



City of Kyle E-NEWSLETTER



NOTE: City of Kyle offices will be closed on Nov. 11 in honor of Veterans Day. Be sure to thank current and former military personnel for their service.

This weekly Kyle 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.

Historic flooding

The historic Halloween weekend flood of 2015 brought 17.44 inches of rain to Kyle between Oct. 30-31, according to Parks Director Kerry Urbanowicz, who tracks rainfall totals. He said that is the most 24-48 hour rainfall in Kyle in 35 years. Raindrops began falling at about 5:45 a.m. last Friday morning - the ground was already saturated with moisture. Within a few hours, record amounts of water fell from the sky. Residents across Kyle that had never experienced flooding were suddenly watching water rush up to their doors and in many cases, inside their homes and vehicles.

Heavy rain affected many neighborhoods throughout Kyle. Water came into City Hall, which was acting as a shelter for those in need. Our Parks & Recreation Department headquarters near Lake Kyle was completely flooded. Several city vehicles sustained water damage.

The city's administrative arm, along with its communications team, worked throughout the weekend, providing information to Kyle residents on clean up efforts and flood recovery resources.



See more photos and information from the October 2015 flood at www.cityofkyle.com.

Our Public Works and Parks crews worked tirelessly all week hauling off water logged furniture, mattresses, carpet, and construction materials from flood impacted homes. TDS emptied the five dumpsters placed around the city multiple times.

Within 96 hours, nearly all of the post-flood clean up was complete.

Upcoming Public Meetings at City Hall

Planning & Zoning Commission
Tuesday, Nov. 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Kyle City Council Meeting
Tuesday, Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

Can't make a meeting?
Kyle City Council meetings are [Streamed Live on the Internet](#)

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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

Kudos to Kyle Staff during flood

City of Kyle staff kicked into action beginning Friday shortly after the historic flooding event began. From opening City Hall as a shelter to responding to emergency 911 calls, to helping with debris removal and sharing important, timely information, we are proud of our staff response.

So were several members of the public who shared these comments and thanks to our first responders (which also includes the Kyle Fire Department):

Thank you and stay safe!

— Ann Marie Pena

Thanks to our local emergency responders.

Be safe.

— Yolanda Ramirez

Thank you all for keeping our community safe! You guys are the best

Dispatchers rock, too!

— Sandy Zambrano Montanez

Thank you 1st responders for your bravery!

— John Pappas

We love our city...and the amazing professionals we have working in it.

— Misty Busch



The Kyle Police Department was just one city department that rocked during the flood last weekend. Kudos to all our staff for their prompt, professional response.

Community outreach

Historic flooding in Kyle interrupted many lives this past week, but in some ways it was business as usual for the Kyle Police Department.

Officer Genevieve Natal (below left) spent Tuesday evening talking with Girl Scout Troop 1495 about safety.

The girls learned about everything from wearing bike helmets and car seat belts to stranger danger.

Natal is just one of several KPD officers



Kyle Police Officer Genevieve Natal gives a safety lesson to the members of Girl Scout Troop 1495 of Kyle.

who routinely interact with the community. For example, Officer James Plant, frequently talks with school

children.

To arrange a school or scout presentation from KPD, contact jplant@cityofkyle.com.

Events & Happening around Kyle

Dia de los Muertos

Mariachi Extravaganza
Takes place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Nov. 7 at Lehman High Cafeteria.

Hays Fiesta Veterans MusicFest & Chili Cookoff
Takes place Nov. 7-8 at Gregg-Clark Park in Kyle. Hours are Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday 1-6 p.m.

Pet registration event

The next Kyle Police Dept. Animal Control pet registration takes place from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Nov. 14 at the Waterleaf pavilion. Get your pets registered!

Flood survivor resources

Several hundred flood survivors received information about assistance from various agencies and nonprofits. They attended the Hays County Survivor Resource Center held Nov. 3-5 in Kyle.

What do people need after a disaster? According to Mike Jones the Hays County Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, some don't know what they need.

"Many people want assistance for something they don't know how to deal with," he said.

In addition to information about housing needs and reconstruction help, Jones said survivors could also seek emotional support to deal with their grief.

Below is a partial list of the

agencies available to assist with disaster recovery:

- Austin Disaster Recovery Network
- American Red Cross
- Texans Recovering Together
- Salvation Army
- Hays County Food Bank
- United Way
- Community Action
- Goodwill
- Hays County Veterans Office

A few resource centers are still operating, such as at the Dunbar Recreation Center in San Marcos. It's open Monday-Saturday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. until further notice.

The Blanco River Regional Response Team, established after the Memorial Day flood,

connects those who need help with volunteers.

Visit their website at www.blancoriverregionalrecovery.com or email them at blancoriverregional@gmail.com. Monetary donations are being accepted at Wells Fargo Banks.



Austin Disaster Relief Network is just one of many agencies helping flood survivors.

