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**The Official Newsletter of the  
Plum Creek Homeowner Association**

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## **POOL SEASON INFORMATION**

### **Get your Rec Tags and Pool Key Cards**

Residents can obtain the pool key card at the HOA Office. 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.

#### **2016 Revised Pool Rules Summary:**

- Guest policy: 4 guests per family
- Children under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by an adult, 18 and up, when the lifeguards are not on duty.
- Children ages 11-17 can attend without an adult when the lifeguards are on duty and must have a Rec Tag(recreational id)
- When the lifeguards are on duty, ages 11 – 17 can bring only one guest. An adult must be in attendance to bring more guests.
- Children under the age of 11 must always be accompanied by an adult, age 18 and up.

**Pool Key Cards are deactivated for non-payment of HOA dues.**

#### **Owners:**

The first pool key issued on an owner's account is free. Additional pool key cards are \$25.00.

Rec Tags- the first rec tags are free to the owner and family members.

#### **Tenants:**

Pool Keys- The first pool key issued for an owner's account is free. Each additional pool key is \$25.00. (A previous tenant may have already received the first pool key.) Pool keys cards are activated for the duration of the lease.

#### **Rec Tags-**

Tenants are charged \$25 for each new Rec Tag.

Return the pool key and recreational tag at the end of the lease and receive partial refund.

#### **Can't make it during office hours?**

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**Replacement Rec Tags- \$10.00**

**Replacement pool key cards- \$25.00**

The HOA office only accepts checks or money orders. Also, please contact the office if you receive a key that is not working properly. See 2016 Revised Pool Rules for additional pool rules.

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 safe and fun filled summer!

#### **Plum Creek HOA Office**

4100 Everett, Suite 150

Kyle, TX 78640

512-262-1140

M- F 9am- 5pm

Pool key questions: [pcoffice@goodwintx.com](mailto:pcoffice@goodwintx.com)



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### ANIMAL CONTROL

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**YOU SHOULD RECIEVE THE PLUM CREEK POST  
EACH MONTH ON OR BEFORE THE 10TH.**

## Save The Date Front Porch Days is May 16th and May 17th

**www.frontporchdays.com**

Front Porch Days is fast approaching. Front Porch Days is our spring festival during May and includes races, golf tournament, 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 9th: Spring Community Wide Garage/Front Porch Sale
- Saturday, May 16th: Races, Plum Creek Garden Tour, Golf Tournament
- Sunday, May 17th, 12PM to 4PM: Front Porch Days Carnival, the Pie Baking Contest, and vendor booths and washer tournament at Haupt Park
- Sunday May 17th: Family Fishing Day and Youth Tournament from 3-6 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 register for the races or golf tournament on Saturday, May 16th or purchase products from vendors and community groups or to participate in the washer tournament Sunday May 17th

**Register for races:** <http://fpdraces.com/>

Plum Crazy Half, 10k, 5K, 3K and 1K races. Register by May 1st to guaranty a shirt. Walk up registration on the day of the event.

**Golf Tournament**-Enjoy a 4-Person Scramble on Saturday, May 16th at 1:30 PM at the Plum Creek Golf Course.

**Washer Tournament**- register on May 17th by 12 pm.

**Have a baker in the family?** Pie Contest on Sunday May 17th - Pull out that favorite recipe and start practicing your dough-rolling skills. The pie baking contest awards prizes in both adult and youth age categories. Visit the event website to find 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](http://www.frontporchdays.com).

**Interested in another aspect of Front Porch Days?** You can direct general questions about the event to the Recreation Committee at [recreation@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:recreation@plumcreektxhoa.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 - [tinyurl.com/2020fpdvol](http://tinyurl.com/2020fpdvol)

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## Make A Clean Sweep With the Community-Wide Garage Sale May 9th

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

Saturday, May 9th, 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.

## Garden Tour and Yard of the Month

It is that time again – Spring! Time to start sprucing up lawns and gardens.

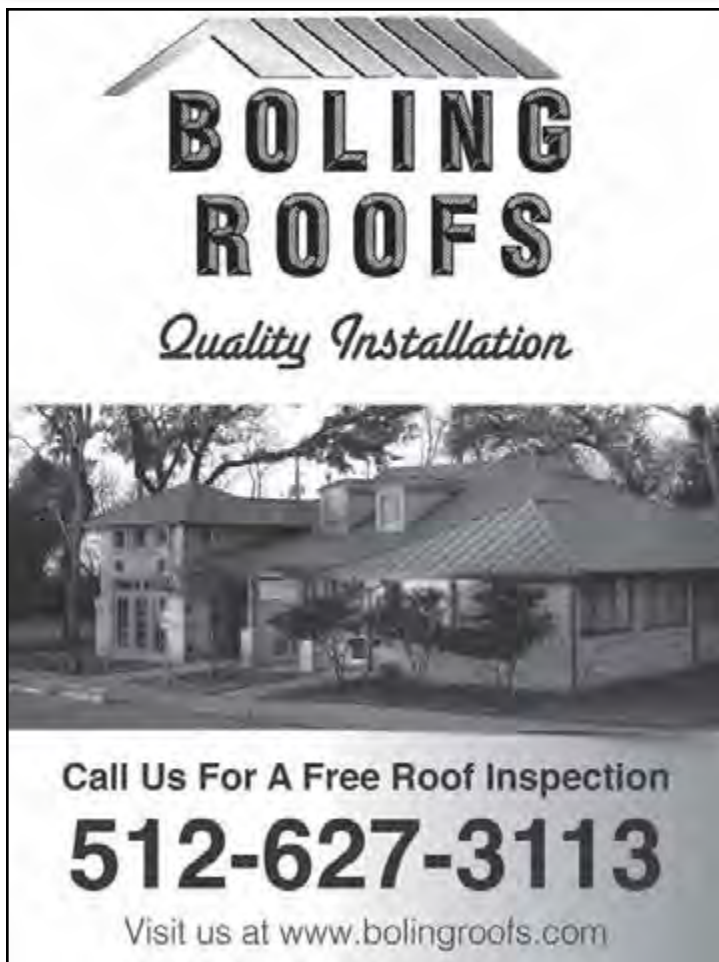
While you are working on that fabulous garden, please consider showing off all your hard work by volunteering to be one of the gardens featured on our annual "Garden Tour". This year's **Garden Tour** is scheduled for Saturday May 16th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Contact Sandy Gonzalez at [garden@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:garden@plumcreektxhoa.com) if you would like to have your garden featured, or if you want more details. Last year's Tour featured a variety of gardens. Some homeowners focused on wonderful colors and tough plants, while others revitalized their front yards and medians with sun- and heat-tolerant plantings. We would love to showcase your creativity in our neighborhood this year. Please contact the Garden Committee if you have any questions. Just note: we welcome **all** nominations for the Garden Tour. You do not have to provide anything to attendees, and if you want to have your garden featured but you cannot be present that day, we can present your gardening work on your behalf.

Yard of the Month judging begins April 1st. You can nominate any garden in our neighborhood, including your own. Nominations for the first round of judging are due by March 31st, but you can continue submitting nominations up until May 31st. The Garden Committee will be judging yards for April, May, and June using the following criteria: curb appeal; overall design; weed control; pruned & healthy trees and shrubs; and, clean & neat edgings and borders. Judging will be done the first week of the month, and signs will be placed in the winning yards. Gift cards will also be awarded.

If you have tried unsuccessfully to grow grass on your lawn – and you want something other than mulch as an option – how about "**groundcovers?**" Soil preparation is one of the keys to success. Clear the soil of any weeds or grass [being careful not to damage existing tree roots], and amend with compost and organic matter. Using an organic slow-release fertilizer will also help the new plants become better established. Plan on buying about four plants per square foot if you are using 4-inch pots. Some groundcovers can be mowed, and some might need to be trimmed back occasionally. Some weeding will be necessary until the groundcover grows thick enough to crowd out the weeds. Plan on watering according to the plants' needs.

Some of the groundcovers that do well in our area include: dwarf monkey grass, horseherb, leadwort plumbago, oregano, periwinkle, pigeonberry, sedges, frogfruit, silver ponyfoot, and mint. Keep in mind sun and water requirements for these before you plant. Oregano, for example, does best in full sun, while pigeonberry prefers shade. Horseherb is not a weed. It is great for poor soils.

If you have questions or comments, contact Sandy Gonzalez at [garden@plumcreektxhoa.com](mailto:garden@plumcreektxhoa.com). Thank you for making our neighborhood wonderful.



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## Newsletter for the Plum Creek Welcome Committee April 2020

The Welcome Committee is still hosting game nights at the Plum Creek Community Center for all adult residents once a month on Saturdays from 6-9pm. The next two will be on April 11th and May 9th. We also periodically host Potluck dinners at the Community Center for our residents. The next Potluck will be on Sunday, June 7th from 1-3pm.

The primary mission of the Welcome Committee's is to greet each new resident moving into Plum Creek and to encourage them to become active and engaged in our community.



## At The Fence Front Porch Days Schedule of Events

The Spring Festival is coming up in May. It kicks off with the Community Wide Garage Sale. Front Porch Days is a two day festival in May celebrating the local community. The festival has been going on for over 18 years. This year we are bringing back the golf tournament!

Visit the festival website for more information: <http://www.frontporchdays.com>

### Schedule of Events:

**May 9th** - Spring Community Wide Garage Sale

Front Porch Days Festival Weekend: May 16 & 17

**May 16th** - 6:30 AM: Races-start at Negley Elementary-Half Marathon/ 10k/5k/3k

9 AM: Garden Tour

1:30 PM: Golf Tournament: 4 person scramble

**May 17th** - 12 to 4 PM: Carnival

1 PM: Pie Contest- judging starts at 1:15

1 PM: Washer Tournament- walk up registration closes at 12:45

3 to 6 PM: Family Fishing Day

Golf Tournament sponsored By Austin Pool Pros

## Violation Notices Notifications will be sent via Email

Goodwin & Company implemented a new violation notice software on February 28th. The notices of violation will have a new look. Also, as a courtesy, owners will now receive an email notification of the notice of violation from this new software. The violation notification email will be sent to the email address we have on record.

**Update your emails to accept courtesy notification emails from:**  
[no-reply@smartwebs365.com](mailto:no-reply@smartwebs365.com)

The mailed violation notice sequence will not change. As required by the Texas Property Code, fine notices are mailed via certified mail. As a courtesy, Goodwin & Company also mails a copy of fine notices via regular mail.

**See attached Violation Fines and Remedies Resolution.**

### Sequence of Violation Notices:

1st notice- Courtesy Notice: no fine, mailed via regular mail

2nd notice- Warning Notice: no fine, mailed via regular mail (the next notice in the same category in 6 month period will incur a fine of \$25.00)

**\*Note** - Violation categories that do not repeat during a 6 month period reset to a courtesy notice

3rd notice- First Fine Notice: fine and certified mail fee applied to account, mailed via certified mail and also via regular mail. **The certified mail tracking number will be posted on the regular mail copy.**

Additional notices in the same category will be fine notices and will be mailed via certified mail and regular mail.

**\*New** - a copy of the violation notice will be emailed within 3 business days of the inspection to the email address on file.

This email is a courtesy notification to help expedite communications.

If you receive a mailed notice, dated 2/28/2020 and after, and did not receive the email notification:

1. Check spam/junk folders and update your email account settings to accept the emailed notification.

2. Update your email address with the Plum Creek HOA onsite office. Contact Melody at: [pcoffice@goodwintx.com](mailto:pcoffice@goodwintx.com)



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## How to Reserve the Community Center

Please log in to the new website, the domain has not changed, [www.plumcreektxhoa.com](http://www.plumcreektxhoa.com) and follow these steps to request a reservation at the Community Center.

- Select Reservations in side bar menu.
- Select the blue Make a Reservation button.
- Search the calendar for open dates and times.
- Select the date and add the reservation times onto the calendar. Left click the start time and drag to highlight the 4 hour reservation window.
- Select and complete the online Community Center Reservation Form.

### **Reservations for commercial, non-personal use is not permitted**

The Community Center is for social events like birthdays, anniversaries, baby showers, etc. The community center is not for use for commercial business events or paid events unless sanctioned by the Board of Directors. HOA sponsored events are approved by the Board of Directors.

**Approval Notifications:** You will receive an email if the reservation is Approved. These emails are sent out about two weeks prior to the event. The approval email comes from: [plumcreektxhoa@nabrnnetwork.com](mailto:plumcreektxhoa@nabrnnetwork.com)

This is a standard approval email notification. We are unable to send the access code in this approval email. The access code will be sent separately as a Message.

**Access code:** This is sent to you as a Message. It will appear in *My Account*. This is located at the top right corner of the website.

Click the **My Account** drop down and select **Messages**. The reservation access code will appear here.

**To cancel the reservation request go to:** My Account > My Activity > My Reservations > under Action click Cancel Reservation and Go

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## Nine great benefits of HOAs

*Submitted by Adriane Carbajal*

Texas Community Association Advocates created a list of Nine Great Benefits of HOAs

- HOAs preserve the nature of the community and protect property values by delivering services and providing a safe, well- maintained living environment.

- HOA regulations are another layer of protection against neighborhood degradation, and an effective means to maintain community standards and protect property values.

- HOAs lessen the need for local government oversight of housing conditions. Most municipalities are not equipped- i.e. do not have the manpower- to monitor housing.

- HOA leaders live in their communities and better understand the needs of the community, from the delivery of core services, such as waste collection, to amenities and decisions affecting the future of the community.

- HOAs promote a higher level of civic involvement than municipalities, in terms of voting, meeting attendance and volunteerism.

- By definition, planned communities offer a more efficient use of land to address the growing issue of urban sprawl associated with unplanned development.

- Land-use efficiencies can make homes more affordable, a benefit for first-time home buyers, retirees and low-and moderate- income families.

- Many HOAs maintain swimming pools, tennis courts, playgrounds and other amenities that most Americans cannot afford on their own.

- Associations offer a sense of community, an important contribution in an increasingly transient society.

Living in a community association encourages all members to work for common goals of maintaining the community. If you want to find out more about how a community association works you can visit the following websites:

*Community Associations Institute [www.caionline.org](http://www.caionline.org)*

*Texas Community Association Advocates  
[www.txcommunityassociationadvocates.org](http://www.txcommunityassociationadvocates.org)*



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