the day after Earth Day.

Wildflowers-This fall, the Lake/Park Committee planted native wildflower seeds at various locations around the lake. We are now waiting with fingers crossed to see what comes up in the spring.

Eagle Scout Project- March 25th is the date scheduled for the Scout project to install duck nesting boxes at the lake.

Front Porch Day Fishing Tournament-The Lake/Park Committee will host the fishing tournament on May 21st. We will need volunteers to assist and instruct children.

Fishing do's and don'ts: (Plum Creek fishermen, please help enforce these rules to protect this very valuable resource!)

- Please put all discarded fishing line in trash cans! We have already found waterfowl, which died after becoming entangled in loose fishing line.
 - The lake is catch and release only.
 - Only artificial bait may be used.
- You must also carry your Plum Creek rec tags while fishing. We will be checking for rec tags more regularly.

Restocking fish-This fall, we restocked the lake with grass carp to control the water vegetation. In February we restocked with blue gill, which will provide food for the bass.

Trash Pickup in Parks and around Lake-All residents are encouraged to pick up trash whenever they walk the trails or visit any of the neighborhood parks. Shout out to Ed and Diane Beard, who have made it their own personal mission to clean up the parks and trails. They have filled many garbage bags with trash on their own!



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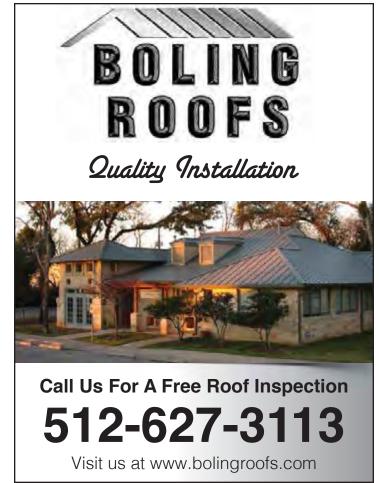
WELCOME COMMITTEE

The Welcome Committee's mission is to greet each new resident moving into Plum Creek. New residents are given a Plum Creek tote bag with an HOA Welcome Packet, a Kyle Chamber of Commerce Guidebook and promotional materials from local businesses.

The Welcome Committee hosted our first Meet-and-Greet on January 28th. This event was intended to give new residents the chance to become more familiar with Plum Creek amenities, as well as to mingle with established residents. It was quite successful, so we have scheduled another Meet-and- in the Community Center on May 28th.

The Welcome Committee now offers elderly residents a local area Senior Resources Directory. We are also working on a Directory of Local Contractors for Plum Creek residents.

In 2016, we greeted a total of 205 new Plum Creek residents. If you would like to join our Committee, you can contact us at: welcome@plumcreektxhoa.com



PLUM CREEK POST

"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. at 512-262-1140.

Need to Reserve the Community Center?

To make a reservation, please login at www.plumcreektxhoa.com Click on Resident Sign In. New to the website? click on "New User? Sign up today." Once signed in, go the "Stay Connected" Tab – Calendar – Reservation Calendar. Review the calendar to find a date that works for you. To reserve a time slot click on the green tab "Request Reservation" or click the space on the day. Complete the online form to hold the reservation. We will send you a confirmation/approved email 2-3 weeks before your event with your access code.

The documentation must be completed and submitted to receive approval. Submit a \$15 check for an inflatable, if used.

Plum Creek Community events that require the usage of the clubhouse, will take precedence over any individual reservations. These community events are Front Porch Days (May), Fourth of July, Hootenanny on the Hill (October) and Santa Pictures (December). These events are on the Reservation Calendar and the Community Events Calendar.

For additional questions you can call the Plum Creek HOA office at 512-262-1140.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR THE PLUM CREEK WEEKLY ENEWS YET?

The Plum Creek eNews is a weekly email for Plum Creekers containing neighborhood watch information, upcoming event information, and just about anything else one might need to know about the HOA. Typically, the email is sent once per week, on Thursday.

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:

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Make A Clean Sweep With the Community-Wide Garage Sale May 13th

Start cleaning out those closets and get ready for Plum Creek's Spring Community Garage Sale to be held

Saturday, May 13th, from dawn until dusk. So, while you are doing your spring cleaning and you run across things you no longer want—hold onto them for a bit longer and sell them at Plum Creek's Community Garage Sale! Remember-- one neighbor's trash is another's treasure! All homeowners may participate and should display their items on their front lawn for better crowd control. Our goal is to encourage visitors to park on the streets and not in alleys. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and will help us to have a safe and pleasant garage sale experience. Also, kids are welcome to earn money by selling baked goods or drinks! So, start saving bags for your customers to take home their treasures in and newspapers for wrapping breakable items.

SIP AND SEW

REGISTER FOR THE April PUNCH NEEDLE CLASS

And a good time is had by all! During our April Sip and Sew, Pam and Sandra have volunteered to offer a Punch Needle Class. What is Punch Needle? Punch Needle dates back to ancient times! It requires punching thread through a linen for the formation of loops for a carpet like appearance. (google punch needle) We will offer a 6x6 heart pattern, a punch needle, frame, and thread. The kits will be \$12.00 Please RSVP to Pam – 512-656-6050 or Sandra – 512-405-0187.

And, if you are not interested in Punch Needle, our usual, knitting, crocheting, rug hooking, mending etc., will be taking place. We meet at the Fergus/Haupt Community Center. The second Tuesday of the month, April 11th, 6:30 – 8:30 pm. Come, Sip and Sew!

Pool Committee Meeting

The pool committee meets the First Tuesday of each month at the community Center from 8 to 9 PM.

Check the Community Events Calendar on the Plum Creek website for committee meeting dates and times.

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