



# 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.

### Building libraries of the future

If you had some notion that Kyle has a quaint little library reminiscent of the 1950s, think again. The Kyle Public Library is leading the charge to be a modern, hip and completely integrated part of the community.

New Library Director Paul Phelan said he wants to build libraries of the future. One of the reasons he came to Kyle from Corsicana is because of the city's innovative, forward-thinking management team.

"We want to re-conceptualize libraries," he said during a recent interview. How? Phelan said he



wants to build on existing strengths while adding new services and programs.

"We have a lot of great programs and services already," he said.

Those include free online research tools, classes (including computers and languages), activities for teens and children, GED classes, a book club and community rooms. The Kyle Library also has 50 computers connected to high-speed internet.

Phelan he has three initial goals:

- Upgrade the library's Spanish collection.
- Create a coffee-shop feel in the foyer. (Coffee sales will begin soon)
- Participate in a roving art program.

"We also want to upgrade the children's department," he said. "I want them to feel like they're walking into a magical environment."

He would also like to expand e-Books services.

"We use a free app called Overdrive Console," he said. "People can download e-Books and audio books from home 24/7 using their library card. I bet most people don't know that."

Read more at [www.cityofkyle.com](http://www.cityofkyle.com)

### Upcoming Public Meetings at City Hall

**Kyle City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016, at 7 p.m.

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

### Stay Connected to your city:

Find meetings, events and news at [www.cityofkyle.com](http://www.cityofkyle.com)

Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for the most accurate, up-to-date information about Kyle. We now have pics on Instagram, too!



### 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](http://www.cityofkyle.com).

### Leaders needed

Serving on a city board or commission is a great way to help your community.

As a volunteer on a City of Kyle board or commission, you will assist the city council by reviewing information and offering a recommendation.

The City of Kyle has several vacancies for various commissions:

- Board of Adjustments/Sign Control Board
- Planning & Zoning Commission
- Train Depot Board

Find explanations and applications at [www.cityofkyle.com/council/boards-and-commissions](http://www.cityofkyle.com/council/boards-and-commissions).

Thanks in advance for your time and talent to help the Kyle City Council.

### Events & Happenings

#### Spring Break Clean & Green Fun Fest

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

First help with a creek cleanup. Then enjoy vendors, food and a free movie.

Takes place beginning at 5:30 p.m. March 19 at Lake



Kyle. Movie starts about 30 minutes after sunset. Learn more at [www.cityofkyle.com/recreation](http://www.cityofkyle.com/recreation).

#### Texas Superstar plants

Learn from Texas Master Gardeners as we discover Texas Superstar® plants, which are tested and selected for their superstar performance in the Texas landscape. The presentation takes place at 6:30 p.m. March 23 at the Kyle Public Library. Visit [www.cityofkyle.com/library](http://www.cityofkyle.com/library) to learn more.

### Which of these things is not like the other?

After several weeks of finding items in compost bins that don't belong, Texas Disposal Systems (TDS) is preparing for a compost audit of Kyle customers.

This will involve TDS contractors reviewing the items in customers' bins prior to pickup.

If they see items not considered compostable, they will put a notice on the bin and it won't be picked up that day. In the future, anything put into plastic bags and then placed in the compost bin will be considered extra trash and may cost more.

Following the audit, we will report back the results. Our goal is to help Kyle customers put only compostable items in the bin; this will keep unwanted things from going into the landfill as well as help you avoid paying for extra trash on your bill.

Here are some easy tips to make sure your compost bin is properly filled:

Is it paper based, such as paper towels and napkins? Compost it. Is it lawn / grass clippings, leaves or tree limbs? Compost it.

Food? Trash it. Plastic? Recycle. Cardboard may be recycled in some cases. See [tips](#) (at right) to learn more.

## Compost Tips

### DO compost these items:

Lawn/ grass clippings  
Leaves, tree limbs  
Paper towels, napkins  
Pizza boxes

### DON'T compost these items:

Food items of any kind  
Cardboard (e.g., used for shipping)  
Plastic bags

Remember, anything put into plastic bags is considered trash and may cost extra. Learn more at [www.cityofkyle.com/utilitybilling/city-kyle-solid-waste-collection-information](http://www.cityofkyle.com/utilitybilling/city-kyle-solid-waste-collection-information)

### Get Fido and Fluffy registered

Not everyone knows, but a Kyle ordinance says pets have to be registered. Why? Animal Control Officer Briana Brecher wants folks to know that it helps with rabies control and is a good way to help get pets back if they are lost.

The next Kyle Pet Registration event takes place from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 27, 2016, at the Kyle Petco. Learn more at [www.cityofkyle.com/police/animal-control](http://www.cityofkyle.com/police/animal-control).



Register your pets at Kyle Animal Control's next event, this Saturday at Petco.

### N. Burlson Street is now reopen!

Contractors completed their work at the intersection of N. Burlson with the Marketplace extension. The closure, which began Feb. 1, lasted about three weeks.

Barring any weather or other delays, Marketplace is expected to be completed in March.

