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PLUM CREEK ANNUAL FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 4TH!

Hosted by the Recreation Committee



Come out for our annual 4th of July Parade and Picnic! The fun happens on Wednesday, 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). Watermelon provided by Allison Pflaum, Hays Home Team.

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 plumcreekrecreationcommittee@gmail.com.



Plum Creek Popsicle Run includes three distances to choose from - walk, jog, or run!

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.

Registration link: tinyurl.com/2018popraces and volunteer tinyurl.com/2018popvolunteer

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Summer & Dry Eyes

Ever wonder why some days your eyes drive you crazy and other days, you barely think about them? It could be due to a condition known as dry eyes. Mild dry eyes are suspected when someone is experiencing variable, intermittent symptoms. Many people have dry eyes at some point during their lives, although their specific symptoms may vary since dry eyes comes in all shapes and sizes. A scratchy or gritty feeling, intermittent blurry vision, brief sharp pains that make you feel like you need to blink, a burning sensation, and even overly watery eyes can all be symptoms of dry eyes.

Summertime can pose a challenge for dry eye sufferers since air conditioning and fans increase air circulation and dry out the air, and it is also much easier to become dehydrated in the hot weather. Dehydration means fewer tears are made, and dryness symptoms usually result. Summertime recommendations to prevent dry eyes are:

- Wear sunglasses to protect from wind and sun.
- Use artificial tears for occasional temporary dryness (avoid "redness relief" eye drops).

- Direct AC vents in your vehicle slightly away from your face, and point fans away from your head.
- Consider a humidifier in your house or bedroom if your symptoms seem most noticeable in the late evening or early morning.
- Drink your water, especially when active!
- Limit caffeine and alcohol, which further dehydrate.
- Use goggles or keep your eyes closed while swimming water washes away the natural oils in your tears that protect your eyes and prevent evaporation.

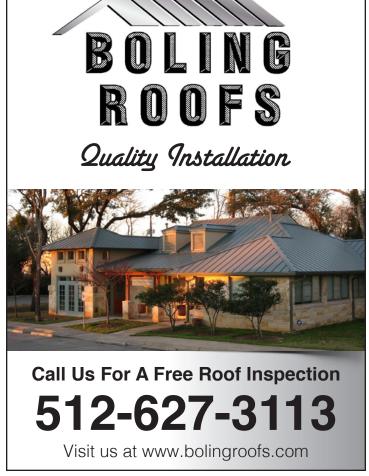
Many different factors can contribute to dry eyes such as contact lens wear, history of LASIK, inflammatory conditions, certain medications, allergies, and environmental factors. Please talk to your eye doctor if your symptoms are persistent for further recommendations.

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CURB APPEAL

Spring is here. The days are longer and the temperature is still mild. It is time to get out there into the yard and tackle those lawn, tree and garden projects. Every home in Plum Creek is required to maintain a well trimmed lawn, trees and shrubbery. Every yard should be weed free including those sidewalk cracks. Trees must be 7' above the sidewalk, 14' above the street and 6' above the yard. Getting a healthy yard and garden isn't rocket science but it does take time, patience and correct information. There are lots of instructive websites out there or contact our very own Garden Committee. If do-it -yourself is not your thing try hiring a local teenager from Next Door. Also, there are many affordable local landscape companies. Let's all work together to make our community the best looking in the area. Curb appeal matters. The Compliance Assistance Committee welcomes the opportunity to help overcome any obstacle you may face.

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GOOD DAY PLUM CREEK!

First of all, we would like to introduce our two new block captains, Mike Rhoades and Darla Damron. Please welcome them when they knock on your neighborhood door and please thank them for their community service.

In our monthly meeting in April, Mike Rhoades brought to the committee a concern on traffic on Nevarez, which is a cul-de-sac, that students and parents were attempting to create a shortcut into the subdivision through this street after school, and it was creating a severe back up situation. Tim McHutchion contacted Scott Sellers, whom in turn, notified Public Works that a no outlet sign was needed on this street. I am happy to report that this has been accomplished.

In early May, a concern was expressed to the committee, that several fights have been breaking out after school in the parking lot of the funeral home located at Kirby and Hellman. Apparently, in the most recent occurrence, a young man was literally knocked out and had to be carried to a vehicle. Tim McHutchion contacted Kyle PD and requested that a patrol vehicle place a presence in this area between the hours of 4 and 5 PM. Additionally, Mike Rhoades our block captain in this area will keep an eye on this area during the same hours, and contact KPD in the event of an altercation. We are hoping that this layer of surveillance will help curb this activity.

The committee is also aware of the parking situation in the area of Kirby and Hellman, due to student parking in this area during school hours because of a lack of parking on the school campus. The committee will continue to work with the School District and HOA boards to help find a solution to this problem, especially for next year.

Lastly, the safety committee would like to advise all residents that the city has continued to fund sidewalk repairs not only for our community, but for the city of Kyle as well. If you have an issue with the sidewalk in front of your home, please contact our city manager Scott Sellers, and he will place you on a waiting list for these repairs. It may take some time but the repairs will be made.

Let's have a great and safe spring!

" it takes a community to make a safe community"



HI POOL FANS!

It's just wonderful seeing so many Plum Creek Folks having Fun at our pools!

They're such terrific amenities and we truly appreciate them and everyone who helps take care of them.

It really does "Take a Village".

Summer is in Full Swing and our new Lifeguards are going to be doing their very best to take good care of all of us.

We ask our Residents to be respectful and cooperative if you should hear their whistle blow. They are doing their job and following their Rules & Regulations.

If your older children use the pools without you, please help them understand they are asked to be aware of younger kids & adults and use acceptable language and behavior. Ages 11-17 can go to the pool without an adult, 18 and up, when the lifeguards are on duty. Current rules are posted in the bulletin boards. Thank you.

We ask for All Littles who aren't really good swimmers to wear life jackets or puddle jumpers. Accidents can happen in a split second. Safety is Always #1

Please remember swim diapers and plastic pants to cover them to keep the pools from becoming contaminated and closed for treatment

Have a Happy Safe Fun June and Go Swimming!

See you at the Pool !!!

Plum Creek Pool Committee

PLUM CREEK WELCOME COMMITTEE JUNE 2018



The Welcome Committee hosts Meet & Greet receptions in the Plum Creek Community Center on a quarterly basis. Coffee, drinks and snacks will be served. The next will be Saturday, June 23rd

from 4-6 pm at the Plum Creek Community Center. In addition, we are now hosting monthly game nights at the Center for all adult residents, (no children allowed). The next game night is scheduled for Saturday, June 16th from 6-9 pm. Tables will be set up for a variety of domino and card games. Come on out and meet your neighbors!

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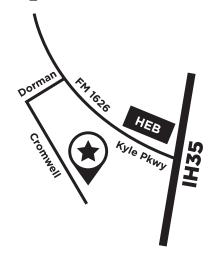
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6:30 AM – 1:00 PM McNaughton Lap Pool

Pool closed to residents. Haupt bucket pool open during the swim meet.

Walk to the park to reduce parking issues. If you drive you can park in the Negley parking lot. Try not to block neighboring mailboxes.

Come on by and cheer for the local swim team!

SIP AND SEW FOR JUNE.....SLEEPING BAGS FOR THE HOMELESS

It takes a Plum Creek Village to make a difference! This month Sip and Sew will work on making Plastic Bag Sleeping Mats for the Homeless:

Below is a list of NEEDS:

- Be a collector. Collect clean plastic bags from the grocery store. HEB, Target, Walmart, your neighbors etc.
- 2. Be a folder: Return the bags to their original shape.
- 3. Be a cutter: Cut the bags into 2.5 inch strips.
- 4. Be a PLARN (make plastic yarn) MAKER. Link the strips to form PLARN and roll into a ball.
- 5. Crochet the mat. Crochet the mat into a 3 foot by 6 foot mat.

Join our group on Tuesday, June 12th at the Haupt/Fergus Community Center...6:30-9:00 PM. to begin the journey! What role would you play.....collector, folder, cutter, PLARN, crochet.....a role for all!

Call Sandra Sigler-512-405-0187 or Ursula Richards-512-751-2031 for additional information!

Leave bags on Sandra's front porch or knock on the door and I will be glad to receive your gracious sharing. 395 Haupt, corner of Haupt and Fergus. All ages can be involved to "make a difference".

RESERVATION APPROVAL EMAILS

These are emailed to the primary email address registered on the Plum Creek website. Emails are sent about 2 weeks in advance. If you have not received the email, check your spam folder.

LAKE/PARK COMMITTEE JUNE 2018

In order to discourage non-residents from using our facilities, the Lake Park Committee has posted temporary signs as a reminder for residents to wear their Rec tags when fishing or using the lake trails. In May, the Committee also hosted a fishing tournament during Front porch days. In addition, we have completed the following park improvements:

- A trailhead kiosk and mile markers around the lake for walkers/joggers/bicyclists, (as part of an Eagle Scout project).
- Installation of bat and duck houses, and a purple martin nesting structure.
- Stocking the lake with catfish.

YARD OF THE MONTH BEGAN APRIL 1ST!

By: Plum Creek Garden Committee

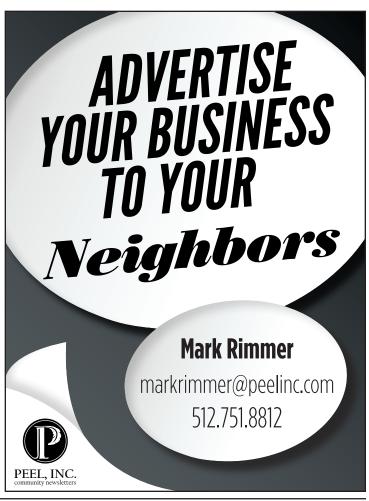
The "Yard of the Month" judging has begun! As in previous years, only yards that have been nominated will be judged, so send in your favorite Plum Creek gardens. Judging criteria includes tree and shrub maintenance, originality, use of color, and lawn appearance.

You can nominate any home, including your own, by sending the address information to plumcreekgardencommittee@gmail.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 plumcreekgardencommittee@gmail. 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.



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Meet the newest member of the Kyle Fire Department. Not Kevin, the firefighter standing next to the truck, but the new ladder truck. As the city continues the rapid growth, the need to expand our capabilities increased. The ladder truck will go into service this week.

Kevin is 6 feet tall, which shows how tall this truck is. At \$850,000, we want to make sure this truck remains in excellent shape. For us to respond to emergencies in Plum Creek, we need to make sure that we can get there safely and without damaging the truck.

We need your help trimming trees on your property. To help facilitate this, over the next few weeks we will be going through the neighborhood marking trees with yellow caution tape that do not allow for 14 feet clearance. If your trees get marked, please trim them so that our responses are not delayed.

RULES TO FOLLOW

Our codes require that you:

- Trim or remove vegetation that overhangs or obstructs streets, alleys, or sidewalks. Allow an 8-foot clearance over sidewalks and a 14-foot clearance over roadways.
- Trim or remove vegetation that is a fire hazard.
- At intersections, trim so that the view of the intersection is not obstructed by vegetation. Trim any vegetation that interferes with the view of an intersection from 30 feet away.
- Clear vegetation from obscuring traffic signs.
- Leave a 2-foot clear zone around fire hydrants as required by the Kyle Fire Department.

VOLUNTEER FOR AN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE

Committees are an important part of association operations, providing valuable advice to the board. The association just would not be what it is without our active and effective committees. They deserve our sincerest thanks.

To be successful, our association needs fresh ideas and additional resident involvement in our committees; so we'd like your help on one of our committees.

Committees give the board a way to gather information, offer new ideas and opinions and provide a training ground for future board members. All committees are advisory unless given specific decision-making authority by the board or CC&Rs.

The board provides each committee with a job description, goals, and mission statement to help it succeed as a community resource.

Our association can have several types of committees:

- Administrative committees, like the architectural review committee, are set out in the association's bylaws and CC&Rs.
 This is ongoing and permanent, often having clearly defined power and authority.
- Standing committees, such as the gardening, welcome, safety, pool, dog park, and recreation committees, are established by the board for an ongoing and specific purpose.
- Ad-hoc committees, are established by the board for specific projects or tasks. When the task is complete, the committee is disbanded.

So if you thinking about running for the board, but first want to learn a little more about association operations, or if you'd like to contribute to your community or just want to get out and meet neighbors, volunteer for a committee. Contact information for committee chairs is listed in the monthly newsletter or on the Plum Creek resident website under the Board/Executive Committee menu link: www.plumcreektxhoa.com





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