



City of Kyle E-NEWSLETTER



For the week of September 11, 2015

This weekly Kyle E-Newsletter contains pertinent 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.

Kyle Council adopts budget, tax rate

Following months of debate and discussion, along with input from area residents, the Kyle City Council adopted its tax rate and budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year.

The tax rate for 2015-16 is \$0.5848 per \$100 home valuation. That amount includes \$0.35 for the city's Interest & Sinking (I&S) fund, which pays the debt owed by the city, which is currently \$96.9 million.

The city's I&S rate for 2015-16 includes \$0.0762 for every \$100 home valuation

because Kyle voters approved a \$36 million bond package in 2013.

Funds from those bonds will be used to make improvements to five major thoroughfares: Marketplace Ave.

Bunton Creek Rd., North Burlson St., Goforth Rd. and Lehman Rd.

Kyle voters approved the road bond up to \$0.22, but the city's finance staff reduced that amount to \$0.0762, by taking advantage of

the city's credit rating and higher home valuations.

The other tax component is for Maintenance & Operations, which funds city services including police, the public works department, road repairs, the parks department and the Kyle Public Library. That rate is \$0.23.

At its Sept. 8 special called meeting, the Kyle City Council adopted a budget of \$80.1 million for Fiscal Year 2015-16.

For more information on the budget, visit www.cityofkyle.com.

Kyle 2015-16 Budget and Tax Rate now set

Upcoming Public Meetings

Kyle Depot Board Meeting
Monday, Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.

Kyle City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.

Kyle Area Youth Advisory Council - Meeting
Wednesday, Sept. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Kyle Parks & Recreation Board Meeting
Monday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Can't make a meeting? Kyle City Council meetings are Streamed Live on the Internet

Learn more:
Stay Connected to your city - find meetings, events, news and more at www.cityofkyle.com

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Historic Photo Roundup

Have any historic (or just plain old) photos of Kyle? Know someone who does? This Sept. you can help the Hays County Historical

Commission make the restored railroad depot a place where history comes alive.

The commission is hosting an historic photo roundup. Bring your old photos - including events, street scenes, railroad, transportation, businesses and more - to the roundup from 1 - 5

p.m. Sept. 27 at Kyle City Hall.

Photos will be scanned and handed back to the donor so there is no risk of loss.



The old Causen's I.G.A. on Center Street in Kyle. Photo courtesy of the *Hays Free Press*.

For questions contact 512-393-2277 or hayshistoricalcommission@gmail.com

In the News

Kyle is now a hands-free city. Learn more about the ordinance passed by city council [here](#).

September is National Preparedness Month
Prepare for emergencies - don't want until it happens. Visit ready.gov/september to learn more.

National Night Out - Oct. 6
Stand with your neighbors and stand up against crime. Contact **Officer James Plant** for more information at 512-268-0859 or jjplant@cityofkyle.com.

Check out what's new at Kyle Public Library

Have you been to your Kyle Public Library recently? If not, make time to stop by and see what's new.

It is *the* place for everything from checking out the latest books to using one of the many new online reference tools.

Don't forget story time, book club, Lego Club, computer classes, Advanced ESL/GED classes and now free yoga on Mondays.

Free community yoga - Experienced yoga teacher and Kyle resident, Gudjon Bergmann, is now

offering free holistic Hatha Yoga classes on Monday evenings.

Suitable for all levels; must be at least 18 years of age.

Sensory Fun Story Time - this new program is designed to engage special needs children through movement, music, preschool stories and sensory activity play.

It was developed for children who are on the autism spectrum or differently-abled and is presented at a preschool level of development.

Sensory Fun Story Time takes place from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Mondays (except

major holidays).

ADvanced ESL/GED Ready Classes - If you want to improve your skills in English, writing, reading or math, the library has an advanced ESL/GED Ready class four times a week. And it's free!

Students work on improving grammar, writing, reading and analyzing text, citizenship, problem solving and more.

Visit the [library website](#) to learn more.



Recognitions and Kudos

"My family would like to take the time to Thank the police officers and other volunteers who went out to help us remove trash from my home that has been sitting on our drive for almost 8 months from an accident. It really means a lot to take the time and go to my home and get dirty from all the debris from the house. Coming home now feels a little less stressful not seeing all that trash sitting there. It has really been one heck of year dealing with attorneys and insurance people. They really helped us feel that our home is one step closer in getting back to how it was. Again Thank You Very Much!!!" [View photo here](#)

- Kyle resident M. Lazo

Road Bond Improvement Update

Initial construction work on Marketplace Avenue, which will connect N. Burlson Street with the road behind Kohl's and Target, began on Sept. 8. A formal ground-breaking ceremony will take place in the coming weeks. The project is expected to cost about \$3.8 million, which is part of the 2013 road bond package passed by Kyle voters in 2013. Construction, which will be under the direction of K. Friese & Associates, Inc., is estimated to take about 300 days.

Learn more about the 2013 Road Bond Package at www.cityofkyle.com.



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