City of Kyle

E-Newsletter

Monday, October 4, 2010

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New Rates Take Effect in October

Included in the new budget for fiscal year 2010-2011 is a new rate & fee schedule for city services.

Some services will have rate increases. The most notable increases are in Animal Control, Building and Planning. All Parks and Recreation fees remained the same.

New rates for our water customers will take effect in November, resulting in a slight increase in most customers' December water bill. An average utility customer with usage of 7,000 gallons will see an increase of about $4.41/month. This increase is necessary as we continue to upgrade our water systems, work to further diversify our water sources, and fund other programs through our utility.

Kyle property owners will spend less on their property taxes next year as the city council approved a new budget featuring a tax rate decrease from 42.40 cents per valuation in last year's budget to 41.54 cents in the new budget, resulting in a savings of $8.60 in the tax bill of a home valued at $100,000.

A complete list of all the new fees can be found on the City of Kyle ***budget web page***.

Kyle Fire Department Annual Fish Fry is Saturday, October 9th, from 11 am to 6 pm.
Kyle Fire Station #1, 210 W. Moore Street in Downtown Kyle
All You Can Eat Catfish * Live Music with the Jon Pearce Band
Adults aged 13 & Up - $8 * 5 to 12 - $4 * Kids Under 5 - Free
Call 262-3131 for more information

Visit ***kylefair.com*** for complete information about this year's music festival

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT ·2010·
POLICE•COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

National Night Out is Tuesday, October 5th.
Spend time that evening getting to know your Neighbors

North Hays County Community Expo
Find your link..

2010 North Hays County Community Expo & Resume Drop-Off

Thursday, October 7, 2010
Hays CISD Performing Arts Center
Presented by: the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Buda Area Chamber of Commerce

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Tuesday, October 12, 2010

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Kyle Fair & Music Festival

October 14 to 17, 2010

Gregg/Clarke Park will once again host the Kyle Fair and Music Festival is set to better all expectation this year with an expanded music line-up and more carnival attractions to bolster the outstanding combinations of events that has made the City's annual birthday party the best celebration ever!

This year, Jason Boland & the Stragglers headline the music part of the festival. Joining Broland will be favorites Kyle Park, Spencer Thomas, David Ybarra & LA Blue and others.

There is fun for the entire family with the BBQ Cook off, parade, Kyle-O-Meter 5K Run, Texas Hold'em Tournament, and a KidZone. The carnival is planned to be open Thursday & Friday nights, and all day on Saturday, and Sunday afternoon.

Free shuttle service will be provided from the Kyle Square to Greg/Clarke Park from 4 to 11 on Saturday.

More information is on the Kyle PARD page (pages 4 & 5) as well as www.kylefair.com.

Parade
Texas Hold'em
Carnival
BBQ Cook-Off
5K KYLE-O-METER RUN/WAl

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Kyle City Council Approve Community Support Dollars for Kyle Non-Profits

The Kyle city council formally approved allocating $30,000 set aside for grants to assist local non-profits providing services to Kyle residents. The grants were approved as recommended by the City's Community Relations committee chaired by council member Bradley P. Pickett.

"I'm happy to have executed this direction given to my committee by the Kyle city council," said Pickett. "However, it is my wish that citizens will find the resources within themselves to provide assistance directly to worthy organizations, like the ones receiving these grants or others that also provide needed services, in order that government is not placed in the position of allocating taxpayer funds for this purpose."

The Community Support Grant process was initiated by the Kyle city council three years ago in response to requests for assistance from community service oriented organizations. The $30,000 amount was chosen as it represents approximately $1 per resident for the fiscal year to be spent toward community support programs

"The importance of these grants to the organizations that are receiving them is greater then ever during these tough economic times," said Kyle Mayor Lucy Johnson. "This year's City of Kyle budget is as tight as it as ever been, but the money we spend toward these services is more like an investment in our community as the service goes directly to our citizens that are in the most need."

Qualifying organizations must provide services directly to the citizens of Kyle and sign a contract with the City requiring quarterly expenditure reports and an audit.

Organizations receiving grants are Casa of Central Texas - $3,500, Hays Caldwell Council Alcohol and Abuse - $2,000, Meals on Wheels - $6,000, CTMC Hospice Care - $2,500, Southside Community Center 0 $2,000, Hays Caldwell Women's Center - $6,000, Greater San Marcos Youth Council - $2,200, Hays County Food Bank - $3,500, and Hope and Love for Kids - $2,300

Grants for the 2010-2011 fiscal year are again budgeted for $30,000 and the application process for interested organizations is expected to begin in the spring of 2011.

Public Meetings for the Week of October 11th

October 12 , 2010
Planning and Zoning

October 12 , 2010
City Council Meeting

October 13, 2010
Charter Review Committee

October 13, 2010
Strategic Planning & Finance Committee

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City of Kyle

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Monday, October 18th, 2010

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Kyle Library Offers Free Computer Classes
Classes offered in English and Spanish

The Kyle Library has begun another round of its popular computer classes. Basic computer classes will be taught in Spanish on Mondays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.; intermediate classes in English on Tuesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.; and basic computer classes in English on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Teresa Montalvo, a Kyle Library staff member, will lead weekly classes to help people prepare for U.S. citizenship. The classes will meet at the Kyle Library from 4:00 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Thursday afternoons beginning September 2. Teresa, a native Spanish speaker, will explain the U.S. citizenship process in both English and Spanish. She will review civics and history questions and help people fill out the application forms. Class members also will practice taking the oral and written tests. (Please note that Teresa will NOT be giving legal advice.)

Whether you want to take a class or not, please come by and check out what the Kyle Library has to offer. In addition to being able to check out books, audio books, DVDs, and videos, you also can browse current newspapers and magazines. Many people take advantage of the nineteen public access computers and the free wireless access. (Starting October 1, the cost for color photocopies and printouts will be $.50 a page, but the cost for black-and-white will remain at $.10.)

For small children, there are story times on Wednesdays at both 10:30 a.m. and at 12:00 noon, as well as a bilingual (Spanish and English) story time on Fridays at 10:30 a.m. Gaming for the 7- to 12-year-old set will take place on Fridays from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

To sign up for classes, please either call the library at 268-7411, email circulation@cityofkyle.com, or simply drop by the library at 409 W. Blanco St. and express your interest. We look forward to seeing you!

Kyle Leadership Academy

These empty chairs on the council dais are usually filled by hard working Kyle citizens who are dedicated to making Kyle the successful community it is.

The Kyle Leadership Academy is an ongoing educational forum allowing Kyle residents the opportunity to learn the inner workings of City government. The goal of the program is to produce an informed population that could serve as resources for various City functions, including, but not limited to, serving on boards and commissions and the City Council.

Since the program began almost a year ago, over 30 Participants have been introduced to the various functions of each component of government. The curriculum modules are designed to allow participants to see first hand the relationships and roles that are involved in the successful implementation of policy and the day-to-day management of a city.

The program is designed to cover 12 components over the course of a year. Individuals will be able to participate in each component as their interest and availability will allow. Those participants that complete preset numbers of components over a period of time will receive certification of having completed a level of the program.

The program is open to any Kyle resident and is free of charge. Interested persons can sign up by contacting Jerry Hendrix, Kyle Communications Director, at jhendrix@cityofkyle.com or 512-262-6921.

Early Voting Begins October 18th

Early voting for the November 2nd general election starts Monday, October 18th and runs through Friday, October 29th. Kyle voters will be voting for Hays County Precinct Two Commissioner, Hays County Judge, ACC Annexation, and several more Federal State and County positions and propositions.

Early voting locations and time are available at the ***Hays County Elections and Voting web site***

Public Meetings for the Week of October 18th

October 19, 2010
City Council Meeting

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City of Kyle

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Monday, October 25th, 2010

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The Kyle City Council meeting originally scheduled for Tuesday, November 2nd, has been moved to Wednesday, November 3rd, to accommodate the November 2nd elections.

Kyle's Annual Halloween Carnival

October 30th from Noon to 4 p.m.

Come to City Square Park & Kyle's Old City Hall on Saturday, October 30th from Noon to 4 p.m. for a spooktacular, family event that includes games and treats for all! There will be carnival games, age appropriate costume contests, food & drink vendors and more.

The event is free to the public, so come in your most ghoulish costume and enjoy an autumn day with your family and friends. For more information, visit www.kylepard.com or call the Kyle Parks and Recreation Department at 512-262-3939.

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Public Meetings for the Week of October 25th

October 26, 2010
Planning and Zoning

All public meetings are posted on the City of Kyle website

Kyle Market Days

City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department continues to present the 2010 edition of the Kyle Market Days. The popular event is held the first Saturday of every month from April through November.

For more information about Market Days, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 512-262-3939 or visit them at their web site, www.kylepard.com

Under the shady oak trees of Historic City Square Park between Center St, Main St,Burleson Rd. and Miller St.

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Kyle Interim City Manager Taps Municipal Finance Veteran for Finance Director

Kyle's interim city manager, James R. Earp, CPM, has selected Perwez Moheet, CPA, for the city's next director of finance.

Moheet, served in various capacities for the City of Austin for 30 years, retiring as Deputy Director of the Austin Water Utility in April 2010.

Moheet is a graduate of University of Texas at Austin where he received his Bachelor of Business Accounting degree. He completed his requirements for licensing as a Certified Public Accountant in 1985.

Moheet was selected from a field of 107 applicants for the job. While most of the applicants were from Texas, applications were received from as far away as New York and California.

The City of Kyle has been one of the fastest growing cities in Texas since 2000, seeing the population grow from just under 5,000 to approximately 30,000 currently. Recent additions of numerous shopping centers and a 210-bed Seton Hospital have shown the cities resilience despite the ongoing economic downturn.

The budget for the city's current fiscal year is $54.6 million, up from $10.7 million in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, showing how much the explosive growth has affected Kyle's budget.

The Director of Finance is responsible for assisting in the planning, development, implementation, and maintenance of all financial records, systems, and operations of the City of Kyle.

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Public Meetings for the Week of November 1st, 2010

November 3rd, 2010

City Council Meeting

Charter Review Commission Meeting

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City of Kyle Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11th, in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday

City of Kyle and Contractor Working to Prevent Future Spills at Wastewater Treatment Plant

Representatives from the City of Kyle are working with contractor Aqua Texas to prevent future spills at the city's wastewater treatment plant following an accidental spill early in morning of November 1st.

The spill is believed to be the result of a malfunction at the onsite lift station due to a buildup of grease in the station that did not allow the control and alarm floats to operate correctly. This system sounds an alarm and notifies operators that the station is not functioning properly and requires attention.

Kyle's wastewater treatment plant can treat up to 3 million gallons of wastewaster a day.

Aqua Operations, Inc., an affiliate of Aqua Texas, will be working with the City of Kyle to study the incident and make whatever operational changes and equipment upgrades are necessary to prevent such a spill in the future.

One measure being taken is to install a pre-treatment mechanism within the collection system to minimize grease reaching the onsite lift station.

Aqua Operations, Inc. will also be installing an ultra-sonic level transmitter at the onsite lift station that will not be affected by grease or other debris.

The transmitter will have a digital level readout located at the plant's control room and will be tied into the existing alarm system. The lift station's water level will also be transmitted to the City of Kyle's SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) System. The SCADA system monitors water levels and flows throughout the city and is an integral part of the City's water management system. Having the treatment plant's lift station connected to the City's SCADA system allows for an additional layer of oversight and monitoring that will result in faster recognition and response to potential problems.

Additionally, Aqua Operations, Inc. has hired an Environmental Engineering firm to monitor and evaluate the affected waterways. Once Aqua Operations, Inc. has reviewed the Engineers assessment, Aqua is prepared to remediate the aquatic life in the affected waterways.

The spill occurred from the City of Kyle's wastewater treatment plant itself as well as from a nearby manhole located close to the plant and is believed to be in excess of 100,000 gallons. The poorly treated wastewater entered Plum Creek through an unnamed tributary that runs by the plant. The exact amount of the spill continues to be accessed.

The treated wastewater from the plant is considered to be cleaner then the water in the Plum Creek and actually assist in improving the quality and quantity of water flowing through the creek.

The plant is located just north of State Highway 150, about two miles east of Interstate 35 in Kyle. The spill did not affect drinking water supplies and is not considered a danger to public health.

Officials from the City of Kyle, State Agencies and Aqua Operations, are continuing their investigation into the incident and monitoring the condition of the creek. Any additional information will be forwarded as soon as it is available.

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Public Meetings for the Week of November 8th, 2010

November 8th, 2010
Planning and Zoning Work Session

November 9th, 2010
City Council Meeting

November 11th, 2010
Train Depot Board

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Kyle City Council Announces City Manager Finalists

Kyle City Council has looked far and near for their next city manager, and after six months of careful consideration and deliberation, they have announced the names of four finalists for the City's vacant city manager position.

The finalists are:
- Dale Brown: City Manager for City of Palestine, TX since 2005
– James R. Earp, CPM: Asst. City Manger for the City of Kyle since 2006, Interim City Manager for City of Kyle since 4/2010
- Andres Garza: City of Wharton, TX since 1994
- Lanny Lambert: City of Leon Valley, TX since 2007

The finalists have all been invited to participate in a City Tour on Monday, November 15, beginning at 3:00 p.m.. After the tour, the council will host a Meet & Greet session beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Kyle City Hall. The Meet & Greet Session is open to the public and all citizens of Kyle are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to meet the finalists.

Interviews will take place at the regular City Council meeting on Tuesday, November 16th. All interviews will take place during an executive session.

The finalist are a result of months of work on behalf of the city council and an ad hoc city manager search committee that was made up of representatives from the council, community and city staff

There were 38 applicants for the position and applications were received from as far away as California, Chicago and New Jersey.

Biographies and photos of the candidates are being assembled and will be made available as soon as they are complete.

Pictures and short biographies are available on the ***City of Kyle web site***

U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Finds City of Kyle's Housing Rules Not Discriminatory

The 5th United States Court of Appeals has ruled in favor of the City of Kyle regarding the appeal of lawsuit filed against the City by the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB), the Home Builders Association of Greater Austin (HBAGA), and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), the Texas State Conference of the NAACP.

The groups filed suit on the City of Kyle on November 22, 2005 alleging the City's revised zoning ordinance adopted on November 18th, 2005 violated the Fair Housing Act. The suit also alleged that the City of Kyle retaliated against the Home Builders Association when the City increased building permit fees to cover the cost of the litigation. United States District Court Judge Lee Yeakel heard the case in February 2008, and handed down his ruling on March 30th, 2009. Judge Yeakel's ruling found that the City of Kyle won on all counts and did not violate the Fair Housing act, nor did the City retaliate against the Home Builders Association by raising the permit fees.

The groups appealed the ruling to the Court of Appeals in shortly after Judge Yeakel's decision and the appellate court heard arguments on April 26th, 2010.

The appeals court ruled that the groups did not have standing to sue the city as no evidence was presented that any of their members were unable to purchase a home as a result of the revised rules. In its ruling, the court states, "… there is no evidence in the record showing that a specific member of the NAACP has been unable to purchase a residence in Kyle as a result of the revised ordinances that went into effect in 2003. There is also no evidence showing when and how the revised ordinances may deprive a NAACP member of the opportunity to acquire a new residence in Kyle. Instead, Plaintiffs have pointed only to evidence suggesting, in the abstract, that some minority members may be less able to afford such residences due to the revised ordinances. This is insufficient for associational standing because the alleged injury is neither concrete nor imminent."

Click here for more information

Public Meetings for the Week of November 15th, 2010

November 15th, 2010
City Manager Finalists
Meet and Greet

November 16, 2010
City Council Meeting

November 17, 2010
Charter Review
Commission

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City of Kyle Administrative Offices will be closed on Thursday & Friday,November 25th & 26th,in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

Kyle City Council Chooses Next City Manager

The Kyle City Council emerged from their lengthy executive session at their regularly scheduled meeting on November 16th and voted unanimously to engage in contract negotiations with city manager finalist Lanny Lambert.

Lambert, currently the city manager for Leon Valley, was chosen after two days of close contact between the four finalists and the council that included a tour of the city and a meet and greet with the community on Monday. Andres Garza, currently the city manager for Wharton, Texas, and also a finalist, withdrew his application prior to tonight's meeting.

Kyle assistant city manager James R. Earp, also a finalist for the position, has served as interim city manager since April when former city manager Tom Mattis resigned.

The council is expected to vote on a contract for Mr. Lambert at a special called meeting on November 23rd.

Kyle's 12th Annual Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting Ceremony

Wednesday, December 1, 2010
Historic Kyle Train Depot
(Front Street)

Santa Arrives at Kyle City Hall at 4:30pm

Public Meetings for the Week of November 15th, 2010

November 23rd, 2010
Planning & Zoning Commission

November 23rd, 2010
City Council Meeting

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For the week of November 29th, 2010

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Public Meetings for the Week of November 15th, 2010

December 1st, 2010
Charter Review Committee

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Keep Your CodeRed Emergency Alert Information up to Date

The City of Kyle utilizes the Code Red Emergency Alert System to send important messages to virtually every phone in Kyle. The system can be used to deliver emergency messages to Kyle residents or, in some cases, other important information.

The system is also capable of sending e-mails and text messages, ensuring the you receive the latest, most important information should the need arise.

Visit ***www.cityofkyle.com*** and click on the CodeRed icon for more information.

In Case You Were Wondering: Fireworks are Illegal In Kyle

Please keep your New Year's celebrations fun, safe and legal. Fireworks can provide a brilliant light show and lots of excitement. They can also disturb neighbors, scare pets, and cause damage to property and injury to people if not used properly.

It is illegal to sell, own, discharge, transport, or otherwise possess fireworks in Kyle. Persons found with fireworks in Kyle are subject to a fine between $500 and $2000.

To report illegal fireworks, call the Kyle Police Department at 512-268-3232 or 911.

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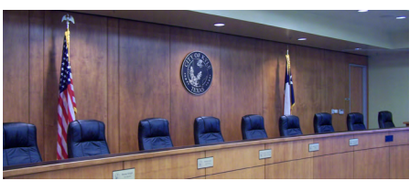
Kyle Council Meetings to be Streamed Live on the Internet



Thanks to the World Wide Web and a generous donation from Kyle'a mayor and her mother, City of Kyle council meetings can now be viewed via streaming internet video.

City staff have been experimenting with various options for making the meetings more accessable for the public since council members requested it in October. The free hosting service is provided by UStream.com, which uses limited advetising to provide the service.

Kyle mayor Lucy Johnson, and her mother Kate, donated the camera to be used in the broadcasts.

Kyle staff will evaluate how many people are viewing the meetings online and will make a recommendation to council later in the year about upgrading to more sophisticated hosting option.

To view the council meetings, go to the City of Kyle home page at www.cityofkyle.com and follow the links.

Kyle Parks and Recreation Crews Decorate the City Ready for the Holidays

When you drive through downtown Kyle, past the City Christmas Tree next to the Historic Train Depot, and admire the lights on the street lamps, the giant wreaths on City Hall, the lights around the Historic Kyle City Hall and the "Lights Spectacular" show at the Kyle Pool, have you thought about who put them up?

The Maintenance Division of the Kyle Parks and Recreation Department spend most of the year planning for putting them up and taking them down each year. While taking the decorations down last year, they made of list of elements that need to be repaired or replaced before they go back up. This list is added to the annual budget request from the Department in April and May. The current budget for Citywide Holiday Decorations is $5,000. This goes to purchase replacement light bulbs, wiring, strings of lights, wreaths, garland, timers and everything needed to complete the job. While commercial decorations last 5 to 10 years, most of the elements are relatively new. Each year the staff tries to add something new while replacing the old. This year the new features include lights around the Historic Kyle City Hall and additional lights at the Kyle Pool as we continue to enlarge the Lights Spectacular event.

Planning the layouts and placement of the decorations begin right after the Kyle Fair is over - the third week of October. The day after the Halloween Carnival, the end of October, staff begins putting things up. It takes over 500 man hours to completely decorate the town, which means starting in early November to get it all done

In addition to all the setting out of these decorations, electrical connections, timers and wires, they also keep the grass cut in all the parks, trails and right of ways, they keep the trash picked up around town and all the buildings operating without interruptions.

So, the next time you make your way down Center Street in downtown Kyle, or go by the pool and tune your FM radio to 100.1for the Lights Spectacular show, think about the Maintenance Staff at the Kyle Parks Department. Thank them when you see them. But do it quickly because they have to take everything down, inventory the decorations and store it all right after the first of the new year.

SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN!

For the past three years, the Kyle Fire Department has driven Santa Clause through the streets and subdivisions of Kyle. From December 9 through December 22, Santa and Santa's helpers will visit neighborhoods throughout Kyle to send Christmas greetings, wave to the neighborhood, and hand out candy canes to the children. This year we expect to hand out about 4,000 candy canes.

We love hosting Santa and giving children in Kyle a positive exposure to the Fire Department, it brings so many smiles to the children and it is a truly uplifting event.

Parents can check to see when Santa will be in their neighborhood by accessing FaceBook and becoming friends with "Santa Kylefire".

Santa will be very busy visiting the neighborhoods, and since he is with the firefighters if we have an emergency call Santa will be helping the firefighters do their jobs so there may be times Santa cannot visit your neighborhood, or may have to leave early, due to an emergency, but we will make every effort to reschedule his visit.

To ensure a fun and safe visit please check the following rules in mind;

1. Please do not approach Fire Dept. vehicles while they are moving.
2. Candy canes will be passed out by the elves
3. Please stay on the sidewalks or in your yard.
4. Due to time constraints, if you live in a cul-de-sac please go to the nearest, main intersection.
5. If you have a child w/special needs please contact Kyle Fire at workshopsanta@yahoo.com to make arrangements for us to make a special

Public Meetings for the Week of December 6th, 2010

December 7th, 2010
City Council Meeting

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E-Newsletter

For the week of December 13th, 2010

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Kyle City Council Finalizes Contract for New City Manager

The Kyle City Council has approved a contract with current Leon Vally city manager ***Lanny Lambert*** to be the next city manager for Kyle. Mr. Lambert's first day as Kyle city manager will be January 9th.

Mr. Lambert's first job was as a water meter reader for the City of Abilene, Texas. "I met the City Manager of Abilene, saw what he did, and decided at that age, 16, to become a City Manager."

Lambert has a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Abilene Christian University and has a Master's of Public Administration Texas Tech University.

Lambert has been a City Manager in nine Texas cities and is presently City Manager of Leon Valley, Texas a suburb of San Antonio. Other cities that Mr. Lambert has managed include Junction, Texas, Abilene, Texas , and Brownsville, Texas.

Solid Waste Franchise Public Hearing

The City of Kyle will hold a Public Hearing on December 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm at Kyle City Hall, 100 West Center Street, Kyle, TX 78640 for the purpose of receiving public comments on an ordinance granting a franchise to Texas Disposal Systems, Inc. to provide recycling and solid waste collection and disposal services within the City.

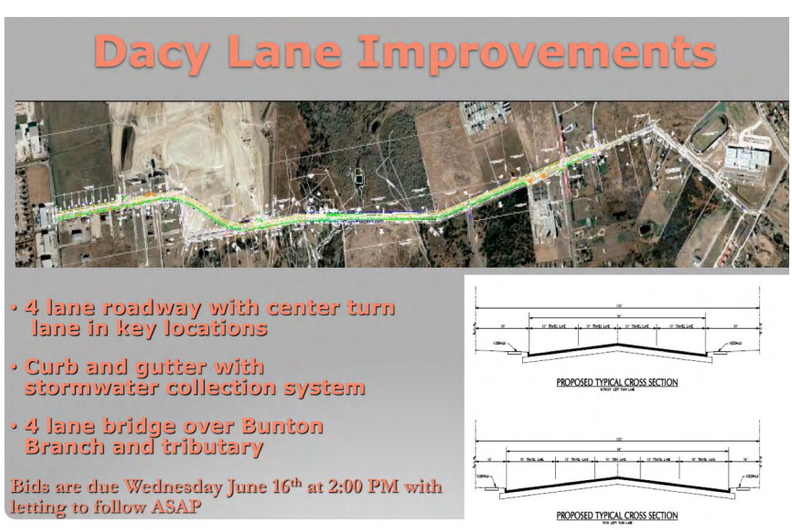
Documents regarding the proposed franchise, service provider contract and other supporting information are available on the ***City of Kyle web site***. All agreements are considered drafts until approved by the city council.

Construction of New Bridge to Close Dacy Lane (CR 205) for Six Months Beginning December 20

As part of ongoing construction work along Dacy Lane (CR 205) to improve safety and mobility, Dacy Lane from north of Seton Parkway to south of Downing Way will be closed to through traffic for the construction of a four-lane bridge with sidewalks over Bunton Creek. The road will be closed beginning December 20 and is expected to be closed for six months.

During the construction, traffic northbound on Dacy Lane will be detoured onto westbound Kyle Parkway to the northbound I-35 frontage road, then east on Bebee Road and back to Dacy Lane. Southbound Dacy Lane traffic will be detoured east on Bebee Road, south on Goforth Road and west on Goforth Road/Bunton Branch, then back to Dacy Lane.

The improvements to Dacy Lane are funded by Hays County and the City of Kyle.



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Please keep your New Year's celebrations fun, safe and legal. Fireworks can provide a brilliant light show and lots of excitement. They can also disturb neighbors, scare pets, and cause damage to property and injury to people if not used properly.

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Public Meetings for the Week of December 13th, 2010

December 14th, 2010
City Council Meeting

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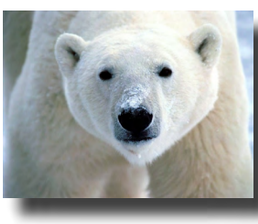
Polar Bear Splash



Join us for our annual ***Polar Bear Splash*** at the Kyle Pool on Thursday January 1st, 2011 at 1 p.m. Come enjoy a refreshing dip in the pool and light refreshments or join the official Polar Bear Club for $20. Perks of joining the club include 1/2 off of a 2011 season pass, an event T-shirt and your name on the official Polar Bear Club plaque.

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Christmas Tree Recycling

City of Kyle Parks and Recreation staff are ready to help Kyle residents dispose of their Christmas Trees. Natural Christmas Trees make excellent mulch that can be used in City Parks and Landscape projects to make our facilities more enjoyable year round.

Simply bring your tree - real ones only please, no artificial trees will be accepted - to one of three Kyle City Parks. These parks include Gregg-Clark, Steeplechase and Waterleaf Parks. Be sure to remove all decorations and stands.

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City Council Workshop
on proposed new solid waste franchise

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Public Meetings for the Week of December 27th, 2010

December 28th, 2010
Planning and Zoning

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