City of Kyle

E-Newsletter

For the week of January 3rd, 2011

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City of Kyle Web Site Receives Gold Award from Texas Comptroller

Comptroller Leadership Circle Member

The City of Kyle has received a GOLD Leadership Circle Award from the Texas Comptroller's office for exceeding government transparency standards set by the state agency.

The Comptroller's office Leadership Circle recognizes local governments that have either taken their first steps toward, made strides to meet, or have exceeded transparency standards. The three award levels are:

- Gold – to those who are setting the bar in transparency
- Silver – to those who are making continued progress
- Bronze – to those who are just beginning their transparency efforts

The main criteria for the awards include having the city's budget, audit, and check register available online. Other minor criteria involve local government and council contact info, public information requests, easy access to documents, and other financial information.

Approximately 95 Texas cities have received one of the three awards, with 58 having received the gold (including Kyle).

More information about the program is available by clicking the links below:

http://www.texastransparency.org/local/cities.php

http://www.texasahead.org/texasrising/tr1002/transparency.html

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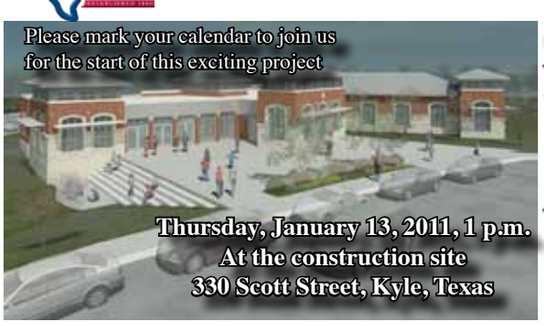
Save the date!

New Kyle Public Library Groundbreaking



Light refreshments will be served

Please RSVP by Friday, January 7th to library@cityofkyle.com or 512-268-7411

Public Meetings for the Week of January 3rd, 2011

January 4th, 2011
City Council Meeting

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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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Kyle Public Library to Provide Computer Skills for Job Seekers

Almost all employers now require that their employees have some degree of computer literacy, and looking for a job now involves having an email account and searching online sites. Many Texans have limited computer knowledge, which hurts their chances in the job market. As the national and state economies struggle, it is more important than ever that job applicants be computer literate and able to take advantage of online job-searching resources.

In response to this need, the Kyle Public Library will host a series of 5 classes that aim to address workforce development in the Kyle community. Classes will be open to the public and will focus on two areas: 1) general computer literacy, including computer, internet, and email Basics, and 2) skills specific to job searching and applying for work online. Both these skill sets have been proven effective in finding and keeping a job.

All classes will be held in the Kyle Public Library, located at 409 W. Blanco St. in Kyle, Texas. Classes will last 2 hours and will take place from 8:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m., starting Tuesday, January 18 and ending the following Monday, January 24, 2011. (No classes will be held on the weekend.)

The classes are made possible by the Digital Literacy Corps, a program implemented by the Central Texas Library System (CTLS) in partnership with 28 public libraries in central Texas. The goal of the DLC is to achieve a stronger Texas workforce through resource sharing and community empowerment: CTLS trains instructors and coordinates classes; libraries provide the space to hold classes and community outreach; and a select group of instructors from 10 central Texas cities and towns teach classes. Teresa Montalvo, a senior staff member and experienced computer instructor at the Kyle Public Library, underwent a rigorous application and screening process before being selected.

To sign up for classes or to request more information, please either stop by the Kyle Public Library at 409 W. Blanco St., Kyle, Texas, or call the library at 512-268-7411. Please note that space in the classes will be limited.

Public Meetings for the Week of January 10th, 2011

January 11th, 2011
City Council Meeting

January 12th, 2011
Charter Review Public Hearing

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City of Kyle administrative offices will be closed
on Monday, January 17th, in observance of **Martin Luther King, Jr., Day**

City of Kyle Breaks Ground on New Library

City of Kyle officials were joined this week by United States Congressman Lloyd Doggett and a host of onlookers as ground was broken signifying the beginning of construction on the new Kyle Public Library.

"We've been talking about building a new library for a very long time," said Kyle Mayor Lucy Johnson. "We are all very excited to finally be moving dirt and preparing to build this lovely facility. I believe our citizens are going to be very proud of this library and that it will add a great deal to the character of our entire city." United States Congressman Lloyd Doggett addressed the crowd of onlookers and praised the city on its commitment to striving to meet the needs of the citizens.

Pictured from left to right are: Kyle Council Member David Wilson, Kyle Mayor Lucy Johnson, Kyle Council Member Becky Selbera, Kyle Council Member Diane Hervol, Library Building Committee Member Mo Johnson, United States Congressman Lloyd Doggett, Raymond Construction Senior Estimator Tom McClanahan, Library Building Chairperson Kathy Ryan, and Kyle Council Member Jaime Sanchez

"Like the Senior Zone in the refurbished historic city hall and the new Fire Station, this Library represents another important step in serving the needs of more and more families who are making Kyle their home," said Congressman Doggett.

The approved budget for the library is $3.567 million and was over the $3.2 million target set by the council in 2009, but council members agreed that project was long overdue and that the final result would be worth the extra expenditures.

"These are difficult economic times, and library services are more important than ever during times like these," said Kathy Ryan, Chairperson for the Library Building Committee. "The Library Building Committee and the library patrons truly appreciate the support that the Mayor and City Council have given to the library building project."

The new Kyle Pubic Library, located in the western part of Kyle's historic downtown, will be 20,000 square feet and will feature community rooms to accommodate meetings and gatherings as well as special areas for teens and young children. Expanded computer areas and an outdoor plaza feature will also be included.

The exterior of the building will feature limestone and brick and will mirror Kyle's architectural brand established with the construction of its new City Hall five years ago.

"Having the will and resources to build a facility like this one in these difficult economic times is a testament to the council's commitment to the priorities of our citizens," said Kyle City Manager Lanny Lambert. "After having seen what our library staff can do at our current facility, I am very excited to see what they can produce out of this new and very modern facility."

Kyle's current 5,000 square foot library is located in the heart of downtown Kyle and has served the community since 1962. Since then, Kyle has grown from a small ranching community to a full service city of approximately 30,000. Much of Kyle's growth has occurred over the past 10 years when the city was the fifth fastest growing city in Texas.

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January 18th, 2011
City Council Meeting

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B.O.G.O. Sale

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2011 Season Pass Rates:
Unlimited entry during normal operating hours

	Residents:	Non-Residents:
4yrs. - 12yrs.	$30.00	$60.00
13yrs. - 17yrs.	$40.00	$80.00
18 yrs. - 54yrs.	$50.00	$100.00
Seniors (55yrs.+)	$30.00	$60.00
Family Pack of 5	$150.00	$300.00

2011 Punch Card Rates:
12 entries for the price of 10
during normal operating hours

	Residents:	Non-Residents:
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Public Meetings for the Week of January 24th, 2011

January 25, 2011
Planning & Zoning meeting

January 25, 2011
Planning & Zoning Worksession

January 25, 2011
Strategic Planning
& Finance Committee

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Don't forget Pets, Plants, and Pipes during freezing weather

Very cold temperatures are forcast for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with lows in the teens and highs around freezing. Don't forget to proctect your pets, plants and pipes.

Hiring a Contractor?
The City of Kyle's Building and Inspection Department in here to assist.

Whether you're planning an addition for a growing family or simply building a shed, finding a competent and reliable contractor is the first step to a successful and satisfying home construction or improvement project. These guidelines are intended to serve as a general reference guide to anyone looking to build, repair or improve their home.

1. Obtain names of several contractors
Home construction contractors are not licensed or regulated by the State of Texas.

2. Research your project
Ask questions of your friends, neighbors and local home improvement stores.

3. Obtain and compare bids on your project
It's usually a good idea to ask at least three contractors to estimate the costs of your project.

5. Signing a contract
Once you have agreed on a bid with a contractor, obtain it in writing.

6. Financing your project
If a lender is financing your construction project, make sure that you know your lender and that you understand how the loan proceeds will be disbursed and how subcontractors will be paid.

7. Building permits
A building permit is generally required when performing structural work or when a home's basic living area is changed.

8. Completing the project
Before you sign off and make the final payment, make sure the job is complete.

The City of Kyle Building Inspection Department wants to be of service to you and urges you to call ((512) 262-3911), or email us (buildinginspectors@cityofkyle.com) with any questions. ***For more infromation on how to hire a contractor click here.***

Public Meetings for the Week of January 31st, 2011

February 1, 2011
City Council Meeting

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Kyle Public Library Offers Assistance with Income Tax

You may sign up for income tax assistance at the library. Income tax assistance will be provided on Saturdays from February 5th to April 9th. Also, you may send us an email at circulation@cityofkyle.com. If you send an email, please include your first and last name plus your phone number. We will call you to set up an appointment.

It would be great if you could drop by the library to pick up form 13614-C. If you complete it before your appointment, this helps the volunteer preparer complete your return. It also speeds up the process. The form can be accessed at our web site: www.kylelibrary.com. You may print the form out, complete it, and bring it with you at the time of your appointment!

Finally, please bring the following items to your appointment:

- copy of last year's income tax return
- Forms such as W-2, 1099, 1098
- Proof of identity (social security card, drivers license or other picture ID
- Form 13614-C - Review Sheet (pick up at the library or print form out at our web site.

Free French Classes

If you wish to take a basic French Class, you may sign up at the library or send us an email. The class will meet on Tuesday and Thursday from 5 pm. To 6 pm.

Public Meetings for the Week of February 7th, 2011

February 8, 2011
City Council Meeting

February 9, 2011
Public Works & Service Committee

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City of Kyle Transitioning to New Police Chief

Austin and San Marcos Chiefs will assist in the selection process

Kyle City Manager Lanny Lambert has finalized plans to fill the soon to be vacant Kyle police chief position. The position became vacant when current chief, Michael Blake, announced that he would take the same position with the City of Bastrop.

Lambert has put together a nine-person committee to assist with the process of selecting the new chief. The committee will vet the applications, conduct interviews and rank the finalists. The police chiefs from the cities of Austin and San Marcos have agreed to serve on the committee which will also include two Kyle City council members, two City of Kyle department directors, a representative from the Kyle Police Department command staff, a representative from the Kyle police association, and the human resources director who will be non-voting.

The time frame for hiring a new police chief includes advertising for the position through February and beginning interviews during the first two weeks in March. A final decision is expected by March 31st.

Assistant City Manager James Earp, who currently oversees the police department in addition to other departments of the city, will be temporarily re-tasked to focus primarily on the day-to-day operations of the police department.

"I want to be sure to hire the very best person to be our next police chief and I want the candidate pool to include anyone on the current force who might be eligible," said Lambert. "To that end, I've decided to forgo naming an interim chief and asked Mr. Earp to step in and oversee the administrative needs of the department. This allows any of our current officers to be eligible while not giving a particular officer an added advantage by being named as acting chief."

Jerry Hendrix, Kyle's current communications director, will serve as acting assistant city manager until Earp can return full-time to city hall.

"We had to reallocate some of our resources during this time of transition," said Lambert. "But we've got very good people taking on added responsibilities so we can fill in some gaps until we bring on our next police chief."

Blake's last day with the City of Kyle will be February 25th, but the temporary assignments will be effective immediately to allow for adequate transition time.

Public Meetings for the Week of February 14th, 2011

February 15, 2011
City Council Meeting

City Council Economic Development Workshop

February 16, 2011
Community Relations Committee

Tourism Committee

Strategic Planning & Finance Committee

February 17, 2011
Special Called City Council Meeting

Joint City Council/ Planning & Zoning Workshop

Charter Amendments Public Hearing

City Council Charter Review Workshop

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Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center Holds Grand Opening In Kyle

Despite difficult economic times, Kyle continues to grow and add jobs

The Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center – Kyle, and the 150 jobs that comes with it, is the latest addition to the City's long list of new business' joining one of the fastest growing economic bases in the country. The facility's grand opening is being held at 4:30 pm on Thursday, February 10th, 2011.

Legend Oaks Healthcare and Rehabilitation Centers offers both long-term and transitional care for patients and includes amenities such as a complete therapy gym, separate entrance/exit, and every room in the facility is equipped with flat-screen TV's, cable, and private showers with a heating element.

The facility also offers highly competitive wages and excellent benefits for Certified Nurses Aides, Medication Aides, LVN's, RN's, dietary staff, and maintenance/custodial staff.

Since 2007, the City of Kyle has added a number of new businesses, including an HEB Plus, Target, Kohl's, Lowes Hardware, a 210-bed Seton Hospital, Austin Regional Clinic, and Saint David's Urgent Care Clinic. In 2006, the City also completed an agreement with RSI, Inc., a computer ruggedization company formerly from Austin, to relocate its headquarters and manufacturing center to Kyle.

Legend Oaks Healthcare & Rehabilitation–Kyle opened in January 2011 and is conveniently located in the Plum Creek Community in Kyle. The facility provides skilled care with state of the art accommodations for up to 126 residents.

The City of Kyle has been one of the fastest growing cities in Texas for much of the past decade. Growing from a small town of approximately 5,000 in the year 2000, to approaching 30,000 currently. Even though most of the country has experienced downturns in jobs, sales tax receipts and property tax valuations, Kyle has added jobs, seen steady increases in sales tax receipts at a rate exceeding 10% of previous years, and has increased the tax base by almost 50% since 2006 when the Total Taxable Property Value was $931,815,544, compared to an estimated value of $1,406,840,603 for 2011.

Click here for more information about the Legend Oaks Grand Opening

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Public Meetings for the Week of February 21st, 2011

February 22, 2011

Planning & Zoning

Joint Work Session with Planning & Zoning and Parks & Recreation Committee

February 23, 2011

Strategic Planning & Finance Committee

Depot Board Meeting

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Expanded Garbage, Recycling & Compost Collection Service Set to Begin April 4th

Expanded service from Texas Disposal Systems includes more recycling options as well as annual bulky and brush pick-up

Beginning on April 4th, City of Kyle trash customers living in single-family homes will have a new collection system for keeping trash out of the landfill through curbside single-stream recycling and compost service from Texas Disposal Systems (TDS).

The expanded service follows a successful pilot program in several Kyle neighborhoods. Recycling will now be collected as a "single-stream", mixing all accepted recyclables together in one cart and compostable materials in another cart - each cart being collected every other week. Trash will continue to be collected weekly.

Kyle is the first community in Central Texas to provide curbside service for both Single Stream Recycling and compost.

TDS will begin delivering additional 96-gallon carts for the new program to single-family homes in the coming weeks, one with a tan lid for recycling and another cart with a green lid for compost.

Single Stream Recycling

The expanded list of acceptable materials allows customers to put all their recyclables, unsorted, into the larger cart.
Paper: including junk mail, newspapers, magazine
Cardboard: including cereal boxes, shipping boxes, shoe boxes
Containers: EMPTY containers made of plastic, metal, aluminum and glass, including bottles and cans.

Compost

Yard Debris: including grass clippings, tree and shrub limbs
Soiled Paper and Cardboard: including pizza boxes, paper towels, napkins

Bulky and Brush Pick-Up

Another part of the expanded residential service is large bulk and brush collection. Kyle residents can contact TDS once per year to have items such as furniture, appliances or bundled brush of up to 3 cubic yards (approximately the size of a washer and dryer) picked up at no additional charge.

Single-family homes in Kyle will see a $2.94 increase per month on their monthly bill for these expanded services. Rates will increase from $14.28/mth to $17.22/mth. These rates include a 10% franchise fee that goes primarily toward road maintanence and other City of Kyle projects and programs.

Recyclables are taken to TDS' new materials recycling facility (MRF) just north of Kyle in Creedmoor where the materials are separated, processed and sent to market. Additionally, TDS has a compost operation where the material picked up from homes is turned into compost, soils and other products that are sold in Garden-Ville and other retail stores and used by gardeners throughout Central Texas.

For more information on the new program and to view informational videos for Single Stream Recycling and compost service, visit www.texasdisposal.com/kyle

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Public Meetings for the Week of February 28th, 2011

February 28, 2011

Police Civil Service Commission

March 1, 2011

Kyle City Council

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Kyle City Council Seeking Applications for Community Support Dollars

The Kyle city council is taking applications for allocations of $30,000 set aside in this year's budget for supporting service organizations in the City of Kyle. Applications must be submitted to the Kyle City Secretary by Noon on Friday, April 29th, 2011.

Application forms can be downloaded from the ***City of Kyle's web site*** at cityofkyle.com. The forms are also available at the Kyle City Hall, Kyle Public Library or by requesting them by calling the City of Kyle at 262-1010

For more information, contact the City of Kyle Communications Department at 512-262-3921 or jhendrix@cityofkyle.com.

LUCY JOHNSON TO HOST COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

Hometown Discussion

Mayor Lucy Johnson invites all Kyle residents to join her for "Coffee with the Mayor" at The Vantage Apartments, Saturday, March 12, 2011, 10 A.M. This will be an open discussion forum about the City of Kyle and our future.

"On January 29th I hosted my first 'Coffee with the Mayor' at the Java Cup in Plum Creek. It was a huge success, and I'm bringing it back this month by popular request. I hope to make this a regular event in Kyle. It is an opportunity to hear what is happening in our city, as well as a chance to tell me what you want to see us focus on this coming year," Johnson said.

Vantage Apartments are located off of 1626 in Kyle at 4925 Cromwell Drive.

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Anyone with questions about the new service or the carts, or would like to inquire about not recieving carts, can call TDS Customer Care at 357-8575.

Single-family homes in Kyle will see a $2.67 increase per month on their monthly bill for these expanded services. Rates will increase from $12.98/mth to $15.65/mth.

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Public Meetings for the Week of March 7th, 2011

March 7th, 2011
City Council Budget Workshop

March 8th, 2011
Planning & Zoning
City Council/Planning and Zoning Joint Workshop

March 10th, 2011
Library Board Meeting

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Kyle Library Offers Help with Job Hunters, Offers Origami Classes

Are you looking for work, but not quite sure how to apply for jobs online? If so, you can find help at the Kyle Public Library. On Friday, March 11 from 8:00-10:00 am, Teresa Montalvo will teach people how to **apply for a job online.**

On Tuesday, March 15 and Wednesday March 16, Teresa Montalvo, a talented long-time member of the library staff, **will teach origami** at the library from 1:00-2:30 p.m. These are standalone workshops, so you can come to either one or to both. On Tuesday, Teresa plans to walk attendees through how to make a newspaper boat or hat, a box, a swan, and a frog. On Wednesday, she will demonstrate folding a bangle bracelet, a flower with a stem, a ring, and a crane with flapping wings.

For more information, visit ***kylelibrary.com*** or call 512.268.7411

Filing for May City Council Elections Continues through March 14

Filing for a place on the May ballot for Kyle City Council begins on February 12 and ends on March 14. Pick up your ballot application at the ***city secretary's office*** or ***download here***

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E-Newsletter
For the week of March 14th, 2011

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Expanded Garbage, Recycling & Compost Collection Service Set to Begin April 4th

Beginning on April 4th, City of Kyle trash customers living in single-family homes will have a new collection system for keeping trash out of the landfill through curbside single-stream recycling and compost service from Texas Disposal Systems (TDS).

The expanded service follows a successful pilot program in several Kyle neighborhoods. Recycling will now be collected as a "single-stream", mixing all accepted recyclables together in one cart and compostable materials in another cart - each cart being collected every other week. Trash will continue to be collected weekly.

Kyle is the first community in Central Texas to provide curbside service for both Single Stream Recycling and compost.

TDS will begin delivering additional 96-gallon carts for the new program to single-family homes in the coming weeks, one with a tan lid for recycling and another cart with a green lid for compost. Another part of the expanded residential service is large bulk and brush collection. Kyle residents can contact TDS once per year to have items such as furniture, appliances or bundled brush of up to 3 cubic yards (approximately the size of a washer and dryer) picked up at no additional charge.

Anyone who would prefer to not recieve the carts, or if you'd just like more information about the program, please call TDS Customer Care at 357-8575.

Single-family homes in Kyle will see a $2.67 increase per month on their monthly bill for these expanded services. Rates will increase from $12.98/mth to $15.65/mth.

For more information on the new program and to view informational videos for Single Stream Recycling and compost service, visit ***texasdisposal.com/kyle*** or call 375-8375

Kyle City Council Seeking Applications for Community Support Dollars

The Kyle city council is taking applications for allocations of $30,000 set aside in this year's budget for supporting service organizations in the City of Kyle. Applications must be submitted to the Kyle City Secretary by Noon on Friday, April 29th, 2011.

Application forms can be downloaded from the ***City of Kyle's web site*** at cityofkyle.com. The forms are also available at the Kyle City Hall, Kyle Public Library or by requesting them by calling the City of Kyle at 262-1010

For more information, contact the City of Kyle Communications Department at 512-262-3921 or jhendrix@cityofkyle.com.

Public Meetings for the Week of March 14th, 2011

March 15th, 2011
City Council Meeting

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City of Kyle Rated as Central Texas' Most Affordable City

The Capital Area Council of Governments has compiled data from Demongraphia.com to rate The City of Kyle as the most affordable city in Central Texas. Demongraphia.com is a web site principally devoted to urban policy and analysis. The report was published in the Council's March Newsletter Data Points ***(http://datapoints.org/)***.

Housing markets were analyzed by comparing media household income as a ratio to median home values. The cities used to compare in central Texas included Austin, Cedar Park, Georgetown, Kyle, Leander, Pfugerville, Round Rock, and San Marcos.

The ratio for Kyle came in at 2.1 with a media household income at $70,226 against a median home value of $144,700. The data was also compared to previous numbers for the year 2000. Kyle rated as tied for third most affordable with median income at $61,211and home value at $117,056 for a ratio of 1.9. Kyle was the only city to show a rise in household income.

"This is great news for Kyle and shows that the City Council's goal of keeping Kyle affordable has been right on target," said Mayor Lucy Johnson. "Kyle was the only city to show positive growth in median household income over the ten year period. Economic growth doesn't have to mean pricing out current residents from their homes. We are proud that our rise in home values has come with better jobs and better opportunities for Kyle's residents."

The City of Kyle has been one of the fastest growing cities in Texas for much of the past decade. Growing from a small town of approximately 5,000 in the year 2000, to approaching 30,000 currently.

Even though most of the country has experienced downturns in jobs, sales taxreceipts and property tax valuations, Kyle has added jobs, seen steady increases in sales tax receipts at a rate exceeding 10% of previous years, and has increased the tax base by almost 50% since 2006 when the Total Taxable Property Value was $931,815,544, compared to an estimated value of $1,406,840,603 for 2011.

"The City of Kyle is growing responsibly and sustainably," said Johnson. "We are adding good, wage earner type jobs, providing quality city services at affordable rates, great schools through the Hays Consolidated School District, and offer an ample supply of available housing options that can fit into most budgets. We are a great place for your family, for career, and your business, and we invite everyone to come to Kyle and see what others have already discovered here."

(Click the image for more information)

Public Meetings for the Week of March 21st, 2011

March 22nd, 2011
Planning and Zoning Meeting

Comprehensive Plan Amendment Public Hearing

Parck Committee Meeting

March 23, 2011
Train Depot Board Meeting

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Mayor Johnson Proclaims the State of Kyle as "Strong"

In her annual State of the City address, Kyle Mayor Lucy Johnson proclaimed the state of her city as "Strong". The mayor addressed a crowd of over 120 Kyle business representatives at the annual event hosted by the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce. This year's event was held on Tuesday, March 22, at the Plum Creek Golf Course clubhouse in Kyle and was sponsored by the Hilltop Center for Cancer Care.

"This past year marked both the completion and beginning of many essential city projects," said Johnson. "We produced Kyle's first truly Comprehensive Plan, opened a brand new, state of the art Public Works facility on Kyle's east side, and Our Historic City Hall, originally built in 1912, has been returned to its original splendor. Construction is also now underway for our new Kyle Public Library and we are using the $1.2 million we received from the Hays County grant funds for our parks to build new sports fields, improve our City Square Park landscaping and improve our Plum Creek Preserve and Nature Trail."

Mayor Johnson also touted the new Austin Community College Campus that is scheduled to break ground in Kyle later this year. The 75,000 square foot campus is being built in the Plum Creek Development in Kyle and will accommodate 2,000 students when completed in 2013.

Transportation was another key point in Johnson's address. The access roads along I-35 in Kyle are undergoing a major upgrade thanks to a partnership with the City of Kyle, Hays County, and the Texas Department of Transportation. Work is also being done to reconstruct
Dacy Lane in Kyle and realigning FM 150 east of IH35.

Kyle City Manager Lanny Lambert followed Mayor Johnson's remarks by sharing numbers and statistics regarding the city's growth and finances.

Lambert showed that Kyle has been one of the fastest growing cities in Texas for much of the last decade, growing from a population of 5,314 in the 2000 census, to 28,026 in the latest census. Kyle sales tax and property tax has also shown remarkable resilience in spite of the national recession that has seen most cities experience reductions in these two revenue sources.

"Our sales tax receipts have doubled and our property valuations have risen by 50% since 2006," said Lambert. "These numbers show that the policies and direction that has been set by the city council is working and that the city staff has been diligent in putting the council policies and direction in action."

Lambert pointed out that Kyle has become a magnet for quality healthcare in the region with over 600,000 sq ft of medical office space constructed creating approximately 1,600 direct medical jobs.

Lambert also laid out the challenges still needing to be tackled in the upcoming year and probably years ahead. These challenges include: Keeping expenses and debt in line with available resources, continued promotion of economic development, improvement of water/wastewater infrastructure, transportation, maintaining a high level of quality city services, and continuing to ensure adequate water resources.

The entire text of Mayor Johnson's speech and the presentation materials presented by the mayor and city manager are available on the ***City of Kyle web site***.

Job Seekers Welcome at the Kyle Public Library

Public libraries have always been known as a resource for providing quality information. During these economically stressful times, we want to provide work skill information that will help people become employed or improve their work-related skills. The Kyle Public Library can aid your job search or work skill improvement in several ways.

The Kyle Library participates in the Texas Workskills Development in Libraries project better known as TWDL (pronounced 'Twiddle'). TWDL was created to help Texas residents obtain information and learn better ways to look for a job, as well as providing ways to improve their job skills. The project supports Texas library staff, management, and volunteers in gathering 21st century job training resources that can be easily accessed and offered to all Texans.

If you need to apply for jobs online and are uncertain how to proceed, please feel free to ask the friendly staff at the Kyle Public Library. We would be glad to help you learn to navigate the online application process.

So, we invite you to come to the Kyle Public Library or visit ***www.twdl.org*** and ***http://sclc.resumemaker.com*** as part of your job search or work skill improvement.

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March 29th, 2011
City Counncil Workshop on MUDs

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