City of Kyle

E-Newsletter

Monday, January 4th, 2010

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Kyle Water Restrictions Removed

Residents should continue to conserve water

Thanks to recent rains, the City's water sources are slowly rising, allowing for the removal of water restrictions. Please continue to ***review current restrictions*** and do your part to conserve water. Restrictions may need to be reinstituted if drought conditions return.

Follow these rules to help conserve Kyle's water and reduce your monthly water bill:

- Regularly check for leaks, including broken sprinkler heads, leaking valves, leaking or broken pipes, or leaking faucets.
- Do not operate a irrigation system with:
  - *a broken head*
  - *a head that is out of adjustment where the arc of the spray head is over a street or parking lot*
  - *a head that is misting due to high water pressure*
- Don't allow water to run off property such that there is a trail of water running in the street for a distance of 50 feet or greater
- Don't' allow water to pond in the street or parking lot to a depth greater than 1⁄4 inch.

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Kyle Parks and Recreation Department Looking for Program Instructors

The City of Kyle's Parks and Recreation Department is accepting proposals for Fitness Instructors & Program Specialists to conduct programs on a contract basis. Proposals will be accepted through January 15th. 2010.

Selected instructors will operate programs at facilities we provide. These facilities include local schools as well as city parks which have covered pavilions, community rooms and a pool.

We simply need you - the instructor.

Programs may include: Aerobics, Ballroom Dancing, Fencing, Jazzercise, Pilates, Scrapbooking, Tax Preparation for Seniors, Water Aerobics, Yoga, or anything similar.

Visit ***www.cityofkyle.com/KylePARD.php*** for more information, or call 512-262-3939

Recycle Your Christmas Tree

Holidays are here and plans are underway to assist 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 of Kyle administrative offices will be closed on Monday, January 18th, in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Deadline for Filing for Special Election is Wednesday, January 13th.

A ***special election*** will be held on Saturday, February 13th, for the vacated seats of Mayor, District 5 & District 6 representatives. Individuals wishing to run for one of these positions must have filed an application by 5 pm on January 13th. Early voting begins on January 27th.

Important Information:
You must be a registered voter in Hays County to participate in this election

Persons interested in running for any of the open positions must file an application with the City Secretary by 5 pm on Wednesday, January 13th.

Early voting by personal appearance will be held each weekday at the Kyle City Hall located at 100 W. Center Street, between the hours of 8 am and 5 pm, beginning on January 27th through January 29th, and February 9th and between the hours of 7 am and 7 pm on February 1st and February 8th.

The drawing for placement positions on the ballot will be held on Wednesday, December 13th, at the Kyle City Hall. The drawing will be held at 5:15 pm.

Kyle Trolleys Begin Lunch Time Service in Retail District

The Kyle Trolley Service will begin Phase 1 of its operations on Monday, January 11th, 2010, connecting Seton Hospital and the shops and restaurants in the Kyle Marketplace and Kyle Crossing shopping centers.

Hours of Operation:
10:45am to 1:00pm, Monday - Friday

Stops include, but not limited to:
- Seton Hospital
- Whataburger
- Kohls
- Target
- Hays School District offices

The trolleys are provided free of charge by the City of Kyle. Phase two of the service providing transportation to and from the downtown area will begin later this year.

Special Thanks to our Partners

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Household Hazardous Waste Collection on January 23rd Open to Kyle Residents

City of Kyle residents are invited to participate in the annual ***Household Hazardous Waste Collection*** event on Saturday, January 23, 2010 from 8am to Noon.

Dropoff is free for San Marcos, Kyle, and Hays County residents--so bring your proof of residency! Just drive through and properly dispose of hazardous materials.

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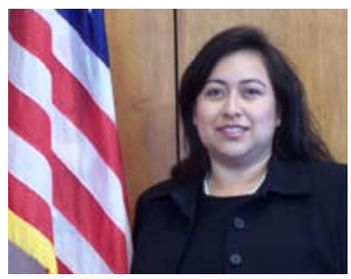

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The Kyle Library Offers Programs and Services for Everyone

The Kyle Library offers weekly classes to help people prepare for U. S. Citizenship. The classes meet at the Library from 4-6 pm on Thursday afternoons. The citizenship process will be explained in both English and Spanish. Class members also will practice taking the oral and written tests. Legal advice will not be given at these classes.

Basic computer classes are offered on Mondays from 10-11am at the library; intermediate classes on Tuesdays from 9-10 am; and classes taught in Spanish on Wednesdays from 9-10am

Free tax assistance will be offered on Saturdays from 10am-2pm, January 30 to April 10. The Kyle Library is once again partnering with the IRS-sponsored Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program to offer free tax help to low-to-moderate-income people. Call soon to reserve your slot.

More information on the Kyle Library is available by visiting ***kylelibrary.com*** or 512-268-7411.

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Test Your Basketball Skills With the iHoops Challenge

February 6, 2010
9:00am-12:00pm
Wallace Middle School

The City of Kyle Parks and Recreation Department will host a free iHoops Skills Challenge Local Competition for area youth.

Local youngsters ages 9 to 14 have the opportunity to participate in the Inaugural iHoops Skills Challenge. This national basketball skills competition provides boys and girls a free opportunity to showcase their basketball abilities in a time-based, half-court obstacle course.

The iHoops Skills Challenge focuses on basketball skill development while encouraging participation in the game**.**

Participants may register the day of the event and must bring a copy of their birth certificate and complete a registration/waiver form prior to the start of the competition. A copy of the registration/waiver form is available online at www.iHoops.com/skillschallenge.

1st Place Champions from this Local Competition will have the opportunity to advance to one of twenty-nine Regional Competitions occurring in NBA team markets across the country in hopes of advancing to the National Finals in Orlando, Florida.

For questions concerning this competition, please contact your Local Competition Administrator, Sarah Grady at 512.262.3939 or sgrady@cityofkyle.com. For additional information on the iHoops Skills Challenge, please visit ***www.iHoops.com/skillschallenge***.

Kyle Economic Develop Director Receives Prestigious Recognition

City of Kyle Economic Development Director, Diana Blank, has been selected to be ***inducted in a very select group of women executives***.

The National Association of Professional Women (NAPW) announced the Blank would be inducted into the association's VIP Membership level. Blank was one of 207 of the NAPW's more than 150,000 members inducted into the VIP Membership Level.

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PLUM CREEK WATERSHED CLEAN-UP & PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Steeplechase Park, located between Lehman Rd and Goforth Rd, has nearly half a mile of Plum Creek running through it. Each rain storm creates a large amount of trash and driftwood in and around the creek.

Once a year the City of Kyle' Parks and Recreation Department organizes a "***Plum Creek Watershed Clean Up & Park Improvement Project".*** This event includes projects such as picking trash out of the creek, removing dead trees, painting, planting trees & bushes, trail building and general cleaning.

PLUM CREEK WATERSHED CLEAN-UP & PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

February 27, 2010
10:00am - 12noon

The event is co-sponsored by the State of Texas's "Keep Texas Beautiful" program and is a perfect opportunity for the civic organizations in the area to do community service projects that help the environment.

Scout Troops, Church Groups, Home Owners Associations, School Groups and Clubs, Environmental Organizations, Sports Teams and Clubs and any one willing to help is invited to attend.

Park Department Staff will begin at 10:00am, Saturday, February 27, 2010.

All major equipment and materials will be provided. All we need is you.

Contact Parks Department at (512) 262-3939 or email us at parks@cityofkyle.com

Special Election Results

Mayor	**Votes**	**%**
Michelle Lopez	476	47.36%
Lucy Johnson	529	52.64%

District 5	**Votes**	**%**
Mike Fulton	403	42.83%
Johnny G. Simmang	22	2.34%
Jaime Sanchez	473	50.27%
Jon Claeton	43	4.57%

District 6	**Votes**	**%**
Russ Huebner	170	52.15%
Rhonda Cox	156	47.85%

Results are unofficial until canvassed by the Kyle City Council

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The public forum on the new library will be held on Monday, March 8th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Kyle City Hall.

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New Mayor/Council Members to be Sworn In

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Lucy Johnson will give up her District 5 seat on the council to take over outgoing mayor Mike Gonzalez's seat. **Jaime Sanchez** will be sworn in as the new District 5 council member.

Also being sworn in Tuesday will be new District 6 council member **Russ Huebner**. Huebner replaces outgoing council member Ray Bryant.

A short council meeting to canvass the votes from the February 13th special election will be convened at 6:30 pm in the Council Chambers at Kyle City Hall. The swearing in ceremonies will be held immediately after the meeting.

Plum Creek Watershed Clean Up & Park Improvement Project
February 27, 2010
10:00am - 12noon

Open to the Public **JOIN US** Open to the Public

Kyle Volunteer Fire Department will be celebrating the Grand Opening of the new Miller-Whitaker Fire Station #1
210 West Moore St., Kyle, TX 78640 on February 27, 2010.
Time: Ceremonies begin at 2:00pm, East parking lot, Tours until 5:00pm

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2010 Census Forms Being Mailed This Week

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Important Census Dates

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6:30 pm

Lehman High School
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It's Important!

Undercounting our population could cost millions is lost funding for roads and other projects.

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Census data helps forecast future transportation needs.

Census data determines areas eligible for housing assistance and other grant projects (parks, sidewalks, public facilities).
Census data guide local decision-makers on where to build new public facilities such as schools, roads, and hospitals.

Businesses use census data to local new supermarkets, housing, and other facilities.

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CITY SPONSORS FREE SHREDDING EVENT

San Marcos and Hays County residents – Have some old documents you no longer need to save, but are afraid to throw away because they contain personal or confidential information? Residents can guard against potential identity theft by having them destroyed for free.

The City of San Marcos and Marshal's Shredding Company of Schertz are offering local residents a solution to the problem of discarding and disposing of unwanted items, which may contain sensitive or confidential information, during a community "Shred Day":

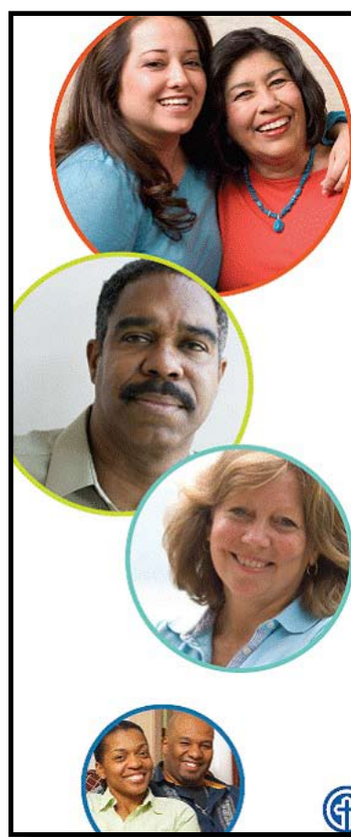
Saturday, March 27, 2010
San Marcos City Hall
Parking Lot – West Side
San Marcos, TX 78666
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

All documents will be shredded on-site.

Volunteers will be available to unload material from vehicles, and the boxes will be returned to residents.

The City Clerk's Office will be participating in "Passport Day in the USA 2010" and will be processing passport applications from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 P.M. Please call the City Clerk's Office for more information regarding passport application requirements.

For more information call City Clerk's Office 393-8090 or visit the website
www.sanmarcostx.gov
News & Events – Shred Day



Get Your Health In Check

Seton Medical Center Hays
Community Health Fair

Saturday
March 27, 2010
9 a.m. – noon

Seton Medical Center Hays
Main Lobby
6001 Kyle Parkway
Kyle, Texas 78640

Join us for FREE Health Screenings including: glucose, asthma, body-mass index, eye exams and much more. You will also have the opportunity to meet Seton doctors, nurses, pharmacists and nutritionists who will be on hand to answer any questions you have.

Seton Medical Center Hays

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The Census Form 10 Questions - 10 Minutes – 10 Years

The 2010 Census questionnaire form is one of the shortest ever! There are 10 easy questions about the head of the household and seven questions for each additional person living in the home on April 1, 2010. There are no questions about income, education, citizenship, or employment. The form takes about 10 minutes to complete.

Privacy Protected

Answers to the Census questionnaire are safe, protected by law and strictly confidential. It is illegal for the Census Bureau to share personal information with any other government agency. Information about individual responses cannot be shared with the IRS, Immigration, Police, Welfare, Homeland Security, or anyone else. Individual answers remain confidential for 72 years.

A Census Bureau employee who discloses any confidential census information, whether during or after employment, is committing a crime! The penalty for wrongful disclosure is up to five years imprisonment and/or a fine of $250,000.

11th Annual Kyle Easter Egg-stravaganza

Join us March 31, 2010 at the Gregg- Clarke Park from 5:00 pm-8:00 pm as your Kyle Parks and Recreation Department holds the 11th Annual ***Easter Eggstravaganza***.

This family fun event will have age appropriate egg hunts with thousands of eggs stuffed with prizes and candy in addition to several carnival games, train rides, large inflatables, pony rides, food and of course, an appearance by the Easter Bunny! This event is free to everyone so join us as we hop into the spring season!

11th Annual Kyle Easter Egg-stravaganza Egg Hunt times:
6:00pm --- 0-3 yrs
6:15pm --- 4-6 yrs
6:30pm --- 7-9 yrs
6:45pm --- 10-14yrs

Kyle Market Days begin April 3rd

Market Days are the first Saturdays of each month from April through November from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at the historic City Square Park.

There is a theme for each month along with a variety of vendors: home-made arts and crafts, food items, farmers market, free local live music and more.

In April, the Kyle Lions Club will be hosting their Fajita Fiesta & BBQ Cook Off. All are invited to enter the cook off or submit their best salsa or guacamole for cash prizes. Music in April will be the Gulf Coast Playboys and Redd Volkaert.

Check the web site for the rest of the events and bands scheduled. Visit ***http://www.cityofkyle.com/kylemarketdays.php*** or call 512-262-3939 for more information.

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