City of Kyle
E-Newsletter

For the week of June 30th, 2014

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Got solicitors knocking on your door? Here's some tips on how to handle them

Door to door solicitors come in many shapes and sizes. These solicitors can offer deals on magazines, energy audits, opportunities to sign petitions, cookies, and much more. Most of the time they are what they say they are, but homeowners should always be wary when strangers come to visit.

Please heed these crime prevention tips when dealing with solicitors to help protect you, your family, and your property:

- Never open the door to someone you do not know.
- Always look through the peephole or window and see who it is.
- Teach your children what to do if they are alone and someone comes to the home or is looking in windows.
- If you do not know them, say "No thank you" through the door and walk away.
- Do not get into a conversation with a solicitor through the door. They will try to converse with you but getting into a conversation of any kind with a solicitor only encourages them to stay.
- If solicitors try to approach you while you are outside, do not let them approach. Say, "No thank you," and walk back into your house and close and lock your door. A conversation only encourages a solicitor.
- If the solicitor does not go peaceably on their away, call the police for assistance.
- Follow identify theft prevention guidelines by never giving credit card information or a check to anyone who solicits you and you do not know. It is often very difficult to determine if someone is legitimately representing a real organization or charity.
- Watch where the solicitor goes next and notice what they do. Look for suspicious behavior such as looking in car windows, testing doors for locks, or entering back yards.
- Report aggressive or suspicious solicitors to law enforcement immediately at 911 (aggressive or threatening) or Non-Emergency 512-268-3232 (suspicious). Provide a description of the solicitor and what direction they were headed.
- Alert other neighbors in the immediate area. If you have a Neighborhood Watch, immediately contact your NW Chairperson who can notify the other residents of this activity.

City of Kyle ordinance, "Peddlers, Solicitors and Vendors," states any person desiring to go from house to house or from place to place, or to own, operate, or control a temporary location or stand on a public street or right-of-way in the city, to sell or solicit orders for goods, wares, merchandise, services, photographs, newspaper, magazines, or subscriptions to magazines, shall obtain a permit from the City. Residents are advised to ask to see this permit and to not conduct business with anyone not in possession of the proper permit.

State law allows licensed alarm companies and insurance companies to be exempt from requiring a solicitor's permit. While the City cannot enforce its ordinance against them, private property owners can still have "No Trespassing" or "No Solicitation" signs on their property and if these vendors violate that, they could be apprehended. A "No Solicitation" sign posted at the entrance of a neighborhood is not enforceable by the police department; individual signs at a residence can be enforced.

City of Kyle administrative offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th, in observance of the Independence Day Holiday.

Public Meetings for the Week of June 30th, 2014

Kyle Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting
Mon, Jun 30th 7:00pm

Ethics Commission Meeting
Mon, Jun 30th 7:00pm

Kyle City Council Meeting
Tue, Jul 1st 7:00pm

Council Meetings are now Streamed Live on the Internet

Kyle's Independence Day Celebration is on Friday, July 4th

This year's event offers a golf tournament, live music, and (of course) fireworks.

Join in the celebration of Independence Day this July 4th as the City of Kyle once again has planned for a spectacular fireworks show.

Where To Watch The Fireworks
The City of Kyle will be celebrating the 4th of July with a fireworks show launched from Plum Creek Golf Course (PCGC).

Organized Events:
Golf Tournament - Plum Creek Golf Course will host a July 4th golf tournament beginning after lunch*.

Live Music -
Plum Creek Golf Course* - From 6:00pm - 9:00pm, the pre-show celebration at the PCGC Clubhouse is free to the public and includes live music and fantastic viewing. Hot dogs and cold drinks will be sold under the large tent, along with other snacks. Parking at the golf course is available for a donation to the Kyle Masonic Lodge. Walk ins welcome*. No outside food or drink permitted on the golf course property. For more information on the pre-fireworks events at Plum Creek Golf Course, please open attachment below, call the PCGC Clubhouse at 512.262.5555 or click here for their website.

Hays CISD PAC (Performing Arts Center) Star Spangled Event* - With ample parking and a great view of the fireworks, Hays CISD's PAC will entertain with music until the fireworks start. The free public program starts off with Kem Watts, a local singer and songwriter, performing from 7p - 8p followed by Starlight Symphony Orchestra from 8p - 9:30p. The finale will be a stirring rendition of Battle Hymn of the Republic performed by Starlight Symphony Orchestra along with choirs from local schools and churches. No alcohol permitted on school grounds. For additional details, please visit their website.

Time of Fireworks - When it gets dark enough, around 9:30pm on July 4th, the fireworks show will launch from the golf course.

Parking & Viewing - Find a spot early enough to see the tall water tower that is next to the Hays CISD PAC on Kohler's Crossing. If you can see the water tower, you will have a great view of the fireworks. Parking on paved parking lots around the intersection of Kohler's and Kyle Parkway are the safest locations. The approximately 15-20 minutes of "ooohs and ahhhs" will cap off a day of fun in Kyle. Drive safe.

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.

Frontage Roads Between Yarrington and Center Street to Become One-way on Saturday, June 28th

Next weekend, the Texas Department of Transportation will begin changing the direction of the two-way frontage roads on Interstate 35 into one-way frontage roads between San Marcos and Kyle, from RM 150 (Center Street) and Yarrington Road, a distance of approximately 2.9 miles.

On Saturday, June 28 at 8 p.m., work will begin on the northbound frontage road. Once work in the northbound direction is complete, crews will proceed to convert the southbound frontage road. The change will involve re-striping and placing additional signs along I-35 to alert and direct motorists to the new, one-way condition. It is expected that the conversion of the frontage roads will be complete by Sunday.

The I-35 frontage road conversions are part of a larger, $12.2 million project. Once complete, the existing Yarrington Road bridge overpass will be replaced and turnaround bridges in both the northbound and southbound direction will be installed. The contractor for the 20-month long project is OHL USA, Inc.

For more information on all City of Kyle services and programs, go to ***www.cityofkyle.com*** or call 512.262.1010.