



NOTE: Kyle City offices are closed on Feb. 15 in observance of President's Day.



City of Kyle e-Newsletter

Click here for more information and to register for a city-sponsored blood drive. It's scheduled from 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. March 3 at the VFW parking lot (intersection of Front & Center streets). Eat before donating. Bring a photo ID.

This weekly e-Newsletter contains useful information about events and happenings in the City of Kyle. To subscribe, simply [click here](#) and put "Kyle Newsletter" in the subject line to be added to the distribution list.

Tanks for the help

Keeping the city's drinking water safe, healthy and in good shape is one of the main jobs for Treatment Operations Division Manager Jason Biemer.

Kyle's water system is an intricate network of pipes, ground level and above ground tanks, wells and other equipment.

But Central Texas water is hard, i.e., full of minerals, so it corrodes the insides of our storage tanks.

One of Biemer's primary goals is a well tank rehab program. The structure of a tank, like the one shown here on Old Stagecoach Rd., can last well beyond 50 years, perhaps even as long as 100 years if they're empty, so long as the paint coating is maintained. But add water and they need to be repainted about every 20 years.

Less expensive paints could be used, though Biemer said tanks would need much more frequent repainting and repair.

"The quality of the paint is as important as the skill and



rehab the tanks at that site.

Owner Rory Grangruth and his crew are in the early process of cleaning and repainting the insides of three water tanks at the location. Grangruth said the work will take several months at a cost of \$285,500.

The city used as much water as it could from the tanks, then drained the rest.

Next, Grangruth's crew sandblasted off the existing coating, along with the buildup of rust and minerals. Their final step will be to repaint the inside of the tanks using a non-toxic sand and epoxy mixture.

They will also replace a rusted and unsafe ladder in the center of the site's tallest water tank.

Biemer said more Kyle water tanks will go through the same process in the near future.

"Our tank rehab program is an important investment in maintaining the city's infrastructure for the next generation," he said.



See more photos and video at www.cityofkyle.com

experience of the contractor," Biemer said earlier this week when we visited Well Site 3.

Tri-State Coatings of Minnesota was the winning firm on a bid to

Upcoming Public Meetings at City Hall

Kyle City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 16, 2016, at 7 p.m.

[Watch live or later.](#) Or read the [recap.](#)

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Kyle Road Bond Updates

Lots of work is happening on the 2013 road bond projects – even if you can't see it yet. Easements, utilities and engineering plans are just a few examples.

For more information visit:

www.cityofkyle.com.

Events & Happenings

Looking for something fun and rewarding to do during Spring Break? Join the Kyle PARD "Clean & Green Fun Fest"!

Takes place 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. March 19 at Lake Kyle. Movie starts about 30 minutes after sunset.



New fire truck to serve east side of Kyle arrives

Kyle Fire Department/ESD 5 recently purchased a new fire engine. As part of its 2016 budget, the City of Kyle allocated \$75,000 to KFD.

Chief Kyle Taylor said Engine 22 will primarily serve neighborhoods in east Kyle. A current engine will be retired and used as a reserve vehicle.

Here are some fun facts about the new engine - enjoy!

Has seating for six

Took 3 months to complete.

Base cost \$480,000
+ \$80,000 for hoses, tools, equipment

A new fire engine for the Kyle Fire Department/ESD 5 will soon be put into operation. See more photos at www.cityofkyle.com.

Will have 1/2 mile of hose

Made by Pierce. Born in Wisconsin in 2015.

She holds 1,000 gallons of water

This truck can pump 1,500 gallons per minute

Weights 48,000 lbs. when fully equipped

33 feet long bumper to bumper

Community can help KPD catch thieves

Daytime burglaries of homes in Kyle appear to be more frequent in recent weeks. According to Kyle Police Chief Jeff Barnett, seven cases of 'burglary of a habitation' were reported in town since Jan. 1, 2016.

The modus operandi appears to be where an individual rings the doorbell in the front of the house. If no one answers, other persons break windows in the back of the house and enter the premises.

"Then they rummage through the homeowner's belongings," Barnett said.

He said the recent burglaries of homes involve the theft of items such as cash, jewelry, guns, gaming systems and other electronics.



Barnett confirmed that Kyle police are working several angles and multiple potential leads on these cases. And while law enforcement agencies check with pawnshops, it's not always a cut

and dry way to locate stolen goods or those involved in the burglary.

"Hearing from the public can help focus our efforts on more productive leads," he said. "Having specific information such as descriptions of individuals, car models and license plate numbers can lead to finding the perpetrators faster."

Barnett said his department has reason to believe these incidents involve several people. He said in at least one case, the homeowner was in the house when their doorbell rang.

"This woman didn't open the door right away," he said. "The individuals who rang the door bell then walked into her home. When they saw her, they ran away on foot."

Most of these crimes appear to take place between about 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

"The perpetrators are committing these crimes in the middle of the day," Barnett said.

Read more at www.cityofkyle.com/police/community-can-help-kpd-catch-thieves

