



City of Kyle e-Newsletter

*Happy Thanksgiving!
City offices closed Nov. 26-27*

Trash collection this week: Monday through Wednesday = normal. Those with Thursday service = Friday. Friday service = Saturday.

This weekly e-Newsletter contains pertinent 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.

Be Sewer Savvy

Part II: Bogged down with FOG (fats, oils and grease)

Thanksgiving is almost here! Wait. How is that related to the sewer? Good question!

Residents and homeowners use grease for cooking. Frying turkeys is quite common at this time of year. What happens with that used grease is important to all of us in Kyle.

Disposing of all kinds of fats, oils and grease (FOG) correctly can be the difference between a healthy sewer system and one that costs more to maintain.

Because FOG doesn't break up, it can begin to cling to and clog pipes similar to how cholesterol causes blockages in arteries.

Clogged pipes don't allow water to flow through as quickly, plus other materials such as toilet paper, wipes and feminine items can add to the blockage.

This could result in

overflowing sewers, which has happened on occasion. Another issue is that FOG ends up in lift stations and at the water treatment plant, which then has to be cleaned.

By disposing of grease in the trash or through a restaurant recycling program, much of the issue can be avoided before that grease has a chance to cause problems.



Help prevent FOG clog in our sewer system. Dispose of fats, oils and grease properly. Learn how you can "Be Sewer Savvy" at www.cityofkyle.com.

Note: no grease was actually poured down the drain for this photo.

Upcoming Public Meetings at City Hall

Kyle City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m.

Comprehensive Plan Mid-Term Update public input meeting
Thursday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Can't make a meeting?
Kyle City Council meetings are **Streamed Live on the Internet**

Stay Connected:

Find meetings, events, news and more at www.cityofkyle.com

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Kyle Road Bond Updates

What's happening with the 2013 Kyle road bond program?

Get the scoop at www.cityofkyle.com

Events & Happenings around Kyle

Santa's Arrival & Tree Lighting

The big guy in red is almost here! Well, in Kyle, anyway. Come welcome the season at Kyle's annual tree lighting and Santa's arrival. Enjoy choral performances from local school choirs. Bring a camera for photos with Santa! Takes place beginning at 4:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at City Square Park on the grounds of Historic Kyle City Hall.

Holidays around the World

Kick off the Holiday season with a celebration of world cultures through music,

performance art, and storytelling performed by storyteller Elizabeth Kahura. This free all-age event takes place at 11 a.m. Dec. 5 at Kyle Public Library.

Meet Santa & Community Shred Day

Greater TEXAS Federal Credit Union presents a way to welcome Christmas while shredding those confidential documents you've got stored everywhere. It's free and available to all community members. Bring your documents (and the kids) to 5433 Kyle Center Drive between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Dec. 12.

Diocesan Celebration Parade

Families will be in a parade beginning at 9:30 a.m. Dec. 5. The route begins at Negley Elementary and ends at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on N. Burlinson. Roads will not be closed; please exercise caution.

CHRISTmasFest 2015

This free community event features a living nativity and live music by UnSpoken. Event takes place from 2-7 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Central Texas Speedway Amphitheater in Kyle. www.centexspeedway.com

Small Business Saturday

Some of the best shopping deals of the year take place this coming Friday. Also known in the retail industry as Black Friday – when most businesses bring in enough revenue to operate in the black, it's a huge boon to stores around the world.

But did you know Small Business Saturday (SBS), the day after Black Friday, has become an important shopping day as well?

Though championed by American Express initially, SMS is now gaining popularity among local business owners in towns and cities nationwide. Shop local on Saturday and keep some of those tax dollars in Kyle!

Crimes of opportunity increase during the holiday season. Theft prevention tips:

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Lock your doors.
- Don't leave valuables in your vehicle.
- Contact Kyle Police for a vacation watch of your home.

Don't be a crime victim!

Park Protectors Needed

Recent incidents in Kyle public parks – arson, graffiti and other vandalism – impact the community's enjoyment of park spaces. Parks & Facilities Maintenance Manager Tim Cropley said vandalism also costs the city (i.e., taxpayers) more money for repairs and materials. While our

police are patrolling the parks, they can't be there every minute. If you see or hear anything suspicious, contact the Kyle Police Department non-emergency number at 512-268-0859 to report it. Community involvement to minimize or prevent vandalism means everyone can enjoy our parks.



Report park problems

Arson (like in the bathroom in Gregg-Clark Park at left) and other vandalism in Kyle parks costs taxpayers more money. See, hear or know something? Call 512-268-0859 to report it.

Community Input Meeting

How is the city's Comprehensive Plan working for the average citizen? Wait, what's a Comprehensive Plan?

It's a guiding document that outlines the community's goals and visions to assist in municipal decision making by city leaders. The plan is firmly grounded in assessments of the existing natural, physical, social and economic conditions of the community.

It has a 10-year shelf life; we're at the five-year point now.

The City of Kyle seeks public input on the effectiveness of the current plan. We've scheduled a Comprehensive Plan Mid-term Update public input meeting (that's a mouthful!) for 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3 in Kyle's council chambers.

Want more? Read the plan at www.cityofkyle.com/planning/comprehensive-plan.

KPD Recruitment Family Open House

Is a career in law enforcement right for you? Attend the Kyle Police Department Open House to find out.

With competitive pay, good benefits and a welcoming work atmosphere, Kyle is a great place to build your future.

We encourage families to attend the open house. The police chief, along with several officers and their spouses, will be available to answer questions.

Takes place from 9-11 a.m. Dec. 12 at 111 S. Front St. in Kyle. Light refreshments will be served. (Sorry, no donuts.) RSVP jplant@cityofkyle.com. Walk-ins welcome!

