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# FRONT PORCH DAYS MAY 20TH AND MAY 21ST

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. Visit www.frontporchdays.com.

Plan to join us -

- 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.

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 gwalters 219@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

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# **Pool Season is Here: Activities to Choose From**

D. Scott Brown, PC Pool Committee Chair

As more residents head to the pools this month, I would like to make residents aware of all the activities available to them at the pools this summer:

Swim Lessons: The YMCA will again be offering swim lessons in the mornings at Plum Creek once their lifeguards come on duty. Information about scheduling, class information, and cost is provided by the YMCA Aquatic Staff. You can contact Billy Warren, Aquatics Director, at (512) 523-0099 for more information.

YMCA Hot Dog cookout: As part of their reintroduction to the neighborhood when the lifeguards come on duty, the YMCA will be hosting a hot dog cookout at the Haupt pool on May 27th from 12-3.

Swim Team: The Hays Swim Club will be offering Summer League Swim Team for children, ages 5-18 during the months of May and June. Practices starting up on May 1st at the McNaughton Pool. Please note, two lanes will be reserved for swim team during all swim team practices. To be eligible for the swim team, a swimmer must be

able to swim the length of the pool (25yds) without stopping. For more information, please visit www.haysswimsummer.org.

Adult Swim: The McNaughton Pool offers Adult Swim 5-6am in the morning and from 9-11pm at night. This time is reserved for lap swim and quite pool use for residents 18 & older.

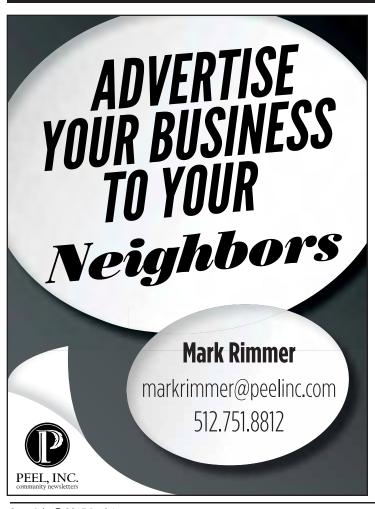
The Hill Country Tri Club hosts a Kids/Family Triathlon event, scheduled for July 22nd, 2017 that brings in participants from all over Central Texas.

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

# New Office Hours for APRIL and MAY Plum Creek HOA Office:

Monday 9-5 Tuesday 10-6 Wed – Fri 9-5

Please come by our office to get your pool keys and recreational IDs!





# Lakes and Parks Committee Hosted Boy Scouts Event

On Saturday, March 25, the Lakes and Parks Committee hosted 25 boy scouts and their parents from Troop 5 in Austin for an Eagle Scout project work day at the lakes. Bennett Folsom, the Eagle Scout candidate, provided the planning, organization and event management. The boys worked for six hours building waterfowl nest structures that were placed in the north lake. They also built and placed a number of fish habitat structures in both lakes designed to improve the fishing. A number of committee members were in attendance throughout the day to encourage and feed the scouts and their parents. Some of us had forgotten how much teenage boys can eat, but we helped by providing plenty of breakfast tacos and pizza. The project was supported financially by the HOA and we look forward to enjoying the habitat improvements. Thanks to all who participated and stopped by to show support.

# Welcome Committee May 2017

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.

Due to the success of our first Meet-and-Greet in January, the Welcome Committee will host another in the Community Center on Saturday May 28 from 4-6pm. Both new and current residents are encouraged to come out and meet one another. Coffee, lemonade and snacks will be served.

The Welcome Committee now offers our 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 205 new Plum Creek residents. If you would like to join our Committee, you can contact us at:

welcome@plumcreektxhoa.com



# Register for the Plum Creek Weekly eNews:

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:

- 1. Visit www.plumcreektxhoa.com.
- 2. Click Resident Sign In
- 3. This is a new website so everyone signs up as a New User.
  - a. Owners are added to the directory from the HOA accounting software.
  - b. Tenants contact the HOA office to be added into the directory before you can register.
- 4. Once you sign in, the website will take to your resident dashboard in the Home tab.
- 5. In the My Account box click Subscriptions tab.
- 6. Select Edit Communication Preferences
- 7. In the Communication Preferences, click the box next to Weekly eNews
- 8. Start receiving the Weekly email as early as next week! :) If you add your email and do not receive the e-News the following Thursday, please email pcoffice@goodwintx.com.

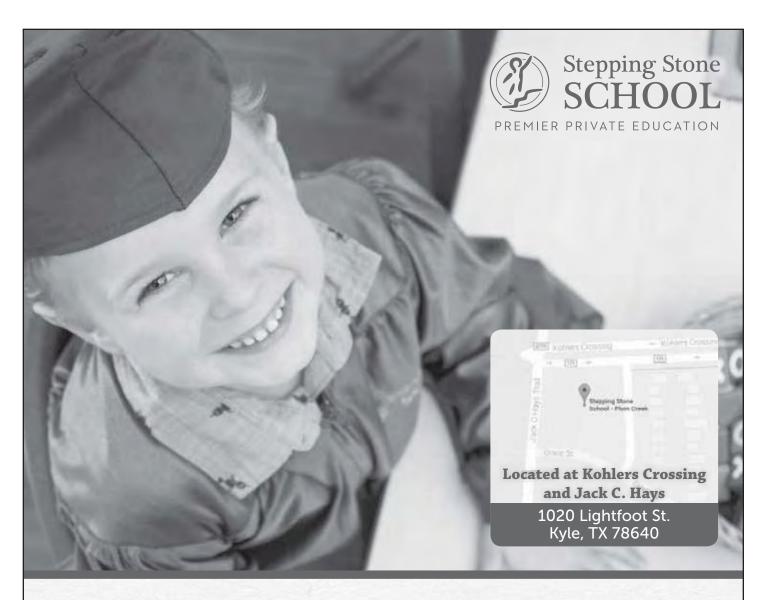
# Announcing Our New Website!

We've updated our website for 2017 to provide you with more convenience and a wealth of online services and opportunities to share ideas and information; get news and announcements; access an online resource center for important association documents and forms; utilize the member directory; and much more.

We're excited about offering online association services and consider the service a valuable amenity for the association.

Go to the website and sign up to access your dashboard and subscribe to receive the eNews.

The same website address: www.plumcreektxhoa.com Select the Resident Sign In link to begin and click on New User? Sign up Today!



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# At the Fence

#### Welcome New Board Member

Thanks to everyone that came to the 2017 annual meeting that was held on March 30, 2017. Welcome Nica Knepp to the board. As a volunteer board member she will serve alongside with David Mahn, Jennifer Crosby, Gary Gibbs and Megan Rogers.

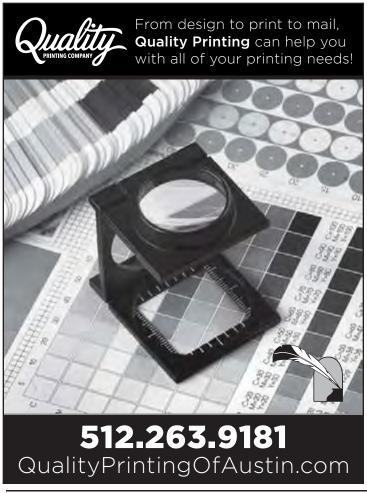
#### Make A Clean Sweep With the Community-Wide Garage Sale May 13th

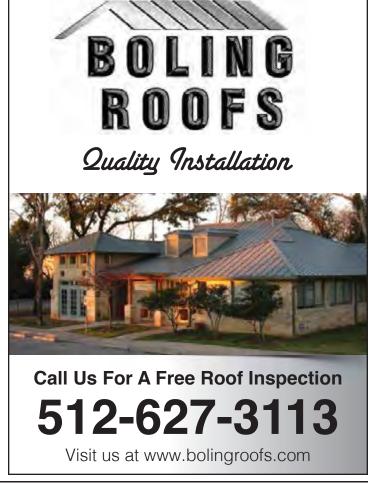
Start cleaning out those closets and get ready for Plum Creek's Spring Community Garage Sale to be held Saturday, May 13th, from dawn until dusk. So, while you are doing your spring cleaning and you run across things you no longer want—hold onto them for a bit longer and sell them at Plum Creek's Community 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**

A fun group of individuals, ready to share their enjoyment of "hand craft". Always ready to teach, assist. Just enjoy the friendships. We have knitters, crocheting, punch needle, needle point, rug hooking, mending, quilting.....you name it, we have it! We meet the second Tuesday of the month, May 9th, Haupt/Fergus Community Center, 6:30 pm – 8:45 pm. Come join our group, any questions please contact; Sandra Sigler – 512-405-0187 or Iris Sandle – 512-405-0054. Looking forward to May Sip and Sew!







# **Plum Creek's Yearly Event Schedule**

Come out for the fun in Plum Creek in 2017!

#### January 28th

Meet & Greet at Community Center^

#### March 4th

\*Negley 5K kicks off the Plum Creek Race Challenge

#### March 23rd

Annual Meeting

#### April 1st

Yard of the Month Season Begins, Runs through June

#### April 15th

Easter Egg Hunt

#### May 13th

Spring Community Wide Garage Sale, open to the public

#### May 20th

Front Porch Days: Races, Plum Creek Garden Tour, Family Fishing Day, Carnival, open to the public www.frontporchdays.com

#### May 21st

Front Porch Days, Carnival, open to the public

#### July 4th

Annual 4th of July Parade & Picnic & Popsicle Run

#### July 22nd

\*Hill Country Tri Club's Kids and Family Tri

#### October 3rd

National Night Out

#### October 7th

Fall Community Wide Garage Sale, open to the public

#### October 14th

Hootenanny on the Hill: Races, BBQ Cook-off, Carnival & More, open to the public www.hootenannyonthehill.com

#### December 10th

Holiday Bazaar

\*Organized by outside organizations

^Future dates TBD. Updates posted in the PC Post newsletter & eNews

To register for races go to http://www.athleteguild.com/

Dates subject to change, so please check the PC Post & the weekly eNews sent from the Plum Creek HOA website for updated information.

#### **Community Center Reservations:**

Plum Creek Community events, that require the usage of the clubhouse, will take precedence over any individual reservations. The recreation committee may need to use the community center the week prior to the event for set up. These community events are Front Porch Days (May), Fourth of July, Hootenanny on the Hill (October), National Night Out (October) and Holiday Bazaar (December). If you make a reservation on these dates in advance be aware that your reservation may be cancelled. The dates are published each year in the PC Post newsletter and the eNews in the first quarter of the year.

#### **Event Fanfare:**

Plum Creek HOA hosts many social events each year and you, your family and neighbors are always welcome! The events mostly take place in the parks, though some happen in other spots throughout the neighborhood. Social events promote teamwork and community involvement, and we encourage participation and volunteerism. If you live near a park, or on a running course trail, enjoy fanfare and community spirit during these events! As a courtesy to all, event dates are posted on the Plum Creek HOA website: www.plumcreektxhoa.com.







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# FAVORITE BANANA CREAM PIE

#### **INGREDIENTS**

- 1 small package (8 oz.) sugar-free vanilla pudding (cook type it has better flavor/texture)
- 1 3//4 cups nonfat milk
- 4 oz. nonfat vanilla yogurt (sweetened with artificial sweetener)
- 26 vanilla wafers
- 2 bananas, about 7" each, sliced (about 2 cups)
- 1 cup light whipped topping

#### **DIRECTIONS**

Prepare pudding according to package directions, except use only 1 2/3 cups of milk. Cool slightly before adding the yogurt. Line the bottom of an 8" pie pan with 12 vanilla wafers (not crushed). Arrange banana slices over the vanilla wafers. Place remaining 14 vanilla wafers standing up around the rim of the pan. Pour in cooled pudding. Top with light whipped topping. Refrigerate for two hours before serving so pudding will be firm. When serving, cut each piece to include two of the standup vanilla wafers.



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