



Chamber Chatter

February 9, 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

FEBRUARY 2009

10 12:00pm – Kyle Chamber
Ambassador Committee
Meeting– Depot

10 All Day – Free TxState
Small Business Development
Center Counseling – Kyle
Chamber Office - CANCELLED

11 6:30pm – Kyle Leadership
Academy– Now Accepting
Participants – Kyle City Hall –
Contact Jerry Hendrix 262-3921

14 7:00pm –St. Anthony's
Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance
Gala – St. Anthony's Church
Hall

14 6:00pm –Manna From
Heaven Valentine's Day Italian
Dinner Buffet – 602 W. Center
St. – Call 512-268-6900 for
more information

14 Bordeaux's Valentine's Day
Wine Dinner – Call 512-268-
3463 for dinner reservations

16 All Day – Kyle Chamber
office closed in observance of
President's Day

24 11:30am – Kyle Chamber
Monthly Luncheon sponsored
by Plum Creek Development
Partners – Hays CISD
Performing Arts Center – [RSVP
Today!](#)

MARCH 2009

5 6:00pm – Kyle Chamber
Ambassador's BASH - TBA

Kyle Chamber Luncheon

Sponsored by:

Plum Creek Development Partners

February 24, 2009

11:30am-1:00pm

Hays CISD Performing Arts Center
(979 Kohler's Crossing in Kyle)

Please join us for the first Kyle Chamber luncheon of 2009! Guest speaker, Peter French of Plum Creek Development Partners will be updating you on the current development in the Plum Creek area. We will also be introducing the 22 new members that joined the Kyle Chamber in the months of December and January!

[RSVP Today!](#) Cost for the luncheon is \$10 for members & \$15 for future members if you RSVP by Monday, February 24 or \$15 for members & \$20 for future members at the door. To RSVP, call the Kyle Chamber office at 512-268-4220 or [Click Here](#) and send us an email!

Kyle Chamber Luncheons are held the fourth Tuesday of every month, February-November at the Hays CISD Performing Arts Center, unless otherwise noted. Members and future members are encouraged to attend and hear the latest information that affects you and your business.

Join a Committee!

Joining a Kyle Chamber Committee is a great way to meet new people and to gain potential new business!

Some of the Committees you can join are:

- Business Development Committee**
- Ambassador's Committee**
- Kyle Annual Classic Committee**
- Awards Gala Committee**
- 5-K Committee**
- Website Committee**

Call 512-268-4220 to find out more!

The Kyle Chamber Ambassadors would like to thank the Kyle Economic Development Department for sponsoring the February BASH: Kyle, Na-Cho Ordinary City! We would also like to thank the following for their services at the Ambassador's BASH:

- *Manna From Heaven*
- *DJ Art Zamarripa*
- *San Marcos Mariachi Academy*
- *Texas Ritas*
- *Allied Home Mortgage*



Apply Now for the 2009 Envision Central Texas Community Stewardship Awards!

The Envision Central Texas (ECT) Community Stewardship Awards program has been created to recognize and honor the innovative people, projects and processes that are addressing the growth challenges facing our region in ways that will move us closer to a vision for our future that preserves and enhances our natural resources, economic vitality, social equity, and overall quality of living.

Local non-profit and community organizations, businesses, cities, counties, developers, builders, designers, media, neighborhood groups and others based in the five-county Central Texas region (Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis and Williamson counties) are encouraged to submit applications for the annual ECT Community Stewardship Awards. Self-nominations or nominations by others are welcome. The award categories are New Development, Redevelopment, Pioneer, Public Planning & Policy, Raising Public Awareness and the W. Neal Kocurek Legacy Award. Award recipients will be selected by a jury made up of recognized experts from around the country. The jury's decisions will be based on how applicants exemplify or reflect some or all of the seven elements of the [Envision Central Texas Vision](#). Awards will be presented on May 8, 2009 at the annual awards luncheon at the Hyatt Regency Austin. Read more by viewing the [Call for Entries](#).

Visit the [ECT website](#) to download the application. The deadline for applications is Noon on February 20, 2009.

Shared Work Unemployment Compensation Plan

Shared Work Compensation offers an alternative to employers facing a reduction in force. Instead of laying off employees, the employer reduces the hours of work among a specific group of employees. Wages lost to the worker as a result of reduced hours is supplemented by a partial unemployment benefit amount.

An interested employer submits to the Commission a [Shared Work Plan Application and Employee Participant List](#) by mail or fax. If the plan is approved, workers who qualify for unemployment benefits will receive both wages and Shared Work benefits. The workers will receive the percentage of their regular benefits that matches the percentage of reduction in the employer's plan.

Benefits paid under shared work plans are charged back against employers' accounts for use in computing general (experience) tax rates. Thus, they affect employers' tax rates in the same manner and to the same extent as other chargebacks of benefits.

Kyle Library Offers Free Tax Assistance

Beginning this Saturday, free assistance with tax preparation will be available to you at the Kyle Library. You can take advantage of this program every Saturday between 10am and 1:30pm. Appointments are filling up fast and the next available appointment is on Saturday, March 21.

Walk-ins are welcome but there is no guarantee that you will be seen. For more information or to make an appointment, contact the Kyle Library.

Kyle Community Library
409 W. Blanco Street / P.O. Box 2349
Kyle, Texas 78640
512-268-7411

TexHealth Central Texas – Agents Needed

TexHealth Central Texas is a low cost, entry level small business health coverage product targeted to small employers in Travis, Williamson and Hay Counties not currently offering health coverage to their employees. This product, in partnership with United HealthCare for TPA services, is being offered through a community-based nonprofit created under state law.

TexHealth Central Texas will launch in Spring 2009 and is looking for agents to market the products to small employers. TexHealth will require agents to be licensed by TDI for life & health products, have a current business address in a TexHealth marketing area county, sign the TexHealth agreement, have product training and accept the TexHealth compensation.

If you are interested in marketing the TexHealth product, please email your name, address, email and telephone contact information to akitche@icc-centex.org. Trainings will be held in February and March. To be included in the first training, please send contact information no later than February 13th.

Manna From Heaven Valentine's Day Italian Dinner

ENJOY ALL YOU CAN EAT PASTA DISHES FROM 6PM-9PM ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 FOR ONLY \$12.99 PER PERSON. YOUR MEAL INCLUDES SALAD BAR AND DESSERT. CALL 512-268-6900 FOR DETAILS.

Local Businesses to Represent Kyle's Tourism Industry at the TTIA Texas Tourism Unity Dinner in Austin

The Texas Travel Industry Association will be hosting its annual Unity Dinner in Austin, Texas this week. To ensure that businesses affected by tourism in the Kyle area are up to date in the latest tourism trends, the Kyle Chamber will be sponsoring a table at this event. Local businesses, area lodging, members of the Tourism Committee and representatives from the Kyle Chamber have all been invited to represent Kyle amongst state leaders and decision makers.

Attending functions such as these is part of the Tourism agreement with the City of Kyle that contracts the Kyle Chamber to promote Kyle as a tourism destination. Some of the major events that Kyle promotes yearly are:

- Kyle Market Days – 1st Saturday of the Month from April-November
- Kyle Fair & Music Festival – 3rd weekend in October
- 5K Kyle-O-Meter – 3rd weekend in October, in conjunction with the Kyle Fair & Music Festival
- Kyle Annual Classic – held during the month of September
- Front Porch Days – held during the month of May
- Claiborne Kyle Log House Tours & Annual Fried Chicken Dinner
- The 15 Historical sites in Kyle

If you would like to be a part of the Tourism Committee and help promote Kyle as a Simply Charming place to live, work and play, contact Tourism chair, Angie Mendez via email at mendez@hayscisd.net. Kyle, Texas - *Simply Charming!*

~STEEPLECHASE PARK & CREEK CLEAN-UP~ Planning Meeting February 9, 6pm

Once a year the City of Kyle' Parks and Recreation Department organizes a "Steeplechase Park & Creek Clean-Up Day".

This year's project is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, from 9a-12p, at Steeplechase Park. With Plum Creek running through the park, the Plum Creek Watershed Partnership that includes GBRA, AgriLife Extension, TCEQ and others, are teaming with the Kyle PARD this year.

The goal is to bring many organizations together in one place at one time to clean up the park, clean out the creek area and provide environmental education and awareness to the community. To make sure that the event is a success, we are scheduling a planning session on Monday, February 9 at 6pm at Kyle City Hall.

Please attend or send a representative for you to attend so we can make this community project a great event. If you would like to get more information about this event before the meeting on Monday, please contact Kerry Urbanowicz. If you can't make the meeting but want to be involved, please contact Cinde Thomas-Jimenez (cthomas-jimenez@gbra.org).

Contact Parks Department at:
(512) 262-3939
parks@cityofkyle.com

St. Anthony's Women's Organization presents:

Valentine's Day Dinner & Dance Gala

Please join us on February 14, 2009, in the church hall, for a romantic sit down dinner to celebrate the season of love!
Surprise your "LOVED ONE" for an unforgettable night!*

A three course dinner will be served from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
and will include the following:

First course: A crisp green salad
Second course: Sautéed chicken with sauce, mashed potatoes, green beans, & roll
Third course: An eloquent variety of desserts
*Coffee & tea will be provided

The dance will follow the meal from 8 p.m. to 11p.m.
Door prizes and contests!

~BYOB~
*Adults Only Please

Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$25 per couple

Proceeds will be donated to ACTS and Lehman and Hays C.I.S.D Scholarships

Bordeaux's

Prime Steakhouse • Seafood • Martini Bar



Valentine's Day Wine Dinner!

It's time to celebrate that special love in your life and what better way to do so than Bordeaux's 5th Annual Valentine's Day Wine Dinner! Come experience what romance was meant to be like with a 5 course dinner for two including champagne, two different wine selections with dinner and complete with an outrageously delicious dessert paired with my favorite dessert wine ever!

The complete menu is posted on our [website](#). The cost is \$95 per person and is available by reservation only. This is an amazing dinner and one which sells out every year. Don't hesitate or you may not have a spot.

We'll have a number of different seating times available and we are allowing a generous 2 hours for you to enjoy your dinner so you don't ever feel rushed like many restaurants do on Valentine's Day.

Give us a call to make your reservations at 512-268-3463 today.

See you all soon,
Larsen & Kasey Wilkes
Chef / Owners
Bordeaux's Prime Steakhouse
512-268-3463

It's almost time for the new Spring/Summer PAR-D (par-dee) Guides and the Kyle Parks & Recreation Dept. is looking for advertisers!

The Guide will detail all the cool programs, activities and events available this Spring/Summer including our hugely popular Summer Camp, Fitness program, everything Kyle Pool and so much more. Guides will be distributed to all HaysCISD employees, at HaysCISD school functions, HOA meetings, Special Events, we take them everywhere with us! They will also be available at all HaysCISD schools, Kyle City Hall, Kyle Library, Kyle Area Chamber of Commerce, and many other great local establishments.

*****The publications demand has been so great, that we are now going to a full magazine type layout!!**

Advertising space is now bigger, but the price has stayed the same!

Contact Deidre Flores at 512-262-3936 or dflores@cityofkyle.com for ad questions and/or to request to have guides available in your business.

Ad deadline is February 20th!



The **KIS Education & Consulting Center** of Buda, devoted to research and development in the area of math, will be offering educational seminars for teachers and parents. On February 17, 2009 from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm at Santa Cruz Catholic School in Buda:

“Into the mind of the Dyslexic” – A Dyslexic Simulation.

Through this simulation, experience the world through the eyes of a dyslexic. Learn how to recognize the disorientation of dyslexic behavior. Participate in activities like word building with clay. Leave with tools to strengthen your teaching and parenting skills. Visit

www.kiseducationcenter.com for more information

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United Way of Hays County Seeks Partners for 2010 Funding

United Way of Hays County (UWHC) is currently accepting applications from health and human service agencies interested in seeking funding from UWHC for the 2010 funding cycle.

Agencies who are interested in applying for funding must meet the following requirements: be a non-profit agency, have a CPA audit or equivalent and have been providing services in Hays County for at least two years. Other requirements will be provided to agencies in the application packet. All current and past funded agencies must reapply for funding.

Agencies are asked to notify United Way of their intended application by March 6. The deadline for turning in applications is March 27. Interested agencies are asked to call Michelle Harper, United Way of Hays County, 512-353-1420 or email unitedway@centurytel.net.