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## PLUM CREEK ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION Tuesday, July 4th!

*Hosted by the Recreation Committee*



Come out for our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic! The fun happens on Tuesday, July 4th from 10:00 am to Noon.

Decorate those wagons, strollers, bikes, and scooters and come out to march with your neighbors in the

parade. If you don't want to decorate your stuff or walk, please come out and cheer on those in the parade, it is a sight to see!

The parade will start promptly at 10 Am on the corner of Witte and Negley and continue down Witte to McNaughton Park with the picnic to follow. Bring the whole family and enjoy the fun.

We will have lunch for you at the park but be sure to bring blankets and lawn chairs for you to sit and eat on. The pool will be open, but we'll also have a dual-lane, land slide this year (not a water slide).

***We are looking for volunteers to help us cook and serve.***

If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact the Recreation Committee at [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com)



## JULY 4TH POPSICLE RUN

Plum Creek Popsicle Run includes three distances to choose from – walk, jog, or run! The course will include Soaker Stations for a quick, refreshing splash by our volunteers!

On July 4, this 4-miler (7 a.m.), 3k/1k (start at 8:45 a.m.) event will start and finish at Negley Elementary in the Plum Creek neighborhood in Kyle, Texas. Participants will walk or run by and through some of the features of our neighborhood - including the pools, the golf course, the walking trail, the newest section of housing, and the playgrounds.

Frozen treats will reward the participants at the finish line, provided by Lone Star Delights!

In addition to the four-mile course, there will also be 3K and 1K options, so there is something for everybody in this family-friendly event.

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## EVENT: HILL COUNTRY KIDS AND FAMILY TRIATHLON

**Date: Saturday, July 22nd, 2017**

**Time: 6:00 am - 11:00 am (race starts at 7:00 am)**

**Location: Plum Creek Neighborhood - McNaughton Pool**

This year is the 10th Annual Hill Country Kids and Family Tri in the Plum Creek Neighborhood. This is an exciting event for kids, parents, volunteers and spectators. We would love to have Plum Creek residents cheer on our 300 kids and parents as they race down the streets after the swim in McNaughton Pool.

Closures: McNaughton Rd between Wetzel and Fairway; Fairway between McNaughton and the Round-a-bout before 2770; Witte between McNaughton and the 2nd Round-a-Bout; and Steiner between McNaughton and Witte.

To help direct traffic for racers and residents and to ensure a safe race course we will have three off duty police officers at key places on the course. In addition, we will have 75 volunteers lining the course.

REQUEST: Please move your cars off of Fairway, McNaughton, Witte, and Steiner the night before the race along the course. The course is much safer if cyclists and runners are not having to dodge parked cars. Parking behind your house will give you access to your

car in the morning if you need to leave.

For more information about the race or to sign up your family to participate, check out our website [www.hillcountrykidstri.org](http://www.hillcountrykidstri.org).

Thank you to the Plum Creek Community for supporting this race. We hope you come out to enjoy this great event!

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## Plum Creek Safety & Neighborhood Watch

The Plum Creek HOA Safety/Neighborhood Watch committee hosted a town hall meeting on May 23 at the Kyle Fire Department on Moore Street. The Fire Department introduced the concept of No Parking zones on one side of certain streets in Kyle that would otherwise have less than 20 feet of unobstructed driving space. Fire Chief Kyle Taylor asked for input from the committee members and others who attended from Plum Creek.

Chief Taylor wished to make it clear to our residents that we will not wake up to find one-side only parking on all our streets. He believes it will be only the narrowest of the streets that will go to one-side only parking—it may even be as few as 3 streets. It may also be that only certain parts of a street need to be modified, rather than the entire street. Most importantly, he proposes a gradual process, in which our input is crucial, and valued.

Chief Taylor explained that when Plum Creek was originally developed, there was no fire code in place. However, Kyle has now adopted the International Fire Code, which addresses access on city streets for Fire and EMS trucks. (The Kyle City Council heard the first reading of an ordinance amending the adoption of the 2015 Edition of the International Fire Code on May 16.) Now that Kyle has a fire code, many Plum Creek streets do not meet the code for street width. We have issues unique to Plum Creek that are critical safety matters. Specifically, fire trucks are often delayed significantly coming into Plum Creek at night, when there are cars parked on both sides of our narrow streets. But minutes matter. A delay of even 5 minutes is very serious when lives are at stake.

Several suggestions were discussed to solve the problem including determining the no parking side of the street by fire hydrant placement, removing or narrowing islands from the center of some streets, or purchasing land from homeowners to allow for widening of some streets. Another problem that was discussed is the number of people who prefer to park on the streets instead of in their garage or on their driveway. It was recognized that some driveways are too short to allow parking. The concern was that if parking becomes prohibited on one side of the street, that will reduce the number of parking spaces available to residents and visitors. Concerns were also expressed about residents with disabilities that may need closer street access.

Another issue that was brought up was trees (particularly sycamores) with branches that protrude onto the street right of way making it difficult for fire trucks to pass by them. Trees belong to the property owner and must be kept trimmed at the owner's expense. The fire captain noted that there is a high cost to the truck from broken mirrors or other equipment due to branches hitting it. Chief Taylor further explained that ladder trucks are up to 16 feet wide when the stabilizers are out. The Fire Dept. will soon be receiving a new ladder truck that is wider, and will have more problems with access. This escalates the already existing concerns about both parking and trees.

After the meeting, a fire truck driver took the Safety/NW Committee Chair, the Welcome Committee Chair, one Plum Creek HOA Board member, and a safety committee member, for a ride in the truck

through Plum Creek. The purpose was to illustrate some of the main problem areas in Plum Creek which are obstructing resident safety and fire protection. Wetzel was mentioned as a particular problem. Areas of Mather, Mendez Loop and Hartson were also mentioned. On the ride, we learned that one thing residents can do right now to help, is to fold in their rear view mirrors if they park on a narrow street with many cars parked on the street. Especially if you own a big truck. The firemen often have to jump out of the truck and fold in people's mirrors just to get by! That takes up precious time. Additionally, we realized that parking on corners can also be a problem, because the fire truck sometimes cannot turn onto some of the narrow streets if a car is parked near the intersection. For those areas, we believe that putting up signage near the corners and painting the curbs there may solve the problem so the entire block does not need to be one-side only parking.

The Chief will soon have a map that identifies the exact width of each street in Plum Creek. Utilizing that map and a list of the problem spots identified on the fire truck ride, the Safety/NW Committee will work with the Chief, the HOA Board, and the City to come up with the best solutions we can. If you have questions, please feel free to send an email to [safety@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:safety@plumcreektxhoa.com), and/or to attend future meetings. Finally, please note that the July meeting of the Plum Creek Safety & Neighborhood Watch Committee will be on Tuesday, July 25, 2016, at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the CommunityCenter and all residents are welcome.

## Lakes and Parks Committee

July 2017

**Front Porch Day Fishing Tournament-**The Lake/Park Committee hosted the fishing tournament on **May 21st**. They had a great time with the kids.

**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.

**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.

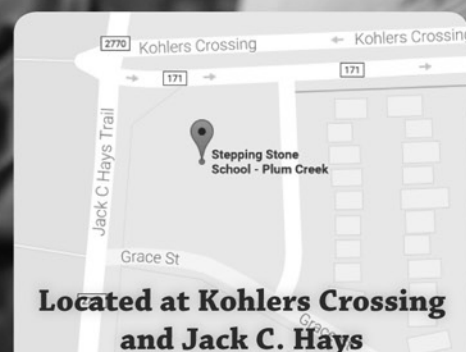
**2018 Survey-**The Lake/Park Committee is preparing another survey for residents to help us prioritize proposed improvements to the lake, trails and parks for next year. Along with the survey, we plan to include the projects that were completed based on the results of last year's survey.





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## Newsletter for the Plum Creek Welcome Committee

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The Welcome Committee hosted another successful Meet & Greet in the Community Center on May 28th. Some twenty-eight residents, both new and old, along with their children, came out and meet one another. Coffee and donuts, lemonade and snacks were served. The committee also made information available regarding Plum Creek and Kyle. We plan to continue hosting these events on a quarterly basis.

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. In 2016, we greeted 205 new Plum Creek residents.

*If you would like to join our Committee, you can contact us at:*  
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### Neighborhood Watch: Slow Down on those Streets, Please!

As a reminder, please keep those speed limits to 25MPH when driving through Plum Creek. Alleys are typically 5 MPH. Please be extremely careful on streets with lots of parked cars, as you never know when a jogger, child, or pet might dart out from behind one. THANK YOU! :)

### Portable Basketball Goals

The Board of Directors has approved the following locations for Portable Basketball Goals:

Basketball goals cannot be stored in the alley or next to the alley with net overhanging the alley when not in use.

Basketball goals can be stored in the garage, behind the fence or behind the alley easement line with the net over the driveway when not in use.

What is an alley easement? You will need to review your lot survey to see where the alley easement is located. You should have received a lot survey at closing. Again, to locate the alley easement review your lot survey.

### Resident Directory

Register your email on the Plum Creek resident website  
[www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com)

The resident website is the official email directory for the association. Owners are responsible to keep their email address updated in the directory. Be sure to sign up on the new website and add a current email address.

## You Light It, We Write It

### Kyle PD says zero tolerance of fireworks in city limits



Kyle Police are taking a tougher stance on fireworks popped off within city limits. Kyle city ordinance does not allow the general public to light fireworks inside the city.

Police Chief Jeff Barnett said effective immediately, those who set off fireworks inside the city limits will be

issued citations, not warnings. He said the number of calls complaining about fireworks has increased every year since he started with KPD.

"Our officers run on hundreds of calls on nights like July 4th and New Year's Eve as complaints are called in," he said. "Fireworks are fun for those setting them off, but not much fun for pets, sleeping children, and military veterans and others with PTSD."

Kyle Fire Chief Kyle Taylor said fireworks are a real hazard and can cause significant damage to people and property. "Kyle Fire Department recommends leaving explosives to the pyrotechnical experts," he said.

Barnett said the Kyle City Council directed his department to enforce the ordinance.

"With the council's support, we are taking a more proactive yet hard line approach," he said.

He encourages Kyle residents to avoid citations and comply with the ordinance. Instead of a ticket, Barnett and Taylor recommend folks head over to the city's annual Fireworks Extravaganza at Plum Creek Golf Course and the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center. This free family-friendly event includes free music and a great seat for watching the show, which begins at dark.

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## 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  
installed shrub

Yes, if it is a newly

Fence section to match existing

Yes

Add gate to fence

Yes

Resin trash can screen- (match fence color)  
needed to install

Yes if concrete is

### **\*\*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](mailto:plumcreekmanager@goodwintx.com).

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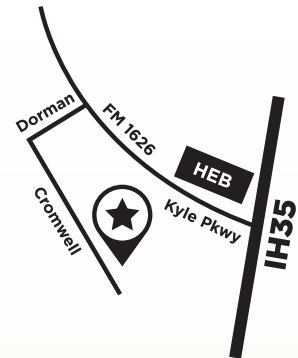
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- Kyle Gov. Employee Discount
- Senior Discounts
- We Sell Boxes, Moving Supplies

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NEW MOVE-INS ONLY. WITH COUPON. NOT  
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