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**Front Porch Days is May 19th
and May 20th**

www.frontporchdays.com

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 12th: Spring Community Wide Garage/Front Porch Sale
- Saturday, May 19th: Races, AND Plum Creek Garden Tour
- Sunday, May 20th, 12PM to 4PM: Front Porch Days Carnival, the Pie Baking Contest, and more at Fergus Park
- Sunday May 20th: People's Choice Awards is the band playing again this year! They will be performing from 2-4, so bring your blankets or lawn chairs and come enjoy the music!
- Sunday May 20th: Family Fishing Day and Youth Tournament from 4-7 PM.

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 washer tournament Sunday May 20th or races (on Saturday May 19th – <https://tinyurl.com/2018fpdraces>)

Have a baker in the family? Pie Contest- 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! Visit the event website to locate the pie registration form.

Interested in selling something? We are accepting vendor booth applications for booth spaces. Visit the website to locate the vendor booth form. 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 is posted online at www.frontporchdays.com.

Interested in another aspect of Front Porch Days? You can direct general questions about the event to the Recreation Committee at plumcreekrecreationcommittee@gmail.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 - <http://tinyurl.com/2018fpdvolunteers>

FAMILY FISHING DAY AND YOUTH TOURNAMENT

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Sunday, May 20th

4 pm - 7 pm

Plum Creek residents are invited to join the Lake and Parks Committee for an afternoon of fishing at the lake.

We are planning a fun fishing event with prizes for kids in two age categories; 4-12 year olds and 13-18 year olds

Learn how to be a better fisherman from our Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Angler Ed Instructor. Come learn about fish ID, fishing safety and gear, knot tying, what makes good fish habitat, fishing regulations and much more.

Catch and release only. Night crawlers provided or bring your favorite artificial lures. Loaner rods provided.

Residents are asked to wear their REC Tags.

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The term "20/20 vision" is used all the time - but what exactly does that mean? Your vision acuity is your ability to clearly identify items on an eye chart at a standardized 20 foot distance with your best corrected vision (using glasses or contacts if needed).

20/20 is considered "average" vision, meaning that you can see things clearly at 20 feet away that the average person is able to see. If your vision is *better* than average, 20/15 acuity for example, then you can see a item clearly at 20 feet away that an average person cannot see until they are 15 feet away. If your vision is *worse* than average, say 20/100, that means that you have to be 20 feet away to see the item clearly while the average person can be 100 feet away. (You won't be able to get your driver's license renewed in Texas with 20/100 vision.)

Top athletes usually have better than 20/20 vision, and typically have better visual skills than your average person. Others may have worse than 20/20 vision if they have an eye disease like macular degeneration, dry eyes, allergies,

age-related changes like cataracts, or a childhood condition like lazy eye. It is possible to maintain 20/20 vision (with the correct prescription) for most of your life as long as you don't develop any serious eye diseases and cataracts are removed.

There's a lot more to vision than just 20/20 acuity. Many other skills impact vision performance, such as eye coordination, peripheral vision, depth perception, focusing ability, color vision and contrast perception. Many of these skills can be improved by using the correct prescription, addressing any eye health problems, improving your diet or taking nutritional supplements, and vision training.

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POOL SEASON BEGAN APRIL 2, 2018

Get your Rec Tags and Pool Keys

Haupt Bucket pool opened April 2, 2018. McNaughton lap pool should open no later than May 1st.

Austin Pool Pros lifeguards will be on duty every day starting Saturday, May 26th through Labor Day weekend. When Hays CISD is in session the lifeguards will be on duty from 4 PM to 9 PM. All other times the lifeguards will be scheduled from 12 PM to 9 PM.

New residents can obtain the ADT pool key 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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Hi POOL FANS

We hope you're enjoying Haupt Pool even if the water is still a little Chilly!

The new seating is terrific! We ask everyone to help take very good care of this furniture as it is expensive to repair or replace. With respect and care it will offer many years of service.

The showers are freshly painted and so convenient for a refreshing quick rinse before & after swimming.

Please help keep all the facilities tidy and the bathrooms clean.

As always, children who are not fully potty-trained are required to wear Swim Diapers/Swim pants. Because they are not always trustworthy, it's helpful if you use plastic pants over the swim diaper. If the water is contaminated by an accident it has to be closed until properly taken care of and chemically treated. Thank you for being careful.

There are new signs posted to make sure everyone knows there is No Smoking & No Glass of Any Kind allowed Inside Fenced Area. This is very important and we hope all will be mindful of these rules.

No exceptions will be allowed. Thank you!

There are often questions that a resident needs a quick answer to. Please look at the HOA Website at www.plumcreektxhoa.com.

Select: Sign In (this is how you have access to all the posted information options)

Select: Resource Center

Select: Pool Information

Here you will find a lot of useful information to the most frequently asked questions.

The Pool Committee also has a Facebook page: Plum Creek Pool Committee Page

Please 'Like' it to follow messages, photos, comments & questions. We cannot monitor the page constantly but will answer as soon as possible. Often you will find what you're looking for on the HOA website.

McNaughton Pool aka the Lap Pool will be open as soon as possible. At the time of this writing we don't have an exact date as renovations continue. We expect to open in early May. Much has been done this Spring and we had weather delays. You will see it's worth the wait!

We have a new pool service and Lifeguard company this year: Austin Pool Pros

They are dedicated to doing the very best job possible for our neighborhood and we ask that everyone is helpful by making sure the water isn't contaminated and trash is taken care of and No Glass is used.

Our pools are so much fun and nobody likes when they have to be closed for avoidable reasons.

Our committee is always hoping for new members and we encourage you to Join Us!!! Give us a shout on the Facebook Pool Page or an email to plumcreekpoolcommittee@gmail.com. We welcome everyone who is interested in our pools. We keep track of maintenance needs, make suggestions to the Board concerning rules and regulations, interface with the pool service/lifeguard company & help out with answers to questions from residents and try to make sure everything is running "swimmingly".

Thank you ALL for keeping Plum Creek Pools Safe, Clean & Fun!!!!



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FROM OUR SAFETY COMMITTEE

BLOCK CAPTAINS NEEDED!!

Help us keep Plum Creek a safe community for all of our residents. Block Captains serve a vital role in this!!

The role of Block Captains is:

- Participation in Yearly National Night Out
- Monitoring safety on your neighborhood street
- Ensuring that there are no Public Safety issues on your street (i.e. Street Lights, Traffic Signs, Sidewalk issues, etc)
- Checking on our elderly neighbors during extreme weather events or power outages
- Attending monthly meetings.

You may think that your contribution is not necessary because someone else will do it. Please be that someone!

It Takes a community to make a safe community!!

Contact the Safety Committee at Plumcreeksafetycommittee@gmail.com

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MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP WITH THE COMMUNITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE MAY 12TH

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

Saturday, May 12th, 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.

THE COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE TEAM

The Compliance Assistance Team would like to encourage every resident to recycle. If you need to replace or add additional bins for recycling or yard debris you can contact [Texas Disposal Systems.com](http://TexasDisposalSystems.com) or call 800-375-8375. Also, don't forget that you are entitled to have a large item picked up once a year. Sign up for Waste Wizard phone service reminder to stay updated on which cans are picked up that week.

Please contact our committee for friendly, confidential assistance complying with those notices you may have received or any yard or building challenge you may be facing.

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Top 10 Reasons to Recycle Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!

1. Good For Our Economy - American companies rely on recycling programs to provide the raw materials they need to make new products.
2. Creates Jobs- Recycling in the U.S. is a \$236 billion a year industry. More than 56,000 recycling and reuse enterprises employ 1.1 million workers nationwide.
3. Reduces Waste-The average American discards seven and a half pounds of garbage every day. Most of this garbage goes into to landfills, where it's compacted and buried.
4. Good For The Environment- Recycling requires far less energy, uses fewer natural resources, and keeps waste from piling up in landfills.
5. Saves Energy- Recycling offers significant energy savings over manufacturing with virgin materials. (Manufacturing with recycled aluminum cans uses 95% less energy.)
6. Preserves Landfill Space-No one wants to live next door to a landfill. Recycling preserves existing landfill space.
7. Prevents Global Warming- In 2000, recycling of solid waste prevented the release of 32.9 million metric tons of carbon equivalent (MMTCE, the unit of measure for greenhouse gases) into the air.
8. Reduces Water Pollution- Making goods from recycled materials generates far less water pollution than manufacturing from virgin materials.
9. Protects Wildlife-Using recycled materials reduces the need to damage forests, wetlands, rivers and other places essential to wildlife.
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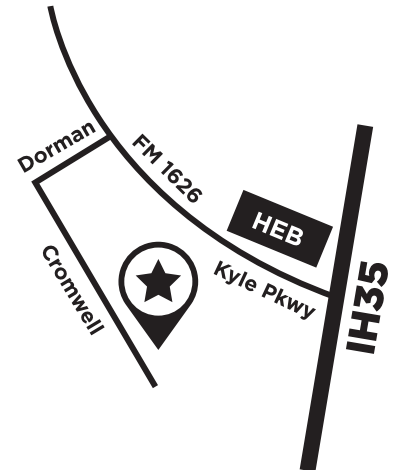
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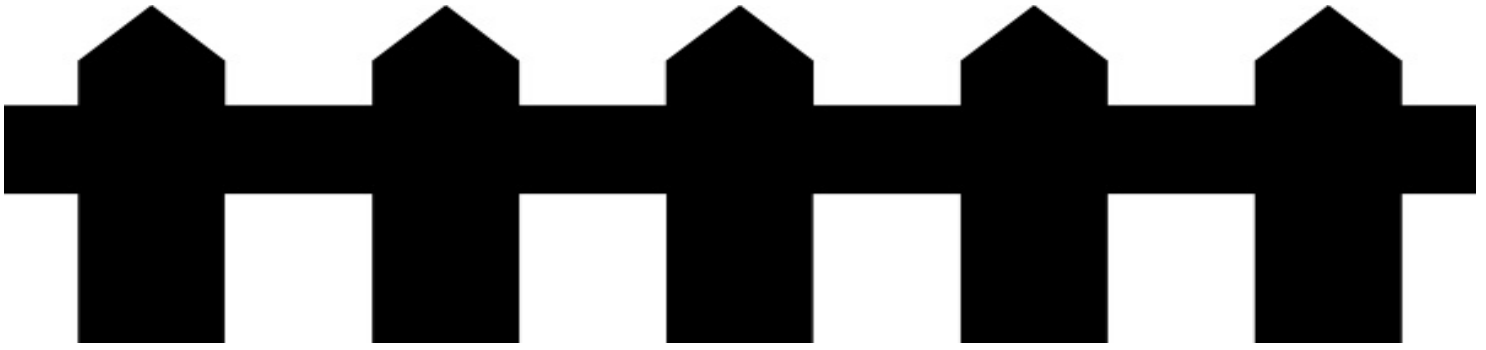


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Easter Egg Hunt Volunteers

Thank you to the community volunteers who planned and led the Easter Egg Hunt! Special thanks to Kelly Jo Sloan and Heidi Rainer!

May Sip and Sew

May, longer days and more time to create. Sip and Sew is a group of fun talented

Individuals ready to share their talents or come and share yours! Punch needle, crocheting, needlepoint rug hooking, counted cross stitch, quilting, mending and more!

Join our group, the second Tuesday of the month, May 8th at the Haupt/Fergus Community Center...6:30-8:45 pm. Come, Sip and Sew

Any questions, please call: Iris Sandle...512-405-0054 or Sandra Sigler...512-405-0187.

July 4th Parade and Picnic

Organized by the Recreation Committee

The parade starts promptly at 10 am on the corner of Negley and Witte. The parade leads to the volunteer organized picnic at McNaughton Park. More information coming in upcoming newsletters. If you are interested in volunteering you can send an email to plumcreekrecreationcommittee@gmail.com.

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 in the first quarter of the PC Post newsletter and on the Plum Creek HOA website: www.plumcreektxhoa.com

CITY WIDE CLEAN UP MAY 12

Bring all that stuff in the garage you've been meaning to get rid of! This free clean-up event is for City of Kyle residents only and identification will be required. Bring a current Kyle utility bill and valid photo ID. Takes place from 8 a.m.-11:30 a.m. on Dacy Lane near Seton Hospital. More information to come soon.



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2018 EASTER EGG HUNT

We would like to thank everyone for coming out to Plum Creek's Easter Egg Hunt this year. We had a beautiful day and tons of fun!

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MAY To Do List

- Do a full irrigation audit (Should be done monthly)
- Still a great time to add mulch to all the beds
- Interested in planting a garden? Great time to plant Okra, Summer Squash and Tomatillo plants
- The month is a great time to add seed (Bermuda) to a common Bermuda lawn
- Great time to sod old worn out areas. Any of the varieties (Zoysia & Bermuda, can be done this time of year.
- As it warms up, be aware of the pest activity around your plants and turf. Be observant and treat at first signs.

The average rainfall in May is approximately 4.5". Since "average" is a loose term, great time to collect rainwater for home use. Predictions for hot & dry summer are just that...."predictions". Now where is my crystal ball?



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YOUR COMMITMENT AS A HOMEOWNER

The association is glad you've found a home in our community. We presume it has all the amenities you were seeking and you're settling in nicely. This is the time the association likes to remind new homeowners that common-interest communities like ours create some unique obligations to the community and to other residents within it:

Read and comply with the community's governing documents. You should have received a package of documents well before you closed on your home. If you didn't, check the association's website or ask the manager or a member of the board for copies. Make sure you understand what's included in them, particularly the rules about pets, parking, your home's exterior maintenance, architectural guidelines and when you must pay association assessments.

Provide current contact information to association board members or the manager. Add contact information on the association's website: www.plumcreektxhoa.com. The management team uses the contact information provided on the website for emergencies. Be sure to update your mailing address to receive the monthly newsletters, notices of violations, and annual meeting notices. If you rent out your home, provide contact information for your tenants also for use in an emergency.

Maintain your property according to established standards. The community's appearance can add value to all the homes within it—including yours—so it's important to keep landscaping neatly groomed and your home's exterior well-maintained.

Treat association leaders honestly and respectfully. Board members are homeowners—just like you—who have volunteered to give their time and energy freely to govern the community. While you should share your concerns about the community with them, do so in a way that's constructive, informative and helpful.

Attend board meetings and vote in community elections. Board meetings are open to all who wish to sit in and keep up with issues under discussion. The association is a democracy, and your voice and vote can affect important issues.

Pay association assessments and other obligations on time. Your regular assessments pay for common-area maintenance, amenities and other shared expenses. If you don't pay on time, the burden for paying your portion of the association's bills, like water, electricity and trash removal, falls on your neighbors. Contact a board member or the manager, if you're having problems, to discuss alternative payment arrangements.

Ensure that tenants, visiting relatives and friends adhere to all rules and regulations. If you are leasing your home, you're liable for maintaining the condition of the home and for the behavior of those who live in it. Make sure to screen tenants thoroughly, and familiarize them with the community's rules.

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