

# City of Kyle E-NEWSLETTER

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First Place Winner!!

#### Postcards from the Parade

A thousand-plus Kyle residents came out last Saturday to help celebrate the founding of Kyle with the Founder's Parade!

More than 45 float entries made their way down Center St. to throngs of cheering crowds.

The fun continued after the parade at Mary Hartson City Square Park where folks could enjoy a slice of birthday cake.

Many then strolled around the park for the Market Days encore event.



Enjoy these photos of the event! See more at <u>www.cityofkyle.com</u>.

The skinny on wastewater billing Q. I heard the city uses wastewater averaging to bill customers. Is that true?

A. Yes.

*Q. Does it save money?* A. Wastewater averaging is a way for Kyle's water utility customers to save money. The concept is relatively simple: during the winter months, most of the water used in homes goes directly into the sanitary sewer system because lawn and other outdoor water usage is less frequent.

Winter is an ideal time to estimate how much of a customer's water usage goes into the sewer system in order to bill for wastewater service.

*Q. How does the city calculate the average?* 

will be billed monthly. For example, if during the winter averaging period a customer uses 2,000 gallons of water in November, 1,900 gallons in December and 2,300 gallons in January, then the calculated wastewater average is 2,000 gallons (2,067 gallons rounded to the nearest 1,000 gallons). This is the cap on the wastewater portion of the customer's utility bill for the next year. Q. Do other cities use averaging?

# Upcoming Public Meetings at City Hall

Planning & Zoning Commission Special Called Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Planning & Zoning Commission Workshop Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 6:45 p.m.

**Kyle City Council Meeting** Wednesday, Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

**Can't make a meeting?** Kyle City Council meetings are

<u>Streamed Live</u> on the Internet

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> A. Most municipalities use averaging to calculate wastewater bills.

> Use less, pay less The City of Kyle's Utility Billing Supervisor, Jane Perez, offered tips for water conservation.

"To save on monthly utility bills, we highly



A. The wastewater average is calculated by using the customer's actual water usage from November- January each year. This average then determines the volume of wastewater customers recommend our customers reduce water usage," she said. "They should also check for leaking faucets or running toilets, especially during the winter averaging months."

## Government in action

What's an agenda? How many makes a quorum? What does adjourn mean?

Those were just a few of the terms discussed last week when the five-member student council from Pfluger Elementary School, along with teachers Rebekah Welvaert, Kelly Alexander and Alban Schoenfeld visited Kyle City Hall. Their first stop was council chambers where they sat on the dais and banged the gavel.



Mayor Pro Tem David Wilson and City Manager Scott Sellers engaged the students in discussion about city government and the role of elected officials. They also talked about the



(L-R) Kyle Mayor Pro Tem David Wilson, Miliana Bazan, Jasmine Jaimes, Hannah Villarreal-Salinas, Meredith Steinbrink, Leonardo Sanchez Jr. and Kyle City Manager Scott Sellers during the Pfluger Elementary Student Council visit to Kyle City Hall last week.

importance of leading by example, working collaboratively with fellow council mates



and disagreeing with an idea but not criticizing the person.

More sage advice included moving forward as a team once a vote happens, even if a student didn't get his or her way.

The student council members also toured Kyle City Hall and met employees in several departments. Welvaert said the students had a great time!

See more photos of the students' visit to Kyle City Hall at <u>www.cityofkyle.com</u>.

# Help name HCISD middle school



The Hays Consolidated Independent School District School Naming Committee seeks nominations for names for the district's sixth middle school.

Approved by voters in 2014, the school will open next year.

Submit name suggestions online at: www.hayscisd.net/name, or write: Hays CISD Naming Hays CISD Naming Committee, 21003 IH 35, Kyle, TX 78640.

### Roll up your sleeve and donate

Kyle is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 5 at Historic Kyle City Hall. Employees and members of the community can sign up to donate. Must be 17 with a valid I.D. Eat before your appointment. Sign up online here.

Questions? Contact Kristiana Spencer via email <u>kspencer@cityofkyle.com</u>.



#### **Events**

#### Date to Bait

Plan your fire ant supression game plan for this weekend.<u>www.kyledatetobait.com</u>

#### Businesses/organziations needed for Halloween Treat Trail

Biz owners/orgs: sign up to hand out treats at this safe Trick-or-Treat event for the whole family. Takes place from 1-4 p.m. at City Square Park Oct. 31.



#### Blue Santa Pancake Breakfast

Come out for this Kyle Police Employee Association fundraiser benefitting Blue Santa. Takes place from 7 a.m.-11 a.m. Oct. 24 at First Baptist Church of Kyle.



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