



Chamber Chatter

April 6, 2009

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
100 N. Front St. / PO Box 900

Kyle, TX 78640

www.KyleChamber.org
512-268-4220

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 2009

8 5:00pm – Kyle Easter Egg*Stravaganza – Gregg Clarke Park – Visit the City of Kyle's [Website](#) to find out the schedule of events

12 Easter Sunday

14 12:00pm – Kyle Chamber Ambassador's Committee Meeting - Train Depot

14 All Day – FREE Small Business Counseling with a Texas State Small Business Development Center Representative - Call 512-268-4220 to make an appointment

15 6:30pm – Kyle Leadership Academy will be meeting at the Kyle Library – for more info contact Jerry Hendrix – 512-262-3921

17 12:00pm – Last Day for local Non-profits to submit grant applications for City of Kyle funding

22 All Day – Administrative Professionals Day

23 5:30pm - Studio Estates/ Ranch Studios Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting Celebration – 6800 GoForth Road – Everyone is in Invited!

28 11:30am – Administrative Professionals Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the Inn Above Onion Creek – Hays CISD Performing Arts Center – [RSVP Today!](#)

Save the Date!
The Kyle Chamber presents:
Administrative Professionals Appreciation Luncheon

Sponsored by:
[The Inn Above Onion Creek](#)




Tuesday, April 28
11:30am-1:00pm

Hays CISD Performing Arts Center (979 Kohler's Crossing in Kyle)
To show appreciation for the administrative professionals that keep our offices in working order, the Kyle Chamber will dedicate this luncheon to all administrative professionals. Please have your staff join you for this luncheon, as we will have goodie bags and special drawings just for them.

Now taking RSVPs! [RSVP Here!](#)

KYLE EASTER EGG*STRAVAGANZA

Wednesday, April 8th • 5:00-8:00pm • Gregg-Clarke Park

Age-appropriate Egg Hunts

Music

Inflatables

Free Train Rides

Food

Pony Rides

Free Carnival Games

and More...



Kyle Wins HBA/NAACP Lawsuit; United States District Court finds that City did not violate the Fair Housing Act

Kyle, TX - The Austin Division of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas has ruled in favor of the City of Kyle in a lawsuit filed against the City by the National Association of Home Builders, the Home Builders Association of Greater Austin, and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Home Builders Associations (HBA) and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) filed suit on the City of Kyle on November 22, 2005 alleging the City's revised zoning ordinance adopted on November 18th, 2005 violated the Fair Housing Act. The suit also alleged that the City of Kyle retaliated against the Home Builders Association when the City increased building permit fees to cover the cost of the litigation. United States District Court Judge Lee Yeakel heard the case in February 2008, and handed down his ruling on March 30th, 2009. The ruling found that the City of Kyle won on all counts and did not violate the Fair Housing act, nor did the City retaliate against the Home Builders Association by raising the permit fees.

"This is a clear and decisive victory, not only for the City of Kyle, but for all cities everywhere," said Tom Mattis, Kyle City Manager. "We believe that is was a thinly veiled attempt by the Home Builders Association to thwart a city's right to decide how to best plan and direct growth. It is also clear to me that the Austin HBA thought they could intimidate the City of Kyle with this lawsuit. I guess they know better now."

The City of Kyle adopted changes to the City's zoning ordinance on November 24th, 2003, requiring single-family residences to be a minimum of 1,600 square feet on minimum lot sizes of 8,190 square feet. The revised ordinance also requires all new structures to be constructed with exteriors of 100% masonry and to have garages of not less than 480 square feet. The previous ordinance required a single-family residence to be not less than 1,400 square feet and allowed lot sizes to be 20% smaller.

Judge Yeakel states in his decision that "The Austin HBA and NAACP failed to conduct a proper statistical analysis", referring to the plaintiffs attempt to prove that the City was pricing minorities out of the home market in Kyle.

"This is also a victory for every city in Texas, and even the country," said Gonzalez. "Had the HBA prevailed in this suit, every city would have been in jeopardy of losing their ability to make decisions on how to best plan and direct growth based on the special needs and circumstances of the city."

Judge Yeakel also found that the City of Kyle did not retaliate against the HBA by raising building permit rates to pay for the legal defense related to this suite. "Standing alone, this motive does not qualify as an adverse action against the HBA and NAHB, let alone their membership," wrote Yeakel. "The fees are not borne by the HBA's and NAHB's members, but are passed on to end consumers. Even assuming that such action could be considered adverse, the Court finds no causal connection between a protected activity and the alleged adverse action."

Special Tax Break Available for New Car Purchases This Year

The Internal Revenue Service announced last week that taxpayers who buy a new passenger vehicle this year may be entitled to deduct state and local sales and excise taxes paid on the purchase on their 2009 tax returns next year.

"For those thinking about buying a new car this year, this deduction may give them a little more drive to make their purchase this year," said IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman. "This deduction enables taxpayers to buy now and get cash back later on their tax returns."

The deduction is limited to the state and local sales and excise taxes paid on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price of a qualified new car, light truck, motor home or motorcycle.

The amount of the deduction is phased out for taxpayers whose modified adjusted gross income is between \$125,000 and \$135,000 for individual filers and between \$250,000 and \$260,000 for joint filers.

IRS also alerted taxpayers that the vehicle must be purchased after Feb. 16, 2009, and before Jan. 1, 2010, to qualify for the deduction.

The special deduction is available regardless of whether a taxpayer itemizes deductions on their return. The IRS reminded taxpayers the deduction may not be taken on 2008 tax returns.

For more information visit www.irs.gov.

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March 30th, 2009

For more information contact:
City of Kyle
Jerry Hendrix 512-262-3921

Kyle City Council Seeking Applications for Community Support Dollars

Kyle, Texas – The Kyle city council is taking applications for allocations of \$30,000 set aside in this year's budget for supporting service organizations in the City of Kyle. Applications must be submitted to the Kyle City Secretary by Noon on Friday, April 17th, 2009.

Application forms can be downloaded from the City of Kyle's web site at cityofkyle.com. The forms are also available at the Kyle City Hall, Kyle Public Library or by requesting them by calling the City of Kyle at 262-1010.

Qualifying organizations must provide services directly to the citizens of Kyle. Final recommendations regarding the allocation of the funds will be made by the city council's community relations committee and presented to the Kyle city council. The council will hear the recommendations and make final decisions on allocating the funds at the May 19th regular council meeting.

For more information, contact the City of Kyle Communications Department at 512-262-3921 or jhendrix@cityofkyle.com.

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ASK THE DOCTOR Community Cancer Awareness Event

You are invited to visit with health professionals and members of your community to learn about:

- *Common Cancers that Affect Men and Women*
- *Cancer Risk Factors*
- *Early Detection of Cancer*
- *Cancer Prevention*

Event Dates and Locations:

Friday, April 3rd 7-9pm
Dripping Springs - St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church-Church Hall
400 Post Oak Road, Dripping Springs

Wednesday, April 8th 7-9pm
Wimberley -Wimberley Community Center – Senior Lounge
14068 Ranch Road 12, Wimberley

Wednesday, April 15th 7-9pm - Focus on Women and Cancer
San Marcos - St. John's Catholic Church
624 E. Hopkins Street, San Marcos

Thursday, April 16th 7-9pm - Focus on Men and Cancer
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Tuesday, April 21st 7-9pm
Buda - Santa Cruz Catholic Church
1100 Main Street, Buda

Wednesday, April 22nd 7-9pm
Kyle - St. Anthony Marie de Claret Catholic Church
801 N. Burleson Street, Kyle

Please join us at this FREE event. This is a great opportunity to ask questions and learn more about cancer.

For more information, please contact:

Karen Candelas, American Cancer Society, 512-919-1886

Mary Moore Cavanagh, Austin Affiliate of Susan G. Komen for the Cure Austin, 512-924-9819

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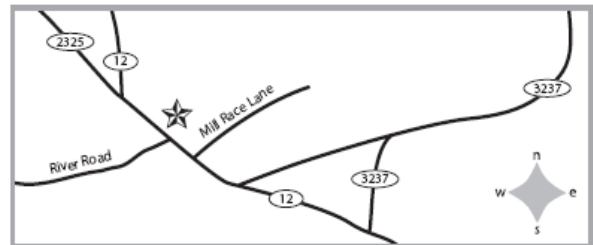


PUBLIC MEETING Hays County Water and Wastewater Facility Plan

The Hays County Commissioners Court is working with the Texas Water Development Board and Hays County's water and wastewater service providers to prepare a water and wastewater facility plan. You are invited to participate in the planning process by attending an introductory planning meeting. The meeting will include:

- Introduction to facility planning grants.
- Introduction to study goals.
- Review 2006 regional water plans.
- Description of the plan's effect on the public's water and wastewater service.
- Public input.

**Wednesday, April 15, 2009 from 7 – 9 pm
at the Wimberley Community Center
14068 RR 12, Wimberley**



For additional information, please contact:
Brandon Neal, HDR Engineering, 512.912.5106 or
Jeff Hauff, Hays County, 512.393.2209

The Kyle Chamber would like to thank **La Quinta Inn & Suites** for sponsoring the April 2009 Ambassador's B.A.S.H.

We would also like to thank the following businesses that co-sponsored the event:

Harmony Construction
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BASH stands for Business Advancement Social Hour and is an opportunity for ALL members of the business community to network and make contacts that can help your business.

Mark your calendars, BASHs are held the first Thursday of every month! Door prizes welcome!



A PROGRAM OF
NACAC

Workshops

Tuesday, April 7 Morning sessions:

How to Pay for College (English and Spanish)
Insider Tips for the College Application Process (English and Spanish)
What Juniors Need to Know

Tuesday, April 7 Evening Sessions:

Early College Awareness for 6th-10th Graders
Historically Black Colleges and Universities
How to Become a College Athlete
How to Pay for College (English and Spanish)
Insider Tips for the College Application Process (English and Spanish)
What Juniors Need to Know

(Refer to on-site event guide for workshop times and room locations)

Go to www.nationalcollegefairs.org for current school listings and other fair locations.

Austin National College Fair

Tuesday, April 7

9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Austin Convention Center (Austin, TX)

free

Tips for attending the National College Fairs:

1. Before the fair, discuss your college plans with your guidance counselor, family, teachers, and friends about the different types of schools you'd like to attend (e.g. two or four year institution, large or small, extracurricular activities, programs of study, etc.)
2. Research colleges on the internet and in your college guidance office, or library.
3. Check dates and registration deadlines for college entrance exams as well as application deadlines.
4. At the fair, visit with colleges and universities which you feel meet your criteria.
5. Talk with a college counselor at the Counseling Center if you have any questions or need help with your college search.



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