



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.

Lights, camera, action

Resurrection, Summer League, The Lights, The Quantum Leap... what do these film titles have in common? They were all filmed, at least partially, in Kyle!

The Texas Film Commission announced Feb. 26 that Kyle is now a Film Friendly Texas town. But what does that really mean?

Economic Development Director Diana Blank-Torres said becoming a film-friendly city, a designation by the Texas Film Commission, is a good thing.

"This designation means more production firms, directors and producers will know about Kyle and all it has to offer," she said.

From quaint downtown scenes to the hubbub of activity near Kyle Crossing to rural landscapes, Kyle



has a variety of locales that appeal to film makers.

Blank-Torres said the commission promotes designated cities to the film industry.

"The certification informs potential productions that Kyle is ready to do business," she said. "Part of being ready is having film guidelines in place, recognizing the needs of the production industry while protecting the interests of our community."

She added that films bring jobs and money to our community.

"There is an economic impact when crews come to your community – they spend money," Blank-Torres said. "It can be anything from hotel rooms to eating at restaurants, car rentals, internet providers, hospitals, local electrical contractors and dry cleaners. Crews also shop for groceries, ice, water, lumber, makeup and wardrobes."

Read the full story at 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

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.

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.

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.

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 to learn more.

Round and round

The work on N. Burselson St. was recently completed and the road re-opened last week. A modern roundabout was installed, though work remains to make it more attractive, at the intersection of Marketplace Ave.

We heard from many around town who are delighted. For those who aren't as delighted, we want to share some information about roundabouts that will hopefully put minds at ease.

Some of the more immediate benefits are the



Roundabouts have benefits over signs and lights at intersections.

reduction in vehicle accidents, particularly injury crashes. They also reduce conflict severity as there are no right-angle or head-on collisions. In addition to design and maintenance benefits, there are operational and environmental ones as well.

Some people think fire engines may have trouble navigating the roundabout, because they are so long. Chief Kyle Taylor of ESD 5/ Kyle Fire Department said his crews haven't had any issues maneuvering around the new roundabout.

Here are few myths and facts for your consideration:

Myth: Roundabouts are difficult to maneuver.

Fact: Using a roundabout is the much the same as making a right turn on red.

Myth: Roundabouts cost more.

Fact: Modern roundabouts are usually less expensive than traffic signals. Roundabouts do not require expensive signal equipment or maintenance.

Plenty of information and data about roundabouts is available. Below are two links you may find helpful.

Learn more at [Washington County, Mn](#) and [Alaska Roundabouts](#). Happy driving!

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 ever lost.

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



Kyle residents: Register your pets this Saturday at Petco in Kyle.

Kudos!

Congrats are in order! The City of Kyle received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award by the Government Finance Officers Association for its FY 2015-16 budget document. Thanks to the efforts made by our entire Financial Services Department (FSD), a Certificate of Recognition for Budget Presentation was also awarded to the city's FSD team for this accomplishment. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting. Thanks, FSD!

