



Chamber Chatter

December 7, 2009

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Bureau
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER 2009

7 4:00pm-10pm – Fundraiser for Lehman HS Project Graduation at Pluckers in San Marcos

8 12:00pm – Brown Bag Orientation for New members to the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce – Depot

8 All Day – Free Business Counseling from the TxState Small Business Development Center – Call 512-268-4220 for your appointment

8 8:00am – Target's Annual Holiday Helpers Event, an occasion created just for seniors and guests with disabilities – Target Store in Kyle

8 6:00pm – TxDOT Public Hearing on FM 1626 – Elm Grove Elementary

9 11:00am – Free Diabetic Education classes from Wimberley Home Health – 14068 Ranch Road 12 in Wimberley

9 6:30pm – Kyle Leadership Academy, The Role of the Council – Kyle City Hall

10 6:30pm – City of Kyle Comprehensive Planning Meeting – Help Decide the future of Kyle – Lehman High School

25 All Day – Kyle Chamber office closed for Christmas Holiday

JANUARY 2010

1 All Day – Kyle Chamber office closed for New Year's Day

7 6:00pm – Ambassador's BASH - TBA

What is your vision for the future of Kyle?



Join us for our next public workshop on Thursday, December 10th, 2009 at Lehman High School 1700 Lehman Road From 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm

The City of Kyle Comprehensive Plan will establish a future vision for the City. This Plan, led by MESA Design Group and the Planning Department of Kyle, will serve as a general policy guide for future growth, economic development, land use, conservation and community character.

If you want to give your opinion about the future growth and development of Kyle, don't miss the first of three public workshops focusing on the City of Kyle's Comprehensive Plan.

This is a public meeting open to all residents, business and property owners. Refreshments will be served!



Why Plan?

A Comprehensive Plan is a guide to help the community make decisions and establish a direction to grow in a sustainable and beneficial way in the future. The plan will address issues such as:

- Future Development
- Economic Vitality
- Transportation and Mobility
- Community Identity



Thank you for making the important decision to become personally involved in your City's future! To make the most of this opportunity, listen to the introductory presentation and participate in the facilitated question and answer session that follows.



If you have any questions, please contact the Kyle Planning Department at 512-262-1010.

Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Gala Saturday, February 27th, 2010

We have incredible plans in store for this year's event. While this is a time for recognition and appreciation it is also an incredible opportunity for exposure and networking. This event is the perfect time to have you join us in celebrating all our many successes this year. Contact the Kyle Chamber for sponsorship opportunities at 512-268-4220 or via email at info@kylechamber.org.

Sponsorship Opportunities Include:

Elite Table- \$1,000.00- 4 SOLD (Only 1 Left)

Platinum Table -\$700.00

Gold Table- \$600.00

Silver Table- \$500.00

Bronze Table-\$300.00

Silent Auction Donation- Items needed for the Silent Auction are in the value range of \$100-\$499.99.

Live Auction Donation- Items needed for the Live Auction are in the value of \$500.00 or more.



Homebuyer Credit Expanded and Extended

The Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009, signed into law on Nov. 6, 2009, extends and expands the first-time homebuyer credit allowed by previous Acts. Under the new law, an eligible taxpayer must buy, or enter into a binding contract to buy, a principal residence on or before April 30, 2010 and close on the home by June 30, 2010. For qualifying purchases in 2010, taxpayers have the option of claiming the credit on either their 2009 or 2010 return.

The new law also:

- Authorizes the credit for long-time homeowners buying a replacement principal residence.
- Raises the income limitations for homeowners claiming the credit.

Members of the military, Foreign Service and intelligence community serving outside the U.S. should also be aware of [new benefits](#) in the law that apply particularly to them.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 expanded the first-time homebuyer credit by [increasing the credit amount to \\$8,000](#) for purchases made in 2009 before Dec. 1. However, the new Worker, Homeownership and Business Assistance Act of 2009 has extended the deadline. Now, taxpayers who have a binding contract to purchase a home before May 1, 2010, are eligible for the credit. Buyers must close on the home before July 1, 2010. For home purchased in 2009, the credit does not have to be paid back unless the home ceases to be the taxpayer's main residence within a three-year period following the purchase.

First-time homebuyers who purchase a home in 2009 can claim the credit on either a 2008 tax return, due April 15, 2009, or a 2009 tax return, due April 15, 2010. The credit may not be claimed before the closing date.

The credit applies only to homes used as a taxpayer's principal residence and reduces a taxpayer's tax bill or increases his or her refund, dollar for dollar. The credit is fully refundable, meaning the credit will be paid out to eligible taxpayers, even if they owe no tax or the credit is more than the tax owed.

The credit is claimed using [Form 5405](#), which you file with your original or amended tax return.

**Kyle Chamber
Ambassador
New Member
Orientation and
Brown Bag Lunch**

12pm Tuesday, December 8

Train Depot

Are you new to the Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce? Have you been a member of the Kyle Chamber but are unsure how to get started? This orientation is for you! Both new and veteran members of the Kyle Chamber are invited to join the Ambassadors for some great tips on how to gain the most from your membership, how to build your member page and networking tips to get you started!

There is no cost to attend! Simply bring your lunch and enjoy this opportunity to gain insight to your membership.

[Click Here](#) to RSVP!

**RIVER
CITY
BALLET**

Central Texas' Youth Ballet

December 12, 7 PM

December 13, 4 PM

San Marcos High School
Performing Arts Center
2601 E. McCarty Lane
San Marcos, TX

**THE NUTCRACKER SUITE
AND
OTHER HOLIDAY TREATS**

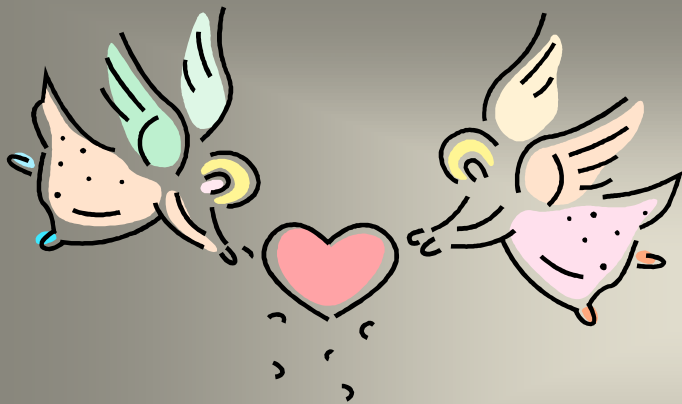


World premiere of "Ave Maria" by Keith Duncan,
Artistic Director of River City Ballet
Music by Franz Schubert

Featuring guest artists
from American Ballet Theatre II
and the School of American Ballet

Tickets: \$15
(children 2 and under free)
Purchase tickets online:
www.rivercityballet.org
or call our box office at
512-396-8736

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Thank you to all of the Chamber members who donated to our angel tree at the BASH! We were able to adopt even more angels thanks to your generosity – because of you a child in need will experience the joy of Christmas morning.

If you were unable to attend on Thursday, please stop by Kyle City Hall and adopt one of our angels!

In Service- Mia Hendricks, Founder - Hope & Love 4 Kids